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CG discusses deployment, families

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Now that most 25th Infantry Division (ID) Soldiers have deployed to Iraq, their family members and neighbors are readjusting their lives and awaiting their Soldier's safe return next year.

To aid families, vast resources and personnel are readily available to assist throughout the yearlong deployment.

For more than a year the division has been participating in training at different locations in preparation for deployment — from the Pohakuloa Training Area to the National Training Center, all to ensure a successful mission, said Maj. Gen. Benjamin R. Mixon, 25th ID commander, regarding Soldiers.

The commanding general recently shared his thoughts on Soldiers leaving for Iraq, about how family members can contribute to Soldiers, and on programs available for those who need assistance, when he sat down in an interview with Staff Sgt. Manuel Torres-Cortes, a photojournalist and the noncommissioned officer in charge of the 17th Public Affairs Detachment.

Sir, we've been training for the last year. How well do you think Soldiers are prepared for deployment?

Our Soldiers are extremely well trained. They started with their individual training here. We culminated that training with the National Training Center rotation at Fort Irwin, California, but even beyond the National Training Center, we continued training here as we received additional equipment.

Then, finally, all Soldiers are going through intensive training in Kuwait to adjust to the heat — the climate in that area of the world — but also to learn the tactics, techniques and procedures of what they'll experience in Iraq, so they're extremely well trained.

Sir, you just explained to us that Soldiers will be training in Kuwait. What will be their primary focus?

Their primary focus will be to be informed about the new tactics and techniques that the enemy might be using, par-



Pfc. Kyndal Hernandez | 45th Sustainment Brigade Public Affairs

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

ticularly, in protection against improvised explosive devices.

They will receive refresher training on how to run tactical control points for searching vehicles and also convoy procedures ... a lot of emphasis on convoy procedures.

And last, but not least, they will continue to enhance their marksmanship skills.

Sir, it's been a very difficult couple of weeks for the Soldiers and their family members. What programs are in place for those who need help?

Deployment is always difficult. I've been doing this business now for about 31 years, and my wife and I have experienced multiple deployments.

The deployment can be made easier for families if they will stay connected, and they can stay connected by using the family readiness group within each one of their units.

The rear detachment commanders and noncommissioned officers that we have left back here have received training to assist them and certainly our Army Community Service has a host of classes, assistance and experts over there that can assist our family members.

The installation is geared up, our rear detachment is trained, and family readiness groups are dedicated to assisting our families.

Sir, with that said, I know we have many different aspects to help family members. Can you talk a little bit about family life counselors?

Family life counselors are civilian counselors who are hired by the Army that work through Army Community Service; they do informal counseling.

They are dedicated to specific units on post. They have a lot of experience in counseling, and they are there so that our family members and our Soldiers can turn to somebody and at least get some initial counseling.

The counseling that they are giving is confidential, and they can then refer the family member, or the Soldier perhaps, over to another resource that they may be fa-

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Lt. Gov. Aiona lauds injured Pacific Soldiers

JOHN REESE

U.S. Army Garrison Hawaii Public Affairs

A group of Soldiers injured in Iraq were commended here Aug. 10 for their service by the State of Hawaii's second-highest ranking official.

Lt. Gov. James R. "Duke" Aiona held an informal meeting in the Post Conference Room with 82 Army Reserve and National Guard Soldiers from the Hawaiian Islands, Guam, American Samoa and Saipan to personally thank them for their "commitment, sacrifice and courage."

"I want you to know that we're very appreciative of what you do because you're models and examples of several values that I strive to achieve each and every day," said Aiona.

The lieutenant governor took time from his busy official schedule to meet the island Soldiers who are being held on active status due to injuries received on duty.

"The Soldiers are primarily on post for medical treatment, and when not receiving treatment, they're engaged in meaningful duties, said Maj. Edie Smith, commander, Medical Retention Processing Unit.

Most of the Soldiers who are being treated held field-related jobs, like infantry and artillery, but their military occupational specialties also include military police, administration and others, said Smith.

Aiona was greeted by the troops with ti leaf lei and introduced by Sgt. First Class



Aiona

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Partnership helps keep country ... country

STEFANIE GARDIN

U.S. Army Garrison Hawaii Public Affairs

Sometimes numbers make all the difference. Six years, 1,875 acres, a vote of nine to zero, and \$14.1 million made the ultimate difference, breathing life into a dream many islanders worried might turn into a nightmare instead of a reality.

Those fears were finally laid to rest Saturday during a rededication ceremony at Waimea Valley that put ownership of the sacred lands in Hawaiian hands, specifically, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA).

The history of Waimea Valley dates back to at least 1092, but its most recent chapter began in 2000, when New York investor Christian Wolffer put Waimea Valley up for sale with a \$25 million price tag.

In an effort to preserve the valley from development, the City and County of Honolulu attempted to acquire the land through a condemnation lawsuit. The legal dispute came to a boiling point Dec. 7, 2005, when the City Council unanimously rejected a settlement offer that would allow Wolffer to build homes in the back of the valley and develop an ecological camp in another portion.

The City and County of Honolulu would have kept the 300 acres occupied by the Waimea Valley Audubon Center.



Photo Courtesy of WesterlyPhotos.com

Members of the Halau Pua Ali'i 'Ilima perform at Saturday's Waimea Valley rededication.

That's when Honolulu Mayor Mufi Hannemann stepped in and worked a little holiday magic. He brought together members of OHA, the City and Council of Honolulu, the State of Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources, the National

Audubon Society, the Trust for Public Lands (TPL), and U.S. Army Garrison Hawaii (USAG-HI) to try and come up with a solution — and it turned out their solu-

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Soldier killed in training accident identified

U.S. ARMY GARRISON HAWAII PUBLIC AFFAIRS
News Release

The Soldier who was killed during training at a live-fire exercise at a Schofield Barracks range Aug. 10 has been identified.

Sgt. Allen Stevens, 35, of Chesapeake, Va., was a signal support systems specialist assigned to the 25th Infantry Division's 2nd Battalion, 11th Field Artillery Regiment.

Stevens was transported to Wahiawa General Hospital, where he was pronounced dead at approximately 10:30 a.m. Thursday.

Stevens joined the Army in November 2002 and was assigned to Schofield Barracks in July 2003.

"We are deeply saddened by the loss of Sgt. Stevens," said Maj. Gen. Benjamin R. Mixon, 25th Infantry Division commanding general. "Our thoughts and prayers are with his family during this time of loss."

Stevens is survived by his wife and two children.

The cause of the accident is under investigation.



Right — Sgt. Allen Stevens

Desert salute

The Latin and R&B group "Soto" makes the Middle East even hotter with its performances for 25th ID troops

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Provost Marshal Corner

DUIs, larceny dominate blotter

(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 provided is 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 being a victim. Report suspicious activity to the Military Police (MP) at Fort Shafter, 438-7114; at Schofield Barracks, 655-7114, or dial 911 for emergencies.

Crime statistics for July 16-31

•At Fort Shafter and south areas

The Fort Shafter PMO reported a total of 18 cases during this period. They included three assault cases. Two of the assaults took place at Tripler Army Medical Center (TAMC) when a civilian male struck his civilian male co-worker. The subject was fired from his job and escorted off post before MP's arrived.

The second assault occurred in the TAMC troop barracks when one Soldier assaulted another and one Soldier was apprehended. The third case was reported after a civilian male and female were assaulted at Fort DeRussy by an acquaintance. The subject fled the area prior to the arrival of the Department of the Army (DA) Police. The male victim was transported to a local area hospital for medical treatment while efforts continue to locate the subject.

Five larcenies were reported: three occurred in Aliamanu Military Reservation (AMR) housing, one at Fort DeRussy and one at Tripler Army Medical Center (TAMC).

Two separate incidents in AMR involved contractors' tools, equipment and material taken from two separate storage facilities. The lock to one facility was cut, and wooden windowpanes were removed from another facility to gain entry. The third

larceny in AMR occurred when someone entered a housing unit through a window and stole a laptop computer.

The Fort DeRussy larceny involved shoplifting from the Hale Koa Hotel. A civilian male attempted to exit the exchange without paying for two pairs of Oakley brand sunglasses. DA police apprehended the shoplifter. The merchandise, valued at \$170, was recovered.

In the last case of larceny, TAMC reported that someone siphoned gasoline from a privately owned vehicle.

Two cases of breaking and entering occurred, both at the Hale Koa Hotel. A pair of earrings was reported stolen and missing from a guest's room, so the room was searched, but the missing earrings were not found. The key access log revealed that only the registered guests and housekeeping staff had entered the room during the time period in question. The investigation continues by DA police.

In the other case, the driver's side door lock was punched on a rental van, and seven victims had their personal items taken while the vehicle was parked in the Hale Koa Hotel parking garage.

An unknown subject attempted to break and enter a privately owned vehicle (POV) in Fort Shafter Flats housing by damaging the driver's side door lock. It did not appear that entry was gained, and nothing was reported taken from the POV.

In the AMR area, three incidents of graffiti were reported, two in AMR and one in the Coast Guard housing area. In AMR, one victim had explicit markings painted on both of his POVs, in blue and gold colored paint. The other incident involved another POV, which had blue paint markings on it.

All three vehicles sustained additional damage such as scratches and paint discoloration from an unknown chemical, as well as "egging." Also in the Coast Guard housing area, several street signs, mailboxes and housing unit placards were spray painted with black paint.

PMO has not determined if all of these

cases are related.

Five reports of driving under the influence or DUI occurred. First, two Soldiers were arrested in Honolulu for DUI. In AMR, two separate traffic violations resulted in two DUI cases; one involved a U.S. Marine and the other involved a civilian male.

TAMC also logged a DUI when a Marine driving a POV approached the TAMC entrance gate at a high rate of speed. The vehicle swerved into the right lane as it approached the gate, nearly striking the traffic barriers. DA police, who detected a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage emitting from the driver, stopped the Marine. A visual search of the vehicle revealed two open alcoholic beverage containers in plain view inside. The Marine failed a field sobriety test and was taken into custody.

• At Schofield Barracks

The Schofield Barracks PMO reported a total of 40 cases during this period, including one rape, one aggravated assault and five cases of simple assault.

The rape was reported after a Soldier coerced a victim into a vacant barracks room. The second Soldier approached the victim while she was sleeping and began choking her and subsequently raped her. Both Soldiers were taken into custody, and the victim was transported to TAMC for treatment and released. The incident was alcohol related.

The aggravated assault occurred at Helemano Military reservation (HMR) where three unknown subjects struck a Soldier numerous times. The Soldier received lacerations to his left cheek and forearm when he was struck with a bat used by one of the subjects. The subjects fled the area prior to the arrival of the MP. The descriptions of the suspects are being used as part of an investigation.

The five simple assault cases included one incident in Schofield Barracks housing involving five juveniles who were shooting "BB" pellet rifles at each other. Each of the juveniles was taken into custody, and no serious injuries reported.

Another simple assault was reported on Schofield when a juvenile male subject walked up to a neighbor's fence and shot

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LIGHTNING SPIRIT

Are you 'murmuring' against established leadership?

CHAPLAIN (MAJ.) JON HOLLENBECK
516th Signal Brigade

A story is told about a monk who lived in a monastery beset with very strict rules. In fact, its monks observed a discipline of complete silence; only once every five years were the members of this community allowed to speak, and then, they could only say two words to the abbot, the leader of the group.

After his first five years of silence, the monk in this story went to the abbot. His lips had become unaccustomed to forming words. His brow was wet with the perspiration of effort. With a low guttural growl, he struggled out the words: "Food, cold."

Five more years of absolute silence went by, and again our intrepid monk found himself before the abbot. Again the opportunity was presented to him to express, in

the briefest fashion, the wisdom of those long years spent in devotion.

Out of his mouth came the words: "Bed, hard."

Finally, another five years passed; then, fifteen years in all had been devoted to work and prayer and devotion. Fifteen years had been dedicated to the Lord's service.

Once again the opportunity presented itself for the monk to speak his mind with the brevity only poets possess. Raising himself up before the abbot, with all the strength and self-possession he could muster, he said, "I quit!"

The abbot responded, "I'm not surprised. All you've done is complain since you got here!"

There is one self-evident truth about Army life: we Soldiers like to complain. The food is lousy, the housing sucks, the leadership doesn't understand me. Been there, done that!

Don't get me wrong, injustices sometimes need to be pointed out and brought to command attention. A lot of the time, however,

Fire safety is not to be taken lightly

SAMMY C. HOUSEBERG
Installation Fire and Safety Office

Recently, the 25th Infantry Division and U.S. Army Garrison Hawaii experienced yet another unattended cooking incident that resulted in fire and smoke damage to the kitchen area in junior enlisted quarters. The occupant started cooking his meal and left the stove unattended, and then he went upstairs to take a "quick shower."

Fortunately, the smoke detector located on the second floor was activated and alerted the occupant. The fire was extinguished and no injuries were reported. However, there was extensive fire and smoke damage to the kitchen cabinets, walls, ceiling light fixtures and personal contents.

More home fires start in the kitchen than anywhere else. Unattended cooking fires continue to be the leading cause of fires throughout military family housing and the civilian community.

Could this fire have been prevented? Yes.

How can Soldiers and family members prevent cooking-related fires? By paying attention and never leaving the stove unattended while cooking.

Soldiers and family members should remember the following precautions while cooking:

- Stay in the kitchen when frying, grilling, broiling or boiling food.

- Turn off the stove if leaving the room, even for a short period of time.

- When simmering, baking or roasting, check the food regularly. Stay in the home and use a timer as a reminder.

- When finished cooking, turn off all burners and ovens.

As evidenced by the increasing number of cooking-related fires on military installations, it is imperative that senior leadership brief Soldiers and their family members to never leave cooking unattended.

Soldiers and family members will be held responsible and liable for any damages to government property, if they are found to be negligent.



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it's just plain griping because we are being asked to work outside our own comfort zone. We're asked to step out into the unfamiliar and take a risk, trusting that those doing the asking know their business.

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5 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. As of 8/16/06

Getting it straight:

The photograph depicted on page A-1 of the Aug. 11 edition was incorrectly identified. In the dominant photograph, 1st Sgt. Billy Chaney of D Company, 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment, hugs his son Alex, age 6, before deploying in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Months prior, Chaney had re-deployed from Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan.

On page B-4 of the Aug. 4 edition, an article listed the Schofield Stallions as "the only team composed primarily of military-affiliated kids." There are in fact two teams in Hawaii sanctioned by USA Track and Field; the other team is called the Hawaii Road Runners from Fort Shafter.

Voices of Lightning:

"What is your favorite Hawaiian word or phrase?"



"Slippahs.' I love that word. The connotation just sounds cooler."

Pvt. Andrew Hurley
1-14th Inf. Regt. Infantryman



"Mahalo,' because it means thank you."

Pvt. Tiffany Mitchell
A. Co., 209th ASB Automated Logistics Supply Clerk



"Braddah,' because it's the word for brother."

Spc. Jeff Abrahamson
A. Co., 3rd BSTB Combat Engineer



"Howzit,' because they say that instead of hello. It's unique."

Zachary Cox
Family Member



"Mahalo,' because it's a cool way to say thank you."

Pfc. Tyler Moyer
66th Engineer Co. Combat Engineer

Mixon: CG says families should connect with FRGs, rear resources

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familiar with. They have been just an absolutely wonderful asset for our families and our Soldiers.

As you have seen, they have been at all of our deployment departure ceremonies for each one of their units, circulating and passing out their cards.

Sir, for those who are staying behind, I know there are many different opportunities for family members here. How can families excel during the deployment?

I think a family member needs to approach deployment this way: they are going to excel during deployment, not just survive.

There are many ways to excel. First of all, of course, there are lots of volunteer opportunities: family readiness groups, Army Community Service, Red Cross. But I would suggest to the family member to set a goal to achieve. Perhaps, set a goal of being in better fitness while his or her spouse is departed, maybe tie into the education center and take an after-duty hours college preparatory course or college course ... just a whole host of ways, to say, 'Ok, I'm going to excel during this period of deployment. I'm not just going to survive.'

General, do you have any words of encouragement for the community surrounding Schofield?

Well, first of all, for the Schofield community – our greater community of civilians, retired military members – their support over the last year has been absolutely superb, and we really do appreciate what they do.

We feel confident that our families will still continue to receive support while they're back here. We have to remember that we still have the 2nd Stryker Brigade that is back here. The brigade will continue to engage within the community through rotary clubs and our school partnership program. So, we still have that element that is back here.

But the words of encouragement I would give our community are that we will certainly be successful in our mission. You can be proud of your Soldiers from Schofield Barracks. We will be back here before you know it, ready to enjoy the sights and the sounds of Hawaii.



Troy Griffin | U.S. Army Garrison Hawaii Public Affairs

Spc. Joshua D. Wallin, C Company, 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment and fellow Wolfhounds board a plane last week at Hickam Air Force Base enroute to the Middle East to support Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Sir, you hit on the Stryker Brigade. Recently, we received some additional Stryker vehicles. Can you tell me what's in store for the Stryker Brigade?

The Stryker Brigade training program is kicking into high gear with the arrival of the vehicles. As you know, over the last year, individual Soldiers have been going

through a whole host of training to learn how to use the systems that are onboard the Stryker.

You know, we've seen a great deal of success with the Stryker vehicle in Iraq. The recent extension of the 172nd shows just how important that unit is. But at the end of the day, it's about Soldiers, and those Soldiers who are in that Stryker

brigade are wonderful.

Our Soldiers are going to be highly trained in their Stryker vehicles and in the use of the Stryker. When their turn for deployment comes, I know that they will be ready.

Contact ACS at 655-4227

Sir, is there anything that you would like to add, to tell family members and Soldiers?

As I've said, for all of our Soldiers that are deployed, I am extremely proud of them. They have accomplished a great deal over the last year.

They are ready, they are confident, and I know that they will represent the 25th Division, the United States Army, and the United States of America with absolute, superb performance while we're in Iraq.

We will accomplish the mission.

For the family members, as I have said, stay connected; excel during this deployment period. Set a goal for yourself.

Obviously, taking care of your family is the number one priority.

But, at the end of the day, if you stay connected with your family readiness group, rear detachment and Army Community Service, you will excel during this deployment. Before long, your loved ones will return.

In United States Army, Pacific [US-ARPAC], we have identified several of our installations as flagship installations. Schofield Barracks is one.

That places us into two broad categories.

First of all, we are a deployment and a training platform for deploying forces. Secondly, many of the responsibilities for running the installation and oversight has been passed over to the installation side.

As a division commander, I am focused on the expeditionary mission that my division forces and my combat forces have.

In other words, I'm focused on training, combat readiness and then deploying to the mission.

We're well underway to fully establishing Schofield Barracks and the other installations around USARPAC as flagship installations. And then, of course, without a doubt, that includes support to our families.

Our Army Community Service, Morale

and Welfare and Recreation division, and other elements, to include our hospitals and clinics, are fully prepared to support our families.

It all comes together in one neat package, and we call that a flagship installation.

There is no reason whatsoever for a Soldier to be concerned about the support that their family will be provided back here.

More importantly, I have encouraged all family members here – particularly spouses that may be new to the Army – to get enrolled in the Army Family Team Building program that ACS sponsors.

[Spouses can] start with the Military Spouse 101 instruction. They teach these courses both morning and night, and they offer child care. They can progress on through the various levels and become more self-sufficient.

Families that are informed, families that are able to care for themselves when their Soldiers deploy, and Soldiers who are confident that their families will be taken care of ... that's my objective.

One last question, Sir, and it's a personal question. How do you feel internally about this next deployment?

Well, for me, it really is the culmination of a lifelong career in the Army. I spent my entire life in the Army ... my father is a retired Soldier. So I feel like this is the culmination point.

I don't see how it can get any better than this. I'm around the best Soldiers in the world. I'm around the most dedicated families in the world. I have an assignment in Hawaii, the most beautiful place in the world.

So, it doesn't get much better than this for me and my wife.

I'm just extremely proud to be a small part of this deployment and a small part of winning this global war on terrorism.



Mixon

Waimea: ACUB allowed local garrison commander to partner with others

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tion worked.

"Over Christmas, [U.S. Army Garrison Hawaii] got together with all the partners ... and we crafted a plan to come up with what we thought would be a reasonable price tag," said Col. Howard Killian, commander, U.S. Army Garrison Hawaii. "As it turns out, everything kind of fell into place. We happened to have the money ... and decided it was the right thing to do."

At a time when Army funds have been tight, some may wonder how the Army had \$3.5 million to contribute to the Waimea Valley deal. The answer lies in the Army Compatible Use Buffers (ACUB) Program.

When Congress passed the 2003 Defense Authorization Act, it gave the military the authority (10 USC §2684a) to partner with government or private organizations to establish buffer areas around active training and testing areas. As a result, the Army initiated its own program, ACUBs, to implement this new authority.

Through ACUBs, Army installations work with a partner or partners to purchase land near Army training areas from a willing seller.

"In essence, this program allows the Army to enter into partnership and provides funds to secure lands for compatible land use," said Joel Godfrey, chief of the environmental division, Directorate of Public Works. "It's a tool to deal with encroachment, and it's a tool to help support sustainability."

The Army needs to be able to carry out its primary mission, training its Soldiers, but as the population grows and urban development spreads, balancing the need to train Soldiers the desire to be a good neighbor can become difficult. Establishing a buffer between training lands and urban development can ease tensions and benefit both sides.

Likewise, establishing buffers for environmentally or culturally oriented reasons coincides with the Army's mission of environmental stewardship. It's a win-win situation, according to Godfrey.

ACUBs is not, however, a means for the

Army to acquire more land for itself. Instead, the Army's partner becomes the property owner.

"What most people don't understand is that the Army does not gain title to the property; we don't have any ownership. In order to [take on an ACUBs project], we have to find somebody who is willing to be the owner," Killian said.

In Hawaii, finding a potential owner isn't as easy. With issues like protecting and preserving threatened and endangered species and environmental stewardship, being an owner carries with it a lot of responsibilities. That's part of why forming partnerships is so important.

"[ACUBs] is not something that the Army can do alone," said Godfrey. "The key has been in forming strong partnerships outside the fence and within the community."

"Through partnership, we're able to identify areas the Army has interest in and gauge interest from others as well. Through partnership, we can start reaching out to see who we can interest," Godfrey said.

The Trust for Public Land, a non-profit conservation organization that protects land for people, is one of USAG-HI's key partners. It serves as the executor of the Army's ACUB dollars. TPL and the North Shore Community Land Trust were the first to approach USAG-HI about participating in the ACUBs program.

"Four years later, we're seeing this partnership bear fruit," said Joshua Stanbro, Hawaiian Islands project manager, TPL. "ACUB goes beyond lip service; it demonstrates a real commitment and builds some trust where there was little before."

The Waimea Valley deal is USAG-HI's first completed ACUB project, and the first success of what Killian, Godfrey and Stanbro hope to be many more. Plans are also in the works for the Army to contribute \$3 million towards the purchase of the 1,129-acre Pupukea-Paumalu property adjacent to the Army's Kahuku Training Area on Oahu's North Shore.

"Our ability to build relationships with organizations that may have divergent views allows us to dialog on other, more

contentious subjects, with much more understanding and credibility," Killian said. "There are people who distrust the government and the Army in particular. This opportunity enables us to reach out and work on common goals. It's great to be in a position where you can make decisions that, I think, will certainly outlast you and are important for the community."

Breakdown of Waimea Valley purchase

- \$3.5 M– U.S. Army via the Trust for Public Lands
- \$2.9M– Office of Hawaiian Affairs
- \$1.6M– State of Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources
- \$1M– The National Audubon Society
- \$5M– City and County of Honolulu

Total purchase, \$14 million



Spc. Daniel Bearl | 25th Infantry Division Public Affairs

A 'general' re-enlistment

Brig. Gen. Francis Wiercinski (left), deputy commanding general for the 25th Infantry Division, speaks before swearing in his driver Sgt. Noel Perez-Torres (right, foreground) during a re-enlistment ceremony in Kuwait. Wiercinski circulated the area of responsibility as his Tropic Lightning Soldiers processed into Multinational Division – North, home for the duration of the division's deployment.

Soto entertains 25th in Kuwait

Latino / funk band gives Wolfhounds a reason to dance in the desert

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CAMP BUEHRING, Kuwait – When the sun goes down in the desert, hot days become hot nights. And when a Latin groove fills the night air, the heat comes alive.

Latin, funk and R&B sounds made a hot night hotter Aug. 8 when the Los Angeles group Soto took the Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) stage at Camp Buehring.

The six-piece band began to perform shortly after sunset for the crowd of Soldiers that filled the cluster of picnic tables in front of the stage.

The performance was organized through USO and the Camp Buehring MWR.

"It's an honor," said Joey Guerra, keyboardist for the group, during an interview. "I'm honored you come out to see us. I know you guys work hard all day."

The good feelings were obviously mutual as Soto performed to a cheering crowd. The band delivered a high-energy, music-and-dance show that carried spectators through everything from "La Bamba" to hits from the Jackson Five. The concert had Soldiers clapping, laughing and even jumping onto the stage to dance with the band.

"We play a huge variety," Guerra said, "anywhere from R&B, Tex Mex, Salsa and pop."

The band has been playing for 24 years, Guerra said, and added that their wide experience contributes to the group's eclectic sound.

"We just don't do heavy metal," he added with a laugh, but we do put on quite a show.

And the band loves performing.

"It could be three people or three thousand," he said. "Either way, we're going to play."

Though not quite 3,000, the crowd at Buehring was caught up in the band's enthusiasm during the performance.

"I love it," said Sgt. Eliot Scott from A Company, 2nd Battalion, 27th In-



(Above) Soldiers from A Company, 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment, enjoy a performance by the Latin/funk/R&B group Soto at Camp Buehring, which is on a tour of the U.S. military bases in the Middle East.



(Left) After being egged on by friends, Pfc. Antonio Soto of 3-25th Combat Aviation Brigade, dances on stage with Stefane, vocalist for the band Soto, during a song in the band's Latin set.

fantry Regiment. "It's great and I'm very appreciative. It's a great morale boost."

Some Soldiers were so enraptured by the performance that they couldn't help but jump on stage to dance with the band.

"That's your band!' everyone said," echoed Pfc. Antonio Soto, 3-25th Combat Aviation Brigade.

Soto found himself dancing in step with the performers during a Latin music set of the show. Originally from Puerto Rico, Soto said he loves to dance.

"Especially to that kind of music," he said. "Everybody dances to this kind of music in Puerto Rico."

He also enjoyed the show because the band played songs in both English

and Spanish.

"Everyone can enjoy it," he said.

After playing in Kuwait, the band will continue its 21-day tour through Iraq and then on to the Balkans, Guerra said.

"We've got seven or eight stops in Iraq," Guerra said. "But we don't know where we're going until we get there."

Wherever they end up, the stops through Iraq and the Balkans will give the band ample opportunities to entertain more deployed service members. As the group travels through the Middle East, service members can expect to hear its infectious musical style drifting across military camps, bringing a little piece of home to the troops.

Gimlets max training benefits of Hawaii

Story and Photo by

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Pohakuloa Training Area Public Affairs

POHAKULOA TRAINING AREA – The Soldiers from Headquarters, Headquarters Company (HHC), 1st Battalion, 21st Infantry (Gimlets), may have spent little more than a week here, but in that very short time they maximized their time and training opportunities.

After the main body arrived on Friday, they quickly set about preparing to go to the field and conduct mortar live-fire training on their 60 mm and 81 mm mortars. The next day the Mortar Platoon was set up at Firing Point 442 and sending rounds downrange.

The mortar live-fire training was the first for the Gimlets in nearly a year and essential for training new mortar crews, providing a refresher for more-experienced Soldiers and building confidence among them all, according to battalion commander Lt. Col. Matt Kelley.

“I thought it was important to get our mortars back firing live-rounds, and PTA is the only place that we can do that in Hawaii,” Kelley said. “You can do dry-fire drills, but unless you are firing live rounds, you are not trained.”

Kelley said that any apprehension his Soldiers had firing live rounds for the first time in 10 months was soon dispelled, replaced by confidence after several days of solid training and live-fire at PTA.

“The Soldiers know that they have been well trained to perform their combat missions and that knowledge builds confidence in their own skills and their fellow Soldiers,” Kelley said. “This exercise has made the mortar platoon a team that is ready for combat.”

HHC Commander Capt. David Weber believes the training at PTA has been fantastic.

“The Soldiers are on top of it; they love to shoot,” Weber said. “We spent the better part of four months training prior to PTA, and it shows.”

Weber said that his mortar sections practiced dry-fire crew drills, as well as individual and collective tasks for mortar men on Oahu. The training helped the Soldiers understand their jobs and firing procedures much better.

“When Soldiers understand the details, the ‘whys’ of what they’re doing, it makes things go faster on the range and makes



Pfcs. Anthony Richmond and Alex Glossian of Headquarters, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 21st Infantry duck and cover their ears as a 60 millimeter mortar round streaks skyward during live-fire training at Pohakuloa Training Area on the Big Island.

them more confident,” Weber explained.

According to Mortar Platoon Leader 1st Lt. Matt Clements, the live-fire training was the culmination of the months of intensive training on Oahu. Clements said that the mortar sections’ training at PTA

covered everything from 81 mm platoon-sized operations to single 60 mm direct-lay and hand-held live fire.

“A lot of the guys hadn’t live-fired before,” he said. “I’ve seen a marked improvement in the last three days.”

Clements said that by Monday the mortar sections had fired more than 500 rounds of high explosive, white phosphorous, illumination and infrared illumination. The latter type of round is barely visible at night to the naked eye, but with night vision goggles, the area beneath it is lit as if with a standard illumination round.

The live-fire also provided an opportunity for the battalion’s fire support team Soldiers to train in adjust-fire techniques with the mortars and for the Fire Direction Section to get some refresher training, Clements said. When they weren’t firing, the mortar Soldiers attended Combat Lifesaver Training behind the gun line.

Capt. Buck Eddins, physician’s assistant with 1-21st Infantry, supervised Combat Lifesaver Training for new Soldiers and those who needed a refresher. Eddins said that the Army has recently converted to a new Combat Lifesavers Course, and 2nd Brigade’s goal was to train its Soldiers in the new procedures.

“We’ve trained about 20 Soldiers so far and will train another twenty today,” Eddins said. “There are 58 out here; we hope to train all of the Soldiers by the time we go back in tomorrow.”

As the live-fire training wound down, battalion Executive Officer Maj. Glen Blumhardt reflected on the exercise.

“We’re going to walk out of here with trained, proficient crews,” Blumhardt said, “and we’re doing it safely.”

“At PTA we can work the entire mortar system and the forward observers; this is definitely good training,” he said. “This is good stuff, they [Soldiers] don’t get to do it enough. They enjoy training.”

“The bottom line is, this is what they joined the Army to do,” Blumhardt said.

Pfc. Alex Glossian, a 20-year old, 60 mm mortar crewman from Indian Island, Maine, couldn’t have agreed more with his battalion XO.

“This is great training, we get to come out here and do our jobs,” Glossian said.

This week’s live-fire training marks Glossian’s second trip to PTA – his first was in November 2005, but Glossian said he enjoyed it as much as his first.

“I love training at PTA; we get to blow stuff up,” he said, with a broad grin.

Mortar platoon leader Clements was of the same mind as his young Soldier, but expressed it differently.

“As a mortar man this is the best training we get.”

Aiona: ‘You stuck to it,’ says Lt. gov.

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Jeffery Kam, acting first sergeant for the Island Warriors. Kam set the relaxed tone of the meeting by breaking the ice with island-spiced humor and background information on Aiona.

“We take care of them until they’re fit for duty, and then return them to their reserve component,” said Kam. “One of the injured Soldiers is a security guard [for Aiona]. He set this up.”

Aiona addressed the overall situation in the Middle East, noting that the region has seen conflicts for hundreds of years.

“We can’t live in history. We can learn from history, but we live in the here and now, and the here and now is real,” said Aiona.

Stressing the values of commitment, sacrifice and courage, Aiona lauded the Reservists and Guardsmen for the difficult and dangerous duties they’d performed in Iraq.

“You know that when you signed up for this you thought it was a weekend thing . . . little did you know what was going to happen, and here you are, and you’re confronted with that commitment you made,” said Aiona. “You stuck to it, and that’s something we try to teach to our young people every day.”

Although Aiona had set aside a half-hour to speak to the Soldiers, he opened the floor to any questions and spent most of an hour answering a wide range of inquiries about issues important to people in Hawaii: state infrastructure, homelessness, housing costs, immigration, special education, homeland security, public smoking, law enforcement, and more.

A former family law judge, Aiona also answered some pointed questions about child custody and promised to look in on one Soldier’s personal situation.

“I wanted to say thank you, and I really mean it from the bottom of my heart,” Aiona said.

Humanitarian aid experts tackle international issues during HELP course at UH

Twenty-three individuals from 13 countries and military collaborate on health-disaster issues

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HONOLULU – International humanitarian aid workers, regional natural disaster management officials and military medical personnel recently gathered for the 11th Health Emergencies in Large Populations (HELP) course at Honolulu's East-West Center.

Created by the International Committee for the Red Cross (ICRC), the focus of the annual three-week course is to discuss management of health interventions in armed conflicts, natural disasters and other emergency situations.

"The goal is to teach people all over the world how to work hand in hand with aspects they can use in the field," said Winnie Yamaguchi, program support advisor at the Center of Excellence for Humanitarian Assistance (COE).

Course topics ranged from international humanitarian law to how health professionals can cope with hunger strikers and combat medic training.

"Some of the attendees have a lot of field experience, but only within their particular specialty," Yamaguchi said. "The tropical medicine doctors learn from the water sanitation people, who learn from the human trafficking expert. In this course, they get a little bit of everything, and they can actually use what they have been taught by the speakers who are experts in their fields."

Presenters included Dr. Pierre Perrin, chief medical officer of the ICRC, who developed the course in Geneva in 1986 and has participated every year since.

"All these people come from different backgrounds, Red Cross, NGO [non-governmental organizations], ministry of affairs, ministry of defense, United Nations, and have different expectations overall," Perrin said. "But they come together and open new doors, and that is the purpose of the course, to open doors."

This year was the first to include a module of civilian and military coordination, according to Elise Leroux, public relations manager of COE and HELP faculty.

"One thing particularly noticeable about the Honolulu course is the way COE, as the only such center with a focus on civilian and military humanitarian actions, brings together military and civilians," Leroux

said. "That is part of the reason that the ICRC chooses to partner with COE, which is the only organization of the HELP course that is not an accredited academic institution."

Yamaguchi, who has organized the class for the past eight years has witnessed changes in attitudes between the military and civilian attendees since first working HELP.

"In the past, it was hard for NGOs to actually sit in a course with U.S. military because of friction; they often perceive the military to have a one-track mind, that they get in and get out, leaving unfinished business behind," Yamaguchi said. "Now [NGOs] are seeing that the military wants to do more to work and involve themselves longer," she said.

"Five years ago I had an attendee come all the way from Mongolia, an American practicing in the field. She said, 'If I had known there would be U.S. military [participating] in this course I would've never come,' but by the end of the course, she had learned so much and she changed her mind," Yamaguchi said. "HELP breaks a lot of those misperceptions about the U.S. military, far beyond my expectations."

One of the major benefits presenters noted about military involvement was the quick response to remote and otherwise inaccessible areas.

"Sometimes the military are the only ones able to bring assistance to a natural disaster during an armed conflict," said Perrin. "When we call the military, they can often be there in a matter of hours, instead of a matter of months, and that makes all the difference."

Course attendees included COE staff, faculty and 23 individuals representing 13 countries including humanitarian aid workers from ICRC and the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, United Nations agencies, Armed Forces medical services, ministries of health and academic institutions.

COE is a Department of Defense organization established in 1994 by Hawaii Sen. Daniel Inouye to promote international civilian and military coordination in disaster response and humanitarian assistance.

HELP is organized locally in partnership with COE and the University of Hawaii. The course is offered annually in seven locations across the globe from Switzerland to Japan. International sponsors include academic institutions, the World Health Organization, Pan-American Health Organization, World Medical Association, and National Red Cross Societies.



1st Lt. Brandon Carlson speaks with students at Makaha Elementary School during an assembly introducing the Book of the Month Program.

2-11th FAR rallies with Makaha kids

Story and Photo by
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MAKAHA – During the past three years, the Soldiers of Charlie Battery, 2nd Battalion, 11th Field Artillery Regiment, 2nd "Warrior" Stryker Brigade Combat Team, have given back to the students of Makaha Elementary School by providing them with hundreds of books each new school year.

The books are a part of Makaha's Principal Books of the Month program, and 2-11th donates about 45 books per month, according to Principal Nelson Shigeta.

"The program puts one book in each class, and the whole school focuses on it at one time, so they can have school-wide discussions," said Shigeta.

"Kindergartners may talk with their sixth grade brothers and sisters, and we can build that sense of community, talking about one thing and sharing one thing together," Shigeta continued.

In addition to providing books for the kids, the Soldiers of Charlie Battery often visit students and read to them. Time spent with the students allows the children to get to know Soldiers as real people.

"A lot of times, what we look for is a role model in the community," said Shigeta. "Our military partners are great role models for our kids to see."

"It's a great feeling for us to be involved with the community like we are," said Charlie Battery executive officer, 1st Lt. Brandon Carlson. "It makes us take a partnership with a part of the island, providing recourses for the kids, helping with their education. It helps to build a relationship between the Soldiers and the kids," Carlson said.

25 YEARS AGO

August 11-17, 1981

Fort Shafter Elementary School "lost ground" for the construction of a new road. The construction was designed "to increase the capacity of Moanalua Road to provide for future demands ... and alleviate present congestion."

An air traffic controllers' strike made it difficult for Soldiers to obtain airline tickets and comply with permanent change of station (PCS) orders. The Hawaii Army Weekly recommended that Soldiers call airlines frequently to verify their flights have not been cancelled and anticipate delays.

The Army authorized four new peacetime awards: the Army Achievement Medal, Army Service Ribbon, NCO Professional Development Ribbon and Army Overseas Ribbon. The achievement medal was the only peacetime award that had a promotion point value.

(Editor's Note: Information compiled from Hawaii Army Weekly archives.)



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Day dawns — A Soldier walks amid 25th Combat Aviation Brigade helicopters at Wheeler Army Air Field runway in '81.

News Briefs

Send calendar announcements to community@hawaiiarmyweekly.com.

CIF Closed for Inventory — The Schofield Barracks Central Issue Facility will be closed today 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.

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 Pfc. Mark Parish at 653-0702 or mark.pariah@us.army.mil.

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.

Equality Day Luncheon — The 500th Military Intelligence Brigade is hosting the Women's Equality Day buffet-style luncheon at the Nehelani, Schofield Barracks, Aug. 24 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

This year's guest speaker is Governor Linda Lingle's chief policy advisor, Linda Smith.

Tickets, which are \$12, are limited, so reserve your seat as early as possible. Call Sgt. 1st Class Timothy Snyder at 655-1394, extension 7 or Master Sgt. Damian Miller at 655-1603 for reservations.

Hui O` Na Wahine Membership Drive — The all-ranks spouses' club hosts

its Super Sign-up Night at the Schofield Barracks Nehelani, Aug. 28 from 5-8 p.m. Members will be on hand to share with prospective members the benefits and fun of becoming part of the group.

This event is free. For more information, call 624-0773.

Protestant Women of the Chapel — Protestant Women of the Chapel (PWOC) presents "Unity to Let the World Know." Join PWOC for its fall kick-off program at the Schofield Barracks Main Post Chapel, Room D-9, at 9 a.m., Aug. 29.

Free on-site child care will be available by reservation. For more information, call 206-8504.

Pre-retirement Orientation — A semi-annual pre-retirement orientation is scheduled for Aug. 30, 8-11:30 a.m., at the Schofield Barracks Post Conference Room, Building 584, across from the Sgt. Smith Theater.

This orientation is for Soldiers with 18 or more years of active service and their spouses. Information concerning benefits and privileges of military retirement will be provided, and representatives of federal and state agencies, and military staff offices will be available to answer questions. For more information, call 655-1585 or 655-1514.

South Town Hall — The next Oahu Base Support Battalion Town Hall meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 6, at 6:30 p.m. in the AMR Chapel. A town hall meeting is a proactive forum designed to assemble directors and agency chiefs to provide information on matters pertaining to the Fort Shafter Community. For more information, contact Rosey Stone at 438-6147.

SSA Closure — The Supply Support Activity (SSA) will be closed Sept. 11-22 for a 100-percent change of accountable officer physical inventory. Normal operations will resume on Sept. 25. For emergency services, contact Alfred Chugen at 656-0744 or Jenny P. Antonio at 227-2760.

Ongoing

Memorial Bricks — The 25th Infantry Division Association is offering supporters the opportunity to become a permanent part of the Schofield Memorial Monument.

Engraved brick pavers are available in 4x8 inches, up to three lines of type, for \$100 or 8x8 inches, up to six lines of type, for \$250.

To download an order form, visit www.25thida.com.

Spirit: Are you locked at your comfort level?

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That's what is going on in the passage from the book of Exodus 16:2-3. The congregation begins to murmur (or gripe) against their leadership. They would rather remain in the predictability of slavery than step forward in faith and be led to the freedom that comes from God alone.

In this instance, the risk is the danger of perishing from starvation or thirst. As the story goes, God provided bread from heaven and quail to eat. Moses found water. And the Lord guided them by using a cloud during the day and a pillar of fire at night.

Sometimes we get locked into our own predictable way of relating to the world and gripe and get angry if we're asked to move outside our comfort zone.

Maybe it's time to stop murmuring and act. Maybe it's time to start trusting that God will provide.

PMO: Soldiers, civilians involved in alcohol-related incidents on and off post

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the neighbor's dependent daughter in the arm with a "BB" pellet gun. The victim did not require medical attention, and the juvenile male was taken into custody.

A third case involved a Soldier juvenile who shot a juvenile victim in the face with a "BB" pellet gun. The Soldier was apprehended, and the victim received medical treatment for a minor injury.

In addition, two more assault cases were reported in Schofield troop areas. Three Soldiers and a civilian were apprehended for fighting. Both cases were alcohol related.

One case of kidnapping was reported on Schofield Barracks when a Soldier forced three other Soldiers out of their barracks rooms at gunpoint, threatening bodily harm. Further investigation revealed that the subject later informed victims that he was joking and that his gun was fake. The subject Soldier was apprehended.

Six cases of domestic assault were reported in

Schofield Barracks' housing areas resulting in the apprehension of four Soldiers and three family member wives. Alcohol was not involved in any of these cases.

Five cases of shoplifting were reported, resulting in the apprehension of three civilians, three juveniles and one family member spouse. These subjects were apprehended after attempting to remove merchandise from the Post Exchange without paying for them. The items included two watches, two purses, two jackets, two pairs of sunglasses, hair accessories, earrings, candy, CDs and a pair of Nike shoes.

One case of burglary was reported when an unknown person entered a barracks room and removed the victim's laptop computer, a portable Play Station, a digital camera and several video games. The investigation continues.

Eleven cases of larceny of personal property were reported. Two of the cases resulted when property was taken from two privately owned vehicles on Schofield, while six occurred in barracks areas.

The remaining three cases occurred in common ar-

reas on Wheeler Army Air Field (WAAF) and HMR. The bulk of the items taken included electronic equipment, wallets and checkbooks or debit cards. One Soldier was apprehended in one of the cases.

Finally, 10 cases of DUI (alcohol) were reported, resulting in the apprehension of seven Soldiers, two family members and one civilian. Five of these apprehensions occurred during gate checks at Schofield Barracks and WAAF, while the other five resulted from traffic stops on Schofield Barracks and HMR.

Hot Topic of the Week

"BB" pellet guns, as well as any firearm, must be registered on post and cannot be fired except in designated areas on post.

Several incidents have occurred where the unauthorized use of "BB" pellet guns — in the hands of juveniles — has been the cause of various injuries. In each case, the weapon was not registered on post.

We have been very fortunate that these injuries where not more serious. In fact, they should not have happened at all. Parents are reminded that they

are ultimately responsible for the conduct and supervision of their children.

Traffic Safety

Traffic safety is a constant concern for everyone. Please be aware that what we do while operating a motor vehicle can result in dire consequences for others and ourselves. Therefore, PMO conducts seat belt, safety inspection, registration and vehicle insurance checks. Make sure that yours are all current, and help us to increase traffic safety by obeying the law.

Traffic statistics July 16-31

Speeding, 31
DUI, alcohol, 13
Stop sign violation, 18
Seat belt violations, 9
Expired registration, 12
Expired safety, 10
Driving without driver's license, 12
Driving without insurance, 22
Parking, 70

The art of coffee 'cupping'

Story and Photos by
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KALIHI – Huddled in the center of one of Honolulu's industrialized areas is a place many Soldiers and family members have experienced but have probably never seen – the Hawaii Coffee Company.

Though the company's warehouse covers just a portion of the block on Kalani Street, a distinct burnt scent permeates the air nearly a mile in every direction. It's like an enormous pot of coffee nudging the warehouse's sleeping neighbors out of bed. However, this coffee maker doesn't seem to have an on/off switch.

Each day a portion of the company's 125 workers buzz around the 55,000 square foot box, shuttle crates of 100-pound burlap sacks, roast rivers of beans and bag between 15 to 20,000 pounds of these caffeinated nuggets.

But in a small, still room adjacent to the clamor of industrial machines, four sets of nostrils and a myriad of taste buds meet twice each day for a ritual that is as much about science as it is a pure love of the bean.

This ritual – called "cupping" – is the java lover's answer to wine tasting.

Here, a sample of each 500-pound batch is analyzed for color, oxygen and moisture content, aroma and acidity. Cuppers pour near-boiling water over ground coffee in small, wide-rimmed glasses, stir the soupy mixture to release the aroma, and vigorously slurp the coffee.

"Don't listen to what your mom told you about slurping," Jim Wayman, Hawaii Coffee Company president and chief executive officer, said. "It doesn't apply here."

Slurping aerates the coffee and affords taste buds a better opportunity to recognize acidity, the coffee's tangy or clean-tasting quality.

The main purpose of cupping is for quality and consistency control – Wayman's company is religious about it.

"We want customers to have the same experience whether they buy it at 7-11 or Chef Mavro," he said.

In addition to assuring consistency, cupping also has contributed to the development of specialty blends for such chefs as Russell Siu (3660 On the Rise), Roy Yamaguchi (Roy's Restaurant), Sam Choy and Allen Wong.

Though most of the chefs' varieties can be found in the commissary, none fly off the shelves faster than the 100-percent Kona packages. But what makes Kona coffee so special?

The Mecca for coffee

According to wikipedia.org, coffee is the second most commonly traded commodity (measured by monetary volume) in the world – second only to petroleum.

Connoisseurs liken coffee from the Kona region, which is a 25- by 2-mile patch of land on the west side on the Big Island, to grapes grown in California's Napa Valley.

Grown in rich, volcanic soil at an altitude of more than 2,000 feet, Kona coffee trees experience ideal conditions for producing quality beans. According to Wayman, these conditions also include sun in the morning, clouds in the afternoon, and a little bit of rain all the time. Too much rain or too little rain can severely hinder trees' production.

The crop is harvested during a six-month window from August through February, so even a mediocre season can send a ripple through the Kona coffee economy.

The Hawaii Coffee Company, which is the largest buyer of Kona coffee in the world, obtains its beans from more than 300 small farms in the region.

Java alternatives

In addition to the mounds of coffee the company roasts, packages and brews each day, it also produces various teas for the Hawaiian Islands Tea Company. The company recently purchased a machine that can produce 30,000 tea bags in one day. According to Wayman, it is the only machine of its kind on the island. Island-style flavors include passion fruit, guava ginseng and coconut macadamia herbal tea.

However, one of Wayman's flavored teas is still in the developmental phase. Each day he brews a pot of the competitor's tea in his office.

"I'm waiting for flavor technology to catch up," he said. "I'll release our recipe when I like it better [than the competitor's]."

(Editor's Note: Other local coffee companies that can be found at commissaries include: Royal Hawaiian Coffee Company, Honaunau Coffee Company, Hula Girl Coffee and Hawaiian Isles Kona Coffee Company. The Web site www.wikipedia.com was a source for this article.)



Chief executive officer shares freshness tips for perfect java brews

According to Jim Wayman, Hawaii Coffee Company president, and chief executive officer, the biggest enemies of fresh coffee are sunlight, moisture and oxygen. Wayman recommends the following for the best cup of

coffee every time:

- Keep coffee in a sealed jar, not necessarily in freezer, but definitely out of direct sunlight. When stored in this manner, coffee should stay fresh for up to a few weeks.

- If the coffee will not be used within a few weeks, it should be placed in the freezer. For each use, take the bag out of the freezer, scoop the coffee out and put it right back in the freezer. "Don't even set the bag on the counter," Wayman said.

- If the coffee thaws before it is put back in the freezer – even a little bit – it could get freezer burn, which will negatively affect the flavor.

Above — Jim Wayman, president and chief executive officer of the Hawaii Coffee Company, uses two spoons to remove a layer of grounds from four separate coffee blends during a cupping at the company's quality control lab.

Right — Wayman uses a small crane to move a bag of unroasted coffee beans to a storage bin prior to roasting.

Background Above — Roasted coffee beans are churned in a large vat prior to packaging.



August Today / Friday

SKIES— Teens 13 years and older are invited to attend a free babysitting class (from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Aug. 18) and a CPR and first aid class (from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Aug. 19) at the Aliamanu Youth Center.

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

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

Teen Social — Join friends for an evening of fun at the Schofield Barracks Teen Center and the Aliamanu Teen Center from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Admission is \$3 for members and \$4 for nonmembers, and an ID card is required.

For more information call 655-0451 (Schofield) or 833-0920 (Aliamanu)

19 / Saturday

Welcome Back to School Party — Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) families are invited to the Welcome Back to School Party at Tropics, Aug. 19 from 1 to 5 p.m. Enjoy hot dogs, hamburgers and fun for the entire family.

All branches of service are welcome to attend. Participants must register and be enrolled in EFMP. For more information call 655-4787.

23 / Wednesday

Military Idol — Who is going to be the next Hawaii Military Idol? Don't miss your opportunity to find out. Come cheer on the contestants, vote for your favorite idol and win door prizes.

The competition continues Aug. 23 at the Tropics, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. For more information, call 655-8522.

Scrapbook Workshop — Do you love to scrapbook, or want to learn? Come to the Scrapbook Workshop at the Schofield Arts and Crafts Center, Aug. 23 from 6 to 8 p.m. Tools will be available to use, and supplies will be available for purchase. Cost to register is \$5, and don't forget to bring your photos.

Both beginner and advanced scrapbookers are welcome. For more information, call 655-4202.

24 / Thursday

Texas Hold'em — Put on your best poker faces and participate in a free Texas Hold'em tournament at the Tropics, Aug. 24,



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Big guns

Although The U.S.S. Missouri's 16-inch guns are now silenced, the Missouri is not. The battleship now rests in the center of historic Pearl Harbor, serving out its new mission as a living museum and memorial, open daily 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Look for more on the Battleship Missouri in next week's edition of the *Hawaii Army Weekly*.

beginning at 6 p.m. The top 10 players will be selected to represent the Army in the Battle of the Bases tournament at Pearl Harbor Sept. 9. For more information, call 655-5698.

25 / Friday

Hawaiian Luau Lunch Buffet — Taste a traditional Hawaiian style feast today from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Hale Ikena on Fort Shafter, or 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Nehelani on Schofield Barracks. Cost is \$9.95 per person.

Call the Hale Ikena at 438-1974 or the Nehelani at 655-4466 for lunch buffet reservations or information.

Steak Night — Enjoy a sizzling steak cooked on the grill with garlic mashed potatoes, rolls and vegetables at Kolekole Bar and Grill. Dinner will be served from 5 to 8 p.m.

Cost is only \$11.95 for top sirloin steak, and children's pricing is available.

For additional information, call 655-4466.

26 / Saturday

Parents Night Out — Leave your kids with CYS at the 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. 25. Reservations are first-come, first-served. For more information, call 655-8313.

Ongoing

Pacific Teen Panel — The Aliamanu Teen Center is recruiting for two high school teens to serve on the Pacific Teen Panel for the Aliamanu and Fort Shafter area. Interested teens need to be registered, participating in Keystone Club, and volunteering eight hours at the teen center.

Teens will also participate in a monthly video teleconference with other Army Pacific Region teens. For more information, call 833-0920.

Kolekole Bar and Grill — Cool off with a cool drink at the Kolekole Bar and Grill. Enjoy darts, pool, games, karaoke and more. While you are there, don't forget to try the Tropic Lightning fries.

Come during August and you will be entered to win an iPod Nano with every visit. For more information, call 655-0664.

SKIES Driver Education — Learn to drive with SKIES at Valentine's Driving School. The session includes 32 hours of classroom instruction and six hours of behind-the-wheel time, taught by qualified instructors.

The total fee for all instruction is \$295 and must be paid at the time of registration. For more information, call 655-9818.

"Paint It & Take It" — Ceramic parties offer a unique way to celebrate get-togethers, coffees, children's birthday parties, showers or any occasion. The Arts and Crafts Center provides a varied selection of ceramic bisqueware, ready for the artist in you to paint and take home.

For more information, call 655-6330 at Schofield Barracks or call 438-1315 at Fort Shafter.

Salvage Yard Auto Sales — Fort Shafter and Schofield Barracks Salvage Yards will be sponsoring sealed bid auto sales twice a month. Bidding will end on the first and third Saturdays of each month, and the highest bidder will be notified the following day.

A minimum bid will be marked on each for sale auto. For more information, call 655-9368 at Schofield Barracks or 438-9402 at Fort Shafter.

Tropic Lightning — Enjoy a fast and hot lunch buffet, Monday through Friday, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Reggie's. Cost is \$8.95 per person. Call 655-4466 for more information.

Family Child Care — Individuals interested in caring for children in their home should inquire with the CYS, Family Child Care Program. Benefits include free training, additional income and flexible hours.

For more information, call the Aliamanu Military Reservation (AMR) Family Child Care office at 837-0236, or the Schofield Barracks Family Child Care office at 655-8373.

Information, Ticketing and Registration — Are you looking for tickets to area attractions? Visit the Information, Ticketing and Registration offices located on Schofield Barracks and Fort Shafter for a variety of tickets including luaus, cruises, whale watching adventures, Hawaiian Water Park, Sea Life Park, movie tickets, interisland packages and much more.

For additional information, call the Schofield Barracks ITR at 655-9971, the Fort Shafter ITR at 438-1985 or log onto www.mwrarmyhawaii.com. Click on ITR Ticketing and Registration for a full list of discounts at the various attractions.

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.mwrarmyhawaii.com.

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

of the Arts," an evening of food, live entertainment, art activities, and a silent auction to raise funds to build a community arts education center and performing venue. This event will take place Saturday, Aug. 26, from 6-10 p.m. at the Mililani Golf Course.

Costs are \$50 per person and \$25 for children 12 and under. Call 848-7632 for more information or visit www.oahuarts-center.org.

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 are Vivian Aiona, Paige Hemmis from ABC's "Extreme Makeover," Dr. Johnetta 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.

30 / Wednesday

Hale Kula Elementary School — Students, faculty and staff at Hale Kula are enjoying their first place win in Scholastic's National Scrapbook Contest, a \$2,500 shopping spree and a visit from author Pam Munoz Ryan, who will be at the school Aug. 30 for the entire day.

Ryan has written more than 25 books for children and young adults, which have won state literature awards and been produced as plays by Children's Theatres.

Parents and family members are invited to join in on the celebration. Events include the following:

• 8:30-9, school-wide assembly featuring a Hawaiian chant and hula done by stu-



Aliamanu (AMR) Chapel

- Catholic
Sunday, 8:30 a.m. — Mass
Sunday, 9:45 a.m. — Religious education (Sept. — May only)
- Gospel
Sunday, 11 a.m. — Sunday school (Sept. — June only)
Sunday, 12:30 p.m. — Worship service
- Protestant
Sundays, 9:45 a.m. — Worship service
Sunday, 11 a.m. — Sunday school (Sept. — June only)

Fort DeRussy Chapel 836-4599

- Catholic
Saturday, 5 p.m. — Mass in chapel (May — Aug.)
Saturday, 6 p.m. — Mass on the beach
- Protestant
Sunday, 9 a.m. — Worship service

Fort Shafter Chapel 836-4599

- Contemporary Protestant
Sunday, 9 a.m. — "The Wave" worship service

Helemano (HMR) Chapel

- Contemporary Protestant
Sunday, 10 a.m. — Worship service and children's church

Main Post Chapel 655-9307

- Catholic
Sunday, 9 a.m. — CCD & RCIA
Sunday, 10:30 a.m. — Mass
- Collective Protestant
Sunday, 9 a.m. — Worship service
Sunday, 10:30 a.m. — Sunday school
- Gospel
Sunday, 10:30 a.m. — Sunday school
Sunday, 12 p.m. — Worship service

MPC Annex, building 791

- Chalice circle
Tuesday, 7 p.m.
- Islamic prayers and study
Friday, 1 p.m.
- Buddhist
4th Sunday, 1 p.m.

Soldiers Chapel

- Catholic
Friday — Saturday, 12 p.m. — Adoration (24 hours)
- Protestant
Sunday, 9:30 a.m. — Worship service

Tripler AMC Chapel 433-5727

- Catholic
Sunday, 11 a.m. — Mass
Monday — Friday, 12 p.m. — Mass
Saturday, 5 p.m. — Mass
- Protestant
Sunday, 9 a.m. — Worship service

Wheeler Chapel

- Catholic
Saturday, 5 p.m. — Mass
- Collective Protestant
Sunday, 10:30 a.m. — Worship service and children's church



Send calendar announcements to community@hawaiiarmyweekly.com.

August 18 / Today

Admission Day — To mark Admission Day, an important day in Hawaii's history, Hawaii's Museum of Natural and Cultural History at Bishop Museum is offering half-off all admission rates, all day and night. From 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., the museum will remain open for a Family Fun Night, so families can enjoy beautiful evening eruptions of the volcano in the Science Adventure Center.

Guests can enjoy rides and slides from Heather's Inflatables, delicious food, hilarious games and engaging contests throughout the day and night.

Bishop Museum is located at 1525 Bernice Street. Fifty percent discounts are as follows: visitors, \$7.50 general admission; \$6 children, 4-12 ft seniors; local residents & military, \$4 for general and \$3.50 for children, 4-12 ft seniors. Children 3 ft and under are free. Call 847-3511 or visit www.bishopmuseum.org for more details.

Employment Orientation — An employment orientation is the first step in helping you find the job you want. Remaining August workshops are today and Aug. 25 from 9-10:30 a.m. at Army Community Service (ACS), Schofield Barracks, Building 2091. Call 655-4227 to register.

"Canstruction" — For six hours, earlier this month at Pearlridge Center, 17 teams of local architects, their staffs and building industry colleagues "canstruction" giant structures made entirely out of canned foods in

the islands' inaugural "Canstruction" competition. Then, at an awards ceremony, the event chair announced the outstanding creations in the following categories: Jurors' Favorite, Structural Integrity, Best Use of Labels, Best Meal and Honorable Mention.

Award winners will compete at the national level in those same categories, but you must vote who's your favorite between now and Aug. 27, via food donations. The structure that receives the most votes from members of the public (one can equaling one vote) will be named People's Choice Award winner.

Join the fun, Aug. 27, when structures will be "de-canstruction" and food delivered to the Hawaii Foodbank. For more information, visit www.canstruction.com.

19 / Saturday

Kailua Beach — Members of the East Oahu Lifeguard Association are looking for volunteers for their upcoming clean up at Kailua Beach, Saturday from 3-5 p.m. A prize drawing will take place at the end of the cleanup. Volunteers will have the chance to win prizes from various sponsors including Kale's Natural Foods, Ben & Jerry's and Jamba Juice.

Bags, gloves and water will be provided. To register for the beach cleanup, call Suzanne Frazer at 393-2168 or Shannon Clancy at 382-8258.

The East Oahu Lifeguard Association's motto is "Increasing Ocean Awareness, Ocean Safety and Environmental Consciousness," and the organization invites interested community members to get involved. Anyone can join, lifeguard or not, and the \$10 membership fee gets you a T-shirt and helps support beach cleanups and other EOLA efforts.

22 / Tuesday

ESL — English as a Second Language classes begin Aug. 22 and run Tuesdays and Thursdays through Nov. 21, from 8:30-11 a.m. at the Armed Services YMCA, 782 Santos Dumont Ave., Wheeler Army Air Field.

Classes are appropriate for anyone with

limited English skills and those just wishing to improve their written and grammatical skills. Registration costs \$15; call 624-5645 for more information.

23 / Wednesday

"Reading Rainforest" — Hale Kula Elementary will host its "Reading Rainforest" book fair, Aug. 23 from 1:30-4 p.m. This event will feature the Honolulu Zoo program "Zoo to You" and "The Bird Guy," Bruce McGonigal, who will bring along his tropical birds (families may pose for pictures), plus, arts and crafts, an obstacle course, a parade of rainforest animal masks made by students, and of course, the book fair will rule.

This community event is open to all. For more details, call Michelle Colte, Hale Kula librarian, at 622-6380, Extension 232.

Girl Scout Registration — Come to the Hale Kula Elementary School Cafetorium and meet the leaders of the Girl Scout's Kolekole Service Unit, Aug. 23 from 6-7 p.m. and find out what the scouts will be doing this year.

Many exciting events and activities are planned for your daughters, ages 5 through 18, whether she is just starting out or a veteran scout.

New girl scout leaders are needed. For more information, call 681-3846 or 206-7401.

Interview Tips — Does your stomach knot up at the thought of a job interview? Learn helpful hints and basic interviewing skills at a monthly workshop to cast yourself as the best candidate for any job.

Find out the most common questions, the best way to answer them, and how to close an interview session. This workshop will be held Aug. 23 at Helemano Community Center from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. To register, call the Schofield Barracks ACS at 655-4227.

26 / Saturday

Oahu Arts Center — The Oahu Arts Center announces its third annual "A Night



Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest

(PG-13)
Friday, 7 p.m.
Sunday, 7 p.m.
Thursday, 7 p.m.



The Devil Wears Prada

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

Kolekole Bar and Grill sets the scene on post

Story and Photos by
JEREMY S. BUDDMEIER
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Soldiers at Schofield Barracks looking for a place to unwind after work have a new option on post – the Kolekole Bar and Grill.

Filling the space previously occupied by Reggie's at the Nehelani Banquet and Conference Center, the Kolekole Bar and Grill has re-arranged everything from the atmosphere to the menu with Soldiers in mind.

"The lights come down and the candles come up...and under that buffet is a pool table," said Roy Yamane, Nehelani general manager.

The Kolekole has installed one 50-inch and three 42-inch plasma TVs, four auto-scoring dartboards, a digital jukebox and a karaoke machine.

Yamane said the restaurant's goal is to cater to Soldiers and provide more of a nightlife scene on post.

In addition to the atmosphere, the Kolekole chef has also spiced up the menu.

"Reggie's was a franchise, so we had to follow their menu," Yamane said. "Because this restaurant is our own, it gives us more flexibility to change the menu to suit our customers."

Though the dinner menu has been simplified and some pupus are merely entrees in smaller portions, Kolekole offers everything from gourmet local kine grinds to meat-and-potatoes staples – all with flavor that will "break da mouth," not customers' wallets.

For instance, the seafood platter, which is a medley of mahi mahi, calamari strips and shrimp – all

piled high on thick-cut fries and served with cocktail and tartar sauce, goes for \$10.95. The seafood is breaded on location, so it's not from the same ocean as the frozen fish sticks other bars serve. For \$9.95, customers can try the Furikake chicken, which fuses delicate seaweed strips, a sprinkle of sesame seeds, and hints of rich garlic undertones and a slightly sweet finish – it's just plain addicting.

Then there are the ribs. Kolekole serves a full one-pound rack of tender ribs, basted with Jack Daniels' barbecue sauce and other secret ingredients, atop a bed of thick-cut fries and with small cup of steamed cinnamon apples, which are made from scratch. At a price of \$14.95, customers won't be wanting their



"baby back, baby back" from that other place out in town anymore.

Even Soldiers with a hearty appetite will be challenged to finish the kimchee fried rice. The entrée includes two types of onions, ham, fish cake, bok choy and four hefty scoops of kimchee fried rice, all blanketed by two fried eggs. For \$7.95, it packs the most bang-for-the-buck on the menu.

On the lighter side and for the same price, customers can munch on 10 chicken wings covered in that same "secret recipe" barbecue sauce used on the ribs, or opt for something to give the taste buds

more of a tingle.

The restaurant also offers a Sunday brunch for those who have had enough (or a little too much) of the night life. For \$12.95, customers can fill up at the meat carving or omelet stations, on French toast, cobblers, fruit and continental items, and/or the waffle press.

To kick off its new look, the Kolekole Bar and Grill will be hosting a dart competition at the Right Arm Night, Sept. 15. At the last Right Arm night, the restaurant gave away a laptop and two iPods; this time Soldiers will be able to test their dart throwing mettle for a chance to win various prizes.

(Left) Barbecue ribs with steamed cinnamon apples and the Furikake chicken mix plate are just two of the entrees served at the Kolekole Bar and Grill.

Kolekole Bar and Grill
Right Arm Night, September 15
Prizes will be given away including the grand prize – U2/Pearl Jam tickets

Community Calendar

From B-2

Students and teachers

- 9-9:20, kindergarten story time
- 9:30-10:30, a chance for 50 students to meet and greet the author and ask her questions
- 10:45-12:45, book signing
- 12:50-1:15, kindergarten story time

September

1 / Friday

Employment Orientation – At this event, learn how to prepare for your job search process; get employment information on federal, state, private sector and staffing agencies; see reference materials, job listings, computers and more that are available for use at the Army Community Service (ACS) employment resource area.

A company representative may also be attending and speaking with spouses about job vacancies. Workshops will be held on Fridays in September (1, 8, 15, 22 and 29) from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at ACS Building 2091. Call 655-4227 to register.

3 / Sunday

Line Dancing – The Oahu Line Dancers invite you to learn a few steps with them at their next monthly performance of country, Latin and contemporary style of line dancing. Stepping goes from 2-4 p.m. at the Center Atrium of Aloha Tower Marketplace.

Richardson Theatre – The Army Community Theater opens its new season Sept. 7 with "Sweeney Todd," the hottest Broadway revival of 2006, with University of Hawaii music professor Larry Paxton in the title role. This show will run Sept. 7-23 at 7:30 p.m. at Richardson Theatre, Fort Shafter, with performances opening night and subsequent Fridays and Saturdays.

Tickets (including for "Annie," "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" and "Grease") are on sale at the Army Community Theater box office for the entire season.

Individual show tickets for "Sweeney Todd" are \$15-20 for adults and \$12-15 for children. Call 438-4480 or log on to www.squareone.org/ACT.

14 / Thursday

Mock Interviews – Come dressed for

an interview. Learn to answer mock interview questions from experienced recruiters. Receive a critique and advice to ace the interview.

This workshop will be held Thursday, Sept. 14, 9:30-11:30 a.m., at ACS Schofield Barracks. To register, call 655-4227.

15 / Friday

Hawaii Woodshow – The 14th Annual Statewide juried furniture and woodworking show of the Hawaii Forest Industry Association displays wood pieces from the finest woodworkers around the state. This event is designed to impart public appreciation for participating artists and materials they use and to promote the positive role of forests in our economy and ecology.

Catch the woodworking show Monday through Saturday, 12-9 p.m., or Sunday, 12-5 p.m., at the second floor Mauka Lanai of Aloha Tower Marketplace, from Sept. 15-24.

Downtown Mele – As part of Aloha Festival's Downtown Mele, come to Aloha Tower Marketplace to enjoy an evening of free family entertainment, including a fashion show, the Aloha

Boat Days Hula Show and Brittni Paiva on the Center Atrium Stage, from 6-9 p.m.

Also, Events at the Tower (old Kaponos) will host a Hawaiian Jazz stage featuring the Honolulu Jazz Quartet and Ginai. In addition, participating restaurants will also join the celebration with live entertainment and specials.

Further, don't miss Out of the West-Honolulu's roping demonstration (in front of their store) in keeping with this year's Aloha Festivals theme, "Na Paniolo Nui O Hawaii," which means "The Great Cowboys of Hawaii."

16 / Saturday

Boys & Girls Club Day – Everyone is invited for food, fun and games when Child & Youth Services, in partnership with the Boys & Girls Clubs of America, hosts its annual Boys & Girls Club Day for Kids, Sept. 16, from 1 to 4 p.m., which highlights the importance of meaningful time and relationships between caring adults and young people.

This free event takes place at two locations: the Bennett Youth Center of Schofield Barracks and the Aliamanu

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17 / Sunday

Wahiawa ArtFest – Put some art into your family's life. Bring the whole family to the Wahiawa Civic Center, across from Wahiawa Town Shopping Center, Sept. 17, for art and entertainment. Some of Hawaii's most interesting and innovative artists will showcase their work from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

ArtFest will become a regularly scheduled activity, the third Sunday of each month.

For more information, contact Walter Benavitz at 621-2094.

Admission Day celebrates Hawaii's statehood

As nation's 50th state turns 47, locals reflect on path to statehood

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August, a month not normally known for holidays, brings Hawaiian Admission Day, also known as Statehood Day, Aug. 18.

Hawaii became the 50th state on Aug. 21, 1959, and the event is celebrated as an official state holiday the third Friday of the month.

For many, statehood means more than a number; it is personal.

"Hawaii is the pinnacle of statehood; its aloha spirit serves as a reminder of what America is all about," said James R. Gapinski, a retired Navy senior chief petty officer. "I was stationed here during World War II and witnessed the many changes that Hawaii went through to become a state — both good and bad."

Despite the paradise atmosphere, many locals see the day not as a day of celebration, but as a somber, rallying day for Hawaiian independence.

"Some people say that Hawaii should have remained its own country, but I don't think that today's Hawaii would have been the same without becoming the fiftieth state," said Karla Pendagrass, a Mililani resident. "The Hawaiian culture is based on its past as well as its future [just] as our diversity has evolved from over the many years."

The possibility of statehood began back in 1893 when the monarchy of Queen Lili'uokalani was overthrown. Five years later, the

U.S. annexed the islands.

By 1919, Prince Kuhio, Hawaii's delegate to Congress, proposed the first bill to make Hawaii a state, but it died in debate. Several other attempts at statehood occurred through the mid-1930's, until a Congressional visit to the islands put the efforts on the backburner for a few years to iron out political differences.

After World War II, the newly created United Nations sought to remove Hawaii from a list of non-self governing territories, thus giving Hawaii the opportunity to become a part of the United States.

In March of 1959, the Hawaii Statehood Admission Act was passed by Congress, and by July of that year an election was held so voters could decide if Hawaii would become a state or not.

"My uncle was one of the vote counters back then," said Sam Pantagonia, Honolulu resident. "There was so much controversy as to who got to vote and if the votes really counted, but we knew that our voting meant that we took control of our future."

As votes were counted, the outcome was a sure bet, and Hawaii became the 50th state on Aug. 21, 1959.

"For the military, Hawaii becoming a state helped secure the Navy's role in the Pacific," said Gapinski. "Even before Pearl Harbor, this area was ideal for our bases. ...Having it as a state meant more funding was available to help expand the area and operations."

This year marks Hawaii's 47th anniversary as a state. A celebration will be held in front of the Iolani Palace today from 10 to 11 a.m., and the public is invited to come out and enjoy Hawaii's statehood.



A statue of King Kamehameha I greets all in front of Ali'i Lōlani Hale. It was dedicated in 1883 as part of King Kalakaua's coronation ceremony. The statue is one of three in existence; the others are located in Kohala on the island of Hawaii, and in Statuary Hall, Washington, D.C.

Hawaii State Facts and Figures

- Population: 1.2 million
- Area: 10,932 sq. miles
- Coastline: 750 sq. miles
- Highest point: 13,796 feet (Mauna Kea)
- From tip to tip, Hawaii is the widest state in the United States
- Hawaii is the most isolated population center on earth: Hawaii is 2,390 miles from California, 4,900 miles from China, 3,850 miles from Japan, and 5,280 miles from the Philippines.

Ethnicity Statistics (%)

	HI vs. Mainland	
Asian	41.8	4.2
White	26.5	80.4
Two+ races	20.1	1.5
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	9.1	0.2
Hispanic/Latino	7.9	14.1
Black	2.2	12.8

Other figures

- Hawaii is the only state that grows coffee.
- One-third of the world's commercial supply of pineapples comes from Hawaii.
- Twelve letters make up the Hawaiian alphabet (a, e, i, o, u, h, k, l, m, n, p, w).
- The eight stripes of the Hawaiian flag represent its eight islands. The flag's combination of stripes of the U.S. flag and Union Jack of Great Britain is said to have pleased the merchant shippers of both nations.

(Editor's Note: Information gathered from Web sites: www.kathyboast.com and <http://quickfacts.census.gov>)

New crack down targets drinking drivers

Penalties for Soldiers guilty of driving while intoxicated may be twice as severe on, off post

U.S. ARMY COMBAT READINESS CENTER
News Release

FORT RUCKER, Ala. — The Army is joining the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Aug. 17 through Labor Day weekend, in an effort to crackdown on drinking and driving.

In a new campaign called "Drunk Driving. Over the limit. Under arrest." the Army hopes to reduce the number of lives lost each year to accidents caused by impaired drivers — both in the Army and on the streets of the nation.

"The U.S. Army civilian and military police work closely with other agencies of the federal, state and local governments in areas such as law enforcement and safety," said Col. Eugene A. Smith, chief of operations, Office of the Provost Marshal General. "It is clearly in the best interest of the Army that our Soldiers, family members, civilians and contract employees are reminded of the dangers involved when drinking alcohol and driving vehicles."

"This campaign reinforces the message that there are real and often tragic consequences in drinking and driving."

In 2004, more than 15,000 people died in alcohol-related accidents, averaging one alcohol-related fatality every 31 minutes, or 50 people a day, according to an annual NHTSA report. Another 248,000 people have also been injured in accidents where alcohol was present, averaging one person injured about every two minutes.

The new campaign focuses on combining high-visibility enforcement with heightened public awareness.

"Local installation commanders and provost marshals [chiefs of police] will provide information to their communities through local media outlets and command channels," said Smith. "Additionally, enhanced law enforcement presence and focused enforcement operations may be conducted to generate increased community awareness during the campaign."

"Increased awareness of the possible consequences of driving drunk will cause all members



of our Army family to be more likely to consider their actions before they find themselves in a bad situation."

During the campaign, installation military police will support local law enforcement officers and implement zero-tolerance enforcement.

Each installation commander and provost marshal will evaluate their community's requirements and available resources and conduct information distribution (to heighten awareness) and focused enforcement (to deter drunk driving) as they see fit, added Smith. This approach will ensure the local

community is as fully engaged in the campaign as the civilian and military police.

Local authorities will be out in force during this campaign conducting sobriety checkpoints, saturation patrols and using undercover officers to get more drunk drivers off the road, said a state trooper. Drivers found guilty of driving impaired can face legal charges, which will have long-term consequences that will affect the rest of their lives.

Consequences for service members can amount to even greater actions.

"The penalties can be twice as bad for a Soldier who is found guilty of driving under the influence or driving while intoxicated, both on or off base," said Lt. Col. Mike Langham, command judge advocate for the U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center (USACRC).

"The Soldier may be held accountable under the Uniform Code of Military Justice as well as to the state where the offense occurred."

To date this fiscal year, the Army-wide accident fatality rate has decreased 20 percent. However, according to the USACRC, privately owned vehicles, including motorcycle accidental fatalities, account for 49 percent of overall accidental fatality loss.

"We are losing our Soldiers to accidents on the road that are preventable. That includes drunk driving," said Langham. "It is simply not worth the risk, not to yourself, your family or your country."

Army law enforcement personnel are dedicated to assisting, protecting and defending all members of the Army community, said Smith. "Participating in this campaign is a visible way to demonstrate that commitment and hopefully contribute to increased awareness of a significant threat to Army family welfare and ultimately readiness in our Army," he added.

Tricare coverage for reservists altered

Health care policies change, allow seamless transition for reservists

TRICARE MANAGEMENT ACTIVITY
News Release

FALLS CHURCH, Va. — The families of National Guardsmen and Reservists enrolled in Tricare Prime under the Transitional Assistance Management Program (TAMP) lose TAMP Prime coverage when their sponsors are recalled to active duty. Families are automatically switched to Tricare Standard, but new rules allow them to re-enroll up to 30 days after activation and keep their Prime coverage.

TAMP offers Tricare Prime coverage for 180 days to some service members leaving active duty, and their eligible family members, for a limited time. But if reserve component members are recalled to active duty, they and their families lose their eligibility for TAMP coverage and are disenrolled from Tricare TAMP Prime.

In the Defense Enrollment Eligibility System (DEERS), these service members regain active duty service status, but their family members revert automatically to Tricare Standard. Before the new rule, even if the member reenrolled them right away, Tricare Prime coverage was not reinstated right away. For example, enrollment after July 20th would not get Prime coverage reinstated until September 1st.

"That situation could cause a break in coverage, which seemed unfair to our National Guard and reserve family members," said Army Maj. Gen. Elder Granger, deputy director of Tricare Management Activity. "So I've changed the policy to allow for a seamless transition between Tricare Prime coverage under TAMP and the same coverage as an active duty family member."

The new policy authorizes a 30-day retroactive Tricare Prime enrollment period for these transitioning family members. As long as the family is re-enrolled in Tricare Prime within 30 days of the member's reactivation, the coverage will remain unchanged, with coverage retroactive to the date the sponsor was recalled to active duty.

A TAMP fact sheet explains details of this policy, at www.tricare.osd.mil/Factsheets/viewfactsheet.cfm?id=317.

About Tricare. Tricare Management Activity, the Department of Defense agency that administers the health care plan for the uniformed Services, retirees and their families, serves more than 9.2 million eligible beneficiaries worldwide.

Tricare Reserve Select health care plan open to National Guard, reservists

TRIWEST HEALTHCARE ALLIANCE
News Release

More National Guard members and Reservists may now enroll in the military's expanded health care plan, Tricare Reserve Select (TRS).

Opens season to enrollment began Aug. 1, and health care coverage can begin as early as Oct. 1.

"TRS expands the benefits to all Selected Reserve guardsmen and reservists, rather than limiting coverage to those who have been activated for more than 90 days supporting Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom, or Noble Eagle," said Joe Nortz, TriWest Healthcare Alliance's Guard and Reserve Liaison.

Under the new plan, members of the Selected

Service and their families will fall into one of three tiers:

Tier 1 is very similar to the original TRS plan and is available to those members who were activated for at least 90 days in support of a contingency operation;

Tier 2 is for members who were not activated but need coverage because they are unemployed, self-employed or do not receive health care through their employer;

Tier 3 covers those not covered under the first two tiers.

Each tier carries a different monthly premium, and eligible members may purchase member-only or member-and-family TRS coverage and members need to work through their units' personnel offices to establish eligibility before requesting TRS coverage.

Tier 1 coverage begins the first day after Transitional Assistance Management Program (TAMP) coverage ends. Coverage begins Oct. 1, 2006 for qualifying Tier 2 and 3 members with applications and payment postmarked on or before Sept. 25, or on Jan. 1, 2007, for applications postmarked Sept. 26 to Nov. 25.

TriWest will begin accepting completed requests for coverage from eligible members along with their first-month premium beginning Aug. 1.

Those members activated in support of a contingency operation and determined to be qualified for Tier 1 coverage by their service component, must enter into a service agreement no later than 90 days after deactivation from qualifying service.

They also must submit a request for TRS coverage and their first premium payment no later than 30 days prior to the end of their 180 days of Transitional Assistance Management Program (TAMP) coverage. Their TRS Tier 1 coverage begins on the 181st day after deactivation providing continuous coverage.



For more details, visit
www.triwest.com for more information.

Operation Purple bonds military youth, teenagers

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PEARL HARBOR — As summer ended this past July, so did Operation Purple, a special camp designed for military children whose parents are deployed. Sponsored by the National Military Family Association (NMFA) and Navy Region Hawaii, the Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Summer Camps Program held two, free weeklong camps that were open to all military branches: one for youth, ages 5-12, at White Plains Beach, and the other for teens, ages 13-17, at Kilauea Military Camp on the Big Island.

The activities at Operation Purple set it apart from other camps. "We went to all the bases and learned about the Navy Seals," said an excited Chellea Perryman, 11, when asked about her favorite camp experience.

Mid-July, the Youth Operation Purple Camp embarked on a variety of field trips to different military bases. Children visited the Navy Seals dive team, saw the new Stryker vehicles, witnessed a dog team demonstration and toured a C-17 plane. These trips gave kids a broader understanding of their active duty parents' working environment.

A psychologist was available to help children express their feelings towards their parents' deployment. This talk allowed children to become more open to their emotions and helped them to cope with the changes in their lives. In addition, being away from their families for an extended period of time, the psychologist said, gave children an opportunity to grow.

"Sometimes we were so focused on the deployment aspect, we didn't actually realize it would be a growing opportunity for them, because the six to seven year olds, it was a big challenge for them," said Zachary Nicks, Operation Purple



Photos by Zachary Nicks | Navy Region Hawaii, MWR

Operation Purple campers learn about the missions and functions of the USCGC Jarvis during their tour of the station at Sand Island.

coordinator.

By the end of the week, Nicks noticed that many children enjoyed the experience so much that they didn't want to go back home.

For the Teen Operation Purple Camp, participants were flown to the Big Island in late July. Teens visited and experience the island's attractions. They walked through the lava tubes and saw evidence of the Big Island's active volcano. Participants found interesting ways to use their time between activities.

"They really liked the bus rides," said Shari Onizuka, Operation Purple coordinator for the teens camp. "Our rides were kind of long from Hilo to Kona, so they had a lot of time to bond."

"[The camp] puts things in perspective," said Payton Borchert, 16. "It showed other people that they're not the only one with de-

ployed parents."

A psychologist assisted teens as well, by providing group activities and counseling, which proved to be effective.

"It was his [Payton's] first trip to the Big Island. They kept him busy and opened him up to talk," said Pam Borchert, Payton's mother. "He's not one to show emotion or confide in anyone, [but] I saw a change."

Operation Purple for both children and teens offered a variety of opportunities to grow and bond. The campers came out of the experience not only with a renewed perspective, but also with a supportive network of friends.

"She made more friends coming from the housing area," said Michelle Perryman, Chellea's mother. "She didn't know them before, but now she has friends for life."

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To learn more about Operation Purple, visit www.NMFA.org.



Operation Purple camp counselor Becky Hughes (center), along with several 6- to 8-year-old campers from Oahu's Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force and Coast Guard communities, visit the Sand Island Coast Guard's USCGC Jarvis.



August

20 / Sunday

Bowling Tournament — A “5 Game, No Tap” tournament will be held at the Schofield Bowling Center, Aug. 20. Check-in is at 1 p.m., and the cost is \$20. Call 655-0573 for more information.

25 / Friday

Intramural Flag Football — Applications for Army Hawaii Men's Intramural Flag Football League are due Aug. 25. The company-level intramural season runs Sept. 7 through Dec. 1. For more information, call the Sports Office at 655-0856 or 655-0101.

Ongoing

Golf for Food and Fun — A “Golf for Food and Fun” event is held every Tuesday at Nagorski Golf Course, Fort Shafter. Tee times are 2:30 to 5 p.m., and cost is \$22 per person for riding and \$17 per person for walking (which includes 9-hole green fees, par 3 prizes, pupus for four people, a pitcher of 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, participating students

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 player, iPod shuffle, video games and prizes from the Schofield and Fort Shafter bowling centers.

For more information, call 655-0573 (Schofield) or 438-6733 (Fort Shafter).

Hatha Yoga — Relish the traditional approach to yoga that aids relaxation, and strengthening and lengthening muscles. Techniques can be modified based upon an individual's skill level.

Sessions will be held Wednesday at 5 p.m. and Saturdays at 8 a.m. at the Schofield Barracks Health and Fitness Center. Call 655-8007 for more details.

Trampoline and Gymnastics — SKIES Unlimited is partnering with Hawaii Academy to offer a military discount program for trampoline and gymnastics programs. Hawaii Academy offers a variety of programs including parent-tot and preschool classes; an Essential Skills program; Flexibility, Fitness and Gymnastics programs; Special Education programs, and Trampoline and Power Tumbling programs.

Discount cards can be picked up at CYS registration offices. For more information, call 655-9818.

Cosmic Bowling — Experience bowling with a twist. Lights are dimmed, upbeat music is turned on, and the room becomes illuminated in glowing lights.

Cosmic Bowling runs every Wednesday at Wheeler Bowl. Cost is \$1.50 per game and \$1 for shoe rental. Call 656-1745 for more information.

Scuba Club — Join the Scuba Club for only \$7 a month and get free air fills and a 10 percent discount on all your scuba equipment rentals. Tank rentals come with “unlimited air” during the rental period. For more information, call 655-0143.



Send community announcements to community@hawaiiarmyweekly.com.

August

20 / Sunday

Hiking the Iliahi Ridge — Hikers can enjoy the scenery of Iliahi Ridge when the Hawaiian Trail and Mountain club tackles a five-mile, intermediate-level course, Aug. 20, beginning at 8 a.m. This hike is meant to be savored, so participants could miss a turn or two if they do not keep up.

If you're interested in attending, call coordinator Larry Lee at 263-4690. A \$2 donation is requested from nonmembers older than 18, and children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

Hikers should bring lunch and water, wear sturdy shoes and clothing, and give extra caution on some trails. Firearms, pets, radios and other audio devices are prohibited.

25 / Friday

Hunter Education — The Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources offers classes on various subjects, such as archery safety, survival and first aid, wildlife identification and conservation, and more, every month at the Nimitz Center, 2nd Floor, 1130 North Nimitz Hwy., Classroom A-212A. The next class is Aug. 25 from 5:45 to 10 p.m. and Aug. 26 from 7:45 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Classes are open to anyone 10 years and older who enjoys the outdoors, and attendance at both sessions is required for certification. All students must provide a picture ID at the door. Call 587-0200 to pre-register.

26 / Saturday

Annual Ocean Mile Swim — Duke's Canoe Club hosts the 2006 OceanFest to benefit the Outrigger Duke Kahanamoku Foundation. The ocean mile swim will begin at 9 a.m.

on the beachfront of Duke's Waikiki.

Plaques and certificates will be presented to the top three finishers in each category. All participants will receive a 2006 Duke's Ocean Mile Swim T-shirt.

A \$25 entry fee applies, and if space allows, late entries will be accepted for a \$30 registration fee. For entry forms or more information, call Diane at 955-3534 or visit www.dukefoundation.org.

Paws on the Path — Want to be part of a hiking club for people and their dogs? Join the club Saturday, Aug. 26 for a hike through Likeke Trail, Kaneohe. This trail leads to a waterfall and a lovely place to rest.

The trailhead is located off Kamehameha Hwy. in Kaneohe. Turn left on Kionaole, which is the road to Koolau Golf Course. Pass the golf course to the end of the road and park.

Bring towels and a snack and water for people and dogs. Hikers and dogs should arrive at 8:30 a.m. to begin the hike at 9 a.m.

The hike is fairly level and takes about an hour and a half. Bring a snack and water for people and dogs. For more information, contact Liza Souza at 356-2217 or go online to <http://calendar.gohawaii.com/>.

September

8 / Friday

GiRLFeST Surfing — Girls of all ages are invited to join the fun at the GiRLFeST surfing workshops, Sept. 8 & 9 and Sept. 15 & 16 at White Plains Beach, near Barbers Point.

Surfing is a great way for young ladies to gain confidence and independence, and these workshops will teach the ins and outs of surfing, etiquette, ocean safety and proper technique.

Register by visiting www.girlswhosurf.com/register/girlfest. Cost is \$30 for participants ages 17 and under, and \$40 for ages 18 and over. For more information, call 221-7316.

17 / Sunday

Streetball Classic — Hot Sauce, the world-recognized number one streetballer brings “The Killer Crossover Tour Streetball Classic” to Hawaii.

You'll see broken ankles and monster dunks as Hot Sauce and his team take on the Hawaii Streetballer Allstars.

Games will be held Sunday, Sept. 17, 5 to 8 p.m., at the Blaisdell Arena on Ward Avenue. Ticket prices start at \$17.50 and can be purchased at the Blaisdell box office or any Ticketmaster location.

23 / Saturday

Rodeo Finale — Don't miss the Hawaii Women's Rodeo Association's grand finale rodeo event, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at New Town & Country Stables in Waimanalo. This event will feature the state's top riders in Hawaii.

Barrel racing, pole-bending, break-away roping, calf-mugging, goat-tying and, for the first time, mixed barrels, which will pit men against women. Tickets are \$5 in advance. Call 224-9875 to arrange purchase, or pay \$6 at the gate. Parking is \$2 per vehicle.

Ongoing

Golfers Wanted — Are you looking for a golf group? Military or civilian golfers interested in playing golf on Sunday mornings at Leilehua Golf Course should call 347-8038 or 375-3322. Tee time is usually before 8 a.m.

Bike Hawaii — Join Bike Hawaii's professional nature guides and explore Oahu from the rainforest to the reef. Packages can include downhill biking, waterfall hiking and sailing off Waikiki with exclusive access to a remote Hawaiian rainforest.

Delicious meals are included. For more information or to schedule your adventure, call 734-4214, toll free 1-877-682-7433, or go online at www.bikehawaii.com.

Honolulu Marathon Clinic — Looking to get in shape and run a marathon? Join the free Honolulu Marathon Clinic, led by Dr. Jack Scaff and his trained staff. The clinic meets Sundays at 7:30 a.m. at Kapiolani Park at 3833 Paki Avenue.

The clinic stresses slow, recreational running, for beginners and walkers. Its focus is training to finish the Honolulu Marathon in December. For more information, call 655-4692.

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