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CSA & wife address isle family readiness

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FORT SHAFTER — Army Chief of Staff Gen. George W. Casey Jr. and his wife, Sheila, witnessed the immediate impact of new family support initiatives here, Friday.

Last month, Casey and Secretary of the Army Pete Geren directed that \$100 million be applied to Army-wide family readiness programs. Included in the order was the immediate hiring of 703 Family Readiness Support Assistants (FRSA) for active-duty units, 181 assistants for Reserve units and 127 for National Guard units.

"The administrative load on our FRG (Family Readiness Group) volunteers is too much to handle," said Sheila Casey. "The feedback we're getting is that the Family Readiness Group Assistants are a blessing and we owe it to our families to do everything we can for them."

The FRSA's will be hired regionally at first, and will gradually become available to each deploying battalion. Commanders have the flexibility to tailor the duties of FRSA's to best support unit needs. However, FRSA duties typically include preparing pre-deployment or redeployment activities, de-



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Army Chief of Staff Gen. George W. Casey Jr., and his wife, Sheila, listen to Jo Ann Ichimura's comments about child care, Friday.

veloping unit newsletters, coordinating family readiness training, and serving as a link between garrison support agencies and the unit.

The \$100 million is expected to fund more than 50 programs and activities sup-

porting Army families. About \$20 million of that will go to child care, according to Gen. Casey.

"I've asked the Fort Shafter CDC (Child Development Center) if they've seen the impact of that money here and they've said

they had. They have received money for extended hours and additional pre-care," Casey said.

Garrison commanders now have the authority to expand family support services through such ways as reducing fees and extending Child and Youth Services, expanding child care to help custodial parents and guardians, and tapping into off-post child care for geographically dispersed families.

The focus on Army families is just beginning, according to Casey, who said \$4 billion will be designated for family readiness groups over the next five years.

"The intent is to signal to everybody that we've heard you and we're listening," he said. "We're going to make sure we are resourcing family programming at the level it's going to take to help our families and our Soldiers, who are pushed by the accumulative stress of numerous deployments."

"I understand what the families are going through," added Sheila Casey, who was recently separated from her husband for 32 months of deployment. "I want everyone to know that we are listening and hearing and doing everything we can to help make their lives easier. Help is on the way."



Celebration ops

After a full year of deployment, Task Force Diamond Head celebrates its accomplishments in Tikrit, Iraq

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Stand down for safety's sake

The USAG-HI Safety Office welcomes two- and four-wheeled motorists to its safety standown Thursday, Aug. 16, at the Wheeler Army Air Field Gulch.

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Family focus

Join the fellowship at Family Deployment Night, Wednesday evening, Aug. 15, at Schofield's Main Post Chapel.

In addition, Army Hawaii Family Housing welcomes new residents to its orientation Saturday, Aug. 18, at the Kalakaua Community Center.

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Veteran and novice baby sitters brush up on techniques and first aid, as part of the new child care policy on post

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8th TSC deploys to Middle East

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A ceremony held at Schofield Barracks, Friday, marked the beginning of deployment for the 8th Human Resources Sustainment Command (HRSC), 82nd Engineer Company, 552nd Military Police Company and 728th Military Police Battalion.

The unit deployment window for 8th Theater Sustainment Command (TSC) begins in August and continues through the end of the year.

Blue skies, softened by white clouds wafting over central Oahu, offered little respite from the perfect mid-morning sun that shone on the more than 360 Soldiers standing at parade rest on Sills Field.

Col. Mark MacCarley, deputy commanding general, 8th TSC, hosted the brief morning ceremony. He began his remarks by saying, "I believe the only appropriate words that you, in front of me, want to hear this morning are these:

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Capt. Justin R. Pabis, (left) company commander, 82nd Engineer Company, and Sgt. 1st Class Howard T. Graham, company first sergeant, case their unit colors during the 8th TSC deployment ceremony, Friday.

8th HRSC activates at Schofield Barracks

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FORT SHAFTER — The 8th Human Resources Sustainment Center (HRSC), now in the process of deploying to Southwest Asia, held its activation ceremony, Aug. 1, at Schofield Barracks' Sills Field.

A year in the making, the human resources unit of the 8th Theater Sustainment Command (TSC) began forming last September, as part of the Army's transformation program for redesigning the delivery of personnel services to support Army troops that rapidly deploy anywhere in the world.

The 8th HRSC was formed with elements of the 8th Personnel Command, which was part of the 8th Army in Korea, before it was reformed and re-stationed in Hawaii as part of U.S. Army, Pacific's 8th TSC.

The 83 Soldiers of the 8th HRSC form one of only two units of its kind in the active Army, according to Sgt. Maj. Ben Cavazos of 8th HRSC. It provides oversight, technical guidance and support to human resources companies and teams, which in turn provide personnel administration services, mail collection and distribution, and casualty liaison teams to li-



Sgt. Maj. Ben Cavazos | 8th Human Resources Sustainment Center

Soldiers from all five divisions are represented in 8th HRSC's color guard during the activation ceremony. Pictured, from left, are Spc. Theresa Allen, Staff Sgt. David Coffelt, Spc. James Jones, Sgt. Daniel Geisel, and Staff Sgt. Stephen Archuleta.

ason teams to deployed combat forces.

Cavazos said the unit worked well as a team, including during training at Fort Jackson, S.C.; Fort McClellan, Ala.; and Fort Bragg, N.C.

"Sixteen of our Soldiers re-enlisted in a ceremony last Friday, just before the deployment ceremony. That meant a lot to me, as it was a strong en-

dorsement that we are doing well as a unit," Cavazos said.

As part of the activation ceremony, which was delayed until the unit was fully trained and staffed, the 8th HRSC publicly displayed its proposed shoulder sleeve insignia and distinctive unit insignia, for the first time. The insignia are pending Army approval for use by 8th HRSC Soldiers.

Army, Navy team up to move Strykers

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News Release

PEARL HARBOR — While the Black Knights and Midshipmen go nose to nose on the gridiron each December, last week's load out of Army equipment here was more about inter-service teamwork than competition.

The Army's new 8th Theater Sus-

tainment Command, with support from the 599th Transportation Group, teamed up with the Navy Fleet and Industrial Supply Center to load the 25th Infantry Division's 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team (2nd SBCT) equipment and Strykers for movement to California for training.

Once in California, the 2nd SBCT, supported by units of the 8th TSC,

will undergo their final qualifications and combat readiness tests before deploying to Iraq.

From July 31 through Aug. 5, the Army teamed up with the Navy to complete the largest single movement of a brigade's war-fighting inventory in years, according to Peter Pappalardo Jr., a marine cargo specialist here.

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Tripler ensures focus is healing

MINDY ANDERSON

Tripler Army Medical Center Public Affairs

At no time in history has there been fewer fatalities from wounds sustained on the battlefield.

Tripler Army Medical Center (TAMC) continues to place tremendous emphasis on taking care of its Wounded Warriors through its Army Medical Action Plan (AMAP). The AMAP identifies requirements specific to Wounded Warriors for the sole purpose of offering the very best care to those who have sacrificed most.

In support of AMAP, TAMC activated the Warrior Transition Unit at Schofield Barracks Sills Field, June 15.

Keys to continued success focus on medical treatment and recovery, physical medicine, mental health, and occupational therapy, as Soldiers transition from battlefield injury to recovery.

"They come here because this is where they were born and raised, and we, the Army, place them with their family and ... find them the nearest treatment facility to provide that care," said Sgt. Maj. David Vreeland, Troop Command, TAMC. "It's very challenging, we're doing a great job and I think the Army made a great decision to consolidate this and allow the Medical Command to take charge," he said.

Although TAMC was not implicated in the Walter Reed Army Medical Center scandal six months ago, the scandal did bring about significant improvements throughout the military.

"The Walter Reed thing was really a wake up call to allow the Army leadership to say, 'What are we doing for our warriors?'" said Col. Derick Ziegler, chief of staff, TAMC. "They've made significant sacrifices for their country and I think this is the recognition from the Army leadership to say 'Absolutely, our warriors deserve the very best.'"

The Army continues to lead military medicine from point of injury to full recovery. TAMC wants to reinforce to its Soldiers, their families and community the initiatives implemented to support Warriors in Transition as they move through our health care system.

One example is Sgt. Tony Wood. Wood was the sole survivor when three roadside bombs struck his vehicle in Iraq. His gunner and driver were killed.

"The sole reason for the [Warrior Task Unit] being here is to heal us and take care of us, and the care I have received has been outstanding," Wood said. "Three months ago, I could only dream of going back to being a military police officer again, but now I'm doing what I love again. I just couldn't feel better. I'm stoked!"

"We feel in the Medical Command that big Army has made a decision that if we have command and control authority of a Soldier, not only to deliver quality patient care and rehabilitation therapy, but to actually see them through the medical board process, we can make this an easier transition for them," Vreeland said. "Taking care of Soldiers — that's our business."



Army Chief of Staff Gen. George W. Casey Jr. meets with Pvt. 2 Richard J. Pow, 1-27th Inf. Regt., while at Tripler Army Medical Center, Friday.

We want to hear from you...

The Hawaii Army Weekly welcomes articles from Army organizations, announcements from the general public about community events of interest to the military community, and letters and commentaries.

If you have newsworthy ideas or stories you'd like to write, coordinate with the managing editor at 655-4816, or e-mail editor@hawaiiarmyweekly.com.

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269 days since last fatal accident

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

A division training holiday will be awarded for the next 100 consecutive days with no accidental fatalities. Current as of 8/8/07.

Commander's Corner

School success requires effort

LT. COL. MARK C. BOUSSY
 Commander, U.S. Army Garrison, Oahu

In a military community, the summer months typically mean transition for many families, and our Army Community in Hawaii is no different. First, let me welcome all our new Soldiers and families to Hawaii. As I am sure you are quickly discovering, Hawaii is a great place to work and live.

As the summer draws to a close, many of our on-post schools are preparing to welcome back students to the classroom. This month's Commander's Corner focuses on back-to-school reminders and highlights two new programs — the Deployment Resource Team and the Parent-to-Parent program — both supported by the Army through the Child and Youth Services Division.



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Child Safety

Child safety is a priority in our Army Communities. Please remember that children less than 10 years of age cannot be left unsupervised at a bus stop and cannot walk to school alone. Children less than 10 years of age must be escorted by a parent or sibling 12 years of age or older. Policy memorandum USAG-HI 34, Child Supervision Policy for Army Installations in Hawaii, states the conditions under which children must be supervised.

For the safety of your child, please ensure this policy is strictly adhered to. Additionally, Soldiers serving as crossing guards are positioned at certain school intersections before and after school hours to ensure children cross the street safely. I ask that you cooperate at all times with the crossing guards. Let's ensure we all do our part to keep our keiki (children) safe.

School Bus Passes

Children who need to ride the bus to

school must purchase a bus pass for the use of this service. Because the Hawaii Department of Education (DOE) leases the use of private buses, there is a cost to student riders. Unlike some states that own their bus fleet, the Hawaii DOE contracts bus companies to transport students to and from school. The one-way bus trip averages \$.35 per trip. However, parents can purchase round-trip passes at a cost of \$31.50 for a school quarter or \$119.70 for the entire school year.

Deployment Resource Team

With the pending redeployment of the 25th Infantry Division Soldiers serving in Iraq and the upcoming deployment of the 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, military children are continuing to experience the stress and challenges of separating and reuniting with parents. Education issues may arise that require the attention and support of the DOE, military community, education and mental health specialists, and parents.

For deployment information and support, the School Liaison Office partners with various community experts who make up a Deployment Resource Team (DRT).

This team provides information and resources to school staff and military families. The DRT members include: a school liaison officer, director of marriage and family therapy, director of adolescent substance abuse counseling services (ASACS), a military family life consultant (MFLC), and a domestic violence prevention specialist from Army Community Service (ACS).

To learn more about the DRT team, contact the School Liaison Office at 655-9818.

Parent-to-Parent

To assist parents in keeping their children's academic development on track and support their social and emotional needs, the Department of Defense has contracted the Military Child Education Coalition, a nonprofit organization, to develop the Parent-to-Parent program operating under the umbrella of Child

and Youth services.

This program consists of a group of committed individuals who offer interactive training and workshops designed to create and enhance parental awareness of important school transition issues. Parent-to-Parent offers relevant information to assist parents in becoming their child's best educational advocate.

For more information regarding the Parent-to-Parent program contact Karmin Solomon at 664-1726 or e-mail her at schofieldparent2parent@yahoo.com.

Parental involvement is key to a child's successful educational experience. I encourage the chain of command to assist your Soldiers to support their children's education by allowing Soldiers time to meet with teachers and school officials during normal duty and school hours. The successful education of a child takes a commitment by our entire community.

For many years, the Army in Hawaii has enjoyed a long-standing relationship with the Hawaii Department of Education, and I look forward to continuing this positive working relationship with our parents, the DOE and the community at large. Keep the lines of communication open and seek out the resources available to you and your children. Enjoy the new school year!

For more information regarding educational support programs, contact the School Liaison Office at 655-9818 and www.mwrarmyhawaii.com/cys/cyslia.asp. For more information on Hawaii Schools, visit www.doe.k12.hi.us and click on the Aloha Military Families and Students link.

For more information regarding community issues, contact the Oahu North Community director's office at 655-0497, if you reside on Schofield Barracks, Wheeler, or Helemano.

Contact the Oahu South Community director's office at 438-6996, if you reside on Fort Shafter, Tripler or Aliamanu. My staff will be happy to assist you.

DES Straight Talk

'Click It or Ticket' saves many lives

A ticket for a seat belt violation could be a blessing in disguise

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Nothing spoils a day like getting a traffic citation, but it all comes to an end when someone is killed in a car crash because he or she was not wearing a seat belt. Seat belts save lives.

Seat belts clearly save lives, but unfortunately too many folks still need a tough reminder. So, the military police are going to be out in force, buckling down on those who are not buckling up, reminding drivers of the importance of seat belt and child-passenger restraint laws, and encouraging proper use in every vehicle. It's important to remember that every person buckled up could be a life saved.

The federal magistrate and Hawaii state seat belt laws require all front seat occupants to buckle up, plus back seat passengers under the age of 18.

Violators of seat belt laws will be assessed a \$92 fine. The federal magistrate and Hawaii state laws also require children under 4 years old to ride in a child safety seat.

Violators of the child passenger restraint law may be assessed a fine between \$100 and \$500, depending upon the number of offenses. That's right, a ticket for every child under the age of 18 who is not in a car seat or restraint.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) observational seat belt studies, nearly one in five Americans — 19 percent nationally — still fails to regularly wear a seat belt when driving or riding in a motor vehicle.

Drivers who are the least likely to buckle up are nighttime drivers, young males and teenagers. Men, especially younger men, are much less likely to buckle up.

In 2005, 67 percent of male drivers and 74 percent of male passengers, ages 18-34, who were killed in crashes were not wearing their seat belts.

According to NHTSA, in 2005 more than 15,000 passenger vehicle occupants died in traffic crashes between the hours of 6 p.m. and 5:59 a.m., and 59 percent of those passenger vehicle occupants killed were not wearing their seat belts at the time of the fatal crash.

The proportion of unbuckled seat belt deaths at night is considerably higher than — and nearly as alarming — as the 44 percent of passenger vehicle occupants who were not wearing their seats belts and were killed during daytime hours across the nation in 2005.

National statistics have shown that seat belt use is the single most effective thing drivers can do to protect themselves in a traffic crash. Thirty-nine lives in Hawaii could have been saved last year if vehicle occupants had been buckled up at the time of the accident.

Without a doubt, regular seat belt use is the single most effective way to protect people and reduce fatalities in motor vehicle crashes.

Unless you want to risk a ticket, or worse, your life, you need to always remember to wear your seat belt day and night.



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Quotable

"There's no doubt that the early period of the deployment, when people are gaining an understanding of the environment, is the most dangerous."

Col. Steven Mains

Director, Center for Army Lessons Learned (CALL), Fort Leavenworth, Kan., regarding new CALL Leader's Handbook #07-27, available at <http://call.army.mil>.

LIGHTNING SPIRIT

Humble beginnings are only one part of God's larger plan

CHAPLAIN (LT. COL.) GRANT JOHNSON
 Resource Manager, Installation Chaplains Office

There is a story that comes from the hills of Tennessee. A distinguished white-haired man was moving from table to table visiting with the guests in a Gatlinburg, Tenn. restaurant.

"Hi, I'm Ben. Where are you folks from?" Dr. Fred Craddock, a famous preacher answered, "Oklahoma."

"Splendid state, although I've never been there," the stranger said. "What do you do for a living?"

"I teach homiletics at the graduate seminary of Phillips University."

"Oh, so you teach preachers how to preach, do you? Well, I've got a story to tell you."

And with that, the gentleman pulled up his chair and sat down at the table with Dr. Craddock and his wife.

"I was born not far from here across the mountains. My mother wasn't married when I was born, so I had a pretty hard time. When I started to school, my classmates had a name for me and it wasn't a very nice name.

"I used to go off by myself at recess and

lunchtime because the things they said to me cut me so deep. What was worse was going to town on Saturday afternoon and feeling like every eye was burning a hole through me, wondering just who my father was.

"When I was about 12 years old, a new preacher came to our church. I would always go in late and slip out early, but one day the preacher said the benediction so fast I got caught and had to walk out with the crowd. I could feel every eye in the church on me.

"Just about the time I got to the door I felt a big hand on my shoulder. I looked up and the preacher was looking right at me.

"Who are you, son? Whose boy are you?" he asked.

"I felt this big weight was coming down on me. It was like a black cloud. Even the preacher was putting me down. But as he looked down at me, studying my face, he began to smile a big smile of recognition.

"Wait a minute!" he said, 'I know whose

boy you are, you are son of a great person and God is your father!"

The story goes on to say how 'Ben' realized that he was God's son. Even though he did not know who his earthly father was, he could always call on God to be his own father.

Ben now felt a love that he had not experienced before — it was the love of acceptance. Ben began a new relationship as a son of the king and was warmly welcomed and accepted by the preacher and the entire church community. They all realized that Ben was a special son of a king.

This encounter at church opened a door in Ben's heart that he soon gave his heart to Christ and began his personal relationship with Jesus Christ as his personal Savior.

Ben, the distinguished gentleman visiting and talking story with Dr. Craddock and his wife, was Ben Hooper, the governor of the grand state of Tennessee.

God can transform the most lowly, unloved circumstances into blessings for us. There is a place in our souls that only God can fulfill our inner spiritual lives. Ben found the love of acceptance and it was a transforming event in his life.

We need to give God a chance to work in our lives as well. The scripture puts it this way, "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose" (Romans 8:28, NIV).

God has a special calling for you and me. God wants us and waits for us to reach out to him to begin this marvelous journey of life and faith. The scripture is very rich in the following passages in Romans about the calling, enabling, pre-ordaining and empowering work that God does in you and me.

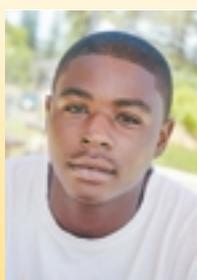
God has a plan for us. God had a plan for Ben Hooper, and his humble beginnings were just part of a greater story yet to unfold in Ben's life.

Take the gift of hope away from this article today. God has a special calling in your life and has a plan for you. God will help you to realize the full potential and fulfillment you yearn for in this life.

"Yes, I know whose child you are, you are the child of a great person, and God is your father!"



Johnson



"X-Box 360."

Spc. Scott Robert Allen
 1-27th Inf. Regt.
 Tanker



"The airplane."

Chief Warrant Officer 2 Mark Layne
 2-25th Aviation
 Pilot



"The Internet."

Pvt.2 Philip Montgomery
 1-14th Inf. Regt.
 Infantryman



"Toilet paper."

Spc. Clay Pool
 1-14th Inf. Regt.
 Stryker Driver



"The wheel."

Steffan Shade
 Family Member

Voices of Lightning: What invention has made the most lasting impression on mankind?

Education Front

P2P cadre empowers parents as child’s best advocate

KARMIN SOLOMON AND JENNIFER JAMES
Army School Liaison Office

How many times does a military child move between kindergarten and twelfth grade? On average, the number settles somewhere around nine times.

How does all that transition affect the academic success of our children? What can parents do to keep their students on track academically and support their children’s social and emotional needs during these challenging times?

The Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC) has commissioned a new Parent-to-Parent team to provide answers to these questions and many more for the military parents on and around Schofield Barracks.

MCEC is a private, nonprofit organization that promotes partnerships between military installations and surrounding school districts. The focus of Parent-to-Parent, which is funded by the Department of the Army,

and falls under the Child and Youth Services umbrella, is to empower military parents to become their child’s best advocate.

The Schofield Barracks Parent-to-Parent cadre is a team of select individuals committed to the mission of serving and training parents of military-connected children by developing and presenting interactive, research-based workshops. These workshops are designed to enhance skills, provide strategies and create awareness about the importance of being prepared for school transitions.

The team has developed workshops that focus on the importance of early literacy; the benefits of open communication between students, parents and school; how to prepare your child for kindergarten and tips to make school transitions as smooth as possible.

The Parent-to-Parent cadre partners with the School Liaison Office to enhance outreach efforts in order to provide transition assistance information to parents and children who need it.

The upcoming school year will bring many new and exciting presentations on topics such as, “Getting the Most out of Homework” and “How to Chart Your Course,” which outlines MCEC’s research based view on the course load a middle or high school student can take to ensure future academic success.

The Parent-to-Parent initiative provides timely and relevant information to enhance the parents’ knowledge and gives parents the skills to be their child’s best advocate, not only for immediate transitions, but also throughout their child’s school years.

For more information on Parent-to-Parent and the wide variety of workshops the cadre partners provide, send an e-mail to schofieldparent2parent@yahoo.com or contact team leader Karmin Solomon at 384-9183.

Registration opens for religious education classes at Schofield, Shafter

Soldiers and family members can register for religious education classes at the Schofield Barracks and Fort Shafter communities.

Schofield Barracks community

Sunday School and Wednesday Family Deployment Night (5:30 – 8 p.m.) registration times:

- Sundays, Aug. 12–26, at Wheeler Chapel, after the 9 a.m. Protestant service and noon Gospel service.
- Mondays & Wednesdays, from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., beginning Aug. 13, at the Schofield Barracks Main Post Chapel Religious Education Office.

Classes begin Sunday, Sept. 9, from 10:30–11:30 a.m., at the Schofield Barracks Main Post Chapel Religious Education Annex.

Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) & Sacramental Classes registration times:

- Sundays, Aug. 19–Sept. 9, at Wheeler Chapel, after the 10:30 a.m. Mass.
- Mondays & Wednesdays, from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., beginning Aug. 20, at the Schofield Barracks Main Post Chapel Religious Education Office.

Classes begin Sunday, Sept. 16, from 9–10 a.m., at the Schofield Barracks Main Post Chapel Religious Education Annex.

Fort Shafter community

Sunday School, Academy of Discipleship (Adults) & Tuesday Family Night (5:30 – 8 p.m.) registration times:

- Sundays, July 29–Sept. 2, at Aliamanu Military Reservation (AMR) Chapel, after the 9:45 a.m. Protestant Service,

and from 12:15–12:45 p.m., prior to the Gospel Service.

- Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays, from 9 a.m.– 1 p.m., beginning July 30, at the AMR Chapel. Classes begin Sunday, Sept. 9, from 11:15 a.m. –12:15 p.m. at the AMR Chapel.

CCD & Sacramental classes & Tuesday Family Night registration times:

- Sundays, July 29–Sept. 9, at the AMR Chapel, after the 8:30 a.m. Mass.
- Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays, from 9 a.m.–1 p.m., beginning July 30, at the AMR Chapel. Classes begin Sunday, Sept. 16, from 9:45–10:45 a.m., at the AMR Chapel.

For more information, call 655-9307 (Schofield Barracks), or 839-4319 (AMR Chapel).

Noted journalist shares leadership tips at Officers Call

BILL MCPHERSON

516th Signal Brigade Public Affairs

FORT DERUSSY — Young lieutenants and seasoned colonels alike hung on the words of a veteran who served in Korea and Vietnam at a recent officer professional development class dealing with the topic of military leadership.

Richard Halloran, an award-winning writer and journalist, received several "Hoo-ahs" when he introduced himself as "an Army veteran who used to jump out of airplanes" to a crowd of 50 Signal Corps officers at the Fort DeRussy Chapel, July 26.

Halloran, who pens a weekly column, "The Rising East," concerning U.S.-Asian relations for publications in both regions (including the Sunday Honolulu Advertiser), spent 20 years writing for The New York Times, and also wrote the Washington Post and Business Week. He has authored six books and has won the Gerald R. Ford prize for national defense reporting.

Halloran shared vignettes of military leadership styles he has seen over the years, both when he was a Soldier and later as a journalist interviewing generals and admirals.

One of Halloran's commanders at the 82nd Airborne Division, affectionately known as Col. "Coal Bin" Willy because he directed the unit's coal bins be literally squared straight, told his officers to pay attention to detail.

"That has always stood me in good stead my whole career," Halloran said. "The colonel also told his officers that he had never given a direct order in his life. Instead, he advised us to persuade Soldiers that you are right, and they will accept that and follow."

"One week, Colonel Coal Bin would be at the motor pool, squaring it away, and the next week he would be at the mess hall, squaring it away, and the next looking at shaping up the lawns," Halloran recalled. "He was meticulous at drills and ceremonies, and our unit was always complimented as being the best at division parades. He started to understand why he was all over us about attention to detail."

Halloran said good commanders always watch out for their Soldiers. He said while covering Korea in the late 1960s, he learned that a mess hall was closing one night and the mess sergeant refused to serve a Soldier arriving late from guard duty.

"When General Hank 'Gunfighter' Emerson found out, he chewed out the battalion, company and

mess officers and said that never again would one of his Soldiers go to bed hungry," Halloran said. "Word of that flew around the camp, and there was little the Soldiers would not do for him after that."

Halloran recounted his experiences aboard a Los Angeles class submarine at sea. The captain of the ship encouraged the crew to speak up if anything seemed askew. One day the captain ordered "up periscope" and a young lieutenant said, "Sir, urgently request you

belay that order."

It turned out we were submerged too deep, and the periscope would have bent from the pressure had it been raised then.

"The point is, the captain had trained his crew well. They

trusted him, and knew he would listen to them," Halloran said.

During a question and answer period, Halloran was asked how much personal charisma plays into leadership.

"That word bothers me," he replied. "In my craft, the best compliment you can pay is, 'he is a pro.' You know within a few minutes if someone is any good or not. There are people I've met that, after a few

minutes with them, I know have 'general' written all over them."

Asked if the military does or doesn't promote people who speak out, Halloran said, "There are two kinds of people in the military service — those who want to 'be' (promoted) and those who want to 'do' the best they can to reform or improve the Army."

"In the '80s, I met a quite outspoken major, who was an instructor at West Point. He is now a four-star general, General David H. Petraeus. Within the bounds of propriety, he was willing to speak up," Halloran said.

A member of the audience asked if there were differences between leadership styles and the operational tempo of World War II, the Korean War, and today's Global War on Terrorism.

"I don't think there are fundamental differences in the leaders," Halloran replied. "When I was assigned to Korea, 60- to 80-hour work weeks weren't unusual. What I read because of the deployments (to Iraq and Afghanistan), I suspect the OPTEMPO (operational tempo) is higher today."

"In World War II, if you were in a company, you stayed at war until the war ended," he continued. "In Vietnam and Korea, Soldiers had 12- to 13-month tours. Now we're having people in Iraq on their third tour. We have a much smaller Army now."

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— RICHARD HALLORAN,
AWARD-WINNING WRITER AND JOURNALIST



Donna Klapakis | 599th Transportation Group Public Affairs

Standing tall

FORD ISLAND — From left, Col. Kathi L. Kreklow, outgoing commander, Mrs. Patricia M. Young, deputy director of the Surface Deployment and Distribution Command, and Col. Susan A. Davidson, incoming commander, wait to enter the ceremony during the 599th Transportation Group's change of command ceremony onboard the Battleship Missouri Memorial here, Aug. 2.

Courts-Martial

Two reduced in rank

To deter misconduct and to inform the division's Soldiers and civilians of military justice trends, the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate publishes the results of the following recent court-martial:

Over the past month, two Soldiers were tried, found guilty, and sentenced for various offenses occurring on and off Schofield Barracks.

A sergeant from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 29th Engineer Battalion, was sentenced at a special court martial to be reduced to the grade of E-4 and to perform hard labor without confinement for 30 days, for unlawful entry.

A specialist from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 25th Special Troops Battalion, was sentenced at a general court martial to be reduced to the grade of E-1, confinement for 18 months, and a dishonorable discharge, for disobeying a commissioned officer, disobeying a lawful regulation, aggravated assault with a means to produce death or grievous bodily harm, and communicating a

Q: Why does the Hawaii Army Weekly publish court-martial findings?

A: The Office of the Staff Judge Advocate releases the results of recent courts-martial for publication to inform the community of military justice trends and to deter future misconduct by Soldiers.

threat.

In addition to forfeiture of pay (either adjudged or by operation of law), confinement, and a punitive discharge, the Soldier will also have a federal conviction that he or she must report when filling out a job application. This federal conviction may strip the Soldier of some civil rights, such as the right to purchase and maintain firearms and the right to vote.

Draft EIS public comment period is extended

U.S. ARMY, PACIFIC, PUBLIC AFFAIRS

News Release

FORT SHAFTER — The Department of the Army has extended the public comment period for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) which evaluates the potential effects associated with the permanent stationing of the 2nd brigade of the 25th Infantry Division (2/25th) Stryker Brigade Combat Team from Sept. 4, 2007 to Oct. 30, 2007. The extension of the public comment period will ensure that citizens in

Hawaii, Alaska and Colorado have an opportunity to thoroughly review this important unit stationing analy-

sis. As a result of this extension, the Army has postponed the public meetings previously announced for Aug. 13-31, 2007 until a later date. These dates will be announced in the near future.

The Army continues to work with local communities and governments to be good stewards of the environment and the public comments are particularly helpful to the Army's senior leadership in determining the stationing of one of its important combat units. The Army continues to invite full public participation to promote open communication and better decision making. In addition, the Army invites the general public, local governments,

other federal agencies, and state agencies to submit written comments or suggestions concerning the analysis and alternatives addressed in the DEIS.

The DEIS is available at: <http://aec.army.mil/usaec/>.

Send all written comments and suggestions concerning this draft Environmental Impact Statement to: Public Affairs Office, U.S. Army Environmental Command, Building E4460, 5179 Hoadley Rd., Attention: IMAE-PA, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD 21010-5401. Telephone: 410-436-2556. Facsimile: (410) 436-1693. E-mail comments should be sent to: PublicComments@aec.apgea.army.mil.

8th TSC: Re-flagged units deploy 360

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One, thank you for doing your duty. Two, God bless. Three, take care. Four, get the job done the best you can. Five, come home."

MacCarley outlined the historic significance of these units.

"They are the first 8th Theater Sustainment Command units to be organized and trained for deployment under the Army-wide transformation program. This ... enables Army's units to quickly mobilize and respond to armed conflict anywhere in the post-Cold War world."

MacCarley explained how the 8th HRSC was formed, receiving its 83 Soldiers from other Army units within the course of one incredible year.

HRSC Soldiers have received training with modern Army communications, command and control systems.

"They are capable of rapid deployment to anywhere ... to provide administrative and personnel assistance to Soldiers throughout our area of operations and now in Kuwait," said MacCarley.

While many of the Military Police Soldiers have already deployed at least once to Iraq and Afghanistan, this deployment will be the first time they will deploy under the colors of the 728th MP Battalion and its 552nd MP Company, which was re-stationed from Korea to Schofield Barracks last fall.

While in Iraq, the MP Bn. will oversee 12 MP companies, including the 552nd, as it conducts police transition training in support of Iraqi police in northern Iraq. The 82nd Engineer Support Co. will serve with the Naval Construction Regiment in support of U.S. Marine units in Iraq.

Strykers: Brigade prepares Soldiers, vehicles for war

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Teamwork was the key to the massive, complex movement from Schofield Barracks to the docks at Pearl Harbor and onto the ships, according Maj. Myron Bell, current operations chief of the 599th Transportation Group. Months of preparation, including computer modeling, helped to maximize loading time and cargo space efficiencies.

The loadout involved two ships — the MV Jean Anne and the USNS Seay (T-AKR 302). With multiple decks and enough space for approximately 4,300 cars, the Jean Anne was able to fit all 310 eight-wheeled Strykers on board, and another 350 vehicles and pieces of equipment.

Nearly as long as an aircraft carrier, the 960-foot Seay was loaded with 1,399 vehicles, containers, and other pieces of military gear. The Seay left Pearl Harbor Aug. 5.

The 2nd Stryker Brigade's shipment will arrive in San Diego in approximately a week, Bell said. The move to Fort Irwin, Calif., will take another 10-12 days, depending on availability of transportation.

Almost 4,000 Soldiers of the 2nd SBCT will begin leaving Wahiawa this week to train in California from mid-August to early September. The first training site is the former George Air Force Base, some 90 miles northeast of Los Angeles. The deserted air base, with its streets and buildings still intact, will allow the Soldiers to hone urban-warfare skills they will need against insurgents in Iraq.



Staff Sgt. Christian Foster | 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team Combat Camera

Soldiers load one of the 310 Stryker vehicles onto the MV Jean Anne, Aug. 1.

From the Mohave Desert air base, the Stryker brigade will move to the Army's National Training Center (NTC) at Fort Irwin, to focus on integrating and fine-tuning brigade and battalion-level operations with Stryker vehicle crews operations.

Lt. Col. David S. Davidson, 2nd SBCT deputy commander, explained that training at NTC, with its wide,

open spaces, will give his Soldiers the ability to train on a much larger scale than is available at Schofield Barracks.

"We're trained and ready to be polished," Davidson said. "We've adapted... how we train in Hawaii during the year. Now it's time to put the finishing touches on that training at the NTC."

Task force celebrates one year in Iraq

Story and Photo By

1ST LT. TIFFANY GLOWACKI

2nd Battalion, 25th Aviation Regiment Public Affairs

TIKRIT, Iraq — Amid the summer heat and setting sun here, Soldiers and aviators of Task Force Diamond Head, 2nd Battalion, 25th Aviation Regiment gathered to celebrate their one year anniversary since arriving to Kuwait, July 25.

As Task Force Commander Lt. Col. Frank Tate explained, "Tonight was a night we could mark one of three ways: let it pass as if nothing happened, sit around and feel sorry for ourselves, or seize the opportunity to celebrate the remarkable accomplishments of the past year."

Fortunately for members of the task force, they chose the third option.

The festivities began with a cookout full of all the treats of home, including chicken, steak and ribs that would easily rival those of any southern family grill. By no means was it easy to feed the 300 plus Soldiers who showed up for the occasion, it was a collective effort by company first sergeants to provide reminders of home.

The barbecue and ceremony began with crowd-pleasing events, such as the dunking booth and pie-in-the-face contest — a friendly form of revenge on the first sergeants and command sergeants major and a great fundraiser for the task force's upcoming and much-anticipated redeployment party.

Additionally, the unit raised money through a silent auction, awarding the highest bidders items such as golf clubs, an MP3 player and a weekend at Turtle Bay Resort on Oahu's North Shore.

The festivities continued with company skits — written, directed, and performed by each of the task force's eight companies, showcasing the diverse talents within the unit.

From satirical songs to company pride skits and even live rap music, many laughs and lasting memories will remain with each Soldier. The evening continued with the "Diamond Head Dancers," a group of Soldiers from Task Force Diamond Head under the leadership of Maj. Makalena Shibata, who performed their well-rehearsed luau-style Hawaiian dances to the crowd's delight.

The final act of the evening was a rocking set of live music played by the Electric Strawberry Band of the 25th Infantry Division. The band played crowd pleasers with the variety of music ranging from the Red Hot Chili Peppers to various country western hits.

Overall, the evening was a great way to capture a day that symbolically marked a new year for Task Force Diamond Head in Iraq. Most importantly, it provided a reminder of home, and how close the task force is to their much-anticipated return to Hawaii this fall.



Spc. Cornice Price, Headquarters and Headquarters Co., 25th Aviation Regiment, performed his own rap songs for Task Force Diamond Head Soldiers at a boots-on-the-ground party at Contingency Operating Base Speicher, July 24.



Spc. Bryanna Poulin | 25th Combat Aviation Brigade Public Affairs

Soldiers from B Company, 4th Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment 3rd Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division dismount during Operation Blowtorch, July 22-23, in the vicinity of Taji, Iraq. The 3rd Battalion, 25th Aviation Regiment, 25th Combat Aviation Brigade supported the mission.

'Hammerhead' conducts 100th assault mission

MULTINATIONAL DIVISION-NORTH PUBLIC AFFAIRS
News Release

TIKRIT, Iraq — With more than 20,000 hours flown in combat in support of coalition ground forces in Iraq, the 3rd Battalion, 25th Aviation Regiment, 25th Combat Aviation Brigade (also known as Task Force Hammerhead) conducted its 100th air assault mission, July 22-23, in the vicinity of Taji, Iraq.

"Our General Support Aviation Battalion has executed an enormous amount of combat air assaults since arriving in Iraq in August of 2006, rivaling other similar formations in the Army," noted Lt. Col. Michael Fleetwood, commander, 3-25 Aviation and air mission commander for the recent 100th operation.

The 3-25th's battalion consists of CH-47 Chinooks and UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters, with some of the Black Hawks configured as MEDEVAC aircraft.

In an ongoing operation, Task Force Hammerhead rapidly inserted B Company, 4th Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade 1st Cavalry Division into multiple landing zones to capture, kill and disrupt enemy capabilities, marking the mission the 100th air assault mission by 3-25th Aviation.

During the operation, B Co. was air assaulted safely and was able to conduct actions in the area where there has been known anti-Iraqi force (AIF) activity.

"We are having a significant impact on disrupting AIF activity in [MultiNational Division-North] due to the pressure we are putting on previous AIF sanctuaries," Fleetwood said. "By rapidly air assaulting ground forces into objective areas, we are able to defeat the AIF early-warning networks and put overwhelming combat power surrounding the objective and preventing escape of AIF."

In August 2006, Task Force Hammerhead officially began its mission supporting air operations in Iraq. Nearly 12 months later, it has flown a total of 5,118 missions, with 2,896 being MEDEVAC missions that evacuated 7,471 patients.

In addition, Task Force Hammerhead has flown 78,855 passengers and transported 4,127 tons of cargo.



Spc. Juan Jimenez | 3rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team Public Affairs

Window shopping

KIRKUK, Iraq — Command Sgt. Maj. Frank Leota (center), 3rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team (3IBCT), 25th Infantry Division, and 1st Sgt. Ronnie Blount, B Company, 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry Regiment, 3IBCT, enjoy an afternoon walk through the market, July 30.



Of the 2,253 pedestrian fatalities in alcohol-related crashes, 79 percent involved pedestrians who had consumed alcohol.

— National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

3-7th FA's Rivera links with Iraqi oil, power networks

Story and Photo by
SPC. MIKE ALBERTS

3rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team Public Affairs

KIRKUK, Iraq — Just as Dallas gained prominence as the center for the Texas oil industry, the city of Kirkuk is emerging as the centerpiece of Iraq's vast oil wealth. Iraq's northern Kirkuk Province contains one of the largest oil producing regions in the country, the Habasa oil fields. The natural resource buried beneath these fields on the outskirts of Kirkuk is the economic future of northern Iraq.

Kirkuk and Dallas share something else in common — Capt. Reynaldo Rivera. He's the Dallas native and Soldier involved in northern Iraq's oil and power network every day.

Rivera, power and oil liaison officer, 25th Infantry Division, is the military liaison between Kirkuk's oil and power infrastructure and coalition force leadership in northern Iraq. Rivera is currently attached to 3rd Battalion, 7th Field Artillery Regiment, 3rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team, and works from Forward Operating Base Warrior, here.

As the power and oil liaison officer, Rivera explained that he receives updates on various refineries, pump stations, gas and oil separation locations and power plants.

"My job is to know that if something goes wrong, how that event affects

everything else," he said. "Here, everything with regard to power and oil is one big loop; power and oil are interconnected." Rivera spends his days and weeks monitoring Kirkuk Province's natural resource infrastructure, communicating with technicians, computing calculations, confirming data and information, and meeting with government oil and power officials — tedious work in a complex environment, indeed. It's a job, however, to which the hard working Dallas native is well-suited.

Rivera is the oldest of three children raised in a working class neighborhood just outside of Dallas, Texas, in the small town of Kaufman. The only son of parents with elementary-level educations, working hard has always been a part of the Texan's life.

"I recall working since I was about 13," said Rivera. "We didn't grow up with money, so I worked to help the family out. I started working in service restaurants, and then in high school I'd put in 40 to 60 hours a week working in addition to going to school and running track."

After graduating from Kaufman High School, the future officer joined the Army reserves, eventually earning honor graduate status during military advanced individual training as well as an academic scholarship to Texas Christian University (TCU). After earning his degree in mechanical engineering at



Capt. Reynaldo Rivera, power and oil liaison officer, 25th Infantry Division, attached to 3rd Battalion, 7th Field Artillery Regiment, 3rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team, sits with Mr. Saad, director general of The Oil Pipeline Company, to discuss natural resource infrastructure issues during a meeting at the National Oil Company compound in Kirkuk, Iraq.

TCU, the 31-year-old Army Sapper and Ranger earned a master's in engineering management before his second deployment to Iraq.

"My job in Iraq this time around is very rewarding," said Rivera. "Progress is being made. There was a huge communication problem here and early on I

had to walk all the related parties through just talking to each other.

"Now, while I still do spend time linking up people to communicate, they frequently initiate contact with each other to work out problems and find solutions without my assistance," he said. "In this environment, that's progress."

News Briefs

Send calendar announcements to community@hawaiiarmyweekly.com.

11 / Saturday

Financial Planning Courses – You are not alone when it comes to traversing the financial planning mystery. Join a one-hour class now to learn more about managing debt, investing wisely, maintaining a good credit rating, and planning for retirement.

An expert in military financial affairs will be on-site to give you important direction, answer questions, and leave you feeling very well informed about your future financial planning options.

Courses run Aug. 11 & 18 at 9 a.m. at Fort Shafter Flats' 9th Regional Read-

ness Command, Building 1557, Room 112. Also, mark your calendars for additional classes Sept. 8 & 15. Contact Angela Brown at 438-2243 or e-mail angela.brown@9rrc.army.mil to reserve a seat.

13 / Monday

CIF Closure – The Schofield Barracks Central Issue Facility (CIF) will be closed Aug. 13–24 for a physical inventory. Contact your supply sergeant for turn-ins during this time period, or schedule a turn-in appointment with CIF prior to the scheduled inventory dates. Prior to and after the scheduled inventory dates, make appointments by calling 655-9876. Normal operations will resume Aug. 27.

For emergency services during this period, call Kealii Kahanu, 284-1457, or Robert Cummings at 497-6574.

In addition, as of Sept. 1, all personnel will be required to make an appointment for all initial issues and turn-ins. Partial turn-ins and direct exchanges can be con-

ducted during normal turn-in hours, from 7–10:30 a.m. daily, except for Thursdays from 7–11 a.m., when the CIF is closed. Partial issues, additional issues and direct exchanges can be conducted during normal issue hours, from noon–3:30 p.m.

To make an appointment, call 655-9876 or e-mail each of the following personnel: joypiilani.omalza@us.army.mil, john.wells6@us.army.mil and melanie.k.clarose@us.army.mil.

15 / Wednesday

Family Deployment Night – Enjoy fellowship and fun at Family Deployment Night, Aug. 15 (held the third Wednesday of every month) at 5:30 p.m., Building 791, the Main Post Chapel Annex, Room 212, Schofield Barracks. The August topic is "Safe Talk."

Also at the Main Post Chapel, the Spouse Support Group will begin its weekly meetings starting July 18, also at 5:30 p.m. Call Chaplain (Maj.) Scott Kennedy, 656-1384, for more details.

16 / Thursday

Safety Stand Down – The U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii, Safety Office will host a Motor Vehicle Safety Stand Down Thursday, Aug. 16, at the Wheeler Army Air Field Gulch. All active duty, National Guard, Reservists, retirees, civilian employees and family members with ID cards are welcome.

The stand down will include briefings and hands-on, practical activities for two- and four-wheeled motor vehicles. In addition, four briefings are scheduled at Schofield's Sgt. Smith Theater. Call 655-6455 for details.

18 / Saturday

New Resident Orientation – Service members who have moved into an Army Hawaii Family Housing (AHFH) community must attend an orientation within 30 days of accepting their home in order to obtain self-help privileges or use community center amenities.

Residents will receive safety information

from AHFH and the Federal Fire Department, and be briefed on community center usage and key points from the resident guide. The next New Resident Orientation will be held at the Kalakaua Community Center, Aug. 18 at 10:30 a.m.

Credit Management - Learn how to use your credit wisely and how to improve your credit score. Classes are held the first Thursday of the month at Fort Shafter's Army Community Service (ACS), Building 330, from 2–3 p.m. Call 655-4ACS to register. For more information, call Georgianna McAnany at 655-1714 or e-mail Georgianna.McAnany@schofield.army.mil

GT-Improvement Class – The Tripler/Fort Shafter Army Education Center Complex, Building 102, will host a GT-Improvement Class through Aug. 23 from 8:30–11:30 a.m., Monday–Thursday. The class is great for career retention and progression, becoming a pilot, and more. Call 433-4184.

Actus Lend Lease recognized for stellar performance

ARMY HAWAII FAMILY HOUSING
News Release

In addition to the Private Sector Catalyst award mentioned in last week's Hawaii Army Weekly, Actus received two awards at the annual 2007 Association of Defense Communities conference held July 28-31 in Miami, Fla. The accolades included the Private Sector Leadership and the Private Sector Partnership awards.

Jeffrey Simon, President of Actus Lend Lease, was awarded the Private Sector Leadership Award. This award recognized Simon for his achievements that have helped to further the goals of defense communities.



Courtesy of Army Hawaii Family Housing

Actus Lend Lease project director Jeff Cangemi accepts an ADC award on behalf of AHFH.

Actus Lend Lease projects Fort Hood, Camp Lejuene, Fort Campbell and Fort Drum were recognized for its housing development, humanitarian aid and other collaborative efforts for the Private Sector Partnership award. This award was presented to the Actus project teams whose services have created a true partnership and exceeded expectations of everyone involved.

The Private Sector Catalyst award recognized AHFH for its community initiatives focused on environmental remediation that has involved significant private sector involvement. The project represents a significant innovation or a new direction for the private sector in the environmental remediation are-

na and serves as a model for all.

AHFH named number 63 of top 250 businesses in Hawaii

Army Hawaii Family Housing ranked number 63 in the Hawaii Business Magazine's annual Top 250 List. A company's rank is defined by classifying data from gross annual sales and number of employees. AHFH also appeared on the magazine's Biggest Sales Gain list (a 55.5 percent increase in 2006 from the previous year) and was recognized as the highest-ranking newcomer to the top 250 businesses.

Gimlets help Filipino armed forces fight Al Qaeda

CAPT. BENJAMIN ROARK
1st Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment

JOLO, Republic of the Philippines — Overlooking the tropical Sulu Sea, here — where locals spend their days napping in hammocks, spear fishing at coral reefs, or watching tropical birds glide between coconut trees lining white-sand beaches — is what the media have begun to call the “second front” on the war on terror: Buhanginan Base.

This base, situated on the northern coast of Jolo, is ringed with concertina wire and turreted by sandbagged gun emplacements. However, it is affectionately called “Beach Resort.”

It's home to more than 100 Filipino Marines and a handful of Green Berets from Joint Special Operations Task Force-Philippines (JSOTF-P), in Manila. They make up a Philippine-American task force formed after the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. Their mission is to take down a terrorist group called Abu Sayyaf, an indigenous jihadist organization that is responsible for a string of Western tourist kidnappings and for harboring fleeing Al Qaeda operatives.

Recently, a platoon of Soldiers from B Company, 1st Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment, 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, Schofield Barracks, joined the fight against the enemy in the tranquil, tropical setting, to help Filipino Soldiers and Marines “win the hearts and minds” of the local population. Along with U.S. Special Forces (SF) and Civil Affairs (CA) personnel, the “Gimlets” of 2nd Platoon provided valuable expertise in an advisory capacity to the Philippine armed forces.

The platoon, led by 1st Lt. Justin Hadsel and Sgt. 1st Class Robert



1st Lt. Shawn Skinner | 1st Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment

Pfc. Jason Vandervort of 1st Squad, 2nd Platoon, B Company, 1-21st Infantry Regiment, provides overwatch during July security operations.

Durbin, deployed to the Philippines for nearly four months and served as the security element for the SF and CA teams. It worked with the Philippine army to identify, construct and repair municipal projects for the local area, in order to gain support in the conflict with Abu Sayyaf.

The platoon's mission included convoy defense operations and outpost and VIP security. The Gimlets helped provide security for the U.S. Ambassador to the Philippines as she dedicated a newly complet-

ed civil project in a local village.

“The Philippine army is well trained. I learned a lot about their military lifestyle and culture,” said Spc. Paul Gannaro, reflecting on the mission. “I am now a better person for having worked with them.”

Soldiers from the two countries interacted in every way, from exchanging gifts and relating battlefield stories, to discussing cultural differences and playing sports.

The Gimlets not only gained valuable tactical experience during their security missions, but also built new relationships with the local populace and members of the Philippine army as they experienced the new culture.

“The cohesion between the Joint Special Operations Task Force and the Philippine military creates the foundation for winning the global war on terrorism,” said Spc. Eric Smith.

Spc. Nhan Thai added, “Going to the Philippines, learning the different military lifestyle, and training made my military experience much more exciting. Seeing different things around the world was a great experience.”

Now back at Schofield Barracks, 2nd Platoon is tapping the experience it gained while working alongside Special Forces teams and the Philippine army. The platoon continues to train for the insurgent fight and share its experiences and lessons learned with fellow units at home. As they apply these tactics and techniques, they are better equipped to deploy to the National Training Center, Fort Irwin, Calif., and serve in the global war on terror.

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"When work is finished."

FRIDAY, AUGUST 10, 2007

Military canoe club



embraces a Hawaiian tradition

Story and Photos by
MOLLY HAYDEN
Staff Writer

PEARL HARBOR – More than 100 members of the Honolulu Pearl Canoe Club (HPCC) converge three times a week for practice at the canoe hale, here. Gordon Olayvar, the club's president, facilitates the practice. Men, women and children of all skill levels paddle till their hearts are content while learning the importance of teamwork.

The HPCC was formed in 1976 when paddlers hungered to re-create the "old times" by returning the sport of Hawaiian outrigger canoe paddling to a historical and cultural site near Aloha Tower in Honolulu Harbor.

The club relocated to its present day site in the early 1980s and is currently the only non-profit military canoe club associated with the Oahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association. The military ohana makes up 71 percent of the club's members.

Olayvar, who has been paddling for more than 30 years, stepped into the role of president last year.

"If you really want to experience Hawaii and the culture, what better way to do it than to indulge yourself in a sporting event that defines Hawaiian culture," said Olayvar. "There is competition and rivalry, but at the same time, the aloha spirit still exists."

The canoe club's goal is to foster awareness and appreciation for the sport of Hawaiian Outrigger Canoe Paddling and to perpetuate Hawaiian values and culture. The club also offers an opportunity for individuals to learn six-man, outrigger canoe paddling skills in a positive social environment.

The season is split into three terms; pre-season distance, regatta and long distance. The



Coach Al Streck gives his team a pep talk before the paddling begins. All members of the team learn outrigger canoe paddling skills and teamwork needed for competition.

Top – 1st Lt. Crystal Bellman (right) leads her team in paddling during practice. The HPCC trains three nights a week and participates in both regatta and long distance races throughout the year.

season also includes the infamous Molokai Hoe Outrigger Canoe Championship, a 41-mile paddling competition where more than 1,000 paddlers from six countries race from Molokai to Waikiki.

The numerous and diverse races throughout the island provide paddlers of every skill level an opportunity to be a part of this cultural sport.

First Lt. Crystal Bellman, B Company, Tripler Army Medical Center, joined the club after her boyfriend, now husband, Capt. Justin Bellman, 3rd

Fleet Anti-Terrorism Security Team, left for Iraq. Though she had no prior canoeing experience, Bellman said the sport was the only thing that got her through the deployment.

"I was heartbroken and lonely," said Bell-

man. "It was great to be around other military and it helped relieve a lot of the stress I was feeling."

Bellman credits the military for teaching her the skills to become a successful paddler.

"Being in the military has not only taught me how to lead, but how to follow," said Bellman. "The same goes for paddling. This sport is all about teamwork."

Lt. Col. Penny Kalua, Army Reserve 322nd Civil Affairs Brigade, agreed with Bellman, saying regardless of rank or military involvement, the team is a family.

"We support each other and are conscious of the needs of the team," said Kalua. "Being here brings out the best in all of us."

The Army Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Program provides the HPCC with equipment, canoes and space at the canoe hale at Pearl Harbor.



The ocean sets the scenery for outrigger enthusiast. Members of the HPCC race in an array of locations around the island of Oahu.

Molokai Hoe Outrigger Canoe 2007 Championship 41-mile race from Molokai to Oahu Sunday, Oct. 7, at 7:30 a.m. Visit www.ohcra.com for details.

101 Critical Days of Summer

Water survival skills and boating safety knowledge summer necessities

LORI YERDON

U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center

FORT RUCKER, Ala. – Off-duty drowning accidents have claimed the lives of more Soldiers this fiscal year than they did for all of fiscal 2006.

The Army has lost nine Soldiers this fiscal year to drowning accidents. While there are risk factors involved with water-related activities, such as alcohol consumption, adverse weather, nonuse of a personal flotation device (PFD) or unpredictable undertows, there are many proven preventive methods to mitigate these risks, which individuals can take in order to protect themselves, their family members and friends.

The Orange County California Fire Authority reports that a swimming pool is 14 times more likely than a motor vehicle to be a contributing factor in the death of children ages 4 and under.

Installing isolation fences around pools and the supervising children when they're near water decreases the chance of drowning. Bathtubs and five-gallon buckets also pose drowning hazards, especially for children.

"Drowning is preventable," said Stephen J. Miller, fire captain for the Orange County California Fire Authority. "It's called the silent killer, because when children are underwater screaming for help, you will not

hear them. Even adults should never swim alone."

This month, while swimming at a lake with several other Soldiers, a Soldier accidentally drowned. As the group prepared to leave, they were unable to locate the Soldier. Local authorities later discovered his body floating in the water. Alcohol may have been a contributing factor in the accident.

Earlier this year, a Soldier died in a watercraft accident when his two-person kayak overturned. Although the second Soldier was able to swim to shore when both Soldiers were caught in a strong current, the victim was not. He was not wearing a PFD.

Using the buddy system, heeding beach warning flags, not overestimating swimming abilities and swimming in approved areas are some examples of how individuals can reduce their risk of becoming a drowning fatality.

"You can't walk away from a boating accident," said Jeff Hoedt, chief, Coast Guard office of boating safety. "Just taking a basic boating course can minimize the chance becoming a fatality."

Each year, the Coast Guard collects data on reported recreational boating accidents and the most recent report shows that fatalities are down six percent from the previous year. Of those fatalities, 87 percent of the victims were not wearing a PFD.

Additionally, approximately 70 percent of all reported fatalities occurred on boats where the operator had not received boating safety instruction.

The Coast Guard Auxiliary and the U.S. Power Squadrons offer free vessel safety checks (VSC) for all recreational boaters and personal watercraft users. In addition to ensuring that onboard safety equipment is functional, VSCs also verify that a boater's safety equipment is in compliance with state and federal regulations.

"Vessel safety checks are voluntary and do not have law enforcement implications," said Hoedt.

Safety checks may help to prevent accidents. For example, a Soldier was fishing on an inflatable pontoon boat and drowned when the pontoons on the boat separated and the Soldier sunk. He was not wearing a PFD.

"Drowning only takes a few seconds to occur and can take place in as little as two inches of water," said Miller.

For more information on drowning prevention, the online boater's safety course, and the 101 Critical Days of Summer safety campaign visit <https://cra.army.mil>.



10 / Today

"Hearts Toward Home" – This upcoming deployment reintegration workshop will help prepare families for impending homecomings and provide an interactive approach specifically designed to assist with understanding the anatomy of trauma, stress and other challenges facing healthy reintegration with spouses and fathers.

Topics will address the following issues: How will it be different? What can I do to prepare? How do I identify the signs and symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD)?

Workshop dates are Aug. 10, 11, 17, 24, 25 and 31 from 9 a.m.–12 p.m. and 1–4 p.m. Call Army Community Service (ACS) at 655-4227 for more details.

11 / Saturday

Parents Night Out – Parents are invited to enjoy a night out. Leave your keiki at the Fort Shafter Child Development Center for a night of fun and supervision.

Reservations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis at the Central Enrollment Registration Office. Call 655-5314 or 833-5393 for more information.

17 / Friday

Hot Country Nights – Join DJ Charlie Garrett, the Ghost Rider and Kathleen, and Rodeo Radio Girl at the Tropics, 8 p.m.–midnight, for great music, contests, giveaways and much more.

Patrons must be 18 or older, and admission is free. Call 655-5697.

ChiliFest Vendor Opportunities – Reserve a space by Aug. 17, if you want to sell your product to a large Army community base at Army Morale, Welfare and Recreation's (MWR) inaugural ChiliFest, Aug. 25.

Spaces are limited and vendors will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Call 656-0135 or send an e-mail to Darlene.j.marshall@us.army.mil.

25 / Saturday

Inaugural ChiliFest – Got Chili? Come out to MWR's hottest event of the summer and support family readiness groups as they compete to win cash and prizes in the first-ever Chili Cook-off at Schofield Barracks. You'll enjoy plenty of food, fun

and music, 3–7:30 p.m. at Sills and Desiderio Fields, adjacent to Fernandez Hall, Building 580, Schofield Barracks.

Entertainment will include singer/songwriter Scotty Bryan, a karaoke contest, line dancing and a puppet show for keiki, courtesy of the ACS Family Advocacy Program.

Bikers, enter your "steel horse" in the free motorcycle show. The first 50 bikers to enter will get a free ChiliFest T-shirt. (Visit <http://mwrarmyhawaii.com/leisureactivities/laevents.asp> to register.)

Admission to ChiliFest is free and open to the public. Call 655-0111 for more details.

Texas Hold 'Em Tournament

– Put on your best poker face and participate in a free Texas Hold 'Em Tournament at the Tropics at Schofield Barracks, from 6–10 p.m. Players must be seated by 5:45 p.m. For more information, call 655-5697.

28 / Tuesday

Blood Drive – Help out a fellow Soldier by donating blood at the Tropics between 9 a.m.–2 p.m. Call the Tripler Blood Donor Center at 433-6148.

Ongoing

Little Ninja Classes – Parents or guardians, bring your 3–5-year-olds to Child and Youth Services (CYS) so they can learn basic Tae Kwon Do skills. At these classes, children will improve their motor and communication skills, learn to focus, and build confidence and socialization skills.

Children must be enrolled in Schools of Knowledge, Inspiration, Exploration and Skills (SKIES) or be a current member of CYS. Register at the CYS Office, 556 Heard St. Call SKIES at 655-9818 or CYS at 655-380.

Gymboree – SKIESunlimited, in partnership with Army Hawaii Family Housing, is offering Gymboree to children 6 months–5 years old. These classes will help children build strong motor skills, social skills and self-esteem – all the ingredients they need to grow into confident, happy, successful people.

Classes are held the first four Wednesdays of each month. Call CYS at 655-9818.

Auto Detailing – The Schofield Barracks Auto Skills Center is offering a new auto detailing service for a limited time. Call 655-9368 for details or to make an appointment.

Hawaiian Luau Lunch Buffet – Enjoy the "ono" taste of a traditional Hawaiian-



Mark Brown | Army Hawaii Family Housing

National Night Out

Above, Kaitlyn Taylor, 6, a family member who resides in Army Hawaii Family Housing, takes a moment to chat with her colorful, feathered friend. Kaitlyn, along with her family, ventured to the Kalakaua Community Center, Schofield Barracks, Tuesday, for America's night out against crime. The annual event encourages

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style feast, 11 a.m.–1 p.m. at the Hale Ikena, Fort Shafter, or 11 a.m.–2 p.m. at the Schofield Barracks Nehelani. Cost is \$9.95 per person. Call the Hale Ikena (438-1974) or the Nehelani (655-4466) for lunch buffet reservations or more information.

New MWR Calendar Feature – Visit the Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Web site, www.mwrarmyhawaii.com, and check out the new calendar feature, which allows users to view the calendar by day, week or month, in a list or tabular format.

Other features allow users to search for events, receive event reminders or notifications of event changes by e-mail or text message, as well as download event info, e-mail event information to friends, and

import events to a calendar.

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

The fee is \$295 and must be paid at the time of registration. 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. Your arts and crafts center provides a varied selection of ceramic bisqueware to paint and take home.

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

Car-buying Classes – Learn how to get the most vehicle for your money. Car-buying classes are held on the third Wednesday of every month at the Schofield Barracks Army Community Service, Building 2091, from 9–10:30 a.m. Contact Georgianna McAnany at 655-4227.

Volunteer Opportunities – Give back to the community by volunteering; it is a great way to meet new people, receive valuable job experience, and support the Army Hawaii family.

Opportunities are available on and off post. Free child care at an hourly rate is provided for up to 20 hours per week for those who volunteer with ACS. Visit www.mwrarmyhawaii.com or call 655-4227.

Food For Families – The Armed Services YMCA accepts donations of nonperishable items to replenish its food pantry. Its emergency food locker is available to families experiencing financial difficulty that could use extra assistance. Supplies of canned goods, frozen food, dry goods and personal care items are accepted and usually available. Call 624-5645.

Fort Shafter Thrift Shop – Patrons, the thrift shop will remain open all summer. Hours are Tuesdays and Fridays, 9 a.m.–1 p.m., and consignment hours, 9–10:30 a.m.

Families who are making a permanent change of station move should make an appointment to consign their household goods. Donations of gently used items are welcomed.

The Thrift Shop is always looking for volunteers, so if you have a military ID and are able to commit four hours per week, drop by Building 342, Pierce Street, or call 842-1074.

Playmorning – Parents and caregivers looking for some fun, social interaction for their children should join Playmorning. This family interactive playgroup, hosted by the Armed Services YMCA, is designed for children up to age 5 and their parents or caregivers.

Playmorning features a variety of age-appropriate activities, crafts, stories, songs and more from 9–10:30 a.m. No preregistration is required. Call 624-5645.

•Mondays at Wheeler ASYMCA

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Aliamanu (AMR) Chapel, 836-4599

- 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 Beach
- Protestant Sunday, 9 a.m. – Worship Service

Fort Shafter Chapel, 836-4599

- Contemporary Protestant Sunday, 9 a.m.–"The Wave" Worship

Helemano (HMR) Chapel

- Contemporary Protestant Sunday, 10 a.m. – Worship Service & Children's Church

***Main Post Chapel, 655-9307**

- *(Note: During renovation, services normally held in the sanctuary will take place at the Wheeler Chapel.)*
- Catholic Sunday, 9 a.m.–CD & RCIA Collective Protestant Sunday, 10:30 a.m. – Sunday School
- Gospel Sunday, 10:30 a.m. – Sunday School

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 Sunday, 10:30 a.m.–Mass
- Collective Protestant Sunday, 9 a.m. – Worship Service
- Gospel Sunday, 12 p.m. – Worship Service

however, children must be registered and space reserved by parents. Call 655-5314 (Schofield) or 833-5393 (AMR).

14 / Tuesday

Tips for a Successful Interview – A key component to any job search is the ability to sell oneself to a potential employer. This workshop will prepare you for the interview process. You will learn steps about interview preparation, different types of interviews, formulate responses to common interview questions, plus much more.

Attend Aug. 14, 9:30–11:30 a.m., at ACS Schofield Barracks. Register online at www.mwrarmyhawaii.com or call 655-4227.

15 / Wednesday

Young Artists – Support the Rehabilitation Hospital of the Pacific by attending the "Young Artists Helping Young Artists" exhibit, Aug. 15, 4–8 p.m. at the Hawaii State Art Museum. Besides fabulous artwork, attractions include food prepared by Chef Ed Kenney, local entertainment, fashion shows, jewelry showcases and a silent auction.

Admission is two-tiered at \$50 & \$100, with meals and beverages. Call 566-3457, or purchase tickets at the Rehab Hospital Foundation, 226 N. Kuakini St.

16 / Thursday

Careers on the Go – Get a career that enables you to relocate yet continue to earn a living no matter where you live. A Portable Career workshop will be held Aug. 16, 9:30–11:30 a.m., at the Fort Shafter Outreach Center. Register online at www.mwrarmyhawaii.com or call 438-9285.

18 / Saturday

Square Dancing – Classes, hosted by the Paradise Shuffler, will be held at the Manana Recreation Center in Pearl City starting Aug. 18. Cost is \$2 and classes run 6:30–7:30 p.m. The first three nights are free.

Children ages 13 and up and casual attire are welcomed. Call Rita Melemai at 689-7645 or 923 0446, or visit www.squaredancehawaii.org.

Youth SLAMM – Christian youth ages 10 & up, regardless of denomination, are invited to Youth SLAMM (Saving Lives and Moving Mountains), Aug. 18, 3–7 p.m., at City of Refuge Christian Church, 94-897

Waipahu St., in Waipahu (across from the Old Sugar Mill in Waipahu and the New Leeward YMCA).

On the agenda is plenty of singing, dancing, skits and dramatic readings. Leaders will be ministering on topics such as attitude, self-esteem, self-identification, relationships with God, peer pressure, drugs and violence. Call Sheila Woods at 677-5677 for more details.

21 / Tuesday

English as a Second Language – At the Wheeler Army Air Field Armed Services YMCA, Loui Ling Howard will once again be teaching a mixed-level English class, suitable for family members who have limited English skills, who want to work on improving grammar and pronunciation.

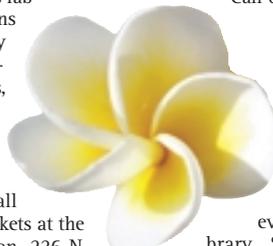
Classes will run Aug. 21–Nov. 15, Tuesdays & Thursdays, 8:30–11 a.m. A one-time \$15 fee will be charged for supplies. Call 624-5645 to register.

Ongoing

Toastmasters – The Pineapple Toastmasters Club meets every the first and third Thursday of every month at Sgt. Yano Library, Schofield Barracks, from 6:30–7:30 p.m. Join the club and work on your public speaking skills. Prospective members are welcomed. Call Don or Elaine Glover, 622-0169, for more details, or visit <http://pineapple.freetoasthost.us/index.html>.

Magic of Polynesia – Magic of Polynesia is offering three great reasons for local families to experience John Hirokawa's exciting night of illusion and excitement: Reason #1, free admission to all children 8 years old & under when accompanied by a parent (up to two children with each paying adult; Reason #2, an extra earlier show through the end of August, with dinner at 5 p.m., the show at 6:10 p.m.; and Reason #3, validated parking at Ohana Waikiki Beachcomber Hotel on Kalakaua Avenue in Waikiki for 3.5 hours at just \$4.

To make a reservation for the whole family, call 971-4321 or visit www.magicopolynesia.com.



Send calendar announcements to community@hawaiiarmyweekly.com.

10 / Today

Job Fair – Army Community Service will sponsor its first set of Mini Job Fairs. Two are scheduled: One will take place today, 9 a.m.–noon at ACS Schofield Barracks; the other will be Aug. 24, 9 a.m.–noon at the Aliamanu Military Reservation (AMR) Chapel.

Whether you are a first-time job seeker or not, job fairs should not be missed when job searching. They open the door to a variety of employment opportunities as attendees have the chance to apply for positions with multiple employers and meet representatives from companies.

Admission is free, and bring your resume. Call 655-4227 for more information.

11 / Saturday

Hip Hop – Time is running out for break dancers, graphic artists, emcees, rappers and deejays to register for the contest "Movement," hosted by Big Mox, Saturday, 5–10 p.m., at Scion-Hawaii, 2850 Pukoloa St., in Mapunapuna.

Prizes range from \$100–\$500 in the various categories. Visit www.funky4c.com for more details.

13 / Monday

Employment Orientation – Looking for a job in Hawaii? Attend an ACS employment orientation and get employment information on federal, state, private sector and staffing agencies. Reference materials, job listings, computers and more will be available for use.

Several workshops are upcoming: •Aug. 13, 1–2:30 p.m., Fort Shafter Outreach Center; •Aug. 17 & Aug. 31, 9–10:30 a.m., ACS Schofield Barracks; and •Aug. 27, 10 a.m.–1:30 p.m., at AMR Chapel.

Call ACS Schofield at 655-4227 and the Fort Shafter Outreach Center at 438-9285. Register online at www.mwrarmyhawaii.com, or call 438-9285.

Free child care vouchers are available;



Ratatouille

(G)
Friday, 7 p.m.
Saturday, 2 p.m.
Wednesday, 7 p.m.



Evan Almighty

(PG)
Saturday, 7 p.m.
Sunday, 2 p.m.
Thursday, 7 p.m.

No shows on Mondays or Tuesdays.

Did you know?

Soldiers, family members and others who conduct business on Hawaii Army installations must be aware of current regulations. Individuals wishing to conduct a home-based business on post, such as Avon, Tupperware, Longaburger, or any other type of sales activity, must register with the U.S. Army Garrison, Oahu, Commercial Solicitation Control Office.

Also, any person wishing to market or sell on an Army installation in Hawaii – from make-up to vacuum cleaners – must have an authorized commercial solicitation permit. No person may enter an installation and transact commercial business without a permit. All door-to-door sales are prohibited.

For more information, contact Patricia Mowat at 655-8047, Monday through Thursday, at Schofield Barracks, or call Mowat at 438-4232 at Fort Shafter, on Fridays.

Community Calendar

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- Tuesdays at Helemano Community Center & Iroquois Elementary School
- Wednesdays at Wheeler & Iroquois
- Thursdays at Helemano & Iroquois
- Fridays at Wheeler & Iroquois

Honolulu Symphony – The Honolulu Symphony now offers single concert tickets for its 2007-2008 season at the Symphony Box Office. The 2007-2008 season features a wealth of artistry at vibrant locations including the Hawaii Theatre, the Mamiya Theatre and the Neil S. Blaisdell Concert Hall.

Halekulani MasterWorks single tickets are priced from \$21-\$74, and Honolulu Pops from \$14-\$79. The symphony offers a 20 percent discount to military with ID, seniors and students.

Call 792-2000, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. After 5 p.m., call 524-0815, extension 245, or visit www.honolulusymphony.com.

Young Actors' Ensemble – The Hawaii Theatre is now accepting applications for the Hawaii Young Actors' Ensemble, a group of teens 13-18 years old who meet twice a week to train,

rehearse and perform classical theater. The Ensemble will perform Shakespeare's "The Tempest" at the Hawaii Theatre, May 29 & 30, 2008.

Class times are Mondays and Thursdays, 4:30-6:30 p.m., Sept. 6, 2007, to May 30, 2008. Cost is \$350 with scholarships available.

Registration deadline is Sept. 1. Call 732-0358 for an application.

Commissary Nursery – The Schofield Barracks Commissary has a new nursery room for nursing mothers and parents with small children to use while they shop for groceries. The nursery is located behind Register 1.

Oklahoma Degrees – The University of Oklahoma (OU) is proud to offer a Master of Arts in Managerial Economics on Hickam Air Force Base. Its non-thesis program can be completed in about 18 months. Call 449-6364 or visit www.goou.ou.edu.

Earn Your Stripes – Through Sept. 5, Kellogg's is sponsoring a worldwide, three-month program to get military children up "off the couch" and physically more active. Children of U.S. military members (2-14 years old) may go to www.frostedflakes.com/active and complete the online entry registration to become a member, then see a list of qualifying exercise activities for the contest. The special Web site allows mil-

itary kids and their community to report and track progress. Children, communities and the commissary can earn points towards the grand prize of \$20,000, to be awarded to Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) in the community with the most points. Four runners-up will win \$5,000.

Waiting Children – The Children's Waiting Room, sponsored by the Armed Services YMCA, provides on-site child care for healthy children while their parents or siblings have medical appointments in any of the Schofield Clinics or at the Tripler Medical Center.

The operating hours of the Schofield Children's Waiting Room are Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-noon. The service is located inside the Pediatrics Clinic in Building 680, Schofield Barracks. Call 624-5645 for appointments.

The Tripler Children's Waiting Room is open Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8 a.m.-noon, and is located next to Pediatrics in the Well Baby Waiting Room on the fourth floor. Call 833-1185 for appointments.

Making a Difference – You can stand up against sexual assault and make a difference. If you or anyone that you know has been sexually assaulted, contact the 24/7 victim advocate hot line at 624-SAFE (624-7233). Call the Sexual Assault Response coordinator at 655-1718.



10 / Today

Army Mini Sports Flag Football – Youth Sports and Fitness at Child and Youth Services presents an opportunity for children born between 2002–2003 to gain basic skills and understanding of flag football. Cost is \$10 and includes a child T-shirt. The program runs through Sept. 14. Parents are encouraged to participate. Call the Bennett Youth Center Field, Schofield Barracks, at 655-0883, or Aliamanu Military Reservation (AMR) football field, 836-1923.

11 / Saturday

Championship Wrestling – Come join the fun at the Tropics for a great night of wrestling 7–10 p.m. Doors will open at 6 p.m.; the events will start at 7 p.m. Cost is \$5 for 12 years old and over, \$3 for 6–11, and free for 5 and under. Call 655-5697.

13 / Monday

Invitational Volleyball Tournament – The 2007 volleyball tournament will be held Aug. 24 & 25 at the Martinez Physical Fitness Center, Schofield Barracks. All active duty Soldiers, reservists, National Guard, retirees, military members of other active services working on Army installations in Hawaii, family members, and Department of Defense civilians on Army installations may enter a team.

Entries must be submitted to the U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii (USAG-HI), Sports Office, Kaala Community Activities Center, Building 556, Room 100, Schofield Barracks, by close of business Aug. 13. Call 655-0856 or 655-0101.

24 / Friday

Company-Level Flag Football – Application deadline for company-level flag football is Aug. 24. All entries must be submitted to the USAG-HI Sports Office. Call 655-0856/0101.

30 / Thursday

Indoor Soccer Tournament – This Army Hawaii six-person indoor tournament will be held Sept. 10–21, 5:30–8:45 p.m. at Martinez Physical Fitness Center, Schofield Barracks. Registration deadline is Aug. 30. Call Gerald Vidal or Joseph Pires at 655-4804.

31 / Friday

Women's Ultimate Frisbee – The application deadline for battalion-level women's ultimate frisbee is Aug. 31. All entries must be submitted to USAG-HI Sports Office.

Ongoing

Teen Fit – Certified personal trainer Kristy Osborn teaches Teen Fit classes once a week for teens 12–17 years old. These small group classes teach the basics of proper strength training, cardio and stretching in a fun setting. Cost is \$35 per teen. Contact Osborn at 381-5944, or sign up at the Health and Fitness Center.

Well-Being T-Shirts – Earn a Lifetime Sports & Recreation (LS&R) "Targeting Your Well-Being" T-shirt and hat, when you earn LS&R points by participating in award-winning activities and special events. Pick up an LS&R brochure at any Community Recreation Division (CRD) facility and start earning 1–5 points per activity.

Your first 20 points earns you a limited edition long-sleeve or standard T-shirt, and your second 20 points an LS&R cap.

Completed cards can be turned in at the Schofield or Fort Shafter Health & Fitness Centers. Call 655-0110. Quantities are limited.

Brazilian Capoeira – Develop the mind, body and spirit to include physical fitness, self-defense and self-discipline through Brazilian Capoeira. Classes are held Tuesdays from 5:30–7 p.m. at the Fort Shafter Physical Fitness Center. Call Mestre Kinha at 247-7890.

Leilehua Golf Course Driving Range – The golf driving range at the Leilehua Golf Course is open weekdays until 9:30 p.m. Call 655-4653.

Water Aerobics – Come join this exciting workout at Richardson Pool. Classes are held Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m., and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5 p.m.–6 p.m.

Classes are \$2 each, or a punch card is available for \$15.

Water aerobics provides a safe and effective exercise alternative that improves fitness levels with little stress on the joints. Call 655-1128.

What's Up Gymnastics – Schools of Knowledge, Inspiration, Exploration and Skills (SKIES) Unlimited is partnering with What's Up Gymnastics to offer a military discount program for all upcoming classes.

What's Up Gymnastics provides several classes to choose from, including recreational and competitive classes, and it offers the only indoor climbing wall on Oahu.

Classes are available for all ages, even as early as age one. Discount cards can be picked up at the Child and Youth Services registration offices. Call 655-9818.

Volunteer Coaches – Want to be a Youth Sports coach? Call 836-1923 for AMR; 438-9336 for Fort Shafter/Tripler; 655-6465 for Schofield.



Finger-rollin'

The University of Hawaii Men's Basketball Team will conduct a basketball clinic at Schofield Barracks' Martinez Gym for youth ages 5 and up, Aug. 13–16. Coach Bob Nash and his team will cover passing, dribbling, shooting and defensive skills and dazzle aspiring basketball players with displays of strength and finesse.

Register at your nearest Child and Youth Services location, or call the Central Registration Office (655-3314 or 833-5393), the Youth Center, (833-4932, 438-6470 or 655-6461) or the Youth Sports Office (836-1923 or 655-0883).

Jeremy S. Buddemeier | U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii, Public Affairs



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August 11 / Saturday

Hike Oahu – Come join the Hawaiian Trail & Mountain Club on its next hiking adventure, beginning at 8 a.m.

-Saturday, Aug. 11, 3-miler at Kawae-wae, for intermediate hikers. The route starts in pleasant Friendship Gardens in residential Kaneohe, but quickly moves beyond the novice category. The views will be great on this hike. Call coordinators Dayle & Jacque Turner to register, 384-4821.

-Aug. 19, 5-miler in Iliahi Ridge, for intermediate hikers. A new addition, this hike offers pleasant ridge walking and interesting views, that is, after you pay some dues going up and down at its beginning. Call Coordinator John Hall, 377-5442, to register.

A \$2 donation is requested of nonmembers 18 and older. Children under 18 must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Hikers meet at the Iolani Palace, unless otherwise noted. Bring lunch and water on all hikes; wear sturdy shoes and clothing as extra caution may be required on some trails.

13 / Monday

Basketball Clinic – The Child and Youth Services' (CYS) Youth Sports & Fitness program invites military youth to participate in the University of Hawaii (UH) Basketball Clinic, Aug. 13-16 at the Martinez Physical Fitness Center, Schofield Barracks.

The clinic will be conducted by Coach Bob Nash and the UH Men's Basketball Team. Clinic sessions, which will cover passing, dribbling, shooting and defensive skills, will run as follows:

- Aug. 13-14, ages 5-7, 4-5:15 p.m., and ages 8-10, 5:30-6:45 p.m.

- Aug. 15-16, ages 11-17, 4-5:15 p.m., and ages 18 & up, 5:30-6:45 p.m.

Register at your nearest CYS location, or call the Central Registration Office (655-3314 or 833-5393), the Youth Center, (833-4932, 438-6470 or 655-6461) or the Youth Sports Office (836-1923 or 655-0883).

18 / Saturday

Keiki Rodeo – The Hawaii Women's Rodeo Association (HWRA) will host a Jackpot Rodeo, Aug. 18, at the Diamond J Ranch Arena in Waianae, Aug. 18.

Rodeo action begins at 10 a.m. with open, 3D and keiki barrel racing followed by pole-bending. Admission and parking are free.

Call HWRA President Lu Faborito at 668-9006. Visit HWRA online at www.rodeoohu.com.

24 / Friday

Equality Day Run – Lace up your sneakers for the Women's Equality Day Run, Aug. 24, at Schofield Barracks' Stoneman Field, beginning at 7 a.m. Call Sgt. 1st Class Michael Alicea, 655-0053, for details.

Ongoing

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.

Meals are included. To schedule your adventure, call 734-4214,

877-682-7433, or go online at www.bike-hawaii.com.

Hawaiian Waters Adventure – Hawaiian Waters Adventure Park features a variety of unique water rides and attractions for all ages, along with multiple dining options. Weekday admission is \$35.99 for adults and \$25.99 for children, with discounts available for military, kamaaina, groups and seniors.

Annual passes are available. Visit www.hawaiianwaters.com or call 674-9283.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly – The T.O.P.S support group meets every Thursday evening at the Armed Services YMCA. Join others to share weight loss tips, discuss concerns and provide encouragement to each other. Call Cheryl at 696-4423.

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.

Masters Swim Program – Team

Move hosts a master's swimming program Wednesdays from 7:30-8:30 a.m., and Saturdays from 7-8:15 a.m. in the Pearl City district park swimming pool.

These innovative group workouts are designed for beginning and advanced swimmers. Expert coaching is provided to improve upon form and technique. All ages are welcome. Cost is \$15 per month for Team Move members and \$25 per month for nonmembers. The pool is located at 785 Hoomaemae St., Pearl City.

Island Adventure Golf – This Hawaiian Waters Adventure Park high-end miniature golf course features 18 holes of fun in the sun, nine of which are 100-percent ADA-accessible, and a putting green, all for the entire family.

A full round of 18 holes costs \$6.50 for military, youth 12 and under, and senior citizens. General admission is \$7.50. For details, call 674-9283 or visit www.hawaiianwaters.com.

Fleet Feet – Faerber's Flyers women's running club invites women of all ages and skill levels to join them at the University of Hawaii track at Cooke Field. The club meets Wednesdays from 5:15-7 p.m. Cost is \$50 per year. Call 277-3609.



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Face painting, shave ice cones, bouncy houses and super slides were among some of the popular activities at the National Night Out, Tuesday, at the Kalakaua Community Center.

Night Out: Neighbors bond

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neighbors to "meet & greet" and enjoy plenty of fun and activities. The belief is, when neighbors know and care about one another, they feel more comfortable reporting crime and suspicious behavior in their neighborhoods to police, which makes communities like AHFH safer places to live.

During the local observance, neighbors also received important safety tips from the Federal Fire Department and from family readiness groups.

Audiologist offers ‘sound advice’ to prevent hearing loss

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CAMP VICTORY, Iraq – Many Soldiers turn tail and run away when they hear they need a hearing test. Some Soldiers would rather conduct combat missions rather than see the audiologist.

However, though he or she is generally not very popular, when it comes to hearing loss, ringing in the ears, and communication deficit, there's no better friend than the audiologist.

Hearing loss is one of the most prevalent injuries sustained on the battlefield. A study of injuries sustained by a Marine Light Armor Reconnaissance (LAR) group during Operation Iraqi Freedom II found that 23 percent of injuries were ear-related – the most prevalent single injury among the group.

A study by the Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine found that Soldiers who deployed had more than a 50-percent chance of developing a permanent change in hearing compared with those who did not deploy.

Even with improved hearing protective communication systems, wide use of the combat arms earplugs and command emphasis at the highest levels, Soldiers continue to disregard good hearing health.

Why is that?

It boils down to simply not understanding how we hear and the effects of noise on the ear. The Nation-

al Safety Council formula “see the hazard, understand the defense, act in time” just doesn't seem to work. You can't see noise and most don't understand its effect on the ear. Acting in time requires faith in those who truly understand the hazard without necessarily understanding it yourself. To help you understand the hazard better, here's some “sound” advice:

Some hearing loss, like congenital or genetic-related loss, can't be prevented. However, the most

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prevalent cause of permanent hearing loss among Soldiers, noise-induced hearing loss, can be prevented.

When noise-induced hearing loss occurs, very little pain is felt. Soldiers don't generally notice pain from noise until the sound pressure level exceeds 160

decibels, which is roughly the loudness level of a rifle blast.

Hearing loss from noise is progressive. When the person is in a noisy environment, the noise becomes less and less bothersome. It's not because the person's ears have become accustomed to the noise, it's because his or her ears are being damaged.

Repeated exposure to loud noise doesn't exercise the ears and make hearing stronger, it damages sensitive nerve endings within the inner ear called hair cells. It leads to permanent hearing impairment.

Although Soldiers may have some recovery of hearing following noise exposure, repeated exposures to loud noise levels will eventually cause permanent hearing loss.

Lastly, hearing loss from excessive noise exposure is almost always preventable. The proper use of hearing protection when exposed to loud noise will reduce your chances of developing permanent hearing loss significantly, if not completely.

In a deployed environment, it's easy to become complacent and just accept the fact that noise is ever present. On a recent helicopter flight, I witnessed only three of nine Soldiers using hearing protection. One Soldier on the flight actually had his hearing protection neatly tucked under the name band of his uniform.

I tapped him on the shoulder and said, “Your hearing protection won't do you any good if it's not in

your ears.” He responded appropriately, probably because I outranked him. Other Soldiers also responded, but one just sat there during our 15-minute flight.

Noise in a Black Hawk ranges anywhere from 103–106 decibels, depending on the location of the seat. Unprotected exposure to this amount of noise can cause permanent damage to the ear after four to eight minutes, depending on individual susceptibility.

I could tell many other stories. The point I need to make is that all Soldiers need to set the example to preserve hearing and protect Soldier readiness. It's never too late to begin practicing good hearing health.

Retired Sgt. Maj. Kevin M. Skelly summed up the benefits of protecting one's hearing in the fall 1995 edition of the NCO Journal.

“If I could change one thing from the past 20 years, it would be the constant ringing in my ears I live with now – all because I didn't wear hearing protection when I should have,” he said. “The only thing I can change now are the batteries in my hearing aids.”

Good hearing is critical to a stress-free and meaningful life following military service. So, spend some time and effort now to protect a very valuable sense. You only get two ears, and they need to last you a lifetime.

Mandatory class prepares baby sitters for child care

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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS – Attentive 11 to 15 year-olds gathered here, Saturday, for the 4-H Army Child and Youth Services (CYS) Baby Sitting course presented by the School of Knowledge, Inspiration Exploration and Skills (SKIES).

Rita Hall, training curriculum specialist for Hawaii Army CYS, taught the mandatory course and touched on the importance of safety and knowledge when caring for children.

Policy memorandum USAG-HI-34, Child Supervision Policy for Army installations in Hawaii, became effective in June in response to child neglect cases reported by military police and the Family Advocacy Program (FAP).

The policy requires baby sitters be 14 years old to supervise nonsiblings, 12 years old to supervise siblings, and restricts unsupervised play for children under the age of 10. The prevention of child abuse and neglect has been a primary mission of the FAP since its inception in 1992 (DOD 6400.1 "Family Advocacy Program").

Hall believes the new policy, including the mandatory baby-sitting class, will produce responsible baby sitters and prepare them for emergency situations when caring for young children.

"I know this is a hassle for some parents, but children cannot be replaced," said Hall. "I think this is a positive program to implement."

Hall started off the class by asking the students to give themselves a character assessment, asking the question, "Do I have what it takes to be a baby sitter?"

"We want to make sure they are doing this for the right reasons," said Hall. "Not everyone is cut out to be a baby sitter."

The class discussed steps to take in emergency situations and first aid techniques. Responsibility was a main focus of the course, including knowing when to ask for help and disciplining a child in a reasonable manner. Students asked questions and exchanged ideas on entertaining children of various ages. Experienced baby sitters shared stories.

Bradley Durbin has gained plenty of baby-sitting experience by helping his mother care for his three younger siblings. The 12-year-old feels more confident after having taken the course.

"The first aid section was helpful," said Durbin. "There is a lot of useful information taught here, especially if you are new to baby sitting."

As the course continued, students participated in role playing and simulated exercises, including using a mannequin to practice the proper way to hold a baby and change a diaper.

"As a parent, I want a baby sitter that is the next best thing to me," said Hall. "This course provides all the information needed to produce responsible and knowledgeable baby sitters."

CYS Babysitter Course & CPR, First Aid classes are held throughout the year at Schofield Barracks and Aliamanu Military Reserve. Call SKIES at 655-9818 for a class schedule.



Instructor Rita Hall observes the class as students practice diaper changing and baby care. Hands-on training, as well as informative videos and interactive conversation, made up the course structure.



Above — Rita Hall aids student Krystal Moore during the 4-H Army Child and Youth Services Baby-sitting Course, showing her the correct way to hold a bottle. Children learned the proper way to care for both young children and babies.



Right — Brandon Stout practices changing a diaper on a mannequin at the mandatory baby-sitting class. Children learned the hands-on skills and knowledge to prepare them for all types of situations in child care.