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45th Sustainment begins Iraq mission

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FOWARD OPERATING BASE Q-WEST, Iraq – The last group of 45th Sustainment Brigade Soldiers finally landed in Iraq, July 25, to begin their mission of providing logistics support in a year-long deployment for Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The brigade's arrival at Q-West marked the end of a long journey that began with farewells to friends and family members at Schofield Barracks, July 7. Afterwards, the troops headed for their first stop for training here in Kuwait.

While in Kuwait, Soldiers of the 45th Sust. Bde. received intense and instructive training in the sun and sand. The training kicked off with a day at the range where troops participated in weapon familiarization using their assigned weapons.

"The weapons familiarization training was outstanding," said Sgt. 1st Class Sheldon Travick, noncommissioned officer in charge (NCOIC), Personnel Security Detachment (PSD), Headquarters and Headquarters Company (HHC). "It was something I haven't seen in 20 years, and it was very informative."

After the weapons familiarization training, the troops spent three days in the desert for a fast-paced, round-the-clock series of classes in convoy operations and live-fire exercises.

The training included close quarters marksmanship. Soldiers learned how to fire their weapons standing stationary and maneuvering with live rounds. They also rehearsed battle drills on convoy



Soldiers with 45th Sustainment Brigade practice their "fighting stance" before maneuvering with live rounds during close quarters marksmanship.

lanes that simulated situations in Iraq, which require them to apply their knowledge of situational awareness and escalation of force.

Despite scorching 120-degree heat and minimal sleep, 45th troops wrapped up with entry

control point training. They learned how to react when a driver approaches a checkpoint with hostile intent.

"That was the best training I've ever had, and I have been in nineteen-and-a-half years," said

Sgt. 1st Class Jennifer Clifton, personnel NCOIC, 45th Sust. Bde.

All in all, this recent series of training gave Soldiers the confidence and ability to accomplish their deployment mission, said Spc. Dustin Burdick, a missile

technician with 45th's PSD, HHC.

"I'm definitely more confident than I was when I first got out here. I think they did the best they could in making the training as realistic and in-depth as possible," he said. "It was great."

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'Rear D' extends round of thanks

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Col. Timothy M. Ryan, 25th Infantry Division rear detachment commander, congratulated the staff of the Soldier Readiness Program (SRP) for their hard work in processing more than 7,500 Soldiers for deployment at the Schofield Barracks Conroy Bowl, Monday.

"This is the second largest deployment of this division since the Vietnam War," Ryan said. "And these fine folks

have worked night and day to ensure that each deploying Soldier was thoroughly prepared and ready to go."

The SRP, the cornerstone for preparing Soldiers to deploy, was supported throughout the base by military members and civilians alike.

"It went very smooth and in some small way I feel that I am a part of the global war on terrorism as a civilian," said Jerry Tomino. "Although anxious



Soldier Readiness Program staff members applaud remarks by Col. Timothy M. Ryan, rear detachment commander, 25th Infantry Division. Ryan recognized their hard work and dedication throughout the deployment process.

when they arrived, the Soldiers were relieved when they reached the end."

From medical, legal and finance, the staff working at Conroy Bowl put forth 100 percent effort along with help from various agencies around the post.

"We worked very hard until the last Soldier was completed," said Spc. Jason R. Godwin, U.S. Army Dental Command. "If it weren't for a good backup team at the dental clinic, we would not have

been able to process as many people as we did."

"A lot of work was put into this process, and it was nice to be recognized for our efforts," said Sgt. 1st Class Renee Junod, Medical Asset Team non-commissioned officer in charge.

Although the big wave has passed, the staff at Conroy Bowl will be on hand and ready for Soldiers deploying in the future.

25th Combat Aviation Brigade lands in Kuwait

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CAMP BUEHRING, Kuwait – The 25th Combat Aviation Brigade (CAB) has begun arriving in Kuwait to prepare for a yearlong deployment with the 25th Infantry Division (ID).

The 25th CAB will provide support for the 25th ID in various ways, including airlift and transportation of personnel and equipment.

"We track any mission involving 25th Combat Aviation," said Spc. Justin P. Cates, an aviation operations specialist with the CAB. "Anything going on here goes through us."

The aviation brigade is one of the first units wearing the 25th ID patch to deploy this year.

After completing training in Kuwait, CAB Soldiers will push north into Iraq, where they will support the division for the duration of the deployment.

"It's definitely very exciting and we're looking forward to this deployment," said Pfc. Patrick D. Dombroski, a forward observer with the aviation brigade. "We're happy to be here and proud to serve with the 25th."

Pohakuloa Training Area grows by more than 24K acres

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POHAKULOA TRAINING AREA, Hawaii – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers announced last week that it had concluded successful negotiations with Parker Ranch on the Big Island and purchased more than 24,000 acres of land adjacent to Pohakuloa Training Area (PTA).

The purchase included 23,000 acres known as the Keamuku Parcel and 1,010 acres of land next to PTA.

The land stretches from PTA's western

boundary west toward the coast, along the southern side of Saddle Road, stopping at Rte. 190, also known as the Mamalahoa Highway.

As a result of the purchase PTA has grown from about 109,000 acres to 133,000 acres.

According to Joe Bonfiglio, Honolulu District Corps of Engineers Public Affairs Officer, the purchase price was \$31.5 million.

Although the land purchase was part of the Army's effort to transform the 2nd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division to a Stryker Brigade Combat Team, it will be available

for use by all military units that train on the Big Island.

Before the land can be used for extensive mounted training much work remains to be completed. The Army must build roads, firebreaks and at least two battalion support areas, as well as dip tanks that will store water for firefighting.

PTA Natural and Cultural Resources staff must survey the area for sensitive natural and cultural resources. The training area's Integrated Training Area Management staff must also survey the area for obstacles and

hazardous terrain features which could hinder training or threaten the safety of the military personnel in the area.

Pohakuloa Base Support Battalion commander Lt. Col. Kimberly A. Rapacz released the following statement regarding the land purchase.

"We are happy that the land acquisition project was a success. The additional land will provide us with increased opportunities for effective military training. We will continue to be good stewards of the land."

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Provost Marshal Corner

Larcenies accelerate in north, south areas

(Editor's Note: Information in this column is general in nature and a roll up of incidents as they are reported to the Military Police during the time frames stated.)

COL. JACQUELINE CUMBO

Provost Marshal, 25th Infantry Division

Crime data is provided to make Soldiers and family members aware of trends that may be developing in or around their community. The Provost Marshal Office (PMO) uses this data to direct patrol activities designed to apprehend offenders and eliminate these occurrences.

In our joint fight against crime, PMO asks that you use this information and take proactive measures to avoid becoming a victim. Report suspicious activity to the Military Police (MPs) at Fort Shafter, 438-7114; at Schofield Barracks, 655-7114, or by dialing 911 for emergencies.

Crime statistics recorded from July 1 to 15

• At Fort Shafter and south areas

The Fort Shafter PMO reported a total of 12 cases during this period, which included one report of failure to pay for gasoline at the Fort Shafter Army and Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) gas station. An unidentified person pumped \$10.07 worth of gasoline and departed without paying. Attempts to locate the vehicle were unsuccessful.

Five larcenies were reported with four occurring in the Coast Guard housing area, two at Aliamanu Military Reservation (AMR), and one at Fort Shafter. Three of the four larcenies at the Coast Guard housing area involved the removal of copper rain gutters from housing units. MPs apprehended two civilian males and one civilian female as a result of these thefts. An investigation continues to determine whether these individuals are responsible for the previous larcenies of copper material.

The remaining larcenies involved a complete set of hand tools taken from an unsecured privately owned vehicle (POV) and an unsecured bicycle left in the front yard. None of these items have been recovered.

One assault case was reported at AMR. A verbal argument between two Soldiers became physical when one struck the other over the head with a beer bottle. Alcohol was involved.

One report of domestic assault was reported at the Barefoot Bar of the Hale Koa Hotel, Fort DeRussy. The incident was alcohol related and a Soldier was apprehended.



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One robbery was reported after a Soldier attempted to take a cell phone and wallet from a civilian male, also at Fort DeRussy. The victim escaped and reported the incident to Department of the Army police, who located and apprehended the Soldier when he was attempting to flee the area.

One report of burglary was reported in AMR. A window screen and frame were damaged when an unknown suspect entered a quarters. The occupants were not home at the time. A DVD movie was taken from the living room entertainment center. This investigation continues.

Finally, two driving under the influence (DUI) reports occurred. One involved a Soldier who was arrested in Honolulu for DUI; his blood alcohol count (BAC) was .195 percent. In the other, a family member was apprehended for DUI, with a BAC of .170 percent, during a traffic stop on AMR

• At Schofield Barracks

The Schofield Barracks PMO reported 29 cases during this period, which included two separate shoplifting cases at the post exchange where one Soldier, one family member (a son), and one civilian were apprehended during separate incidents involving the attempted removal of a package of developed photographs and a Playboy magazine.

Two housebreakings were reported. One occurred in housing on Schofield when an unknown subject gained entry into the quarters through an open window adjacent to the front door. The other occurred in a barracks located on Wheeler Army Air Field (WAAF); entry was gained through unknown means by an unknown subject.

Items taken during these incidents included a variety of electronic (TV, stereo and computer) equipment and various "TA 50" items. In both incidents, the residents were away from their quarters and investigation continues.

A total of seven larcenies occurred in the Schofield Barracks area. Six took place in housing and one in a troop area. Unsecured and unattended items were stolen; they included a lawnmower, checkbook, laptop computer, car speakers, a charcoal grill, and a razor phone. None of the items have been recovered.

Five simple assaults were reported resulting in the apprehension of five Soldiers and one civilian guest. Three of these incidents were alcohol related.

Eight domestic assaults were reported resulting in the apprehension of five family members and seven Soldiers. In many of these cases, both spouses were apprehended. Alcohol was involved in two cases.

Finally, five DULs were reported resulting in the apprehension of five Soldiers. Two of the Soldiers were apprehended at access control points while the other three were apprehended during routine traffic stops.

Hot Topic of the Week

Avoid being a victim of summertime theft. Have you ever noticed how property crimes tend to increase during the summer months? Many people don't, but crimes involving theft of property rise during this period. As a result, many people fall victim to thieves while enjoying summer activities.

What commonly happens is that people leave valuables unattended on a beach towel while they cool off in the surf, or they park their vehicles at an event and leave their valuables in plain view on a car seat. This is exactly what thieves look for and take advantage of.

You can avoid having your valuables stolen by following a few simple tips. First, never leave your valuables unattended. In fact, the less you take, the less you are likely to lose. If you are going to the beach or pool, you don't need to take a wallet or purse full of cash and credit cards. At most, you only need a driver's license, ID, possibly an ATM/debit card, and perhaps a small amount of cash for incidentals.

Unattended valuables serve as a temptation to thieves.

Second, never leave your valuables in plain view in your vehicle. A locked car is not a deterrent to a determined thief. In fact, you would be amazed at how easily and quickly a thief can get into a locked car. If you are going to place valuables in the

LIGHTNING SPIRIT

The flag of my father guides, waves before me

CHAPLAIN (CAPT.) JIM BURTON

1st Battalion, 14th Infantry Regiment

I recently read *The Flags of Our Fathers* by James Bradley. It is a story of the six men who were immortalized in the raising of the U.S. flag on Mount Suribachi during the battle of Iwo Jima in World War II.

Mike Strank, Harlon Block, Franklin Sousesly, Ira Hayes, Rene Gagnon and John "Doc" Bradley were oblivious that their picture had been taken or that the chain of events that would follow would cause the nation as a whole to forever remember this historical event.

In fact, Strank, Block and Sousesly would not survive the battle of Iwo Jima, and it would take several years later for Block to be correctly identified as a participant.

This book tells a wonderful story of men who were doing what was right, during a time of war, without regard for personal safety or glory. All six men overcame humble beginnings and obtained unwanted celebrity status just for doing their duty during a time of national crisis and war.

Unfortunately, while reading this book, I received notification that my own father had died as a result of a heart attack. So, following James Bradley's example, I would like to share the flag of my father.

Like the men depicted in the previously mentioned book, my father came from very humble beginnings. He was the only child of a factory worker and a part-time licensed vocational nurse. He joined the

Marine Corps in 1961 because the Air Force at the time could not guarantee him to work on airplanes.

My dad was an aviation electrician who worked on the radar systems of F-4 Phantoms. He served 13 months in Da Nang during Vietnam, and 12 months in Japan in support of Vietnam. He also deployed several other times, whether to participate in "missile shoots" (live-fire training for the pilots), in support of NATO operations (such as his deployment to Norway) or during his seven-month deployment aboard the USS Forrestal aircraft carrier. He was aboard the Forrestal during the summer of 1981 when Libya was causing us problems.

Dad spoke some about his combat experiences, but not much. He did say that being on the flight deck of a carrier during combat operations was pretty exciting.

My dad retired in 1982 after serving for 21 years and obtaining the rank of master sergeant. Although he never accomplished any event comparable to the flag raisers of Iwo Jima, he left an indelible impression upon my brother and me.

My brother served four years in

the Air Force as a security policeman, and he has been a Tucson, Ariz., police officer for the past 14 years.

I also served nine years enlisted in the Air Force and after an eight-year break in service, the events of Sept. 11, 2001 – and a strong calling from God; I have been serving as an Army chaplain for the past three-and-a-half years.

I honestly believe that our dad's influence impacted us to serve others in a manner bigger than ourselves.

This attitude is Biblical.

Jesus said in Mark 10:45, "For even the Son of Man (Jesus himself) did not come to be served, but to serve" (New King James Version). The Army calls this "selfless service," and I honestly believe that this concept originated with Jesus.

The flag raisers on Iwo Jima and my dad

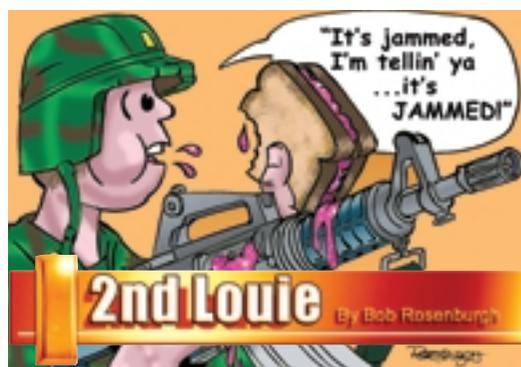
were just following the example of Jesus Christ.

My brother "protects and serves" those in his community. I serve my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, our country, and the Soldiers and families entrusted to my care, all because of the example set by Jesus.

Although the relationship between my dad and me could have always been closer, I will love and miss him deeply.

As well, the flag on my right shoulder means quite a bit to me. It is not just another item on my uniform; it is the flag that my father served faithfully for so long, and the one that he taught my brother and me to love and respect.

I just hope that his example always shines through us while we are serving something bigger than ourselves.



73 days since last fatal accident



Soldiers, as your daily reminder to be safe, place a "red dot" on your wristwatch.

Remember, a division training holiday will be awarded for the first 100 consecutive days with no accidental fatalities.

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Voices of Lightning: What would make life in Army Hawaii better?



"Better housing for lower enlisted Soldiers."

Master Sgt. Adrian Wheeler
196 Infantry Bde.
Support Bn.
Sergeant Major



"It's already good."

Sgt. 1st Class Clarence Thomas
25th CAB
Medical OPS NCO



"Parking spots for wounded Soldiers."

Sgt. Scott Wightman
84th Eng. Bn.
Combat Engineer



"We live right by the beach. What could be better?"

Staff Sgt. Mari Koontz
39th MP Det.
MP



"Family housing could be better."

Sgt. Mike Cross
HHB, 3/7th FA
Medic

In-theater reup reaps dividends for staff sergeant

Soldiers re-enlisting in theater can earn some tax-free bonuses

Story and Photo by
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CAMP BUEHRING, Kuwait – Staff Sgt. Thomas R. Cutchins sat hunched over a small foldout table. Along with Sgt. Maj. Jonathan B. Stone, the 25th Infantry Division command career counselor, he poured over a small stack of documents under the fluorescent lights of the tent.

It was 9:30 p.m. and Cutchins had only been in Kuwait for a few days. He was already scheduled to fly north the following day, but he wanted to take care of one thing first.

Stone, in his PT uniform, having already changed out of his ACUs at the end of the work day, explained the details of the documents and showed Cutchins where to sign. He handed him a certificate and told him to sign that as



Staff Sgt. Thomas R. Cutchins (left), a supply sergeant with Headquarters, 25th Infantry Division, signs his re-enlistment certificate while in Kuwait as Sgt. Maj. Jonathan B. Stone, division command career counselor, looks on.

well.

Moments later Cutchins raised his right hand, “I do solemnly swear ...”

And so began the 25th Infantry Division’s first in-theater re-enlistment ceremony during its deployment.

Many Soldiers with the 25th Infantry Division have been waiting to get to Kuwait before they, too, raise their right hands and renew their service with the Army.

And there’s plenty of rationale behind the timing. Cutchins’ reason for waiting to re-enlist was short and concise: “Tax-free money,” he said.

Aside from being tax free, bonuses earned from re-enlisting in a combat

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Patriotism, values trump a mom’s frustrations with Iraq war

KAMRYN JAROSZEWSKI
Army News Service

FORT RICHARDSON, Alaska – Four years after saying “I do” to my military man, we’re gearing up for round three.

Experts say confusion, anger and denial are all a part of learning about deployments. I’m not sure what stage I’m in; it tends to change by the minute. This one has hit me much harder than the first two.

Deployment number one came five months into our marriage. I knew it would happen before we said our vows, so it was basically a waiting game. I put on my “supportive wife” hat and ran with it.

Jared left in September 2002 bound for Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan. I was still in the Army then, and found myself taking more pride in my uniform and what it stood for. After all, my husband was a desert-clad warrior defending the freedoms of America.

We missed our first birthdays, holidays and an-

niversary together, but I learned to survive for seven months with my dog, Amigo, prayers from my family and calls from Jared as my sole comforts.

I’d never smiled so big in my life as I did the day he came home. I shouted to the world that my husband was a hero.

We had one year together before he left again. I was grateful I never really understood what the Quick Reaction Force (QRF) was until after he came home. Despite being a parachute rigger, Jared trained to be a gunner on a 26-man QRF team tasked with convoy security in Iraq.

I knew he would drive around protecting vehicles, but I didn’t know about the secret missions or exactly how accurate sniper rounds could be ... or that he had no protection around his hatch for the first half of his deployment. Ignorance was bliss.

That deployment was harder on us emotionally.

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Jared lost his dad on New Year’s Day, and a friend from his unit, Sgt. Rocky Payne, within a few months.

Jared’s QRF team drove 1,197,000 miles with no accidents or fatalities. I’m forever indebted to those 25 men, because there were a few close calls.

When he returned, I was skinny, tanned and ready to jump into starting a family with both feet.

Two months later, we were pregnant. Two months after that, we found out we’d be reporting to Alaska in the middle of the winter for a three-year tour.

All of my careful planning went right out the window. I was now being taken from the home I’d made for the last three years – away from my military family – and dropped into the arctic in my third trimester of pregnancy.

I tried to keep my hormones under control and look at everything as an adventure. Then I found out he was going back to Iraq.

I have to admit, I’ve struggled slightly with keep-

ing a positive attitude. It will be nice to pay off our bills, but he’ll miss our daughter’s first words, steps and holidays.

I realize I’m not unlike thousands of other military wives who temporarily become single parents while their husbands deployed again. I also know I don’t always have to like it.

At times, I wish we could hide our heads in the sand and pretend we don’t hear Uncle Sam knocking at the door. In reality, I know I have to set an example for my daughter – even at an early age.

Through me, she will learn how to be a strong, independent woman. She will learn it’s okay to miss someone and be afraid for them.

So for my daughter, I will put aside my frustration about this deployment and teach her the first lesson of her life: her daddy is a hero.

(Editor’s Note: Kamryn Jaroszewski is the editor of Alaska Post at Fort Richardson, Alaska.)

Army's new 'IMCOM' will complement modular force

ARMY NEWS SERVICE
News Release

ARLINGTON, Va. — The Army is establishing the Installation Management Command to improve its ability to provide critical support programs to Soldiers and their families while ensuring its installations are “flagships of readiness.”



Wilson

The command, IMCOM, will come online in early fiscal 2007, and will transform the Army's current installation management structure into an integrated command structure.

The initiative is part of the Army's efforts to reorganize its commands and specified headquarters to obtain the most effective, efficient command and control structure for supporting the modular force, under which there are three types of headquarters: Army Commands, Army Service Component Commands and Direct Reporting Units.

The current installation management structure is part of the Army Chief of Staff, Installation Management (ACSIM), and includes as separate entities ACSIM directorates, the Army Environmental Center (AEC) the Installation Management Agency (IMA), and the U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center (CFSC).

The new IMCOM will consolidate four U.S.-based IMA regions into two, and CFSC and AEC will remain separate entities as subordinate commands under the IMCOM. “This new command is the next logical step in the evolution of IMA,” said **Lt. Gen. Robert Wilson**, the ACSIM.

“Retaining CFSC and AEC as distinct commands capitalizes on the brand-name trust and confidence these two organizations enjoy throughout the Army.”

The new organization will be commanded by a lieutenant general who will also retain the position of assistant chief of staff for installation management on the Army staff.

The general officer will be nominated by the President and confirmed by the Senate.

Other leadership changes include the former IMA director position, a major general, who will become IMCOM's deputy commander.

The deputy ACSIM will remain a Senior Executive Service civilian.

As part of the recently concluded Base Realignment and Closure process, IMCOM, most of which is currently based in Virginia and Maryland, will relocate to and co-locate at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, with its deputy commander.

The ACSIM and his staff will remain at the Pentagon. “This major organizational change will create a far more effective, efficient and agile organization to ensure that the world's best Army is supported on the world's best installations,” Wilson said.

“We are committed to ensuring that the critical programs and services on which our Soldiers and their families rely will continue seamlessly throughout this transition period.”

Wilson also said that while the new organization will most likely be smaller than the current structure, it will be an organization that is “committed to managing personnel changes through attrition in order to minimize turbulence.”

Re-enlist: Bonuses up to \$30K authorized in Iraq, Afghanistan

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zone can be larger than what a Soldier would earn in garrison, said Stone.

For some jobs, there could be no re-enlistment bonus at all outside of a combat zone, Stone added.

Soldiers re-enlisting while deployed to a combat zone such as Iraq or Afghanistan are authorized up to \$15,000 in bonus money, regardless of military occupational specialty, Stone said. However, certain key specialties can earn even more. For example, a satellite systems repair specialist could earn up to \$30,000, Stone said.

Re-enlistment bonuses are calculated by multiplying Soldiers' base pay by a modifier, which is determined by the amount of time they have been in active duty. This number is then multiplied by the length of the Soldiers' re-enlistment, minus any time remaining on his or her current contract.

The modifier is larger for Soldiers with less time in service, giving higher incentives for first-time re-enlistees.

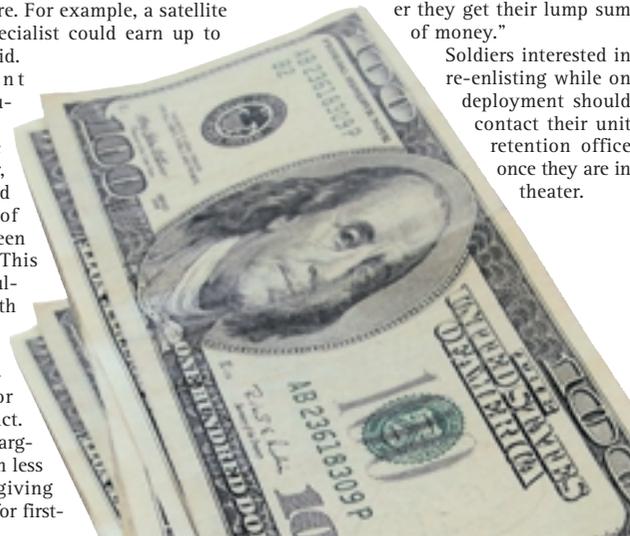
But cash isn't the only motivator behind re-enlistment.

“I'm over the ten-year mark,” Cutchins said. “I have to retire now,” he said, referring to the amount of time invested in his career.

Other re-enlistment options available to Soldiers include reclassifying to a new job, choosing a duty assignment and special training.

“For career Soldiers, there is no sense in waiting [to re-enlist],” Stone said as final advice. “The sooner they re-enlist, the sooner they get their lump sum of money.”

Soldiers interested in re-enlisting while on deployment should contact their unit retention office once they are in theater.



84th Engineers take their skill sets ‘up a notch’

Bravo Company builds commercial-grade for the 4th ID

Story and Photo by
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CAMP LIBERTY, Iraq — Construction work completed by Soldiers, instead of civilians, often lacks the sophistication that is typical of commercial or residential structures people occupy in daily life.

Soldier-built, vertical construction units tend to ignore the superfluous and focus mostly on building high quality structures — and a great deal of them, especially when troops are deployed.

Soldiers of 1st Platoon, B Company, 84th Engineer Combat Battalion (Heavy), have taken on a project filled with the intricacy of a stateside commercial building. They have proven that there is no job too big, too small or even too complex to execute.

The platoon was assigned to this project in April 2006 and began making preparations to move the platoon to Camp Liberty for the duration of the construction project. Plans called for a 44-foot by 81-foot building that would serve the 4th Infantry Division (Mechanized) at Camp Liberty.

The building was not to be just another run of the mill hut build for the platoon, but a highly specialized, state-of-the-art, intelligence fusion cell that would go above and beyond normal theater construction standards.

The 16th Engineer Brigade provided the design and materials for

the platoon. The building was intended to be a cut above typical troop theater construction, particularly in the interior.

Upon completion, the building consisted of five rooms, 40 electrical circuits, dedicated outlets, communications hook-ups, more than 50 interior and exterior fluorescent light fixtures, heating and cooling, 30 computer work stations, a 30-foot by 44-foot exterior concrete pad, and a 12-foot by 12-foot antenna platform on the roof.

The Soldiers logged in almost 9,000 man-hours in seven weeks.

“We wanted to build something we could be proud of...”

*Sgt. 1st Class Daniel Harr
Project NCOIC*

From the start of concrete placement to the completion of all electrical hook-ups, every Soldier submerged himself in the minutiae of the project.

Sgt. 1st Class Daniel Harr, platoon sergeant and noncommissioned officer in charge (NCOIC) of the project said, “We wanted to build something we could be proud of, and I pushed everyone to do the job right no matter what. It was sometimes slow-going and frustrating, but it paid off well in the end and I know the Soldiers are proud of it.”

The engineer support provided by 84th Soldiers will have a direct impact on the battlefield in and around Baghdad, given the criti-

quality of the facility’s purposes. Col. Curtis Potts, 4th Infantry Division chief of staff, called it, “One of the most important structures in the 4th Infantry Division” at a recent ceremony that recognized the achievements of 1st Platoon.

The project enabled Soldiers to expand their skill sets and gave them an opportunity to come together as a unit. A major achieve-

ment for the platoon, deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom 05-07, though the project was challenging, hard work and commitment led to its success.

On the sides of the commercial-grade structure, 1st Platoon Soldiers adjust exterior lighting for the overhang. Decking on the roof of the building provides a platform for antennae.



“ Worth repeating ... ”

“One can never consent to creep when one feels an impulse to soar.” — Helen Keller

Wolfhounds welcome Osaka's Holy Family orphans

Wolfhounds bolster Sgt. Maj. O'Reilly's legacy of aloha

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HONOLULU — Wolfhound Soldiers, families and distinguished guests welcomed four children from the Holy Family Home Orphanage in Osaka, Japan, at the interisland terminal here at Honolulu International Airport, July 27.

Volunteer Soldiers and their families are hosting Hirohiko and Kentaro Eguchi, ages 12 and 11; Nao Tozaki, age 12; and Izumi Furumoto, age 11, for a fun-filled week in Hawaii. The activities will culminate at a Wolfhounds picnic, today on Schofield Barracks, at the softball field near Stoneman Ave.

The annual "reception" traces its history back to the generous actions of honorary 27th Infantry Regiment Sgt. Maj. Hugh O'Reilly.

O'Reilly established a special relationship with the Holy Family Home Orphanage when he and a dozen other Wolfhounds — then stationed in Japan — visited the orphanage as part of a Red Cross outreach mission on Christmas Day, 1949. Gradually, the Wolfhounds came to adopt the orphanage, largely due to O'Reilly.

In 1957, the unit invited two children from the orphanage to visit Soldiers and their families stationed here in Hawaii. The tradition continues today.

While in Hawaii, the children will divide time with 10 Wolfhound families. During their visit, they will experience everything from family dinners to Oahu tourist destinations, including the Polynesian Cultural Center, Waikiki Aquarium, Honolulu Zoo and Hawaiian Waters Adventure Park, among other sites.

"These visits started in 1957 and continue to be a highly anticipated event for every Wolfhound Soldier," said Lt. Col. Richard Wilson, battalion commander, 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment. "Our regimental motto 'Nec Aspera Terrent' means 'No Fear,'" he said.

"Its theme is clear and the words can be easily visualized. But it is also a philosophy," Wilson continued. "Sergeant Major O'Reilly showed no fear when he began this bond between the orphanage and the Wolfhounds in a time when our nations were at war."

"'No fear' also means doing what is right and that is what those initial Wolfhounds did back in Japan some 56 years ago. O'Reilly set out to fix a problem, and his efforts — coupled with his genuine compassion and determination — have led us to this point where this mutual bond [between Soldiers and orphans] will endure well past our lifetime," Wilson emphasized.

Staff Sgt. Robert Klein, squad leader, Charlie Co., 1-27th; his wife Amy; and their two daughters Catherine and Emma, are one of the 10 volunteer families.

"We are hosting the two little girls," said Mrs. Klein. "We just thought since we have two girls that [Nao and Izumi] might relate better to them," she said.

"We volunteered for a few reasons," explained Staff Sgt. Klein. "It's important for our girls to experience kids from another culture. But it is also important that we contribute to the legacy that Sergeant Major O'Reilly started," he said.

"On a personal level, I'm adopted myself," said Klein. "So, for me, it's important to give love and care back to these children, even if just for three days. I know that even three days can have a huge impact on someone's life," he added.

The generosity of Wolfhound families like the Kleins and the Holy Family Home orphanage was not lost on the reception's featured speaker, Hawaii Lt. Gov. Duke Aiona.

"The Wolfhounds exemplify what military service is all about," said Aiona. "Service is about more than service to the country; it is also about service to humanity, which is something that the world doesn't see very often," Aiona said.

"When I read the history of your program [with the orphanage], the thing that came to mind is the word 'Aloha,'" he explained. "This project defines the aloha spirit. It is what you have inside of you ...

love, compassion, peace and giving.

"I cannot imagine what these children must be feeling now, but when the last day of the beautiful trip comes to an end, I am sure each will now understand what this spirit of aloha is all about," the lieutenant governor said.

Right — Hawaii Lt. Governor Duke Aiona welcomes visitors with customary lei.

Far Right — Lt. Col. Drew Merewich, battalion commander, 2-27th (left), and Lt. Col. Richard Wilson, battalion commander, 1-27th (right), assist in cake cutting.





Mark Brown | Army Hawaii Family Housing

'Men in shades'

Showing that safety is indeed number one, more than 200 construction workers and trades men who are building new homes for Army Hawaii Family Housing at Schofield Barracks don complimentary safety glasses, July 28, a required accessory when entering Actus Lend Lease construction sites.

Division, ACS take the time to honor those who make time

Twelve volunteers receive recognition for community service at quarterly event

STEFANIE GARDIN

25th Infantry Division Public Affairs

As the reality of deployment hits home, Soldiers on post are busy running errands, packing and kissing loved ones goodbye. But for one hour on an "Aloha Friday" afternoon, all those buzzing last-minute preparations came to a halt as the commander's conference room became packed with a standing-room-only crowd.

Spouses, friends and leadership gathered in Fernandez Hall, July 28, for the quarterly installation volunteer awards and recognition ceremony, which acknowledged the extra efforts of 11 women and one young man in their Army family and local community.

Nancy Piper, chief of Army Community Service (ACS), read a description of the volunteers' accomplishments, while Rhonda Mixon, wife of the commanding general, 25th Infantry Division, warmly hugged the volunteers and gave each a 25th ID pin. Rhonda's husband, Maj. Gen. Benjamin R. Mixon, presented the volunteers with a certificate of appreciation as well, and both gifts were symbols of the division's mahalo nui loa to a sometimes overlooked group.

"[The volunteers] have always been there," said Robin Sherrod, ACS volunteer program manager. "They don't expect, nor do they ask for a pat on the back, but it's nice that the command, the 25th Infantry Division, has decided, 'You know what, even though we're deploying, even though we're redeploying, even though all this is going on ... we want to let you know that we appreciate you and what you do for our community.'"

Sherrod and the Volunteer Advisory Council, a team of senior spouses and community agency representatives, first came up with the idea of recognizing volunteers at the division level in September 2005.

The occasion was the division's second quarterly recognition ceremony. The first was held in April, and so far, the results have been increasingly positive.

"The last quarter we had seven awardees, and this quarter we have twelve," said Sherrod. "We can have a maximum of twenty, so it has picked up. The word has gotten out there, and people are responding."

Just what are they responding to? They are responding to the work of people like Mia Doyle and Tracey Clark, volunteers making a difference in their units and communities.

Mia Doyle

Mia Doyle started volunteering a little more than a year ago when her husband, Capt. Rod Doyle, took command of the 125th Finance Battalion's "A" Detachment. At that time, the detachment didn't have a family readiness group (FRG), so Mia took the initiative and organized the first FRG program for the unit.

Since then, she's been involved in just about everything – from throwing baby showers to coordinating deployment farewells and redeployment welcome homes – all while working on her master's and home schooling her two young girls.

"Mommy is a busy camper," said Doyle. "Busy, busy, busy."

So why does she do it? What drives her to keep adding to her already busy schedule? Her answer is simple – just being able to help.

"Just helping the Soldiers and spouses, just giving back to them ... just letting them know that we're there for them if they need anyone to talk to – if they need someone to be there," said Doyle. "That's the big thing, just being able to help, even if it's only a little bit here or there."



Clark

Tracey Clark

Tracey Clark is no stranger to volunteering. For the last 18 years, she has been donating her time to not one, not two, but a multitude of different agencies and activities.

She's an Army Family Team Building (AFIB) instructor; the second vice president of the Hui O' Wahine; the secretary for B Company, Tripler Army Medical Center (TAMC) FRG; a volunteer for the TAMC Audie Murphy Club; and a full-time administrative assistant for ACS.

"My parents always told me to give back; that Bible verse, 'Train your child in the way they should go, and surely they will not depart,' I buried that in my heart," she said.

"[Volunteering is] a part of me... it's more than important now, it's part of my makeup, my personality. I'm not sure what I would do if I didn't volunteer," said Clark.

For her, the best part is being able to see the difference she's making. She recently helped a Soldier and his wife enroll in

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Chief Warrant Officer Deborah M. Lindsey, Sgt 1st Class Greg A. Regpala Jr., Sgt 1st Class Ronald Sherrod and Sgt 1st Class John J. Ahearn bid their last Aloha during the quarterly retirement ceremony at the Nehelani Apr. 27

Retirees bid one last Aloha

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Retirees

Chief Warrant Officer
Deborah M. Lindsey,
20 years of service

Sgt 1st Class Greg A. Regpala Jr.,
20 years of service

Sgt 1st Class Ronald Sherrod,
20 years of service

Sgt 1st Class John J. Ahearn,
20 years of service

Surrounded by family members and friends, four Schofield Barracks Soldiers bid their final aloha during the quarterly retirement ceremony held July 27 at the Nehelani.

One chief warrant officer and three sergeants first class were recognized for their exemplary service records, collectively adding to 83 years of military service.

"Throughout their careers, they have followed, led, coached and mentored," said Col. Stanley Tunstall, commander, 8th Theater Sustainment Command (TSC).

As attendees looked on, a short biography about each Soldier was read as awards were presented to retirees and their spouses for their dedication and service by Tunstall and Command Sgt. Maj. Harry L. Collins, 8th TSC.

Afterwards, Tunstall thanked the retiring Soldiers one last time for their years of service.

"These Soldiers and their families have served when and where their country asked," said Tunstall. "On behalf of the United States Army, I say thank you for a job well done and best of luck in all your future endeavors."

After the ceremony ended, a reception

was held in the retired Soldiers' honor. It offered friends, family and fellow service members the chance to congratulate them for their service and listen to their plans for the future.

"I'm staying in Hawaii, and I'm going to be basically doing the same job, just in a civilian capacity," said Chief Warrant Officer Deborah M. Lindsey, who ended her 20-year career as chief of Officer Management.

"I'm excited," said Sgt. 1st Class Greg A. Regpala Jr., who retired after 20 years of

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Recognition: Volunteers' 'small parts' add up to a big deal

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the AFTB program. The day before the Soldier was scheduled to deploy, he took time out of his hectic schedule and e-mailed Clark a thank you. That meant a great deal to Clark. Those little gestures remind her why giving her time is so important.

As for volunteering, she says, "What is there not to enjoy?"

Getting involved

In these fast-paced times of sports practices, household chores, continuing education, and seemingly unending "to do" lists, it is all too easy to pass on volunteering. One might think it's too large of a commitment, or one simply might not know how or where to go to get involved.

Sherrod suggests getting involved with an FRG or checking out the ACS's volunteer position job bank, a quarterly newsletter posted on the Morale Welfare and Recreation Web site at www.mwrarmyhawaii.com/acs/download_center.asp.

Doyle has her own suggestions as well.

"If you can bake a dish or make cakes, if you play a small part, that's a big deal," said Doyle. "People think that you have to do a lot, but it doesn't take that ... it's the small things that count."

Community Agency Awardees

Youth Volunteer Service Award, ages 13-18
• Ryan Ewbank
(Helemano Youth Center)

Civilian/Retiree Silver Award
• Nelda O'Bannon
(Schofield Thrift Shop)

Military Spouse Ali'i Award
• Emily Harrison
(ACS, Financial Readiness Program)

Volunteer Ambassador Lokahi Award
• Tracey Clark
(ACS, Army Family Team Building)

Brigade Awardees

2nd Brigade
• Jennifer McFadyen
Military Spouse Ali'i

3rd Brigade
• Charla Dumas
Military Spouse Ali'i

3rd Brigade
• Justina Burroughs
Volunteer Ambassador Lokahi

45th Sustainment Brigade
• Lisa Prentice
Military Spouse Ali'i

Combat Aviation Brigade
• Laura Kildoo
Military Spouse Ali'i

Military Police Brigade
• Lisa Beatty
Military Spouse Ali'i

25th Special Troops Battalion
• Sherrell Phippen
Volunteer Ambassador Lokahi

8th Theater Sustainment Command:
• Mia Doyle
Military Spouse Ali'i



Ryan Ewbank



Nelda O'Bannon



Emily Harrison



Jennifer McFadyen



Charla Dumas



Justina Burroughs



Lisa Prentice



Laura Kildoo



Lisa Beatty



Sherrell Phippen



Col. Stanley Tunstall (left), commander, 8th TSC, congratulates Sgt 1st Class Greg A. Regpala Jr. on his 20 years of Army service, during the reception of the quarterly retirement ceremony.

Retirement: Schofield veterans offer sound advice

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service. "I'm ready to settle down with my family and start a new career."

But even retired, these Soldiers still had advice for newcomers to the military.

"Set goals for yourself, and stay on task," said Lindsey. "Go to school and always remember that no matter how bad it seems, it's

always better in the end."

Having dedicated their lives to their nation's defense, the retirees walked off the stage knowing they had left a lasting mark with their careers.

"They are inspirations and heroes to the citizens of this nation," said Tunstall. "They leave behind an Army that is stronger and better than it was when they first entered."

News Briefs

Send calendar announcements to community@hawaiiarmyweekly.com.

CIF Closed for Inventory –

The Schofield Barracks Central Issue Facility will be closed Aug. 7 through 18 for a change of accountability inventory.

Contact your supply sergeant for turn-ins during this period. Following the inventory, call 655-9876 to schedule appointments.

Normal operations will resume Aug. 21. For emergency services during the inventory, contact Kealii Kahanu, 284-1457 or Robert Cummings at 497-6574.

GPC Training –

Training is scheduled for the Government Purchase Card program Aug. 8, 8:30

a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Schofield Barracks' Post Conference Room, Building 584. To register, email Deborah Makahanaloa at makahanaloaD@schofield.army.mil with the following information: full name; rank; command name; unit or office name; stop number; phone number; and class date.

The next class date is Sept. 12. For more information, call Connie Ton at 438-6535, extension 145.

Sexual Harassment Training

– U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii Equal Employment Opportunity Office will conduct mandatory Prevention of Sexual Harassment (POSH) training for civilian employees, supervisors and military supervisors of civilian employees. Training session lasts one hour.

Richardson Theater, Fort Shafter

- Aug. 8: 1 p.m. for supervisors and 2:30 p.m. for employees*

- Aug. 9: 1 p.m. for employees and 2:30 p.m. for supervisors

Sgt. Smith Theater, Schofield Barracks

- Aug. 10: 9 a.m. for employees

and 10:30 a.m. for supervisors*

- Aug. 11: 9 a.m. for supervisors and 10:30 a.m. for employees

- 1 p.m. for supervisors and 2:30 p.m. for employees

(*Sign language interpreters will be available for these sessions.)

For more information, to coordinate submission of training attendance rosters or if special accommodations are required, contact: Sherry Imamura-Ryan or Lei Kalaukoa at 438-1132.

Create a Winning Resume –

Learn the art of writing a job-winning resume. Army Community Service (ACS) will sponsor resume-writing workshops. The workshops are Aug. 9, at ACS, Fort Shafter, and Aug. 10 at ACS, Schofield Barracks, both are 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

This workshop is designed to provide the writer with skills to create effective resumes. Workshop discussions will also include the importance of cover letters and tips on follow-up.

To register, call Fort Shafter, 438-9285; or Schofield Barracks,

655-4227.

SAEDA / OPSEC Community

Brief – The Hawaii Resident Office presents the annual, mandatory SAEDA (Subversion and Espionage Directed against the Army) briefing. Army regulation 381-12 requires all Department of the Army personnel receive this training annually.

The briefings are scheduled for Wednesday, Aug. 23, 10 a.m. at Richardson Theater, Fort Shafter and Wednesday, Aug. 30, 9:30

a.m. and 1:30 p.m. at Sgt. Smith Theater, Schofield Barracks. For more information, call 438-1872.

A.S.I.S.T –

HMR Chapel and Family Life Center hosts the Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training. A.S.I.S.T. is a two-day suicide first-aid interactive workshop for community caregivers. Training is Aug. 22 and 23, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

For more information, or to register contact Chaplain (Maj.)

Scott Kennedy at 653-0703 or scott.craig.kennedy@us.army.mil; or contact Pvt. 1st Class Mark Parish at 653-0702 or mark.p Parish@us.army.mil

Road Closures –

Drivers should watch for the temporary lane closures of Airdrome and Sterling Roads on Wheeler Army Air Field. Traffic may be limited to one lane now through Aug. 11; from 8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Steel plates will cover trenches after work hours. For more information, call 624-8201.

25 YEARS AGO

July 30 – Aug. 3, 1981

- The Hawaii Army Weekly offered advice for saving gas during the summer months, “even though gasoline prices are high and are bound to climb higher...” Among the tips to reduce fuel consumption were: using the air conditioner while on the freeway (to reduce the drag caused by rolled-down windows), getting regular tune-ups, maintaining constant speeds, and cutting down on engine idling.

- The Army announced it was in its latest phase of research and development and would award contracts for developing the HMMWV. Humvees replaced the Army's light truck fleet, which included trucks nicknamed the “Gama goat” and the “Mule.”

- Army Community Service celebrated its 16th at the Aliamanu Military Reservation Community Center, which celebrated its 1st birthday.

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"When work is finished."

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 "Ready, Set, GO!" Motorcycle enthusiasts begin an endurance run up Kolekole Pass, during the Motorcycle Rodeo, a newly revived annual event held July 28 at Wheeler Army Air Field. While competing in the run, cyclists were judged on everything from style to safety.

IRON Horse

Paniolos tame Wheeler

BY JOHN REESE

25th Infantry Division Public Affairs

WHEELER ARMY AIR FIELD — A posse of 120 leather-clad contemporary cowboys and their chrome-plated steeds gathered on the tarmac of Wheeler Army Air Field to participate in a motorcycle safety rodeo Friday.

Riders could chose to participate in a 60-plus mile scavenger hunt, a slalom course on the airfield, a team safety ride, or sat back and enjoyed the concession booths while their motorcycles were displayed and judged. The 87 motorcycles at the rodeo were as diverse as their owners: American-made Harley-Davidsons, sleek German and Italian models, and colorful Japanese street bikes that looked fast sitting still, owned by male and female bikers, former and active military, representing 37 military units from across Oahu.

"We're going to attempt to make this annual," said Staff Sgt. Greg "Frog" Davis, non-commissioned officer-in-charge of the Motorcycle Safety Program at Schofield Barracks.

The 25th Infantry Division annually trains about 2,000 riders, but it had been seven years since the last local motorcycle rodeo, said Davis.

"One of the things we do at Schofield Barracks that they don't do anywhere else in the Army is that we evaluate Soldiers on their motorcycles. That makes sense," said Davis. "I'm pretty sure that the leaders out there who have a new motorcyclist — if the young man goes out and buys a 600 or 1000 (cc motorcycle) for his first bike — they would like to know that Soldier can actually ride that motorcycle and handle it."

"First time I've heard of one of these rodeos," said Marine Corps Gunnery Sgt. Orin R. Lucas, a platoon sergeant for 2nd Platoon, Combat Service Support Group Three, Kahohe Bay, sitting astride his elegant red Ducati. "I ride just for the enjoyment of riding. I don't need to be moving fast on the highway."

For Lucas, riding was a part of everyday life, not just weekends, and safety awareness keeps him alive.

"Motorcycle safety is very important. These days, with all of the cars and trucks and everything on the road, you need to know what you're doing when you get on your motorcycle," said Lucas.

Motorcycle rodeos have been part of military safety events for over 20 years, said Bill Maxwell, Transportation Safety Specialist for Schofield Barracks and Wheeler Army Air Field.

"During the 50's and 60's many base clubs hosted speed and racing events. Over time these generally became restricted and became focused on safety, as we are doing, or static displays such as the big annual Navy Exchange Car Show," said Maxwell. Honolulu Police Department Motor Officer Sgt. Chester Kahalepuna and four fellow motor officers were present to support the rodeo. Despite highly visible police bikes, safety can never be neglected, said Kahalepuna.

"Everyday is an adventure with these motorcycles. Even with all of the detailing and all of the lights, everything else we have, we're still invisible to the motoring public" said Kahalepuna. "Just be safe, wear a helmet, always obey the speed limit and always be visible to the motoring public."

"I pray more riding this bike than I do in church," said Retired Chaplain Lt. Col. Charles E. Smith, warming up his Harley for the scavenger hunt. "I'm enjoying the event and the fellowship, and I'll hone my skills by riding this course."

Smith took the safety course while serving in Korea, where he purchased his bike.

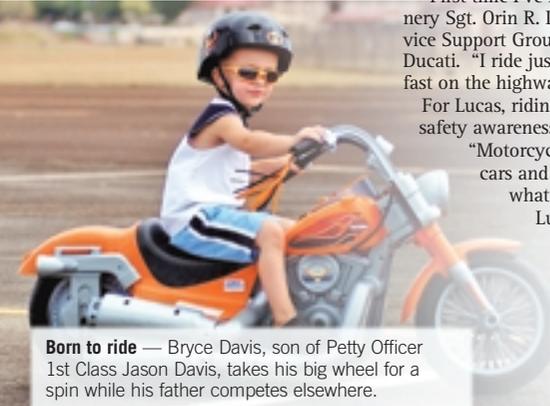
"It took me 20 years to convince my wife to let me get one. Once I took a rider course she said okay," he said. "She won't get on the bike, however, until I have more experience."

The successful safety rodeo concluded just as rain began to fall on the tarmac.

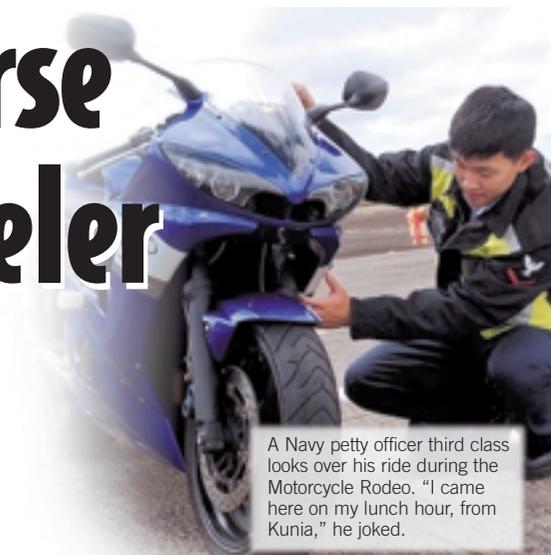
Staff Sgt. Greg "Froggy" Davis, non-commissioned officer in charge of the motorcycle safety course at Wheeler, takes lucky lady Linda Holman for a ride on the slalom course, just one of the events held during the rodeo.



Joules Lyons, a Makakilo resident, wows onlookers with her riding skills.



Born to ride — Bryce Davis, son of Petty Officer 1st Class Jason Davis, takes his big wheel for a spin while his father competes elsewhere.



A Navy petty officer third class looks over his ride during the Motorcycle Rodeo. "I came here on my lunch hour, from Kunia," he joked.



To protect and serve — Honolulu Police Department bikes stand at attention at the rodeo.



Pfc. Joe Albert, 58th Military Police Co., 25 MP Bn., checks the gears on his custom chopper.



August Today

Mongolian Barbecue — Select your favorites from a large variety of meats and vegetables, and we will grill them to your liking. Join us tonight from 5 to 8 p.m. for Mongolian barbecue, cooked outside in front of KoleKole Bar and Grill.
Cost is 65 cents for each ounce, and reservations are recommended. For more information, call 655-0664.

5 O'clock Shadow — Country music fans, don't miss out on this live performance by the band 5 O'clock Shadow at Tropics. DJ music will begin at 7 p.m., and the band performs 9 p.m. to midnight.
Cost is \$5 and you must be at least 18 years old to attend. For more information, call 655-5697.

Military Idol — Active duty Soldiers, don't miss your chance to show off your singing talent in the 2006 Military Idol competition. The deadline has been extended, and applications will be accepted through tonight at Tropics.
Military Idol performances will begin Aug. 9. Look for more information to come and call 655-8522 for additional details.

9 / Wednesday

Military Idol — Who is going to be the next Hawaii Military Idol? Don't miss your chance to find out. Come see the free competition at Tropics, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.
Win great prizes and vote for your favorite idol. For more information, call 655-8522.

11 / Friday

Seafood Bucket for Two — It's back! Seafood lovers can dig into a variety of seafood, including shrimp, crab, clams and mussels at KoleKole Bar and Grill, from 5 to 8 p.m.
Cost is \$24.95 for two and includes the seafood bucket and a pitcher of your favorite beverage. For reservations or more information, call 655-0664.

12 / Saturday

Health and Fitness Fun Fair — Come and enjoy a day of health awareness and fun at the Aliamanu Military Reservation (AMR) Youth Center Gymnasium, Aug. 12, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be a variety of booths representing nutrition, hygiene and chiropractic care, along with raffles, sports and game booths, inflatable bouncers, and massages.
For more information, call 836-1923.

Yu-Gi-Oh — Get ready to duel at the Tropics. Registration for the Yu-Gi-Oh tournament starts at noon, and matches will start at 1 p.m. Cost is \$6 and includes a pack of the latest Yu-Gi-Oh cards. Prizes will be awarded, and all ages are welcome. Call 655-8522 for more details.



Photo courtesy Matthew Matias

'Ride 'em, cowboy!'

John Teixeira, aboard Zip, a registered Quarter Horse stallion, makes a winning run in a pole-bending event. Zip was the 2004 and 2005 Hawaii Women's Rodeo Association (HWRA) Novice Horse Champion in this event.

The next rodeo is Saturday, Aug. 5, 10 a.m. at the New Town & Country Stables in Waimanalo, and is free to spectators. Participation in all HWRA events are open to men, women and children.

The year-end rodeo will be held Saturday, Sept. 23, at New Town & Country. For more information, call 224-9875 or visit HWRA Web site at www.rodeoohu.com.

Parents Night Out — Leave your kids with Child and Youth Services (CYS) at the Fort Shafter and Peterson Center on Parents Night Out, and then enjoy a nice night out on the town.

Children enrolled in Parents Night Out must be registered with the CYS Registration Office no later than noon Aug. 11. Reservations are first-come, first-served. For more information, call 655-8313.

17 / Thursday

Comic Book Day — Children ages 5 to 10 years old are invited to a free Comic Book Day at AMR Library. Come Aug. 17 at 3:30 p.m. for stories and crafts and receive a free comic book.

There will be a special surprise for all who come dressed as their favorite comic book character. For more information, call 833-4851.

18 / Friday

SKIES — Teens 13 years and older are invited to attend a free babysitting class, and

CPR and first aid class at the Aliamanu Youth Center. The babysitting class will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Aug. 18, and the CPR and first aid class will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Aug. 19.

Teens may register by calling the Aliamanu CYS office at 855-5393, and they must be registered with CYS or Schools of Knowledge, Inspiration, Exploration & Skills (SKIES) prior to class enrollment.

Teens need to wear comfortable clothing and bring a sack lunch. For more information, call 833-2106.

Ongoing

Kolekole Bar and Grill — Come check out the newest addition to the Nehelani, the Kolekole Bar and Grill, which features a fresh new menu of pupu and entrée selections.

Enjoy darts, pool, games, karaoke and more. For more information, call 655-0664.

Borrowed Library Materials — Deploying Soldiers are asked to return all borrowed materials to the Sgt. Yano Library, Schofield Barracks, prior to departure. For information or questions, call 655-8002.

SKIES Unlimited — Do you have a special skill or talent and enjoy teaching children? Join the CYS family as a child/youth instructor.

SKIES is looking for qualified, caring volunteer instructors for the School of Arts, School of Sports, School of Academics, and the School of Life Skills. For more information, call 655-5525.

Arts and Crafts Classes — The Arts and Crafts centers on Schofield Barracks and Fort Shafter offer a variety of classes including ukulele making, stained glass, pottery classes, framing and matting, and woodshop.

Call 655-6330 (Schofield Barracks) or 438-1315 (Fort Shafter) for additional information.

Story Time — Nurture your preschooler's love for reading at your Army library story time.

Preschool story time is held Tuesdays at the Fort Shafter library, Wednesdays at the Sgt. Yano library and Thursdays at the Aliamanu library.

All story times begin at 10 a.m.

MWR Pet Kennel — Located at the Halawa Quarantine Station in Halawa Valley, the Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) pet kennel is available for military personnel deploying, awaiting permanent housing or just going on vacation.

The facility is an outdoor boarding facility for cats and dogs only. Fees for dogs are \$14. The second family dog boarding in the same kennel is \$10. Cats are \$10 per day. The second family cat boarding in the same kennel is \$5.

Spaces are limited. For reservations, call 368-3456.

Job Search — Visit, browse and apply for federal jobs that are available in Hawaii at www.nafjobs.com.

MWR Happenings — To find out more information about MWR activities, programs and facilities, pick-up a copy of the "Discovery" magazine available at the Schofield Barracks commissary, Fort Shafter post exchange, Aliamanu shoppette, Tripler mauka entrance, any MWR facility, or visit the MWR Web site at www.mwrarmy-hawaii.com.

Auto Safety and Training — "At Ease Automotive Training" and "Ensuring Auto Safety for Everyone" are taught at the Schofield Barracks Auto Craft Center on the second Friday of each month from 9 to 10 a.m. Learn how to properly check your auto's fluid levels and basic safety checks prior to driving your vehicle.

Registration is required by the Sunday prior to the class start date. Special sessions can be arranged for groups of four to six. Cost is \$5. For more information, call 655-2271.

Pau Hana Friday — Enjoy cool refreshments and the chef's choice, a \$2 pupu platter every Friday, beginning at 4:30 p.m. at Mulligans and Hale Ikema on Fort Shafter. Call 438-1974 for more information.

11:30 a.m., through Sept. 30. The tour is limited to the first 12 guests. For reservations, please call 988-0461. The Arboretum is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and closed on state and federal holidays.

Blaisdell Center Events — The Neal S. Blaisdell Center, Oahu's community center, is located in downtown Honolulu at the base of Punchbowl. Upcoming events include:

- Comedian David Alan Grier, Aug. 12 at 7:30 p.m.
- Black Eyed Peas in concert, Aug. 14 at 7:30 p.m.
- Sarah Geronimo in concert, Aug. 26 at 7 p.m.

Purchase tickets at the Blaisdell box office, Ticketmaster outlets, charge-by-phone at 877-750-4400, or visit www.ticketmaster.com.

Master's Degree — The University of Oklahoma is offering a Master of Arts in Managerial Economics. The non-thesis program can be completed in about 18 months. The one-week classes are TDY/TAD friendly. Contact OU at 449-6364, or aphickam@ou.edu, or visit the Web site at www.goou.ou.edu.

Grossology Exhibit — Did you know that you produce a quart of saliva each day or that there are more than 250,000 sweat pores on the soles of your feet? These are just a few of the intriguing (and slightly disgusting) factoids taught at Bishop Museum's latest national traveling exhibit, Grossology: The (Impolite) Science of the Human Body. Discover why your body produces the mushy, oozy, crusty, scaly and stinky things it does.

Grossology will be on display in the Castle Memorial Building through Aug. 27.

HACN TV2 Schedule

5:00	Safety message CG Brown
5:07	Call to Duty: Boots on the Ground
5:11	Army Emergency Relief
5:12	What's down the drain
5:20	Hurricane safety storm alert
5:40	Coqui frog invasion in HI
6:00	Sign on
6:25	Army Emergency Relief
6:26	Bulletin Board
6:56	After the Storm
7:18	CIF
7:19	Safety message CG Brown
7:26	What's down the drain
7:35	Deployment Message CG Mixon
7:40	Hurricane safety storm alert
8:00	Hawaii Army Report
8:26	Safety Message CG Brown
8:33	Call to Duty: Boots on the Ground
8:44	I give my heart to you
8:44	Bulletin Board
9:56	Call to Duty: Boots on the Ground
10:00	Safety message CG Brown
10:07	CIF
10:08	Army emergency relief
10:09	Hurricane safety storm alert
10:29	Call to Duty: Boots on the Ground
11:00	Call to Duty: Boots on the Ground
11:04	Safety message CG Brown
11:04	Deployment message CG Mixon
11:11	Hawaii Hidden beauty & danger
11:16	Call to Duty: Boots on the Ground
11:35	Call to Duty: Boots on the Ground
11:55	Safety message CG Brown
12:02	Call to Duty: Boots on the Ground
12:07	Hawaii Army Report
12:33	Community Focus
12:40	Army Emergency Relief
12:41	Bulletin Board
1:11	Deployment message CG Mixon
1:16	After the Storm
1:38	Coqui frog invasion in HI
1:59	Safety message CG Brown
2:07	Deployment message CG Mixon
2:12	What's down the drain
2:20	Call to Duty: Boots on the Ground
3:00	Safety message CG Brown
3:08	Call to Duty: Boots on the Ground
3:12	What's down the drain
3:20	Maui the Magic Isles
3:42	Deployment message CG Mixon
3:47	I give my heart to you
3:54	Call to Duty: Boots on the Ground
5:00	Safety message CG Brown
5:07	Army Emergency Relief
5:08	CIF
5:09	Call to Duty: Boots on the Ground
5:14	Pentagon Channel
5:55	Safety message CG Brown
6:00	Hawaii Army Report
6:27	Community focus
6:34	I give my heart to you
6:41	Call to Duty: Boots on the Ground
6:45	After the storm
7:06	Deployment message CG Mixon
7:12	Bulletin Board
7:42	Army Emergency Relief
7:43	Coqui frog invasion in HI
8:03	Safety message CG Brown
8:10	Call to Duty: Boots on the Ground
8:14	Hurricane safety storm alert
8:34	What's down the drain
8:42	White Face
8:57	Safety message CG Brown
9:04	Bulletin Board
9:34	Call to Duty: Boots on the Ground
9:38	Army Emergency Relief
9:46	Deployment message CG Mixon
9:51	After the Storm
10:13	I give my heart to you
10:19	Call to Duty: Boots on the Ground
10:23	Bulletin Board
10:53	Coqui frog invasion in HI
11:13	Safety message CG Brown
11:19	Call to Duty: Boots on the Ground
11:23	Hurricane safety storm alert
11:43	Safety message CG Brown
11:50	Call to Duty: Boots on the Ground
11:59	Safety message CG Brown
1:00	Safety message CG Brown
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4:00	Safety message CG Brown

Overnight
Pentagon Channel

In the event of hardware failure, Tv2 programming may be interrupted during daily scheduled programming. HACN/Tv2 — your Command Channel

This Week at the MOVIES Sgt. Smith Theater



Nacho Libre

(PG-13)
Friday, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, 7 p.m.



Garfield: A tale of two kitties

(PG)
Saturday, 2 p.m.
Sunday, 2 p.m.



The Lake House

(PG-13)
Saturday, 7 p.m.
Thursday, 7 p.m.

The theater is closed Monday & Tuesday.

Community Calendar

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August

5 / Saturday

Sunset Serenade Summer Concert — The Hawaii Kai Towne Center free concert series continues at the waterfront stage. Amy Hanaiali'i Gilliom performs at 5:30 p.m. Aug. 5.

Gilliom is a multi-Na Hoku Hanohano Award winner and has won the hearts of many with the resurrection of ha'i (female falsetto singing). For more information, call 941-0440.

Free Breastfeeding Clinic — New moms and moms-to-be are invited to attend the lectures and individual counseling sessions on the art of breastfeeding, Aug. 5 from 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Three lectures are scheduled for 11:15 a.m., 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. with private consultations following.

Event location is Makana Mother & Baby, adjacent Kahala Mall, 4819 Kilauea Ave., Suite 5. No reservations are required.

For more information, visit www.baby-center.com/refcap/baby/babybreastfeed/8910.html.

8 / Tuesday

Schofield Barracks Community Town Hall Meeting — The next Oahu Base Support Battalion Town hall meeting is

scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 8 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sgt. Smith Theater, Schofield Barracks.

The town hall meeting is a proactive forum designed to assemble directors and agency chiefs to provide information on matters pertaining to the Schofield community. For more information, contact Rosey Stone at 438-6147.

15 / Tuesday

Moonlight Mele on the Lawn — Long-time island favorites, The Makaha Sons, take center stage at the final Moonlight Mele on the Lawn concert series at Bishop Museum, Tuesday, Aug. 15.

Guests are encouraged to arrive early for optimal seating and to enjoy some of the great food and beverage offerings. Doors open at 6 p.m. Tickets for the concert series are \$15 general admission; \$10 for museum members and Bank of Hawaii customers; and \$5 for kids ages 4 to 12. Call 847-8290 for tickets and more information.

16 / Wednesday

Deployment Night at the Chapel — Has deployment ever made you feel mad, sad, alone or even crazy? So, what is normal?

Join us for a formidable, lively discussion about typical reactions to deployment and the trauma sometimes associated with deployment.

Deployment Night is Aug. 16; a catered meal will be served at 5:30 p.m. and the training event begins at 6:15 p.m. at the Schofield Barracks main post chapel. There will be limited childcare available. Call 655-9307 for information or to reserve a childcare slot.

23 / Wednesday

Girl Scout Registration — Come to the Hale Kula Elementary School cafeteria to meet the leaders of the Girl Scout's Kolekole

Service Unit, Aug. 23, 6 to 7 p.m. to find out what the scouts will be doing this year.

There are many exciting events and activities planned for girls, ages 5 through 18, whether she is just starting out or a veteran scout. We also need new Girl Scout leaders to assist with the troops. For more information, call 681-3846 or 206-7401.

28 / Monday

Hui O' Na Wahine Membership Drive — The all-ranks spouses' club hosts its Super Sign-up Night at the Nehelani on Schofield Barracks.

Members will be on hand from 5 to 8 p.m. to share with prospective members the benefits and the fun of becoming part of the group. The event is free. For more information, call 624-0773.

29 / Tuesday

Women with No Limits — Join Gov. Linda Lingle at the third annual International Women's Leadership Conference, Tuesday, Aug. 29. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. and the conference begins at 8:30 a.m.

This special forum includes presentations by outstanding female leaders from around the world. Scheduled to date include Vivian Aiona, Paige Hemmis from ABC's "Extreme Makeover," Dr. Johanna B. Cole, Rear Adm. Sally Brice-O'Hara, and a special videotape message from Oprah Winfrey.

Registration for military and other government employees is \$150. To see a current and complete list of speakers, or to register for the conference, visit www.iwlchi.org.

Ongoing

Lyon Arboretum — The Lyon Arboretum, a 193-acre rainforest botanical garden, is offering free guided tours, from 10 to



August

5/Saturday

Ladies Golf Clinic – Ladies, do you want to brush up on your golfing skills? A free, hourlong golf clinic will be held Aug. 5 at the Leilehua Golf Course at 2:30 p.m. All required equipment will be provided and advance reservations are recommended.

For more details or to reserve your space, call 655-4653.

6/Sunday

Bowling Tournament – A “5 Game, No Tap” tournament will be held at the Schofield Bowling

Center, Aug. 6. Check-in is at 1 p.m., and the cost is \$20.

Call 655-0573 for more information.

15/August

Flag Football and Cheerleading – Register now through Aug. 15 for Youth Sports flag football and cheerleading. The program is open to youth born between 1990 and 2001. Cost is \$45 for flag football and \$60 for cheerleading (\$20 if you already have a uniform).

For more information, call 836-1923 (AMR) 438-9336 (Fort Shafter), 655-0883 (Wheeler), or 655-6454 (Schofield).

Ongoing

Golf for Food and Fun – This event is held every Tuesday at Nagorski Golf Course, Fort Shafter. Tee times are 2:30 to 5 p.m. Costs are \$22 per person for riding and \$17 per person for walking, which includes 9-hole green fees, par 3

prizes, pupus for four, beverages, a door prize entry, and the golf question of the week contest.

A minimum of three people is required per team. For more information, call 438-9587.

101 Days of Summer – Students, kindergarten through twelfth grade, are invited to the Fort Shafter and Schofield bowling centers through Sept. 4 to bowl their way through the “101 Days of Summer.”

Each day of summer, participants can receive one free game of bowling for each paid game each day of summer. Free games can be played any day from opening until 5 p.m.

Grand prizes include a trip for four to an “Aly & AJ” concert and a private movie screening of “How to Eat Fried Worms” for one lucky winner and 100 guests. Other prizes include a portable DVD

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August

5/Saturday

Windward Rodeo – Watch some of Hawaii’s fastest men, women and children competing in various rodeo events, including barrel racing and pole bending, Saturday, Aug. 5, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the New Town & Country Stables in Waimanalo.

This event is sanctioned by the Hawaii Women’s Rodeo Association (HWRA). No fee is charged spectators or for parking. Bring your family and a picnic lunch; be prepared to enjoy the rodeo excitement.

The year-end finals rodeo, the 2006 Teixeira Performance Horses All-Girls Rodeo, is scheduled for Sept. 23 at the Town & Country Stables. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 224-9875 or visit www.rodeoohu.com.

11/Friday

Hunter Education Courses – The Hawaii Department of Land & Natural Resources is offering Hunter Education classes. Subjects to be covered include wildlife identification and conservation, firearms and archery safety, survival, game care and more.

The free classes are Aug. 11, from 5:45 to 10 p.m., and Aug. 12, 7:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. Classes are family-friendly and open to anyone age 10 years and older. Upcoming class dates are Aug. 25 & 26, Sept. 15 & 16, and Sept. 29 & 30. Register by calling 587-0200.

13/Sunday

Polo Tournament – The Honolulu Polo Club hosts its sixth annual Wahine Challenge Polo Tournament at the Waimanalo polo grounds, Aug. 13. Gates will open at 1 p.m. and the games will begin at 2:30 p.m.

Cost is \$7 per person and proceeds benefit the Military Welfare Fund.

A hat contest and prize raffle are planned. Live entertainment and dancing are also scheduled, along with a buffet meal. Guests are invited to bring extra refreshments. The Honolulu Polo Club is in Waimanalo on Kalanianaʻole Highway across from Bellows Air Force Station.

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player, iPod shuffle, and more. Call 655-0573 (Schofield) or 438-6733 (Fort Shafter).

Karate Classes — Hawaii Okinawa Karate Do Shodukan classes are offered at the Fort Shafter Physical Fitness Center, Thursdays from 6 to 7:45 p.m. and Saturdays from 1 to 2:45 p.m.

Karate helps develop character, confidence, health, and self-discipline.

Contact instructor Joseph Bunch at 488-4495 for additional information.

SKIES — Do you have a love for the performing arts? If so, classes that feature creativity, cooperation, confidence, and self-expression are available at the SKIES Movement Center.

Classes include street dance, introduction to dance, hula and ukulele. Look for ballet and junior hip hop in January.

All classes cost \$33 per month or \$99 per semester. For additional information, call 655-5525.

Mizuno Club Fitting — Make an appointment with PGA professional Lou Merkle to schedule custom fitting of golf clubs or individual lessons to improve your game.

Call 438-9587 to make an appointment or obtain more information.

Scuba Classes — Scuba class provides individuals with an opportunity to earn their PADI certification during two weekends for only \$175.

Instruction is held Saturdays and Sundays at various locations depending on class content and skills being taught. Call 655-0143 for more information.

Group Cycling — Participants can use stationary bikes and drills to work out during group cycling. Tension and resistance mechanisms on bikes can simulate up and downhill climbs, providing greater challenges in the workout.



Competitors line up for the start of the mile-run. The Stallions (yellow jerseys) are the only local team composed mainly of military children.



Sprinter Kayla Mitchell floats by the competition during the 100-yard dash.



Quinton Childs leaps for distance in the long jump.

Schofield Stallions make fast tracks in local competition

Story and Photos by

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Special to the Hawaii Army Weekly

America's next generation of track and field stars, the Schofield Stallions, competed this summer in the Junior Olympics Summer Track program.

From the 100-meter dash to the long jump, these hard-charging athletes are setting local standards for excellence in the sport.

The Stallions compete as part of the Hawaii Association of USA Track and Field and are the only team composed primarily of military-affiliated kids. Ranging in age from 9 to 16, the team competed every Saturday in June and July against private track clubs from around the island.

Capt. James Crenshaw, operations officer, headquarters, U.S. Army Pacific, said he was thrilled with the team's performance, considering it was comprised of mostly novice runners.

"The majority of our team members are first time runners. Initially, [the coaching staff] wanted to introduce them to the team concept," Crenshaw declared. "They performed great, just fantastic."

Crenshaw said he hasn't run competitively since high school, but wanted to assist with coaching for his daughter's benefit. His daughter N'Dea, 10, is a Stallion sprinter.

"Our philosophy was not that of just winning, we wanted to stress teamwork, ethics, esprit de corps and the fundamentals of the sport," Crenshaw said. "And most of all assist them with developing focus."

Verlon Farris, 11, said he enjoyed participating in the meets and is looking forward to running in the games.

Although Farris' strong suit is the long jump, consistently leaping at just over nine feet, his favorite event is the 200-meter dash.



Justin Grizzle, Brady Black, Christopher Nowlin, and Zen Rancon are all smiles just prior to the 4 x 400 midget class relay. The Relay Championships were held July 29 at Punahou School track.

"The coaches taught us a lot of techniques that help us run faster," Farris said. My dad used to be a long jumper, so I learned my techniques from him."

Standout Stallion Kayla Mitchell, 11, is the undisputed champion in the bantam class, 100-meter, 200-meter, and 400-meter dashes.

"I wouldn't be surprised if any one of them became Olympians. Kayla [Mitchell], is undefeated in all her heats," Crenshaw said. "And Jacob Harr looks like a little Steve Prefontaine (long distance running legend)."

The Schofield Stallions will begin registering for the next summer season in early March. The cost of registration, currently \$40, includes team uniform.

The National Junior Olympics Championships will be held July 25-30 in Baltimore, Md. However, no Stallion or any other local teams made the cut.

"It was a long, hard and rewarding season and we are all looking forward to recuperating," Crenshaw said. "If I am here [at the start of the next season], I'm looking forward to helping coach the team again."