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Chemical munitions destroyed

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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS – Army experts completed the safe destruction of the six remaining recovered legacy chemical munitions here, July 31, using a state-of-the-art contained detonation technology called the Transportable Detonation Chamber (TDC) TC-60.

The Army safely destroyed two of the six recovered chemical munitions July 30, and the remaining four, July 31. Previously, the Army had successfully destroyed 65 of the chemical munitions using the TDC, before halting operations for system maintenance in May.

In total, the TDC provided for the fully contained destruction of 71 recovered chemical munitions at Schofield Barracks. Air

monitoring confirmed that there was no release and that the munitions, including their chemical fill, were completely destroyed.

"I am extremely pleased with the tremendous professionalism of the entire destruction team, and commend the state of Hawaii for the integral role it played to ensure the safety of the public and the environment during these operations," said Tad Davis, deputy assistant secretary of the Army for Environment, Safety and Occupational Health. "The safe and successful destruction of these munitions reinforces our commitment to the people of Hawaii to be good stewards of the environment."

Army officials extensively coordinated the entire destruction effort with local, state and federal agencies, including the Centers for

Disease Control, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Hawaii State Department of Health, and the City and County of Honolulu. This deliberative and collaborative effort ensured safeguards were in place to protect the health of the community and the environment.

"From the very beginning of this process, we have emphasized that safety is paramount, and we've stayed true to our focus," said Col. Matthew Margotta, commander, U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii. "We've been blessed to work with a team of true professionals, and I couldn't have asked for a better result – safe, completely contained destruction."

The TDC will now be disassembled and returned to the mainland for future destruction operations.

Chaplains celebrate their 233rd anniversary

Story and Photo by
KYLE FORD
News Editor

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS – The Hawaii chaplaincy and its families gathered to celebrate the 233rd anniversary of the Chaplain Corps at Bowen Park, here, July 29.

Participants celebrated the birthday of the second oldest corps in the Army with a transfer of authority and a look at the past, present and future of the chaplaincy, followed by food, fellowship and fun.

Gen. George Washington created the infantry, then he created the chaplaincy, noted Chaplain (Col.) Vince Inghilterra, incoming Schofield Barracks Installation Chaplain.

"He did this for two reasons, one to preserve the moral goodness of the force and, two, thereby meriting the protection and favor of almighty God," Inghilterra said.

The official birthday of the corps is July 29, 1775, when the Continental Congress recognized chaplains in an updated pay scale for officers and enlisted Soldiers.

More basically, chaplains are responsible for the spiritual and moral welfare of Soldiers, said Sgt. Mike Swintek, chaplain's assistant, North Community Chaplains noncommissioned officer in charge.

"We nurture the living, provide for the wounded, and honor the dead," Swintek added.

"If we didn't have chaplains, what would the Army be like without them?" asked Inghilterra. "We provide the caring heart of the Army."

Chaplain (Col.) Gene Fowler, U.S. Army-Pacific (USARPAC) command chaplain spoke to the assembled chaplain corps of Hawaii before relinquishing authority to Chaplain (Col.) Jack Van Dyken.

"Everyone develops their relationship with God differently," Fowler said. "We walk the walk that God has given us."

The path of a chaplain is to support the Soldiers in the Army, he explained. Since ancient times, priests have traveled with armies and given soldiers moral and spiritual support.

"The chaplaincy has evolved through the years as the Army has evolved," Fowler said.

He said USARPAC chaplains have undergone three major changes recently. First, the chaplaincy is now officially part of a warfighting unit in a



Desert rock

Soldiers from the 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team relieve deployment stress with music

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New WAAF gate

An exit-only gate is now open on Wheeler Army Airfield, providing access to Kunia Road from Eastman Road.

This gate facilitates school bus departures and parents dropping off and picking up children from Wheeler Elementary and Intermediate Schools.

Registration office moves

Schofield Barracks Vehicle Registration office is closed today in order to move to the more central location of the Soldier Support Center, Building 750, Room #116. The office will reopen at its new location and regular hours.

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Ping Pong power

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Pastor Mark Teves returns a volley during the Ping Pong tournament at the Tropics, Tuesday. Players battled over the green table for pride, bragging rights and gift certificates provided by Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation. The final ranking for the Schofield Barracks championship is: First place, Pastor Mark Teves; second place, retired Master Sgt. Torell Smarr; and third place, Staff Sgt. Armondo Morales.

Garrison employees thanked at town hall

KYLE FORD
News Editor

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS – The U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii (USAG-HI) commander provided civilian employees with a progress report on past initiatives and outlined his plans for the garrison's future at several workforce town hall meetings last week.

Col. Matthew Margotta praised employees for their continued outstanding performance and discussed challenges for the future.

"Customer service is the core function of garrison employees," Margotta said. "It is the thing that USAG-HI people do better than any other garrison in the Army."

Margotta said great customer service is established by three things: giving customers what they want, keeping it clean, and being friendly.

Nearly everything garrison employees do affects the quality of life of Soldiers and their families.

When the 25th Infantry Division returned from Iraq, it became the "Year of Quality of Life," Margotta said.

"Because we knew the 25th was most likely going to be returning to Iraq in a year, we



Margotta

wanted to make sure the Soldiers got as much enjoyment out of their year back as we could provide," Margotta said.

With the help of the Army Family Covenant, Soldiers benefited with the Kolekole Jam and one of the largest Fourth of July celebrations in recent history.

Concerts weren't the only events Soldiers enjoyed in the quality of life initiative, they also gained expanded services like those at outdoor recreation and fitness centers.

The garrison also worked to improve the lives of wounded warriors, renovating Schofield's Grant Hall for the Warrior

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Oahu South Town Hall gives community members voice

Story and Photos by
KAYLA OVERTON
U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii Public Affairs

ALIAMANU MILITARY RESERVATION – Military personnel and family members discussed community issues at the Oahu South Town Hall, at the chapel here, July 30.

The meeting gave community members from Forth Shafter and AMR the opportunity to voice their concerns to subject matter experts from throughout the garrison.

Lt. Col. Mark Boussy, commander, U.S. Army Garrison-Oahu, welcomed the audience as the meeting began.

"We are pleased to have you here; we are here to listen to you, hear your concerns and get resolutions for them," Boussy said. "We are proud to say that all issues that have been brought up at these town hall meetings have been resolved and reviewed."

Vickie Domingo, Army Hawaii Family Housing (AHFH) operations director for the South Region, provided an update on new construction. She said 212 units have been

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completed and turned over to new residents at AMR.

Domingo also highlighted AHFH's "National Night Out," Aug. 16, from 9 a.m. to noon., at the AMR Community Center. The event is a community effort to bring neighborhoods together and promote safety, and will feature rides, games, a working dog demonstration, and a bicycle safety demonstration.

Lt. Col. Thomas Denzler, director, Directorate of Emergency Services (DES), discussed new security changes that are providing a greater police presence in area communities.

"As result of realigning force protection measures, we are now able to provide a higher police presence our communities," Denzler said. He said officers are now able to



Community members address concerns to subject matter experts at the Oahu South town hall meeting.

spend more time in the community, allowing them to build a stronger rapport with residents.

Jack Wiers of the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare, and Recreation

(DFMWR) announced the Army Community Theatre at Richardson Theatre will launch its 2008-2009 season in September with the

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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 656-3155, or e-mail editor@hawaiiarmyweekly.com.

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61 days since last fatal accident

Number represents fatal accidents as defined by Army Regulation 385-10, which is inclusive of all active component U.S. Army units and personnel. Current as of 8/6/08.

Services abound for school-age children

LT. COL. MARK 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. The Commander's Corner for the month of August focuses on important back-to-school issues.

Deployment Resource Team

Due to recent and pending deployments, 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 department of education, military community, education and mental health specialists, and parents. For deployment information and support, the school liaison office partners with various community subject matter experts who make up a deployment resource team (DRT). This team provides information and resources to school staff and military families. To schedule a briefing by the DRT team or for deployment resources and activity books for children and teens, contact the school liaison office.

Parent-to-Parent

In an effort to assist parents in keeping

their children's academic development on track and supporting 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 (CYS).

The program is made up of a group of committed individuals who offer free 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. This short training is a wonderful central focus for any family readiness group (FRG) or social meeting. For information regarding the Parent-to-Parent program, contact Karmin Solomon at schofieldparent2parent@yahoo.com.

Student Online Achievement Resources (SOAR)

SOAR is a program for military children and the school districts that serve them. It is a free Web site that provides students in grades 3-12 and their parents with resources to identify academic strengths and weaknesses in math and reading. The Military Impacted Schools Association spon-



Boussy

sors SOAR. The association hopes SOAR will help children improve their academic endeavors and ease the transition of moving from one military installation to another. Families can visit www.soarathome.org to access the program.

Child Safety

Child safety is a priority in our Army communities. Children less than 10 years old cannot be left unsupervised at a bus stop and cannot walk to school alone. Children less than 10 years old must be escorted by a parent or sibling 12 years old or older. Policy Memorandum USAG-HI 34, Child Supervision Policy for Army Installations in Hawaii states the conditions under which children must be supervised. Remember, this is the perfect time to update phone numbers, work numbers, addresses and e-mail addresses with your school administrator. Failure to contact a parent in an emergency situation could have devastating consequences. For the safety of your child, please ensure this policy is strictly adhered to. Let's ensure we all do our part to keep our keiki (children) safe.

School Bus

Children that reside a mile or more from their school are eligible for regular school bus 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 bus trip (one way) averages \$.35 per trip. Parents can purchase round trip passes at a cost of about \$33 for a school quarter (prices change based on the number of school days in each quarter) or \$123.90 for the entire school year. One way rates are also available. Students who qualify for free lunch are eligible to receive a free bus pass. Parents should visit their child's school for a bus pass application and can check on the status of their child's application by logging on to <http://iportal.k12.hi.us/SBT>.

Command and Parent Involvement

Parental involvement is key to a child's successful educational experience. I encourage the chain of command to assist Soldiers in an effort to support their children's education by allowing the Soldier 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 more information regarding educational support programs, contact CYS School Liaison & Education Services at (808) 655-8326/9818, or e-mail at tamsin.keone@us.army.mil. You can also visit their Web site at www.mwrrarmy-hawaii.com/cys/cyslia.asp.

Soldier sentenced for AWOL

OFFICES OF STAFF JUDGE ADVOCATE

8th Theater Sustainment Command and
25th Infantry Division

To deter misconduct and to inform Soldiers and civilians of military justice trends, the Offices of the Staff Judge Advocate from the 8th Theater Sustainment Command and 25th Infantry Division publish the results of the following recent courts martial:

Over the past month, one Soldier was tried, found guilty, and sentenced for various offenses occurring on and off Schofield Barracks.

A private first class from 561st Engineer Company (rear detachment), 84th Engineer Battalion, Schofield Barracks, was sentenced at a special court-martial to be reduced to the grade of private (E-1), to be confined for 90 days, and to be discharged from the service with a bad-conduct discharge, for missing movement and being absent without leave.

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.

Human resources system open for self-enrollment

LT. COL. MIKE MOOSE

U.S. Army Human Resources Command Public Affairs

ALEXANDRIA, Va. – The Army Defense Integrated Military Human Resources System (DIMHRS) Office launched the Army DIMHRS Web-based Blackboard Learning Management System, Friday.

DIMHRS is a Congressionally-mandated program designed to provide the Army with an integrated, multicomponent personnel and pay system that will create one personnel record per service member for his or her entire career.

The Blackboard houses all DIMHRS training courses and materials used to teach the

entire Army community, including Soldiers, civilians and contractors, to successfully navigate through the new system. The DIMHRS Blackboard is located at <http://ssi.learn.army.mil>.

All Soldiers can complete the distance learning directly through the Internet or by downloading the programs to a computer.

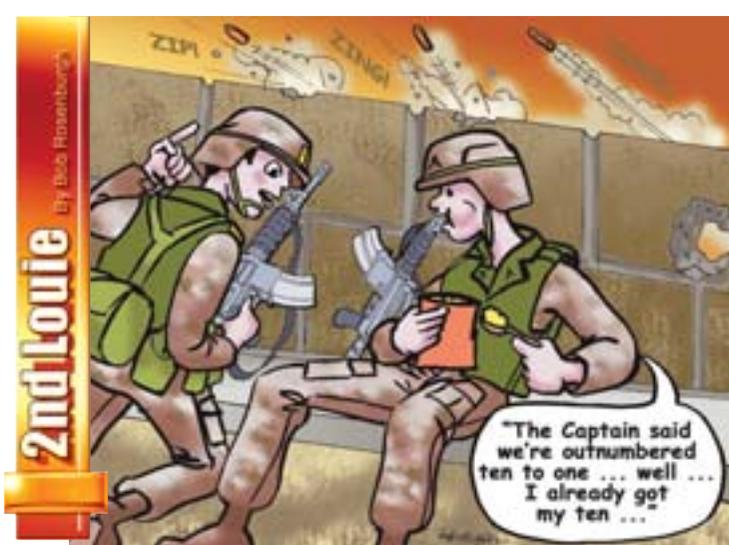
The Army will train five targeted audiences: DIMHRS administrators (DA), Train-the-Trainer (T3)/Change Agents, human resources (HR) specialists, managers, and self-service members. Self-enrollment opened to all users Friday.

•DIMHRS Administrators Training will take place from Monday through Sept. 5 at:

Fort Hood, Texas; Fort Jackson, S.C.; Camp Robinson, Ark.; Human Resources Command, Alexandria, Va.; Europe and Hawaii; and from Sept. 8-12 in Korea. DA training includes eight hours of distributed learning and one week of classroom training.

•Train-the-Trainer (T3/Change Agent) Training will be conducted from Oct. 6-Dec. 12 at Fort Jackson, S.C.; Fort Hood, Texas; and Army National Guard Training Facility, Camp Robinson, Ark. T3 includes 48 hours of online learning and 80 hours of classroom instruction (128 hours total). T3 students must self-enroll, complete the Basic Foundation

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5 STEPS in FAITH

God's compassion transcends human suffering

CHAPLAIN (CAPT.) RAMON P. SANTILLANO
3rd Battalion, 25th Aviation Regiment Chaplain

The miracle that Jesus performed in the feeding of 5,000 people on the shores of the Sea of Galilee near Bethsaida has always filled me with awe and intrigue. It is interesting to me because this is the only miracle of Jesus found in all four of the Gospels (Matthew 14:13-21; Mark 6:30-44; Luke 9:10-17; and John 6:1-15).

And so, I have always wondered, why? What lessons and insights does this narrative offer? Many, one might think, yet specifically, what do we find here?

After you have had an opportunity to read the narrative for yourself, I invite you to use your imagination and revisit the opening scene. Imagine with me, Christ is in the boat; shafts of highly focused heat and light beam relentlessly in his face and eyes. These rays come both from the sun and as reflections off the face of the water. There is no escape for him.

The air is dry and dusty. Heat waves com-



Santillano

bine with dust in the air to paint mosaics – false illusions, mirages and distorted images.

Therefore, the awaiting crowd at first may have appeared as nothing more than a blur obscured by the sun's rays – an illusion – a giant mirage of dust and heat. But, as Jesus moves to the shore and, yes, dares to join the crowd, all becomes clear.

Note that he doesn't decide to sail away, ignore the crowd, or go another way. Instead, he joins them. As he mingles with the crowd, he is confronted with a multitude of vivid images, sounds and even smells. He observes

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Voices of Lightning: What career would you choose (other than your current career) if salary wasn't an issue?



"I'd be a professional basketball player."

Sgt. 1st Class
Mario
Abramson
8th TSC
Paralegal NCO



"Medical field."

Chief Warrant
Officer Craig
Colean
USARPAC
Counter
Intelligence Staff
Officer



"Veterinary work."

Staff Sgt.
Wendy Cortes
8th TSC
HR Specialist



"Teacher."

Spc. Greg
Richards
94th AAMDC
Intelligence Analyst



"A role model for children."

Spc. Nipa
Thomas
311th Theater
Signal Command
Motorpool Clerk

Logistics and support benefit US, Iraqi Army

SGT. MICHAEL MOODY
1st Battalion, 14th Infantry Regiment

CAMP TAJI, Iraq — A Soldier of passing importance once remarked that “an army marches on its stomach.” While the primacy of the gastronomical can be debated, the underlying idea, that it takes more than bullet-slingers to fight a war, is unassailable.

This necessity for logistics and support has not gone unnoticed by Senior Army coalition forces and Iraqi officials. The Iraqi Army (IA) continues to develop its ability to become self-reliant. The soldiers, or Jundis as they’re called, of the 3rd Battalion, 37th Brigade, 9th Iraqi Army Division, recently worked toward that self-reliance by participating in medical training.

“The emphasis needs to be on the Iraqi Army, on what they do,” said Capt. Dustin Cathcart, commander, Military Transition Team (MiTT), 1st Battalion, 14th Infantry Regiment “Golden Dragons,” 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team.

The MiTT Soldiers of 1-14th Inf. Regt. ensure the focus is on IA soldiers.

Sgt. 1st Class Shawn Pierce, assigned to the MiTT Soldiers of 1-14th Inf. Regt., assists and mentors medics assigned to the IA’s 3-

37th Bde. to ensure they learn proper techniques.

A 14-year medic who has already deployed once in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Pierce has a great deal of experience to offer IA medics.

He and Sgt. Hussain Mussa Attwan, senior medic with the 3-37th Bde., continually ensure IA soldiers are trained on proper medical procedures. The team teaches classes on how to apply trauma dressings and splint fractures.

The medics of the 3-37th Bde. continue to show both initiative and growing independence by passing on their medical knowledge to the other soldiers of their battalion, Pierce said. He also said he was impressed with their performance and initiative in caring for fellow soldiers.

“They coordinated with a (outgoing) convoy and brought the immunizations. That’s pretty impressive,” said Pierce.

In addition, 3-37th Bde. medics traveled to a Joint Security Station in the Taji Qada, northwest of Baghdad, to immunize soldiers, instead of waiting for them to return to battalion headquarters.

This kind of work and initiative will ensure the IA medics are able to properly care for their fellow soldiers, and ensure a healthy fighting force for the future.

Soldier continues family legacy

OIF

PFC. JOHN AHN

1st Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment

CAMP TAJI, Iraq — Sgt. 1st Class Kenneth Palumbo wanted to do something exciting, serve his country and not walk too much. These requirements are what the San Diego native told his recruiter before joining the Army. That conversation led him to enlist as an armor Soldier.

Today, Palumbo serves as a mobile gun system platoon sergeant assigned to C Company, 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment “Wolfhounds,” 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team.

His enlistment began another generation of military service for his family. The seeds of service were planted by his grandfather, who served in the Navy during World War II, and his stepfather, who served in Vietnam.

“My stepfather has shrapnel in his legs from grenades and land mines,” said Palumbo. “He’s one of the toughest guys I know.”

With these influences, Palumbo began his Army career as an armor Soldier, and is now responsible for 30 armor and infantry Soldiers in his unit.

Before deploying, Palumbo was a recruiter, where he inspired more than 60 civilians to become Soldiers. He then did his part to



Sgt. Brad Willeford | 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment

Sgt. 1st Class Kenneth Palumbo (right), platoon sergeant assigned to C Co., 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment “Wolfhounds,” raises his right hand and recites the oath of re-enlistment at Camp Taji, northwest of Baghdad, recently, with fellow Soldier Sgt. 1st Class Hugh Jones.

prepare other units to deploy in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom as a training noncommissioned officer at the National Training Center, Fort Irwin, Calif. After those missions, it

was finally time for him to deploy.

“I was ready to get over here,” he said. “I was finally getting my chance to do my part.”

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'Dead Reckoning' rocks deployment crowd

OIF

Warrior musicians entertain, maintain music skills in Iraq

Story and Photo by
PFC. LYNDESE DRANSFIELD
2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team Public Affairs

CAMP TAJI, Iraq – The sound of rock music hung in the dry, dusty air at Camp Taji, northwest of Baghdad.

It was an ambiance many enjoyed as they passed an abandoned warehouse where six Soldiers from the 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, "Warrior," practiced their music.

"The Barn," as it is affectionately referred to by the Soldiers of the band Dead Reckoning, is a spot of inspiration for the band's members, which includes:

Staff Sgt. Michael Billingsley, the band's drummer, a Joint Network Node (JNN) operator; Sgt. Corey Burke, a guitarist, a JNN operator; Sgt. 1st Class Tim Casper, a bassist, a communication security custodian; Staff Sgt. Shawn

Magone, guitarist, a signal frequency manager; and Spc. Joseph Ray, the lead guitarist, a JNN operator.

All Soldiers are assigned to the 556th Signal Company, 2nd SBCT, except Cpl. Greg Robinson, the lead vocalist, from the 312th Psychological Operations Company.

Each member of the band has his own personal reasons for playing, but all said they share one common motive: to relieve the stress of everyday work, not only for themselves, but for all Soldiers who enjoy music.

"I know what people are going through out here," said Burke. "We're all out here doing the same thing. If we can make it go by a little faster, that would nice for everyone."

The band plays an assortment of music that anyone can relate to, from heavy metal, classic rock to their own original songs, which were inspired by their experiences during deployment.

"One of the things we should be doing



Rock band "Dead Reckoning," made up of Soldiers from 556th Signal Company and 312th Psychological Operations Company, 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team "Warrior," play for fellow Soldiers at Joint Security Station Sheik Amir, in the Taji Qada, northwest of Baghdad.

here is trying to better ourselves," said Command Sgt. Maj. Karl Morgan, the senior enlisted leader for 2nd SBCT. "I think that what they are doing here is

good for them and overall good for this deployment."

Even though the Soldiers work long days, they often can be found at "The

Barn" practicing, not merely to improve their talent, but because playing music is something they enjoy.

"People love music, even if it's just listening to their MP3 players while working out," said Ray. "We actually get the chance to create music for people, and we have fun doing something different."

The Soldiers of Dead Reckoning have had a unique opportunity to provide support to many of the Soldiers here in Iraq and fortunately have received a great deal of support in exchange.

"I really enjoy watching my Soldiers have a good time," said 1st Lt. Justin Corbett, 556th Signal Company executive officer. "It gives them a chance to express themselves in a different way instead of being at work doing the same routine day in and day out. I am glad that they have found something to do on their own and enjoy themselves while they're over here."

Legacy: Soldier inspires others to reach goals

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Palumbo and his team now conduct regular patrols, search for enemy caches, conduct village assessments, and engage with residents of the area.

Palumbo's commander, Capt. David Uthlaut, praised Palumbo for his leadership.

"(Sgt. 1st Class) Palumbo always puts the needs of his Soldiers above his own," Uthlaut said. "He is a humble and approachable leader who has demonstrated on numerous occasions that he is willing to expend significant personal effort to address his Soldiers' concerns."

In March, Palumbo committed to his last re-enlistment, confirming he is a career Soldier and will remain in the Army for the next eight years.

Palumbo said he hopes those eight years will allow him to reach his goals and continue to be an inspiration to his Soldiers.

Gimlets mentor Iraqi police

CPL. DUSTIN WEIDMAN
1st Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment

BAGHDAD – The room was dark and quiet as the insurgents, surrounded by weapons and explosives, planned their next attack. Suddenly, members of the Iraqi police (IP) flooded into the room, kicked down the door and shouted, "Get down on the ground!" The insurgents were caught red-handed.

This scenario was the final exam for members of IP attack force in the Iraqi Police Master Trainer Program, recently.

The "insurgents," were played by their instructors from the mortar platoon, 1st Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment, "Gimlets."

"We designed the Iraqi Police Master Trainer Program to try to get the biggest impact from a small element of U.S. Soldiers," said Capt. Adam Eaton, mortar platoon leader. "The program has changed a great deal from its initial stage through input from everyone in the platoon. We hand-picked Iraqi police who displayed leadership po-

tential at their stations and brought them in for training."

The program lasted five weeks and was taught at Joint Security Station Nassir Wa Salam.

Students learned patrol tactics, first aid, room clearing and searching rooms for weapons and explosives.

"These guys have come a long way since the beginning, and they are using what we have taught them," said Staff Sgt. Gary Strickland, course instructor. "At the beginning they would run disorganized into a room to clear it. Now (the last day of training), they are going into the room in a stack."

Each student was awarded a green tab to be worn when they return to their stations, and is now qualified to train other police officers at their station.

"Overall this group of Iraqi police has made a dramatic improvement in their capabilities since the first day we picked them up," said Eaton. "The program will be successful if they are able to pass that proficiency on to the rest of their force."



Staff Sgt. J.B. Jaso III | 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment

Gun show

CAMP TAJI, Iraq – Staff Sgt. Rudy Mello flexes his muscles for an Iraqi child while visiting an Istaqlal Qada village, northeast of Baghdad, July 27. Mello is a squad leader for B Company, 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment "Wolfhounds," 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team "Warrior."



Photos by Sgt. Stephen Proctor | 8th Theater Sustainment Command Public Affairs



Cause for applause

FORT SHAFTER — (Above, left to right) Sgt. 1st Class Brian Hires, 500th Military Intelligence (MI) Brigade; Staff Sgt. Levon Mursier Jr., 732nd MI Battalion; and Sgt. Michael Davids, 205th MI Bn.; receive the Sergeant Audie Murphy Award during a ceremony at the Richardson Theater here, July 31. The award is named after the most decorated Soldier in World War II, who earned the Medal of Honor and every other medal for valor, among others.

Left — Anne-Marie Sawyer, 732nd MI Bn., is presented the Doctor Mary E. Walker Award by Maj. Gen. Raymond Mason, right, during the ceremony, July 31. Also awarded but not present were Monica Matteo, 8th Special Troops Battalion, and Melissa Rodeffer, 205th MI Bn. The award is named after the only female Medal of Honor recipient and is awarded to Army spouses who distinguish themselves with outstanding volunteer service in support of Soldiers.

Dining facility opens lanai

SGT. 1ST CLASS JASON SHEPHERD
U.S. Army-Pacific Public Affairs

FORT SHAFTER — For most Soldiers and Department of the Army civilians, eating lunch at Fort Shafter's only dining facility was a tedious affair.

It wasn't because the food was bad or the service was terrible. The hard part was trying to find a seat.

The grand opening of the Paradise Haven Dining Facility Lanai should put an end to the wait, according to Sgt. 1st Class Adriana Ybarra, dining facility manager.

Lt. Col. Erik Nordberg, commander of the U.S. Army-Pacific Special Troops Battalion officially opened a new lanai with additional seating in a ribbon cutting ceremony at the dining facility, July 25.

"We've had so many people that wanted to come here, so lunches were very tight," he said. "With everyone's help, a lanai was built very quickly, which will now provide 45 additional seats. With the 88 seats in here plus those outside, troops will not have to stand around and wait for a space."

According to Nordberg, approval for the funding of the new lanai took almost two years. Cutting the ribbon was Nordberg's last official function before he stepped down from command, July 29.

"I want to say thank you to our team, thanks to the garrison and the (Department of Public Works) team as well," he added. "Everyone who has made this happen. Since I arrived here two years ago, I've understood that the dining facility was one of the priorities that needed to be fixed."

He also said that the dining facility was losing more than \$1,000 every month, but with changes in management and quality of food, the dining facility is almost breaking even.

Ybarra said she and her crew have instituted several new ideas to drum up more business, including a sandwich bar and a more exciting menu.

"My goal is to have all Soldiers come here for lunch, instead of fast food," she said. "I never understood why a Soldier would want to pay \$7



Spc. Rebecca Kuschka cuts the cake she made with some help from Lt. Col. Erik Nordberg in celebration of the new opening of the Paradise Haven Dining Facility Lanai, July 25.

at (a sandwich shop) when he or she could come here and get the same thing for \$3.75, which includes dessert.

"If you think about it, you could save almost \$60 every month just by eating at the dining facility. Now, with the extra seating, there's not an excuse to go off post and eat."

Nordberg said that it was always his goal to make the dining facility

one that Fort Shafter and USARPAC could be proud of.

"This is an Army in transformation and Fort Shafter is big in transformation," he said. "We recognize that as we have more and more Soldiers assigned here, the dining facility is a place where people will come together to eat and talk to their fellow Soldiers. It is very important that Paradise Haven is a top-notch facility."

JLOTS strengthens Army-Navy interoperability

Story and Photo by
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Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower once said, "Battles, campaigns and even wars have been won or lost primarily because of logistics."

Many factors contribute to winning wars, or in the modern-day military, efficiently providing international humanitarian assistance at a moment's notice. Moving the Army's vast supply of vehicles and other equipment can be a daunting task in itself.

However, to add an extra element of difficulty, a group of Soldiers and Sailors moved more than 1,500 rolling vehicles and shipping containers from ships anchored off the coast of Camp Pendleton, Calif., to the shore without the benefit of a fixed port during the Joint Logistics Over The Shore exercise Pacific Strike (JLOTS) June 1-Aug. 1.

JLOTS is a joint exercise between the U.S. Army and the Navy meant to strengthen their interoperability so they can quickly build an improvised port when one has been destroyed or is non-existent, and get equipment from sea to shore to support wartime or humanitarian missions.

"(JLOTS is) meant to enable (the military) to move a heavy force ashore when we don't have a modern port, or we don't have a large enough port," said Navy Capt. Thomas Wetherald, commander, JLOTS '08.

The mission began when the USNS Piliilaau docked in Hawaii to pick up



Soldiers with the 331st Transportation Company from Fort Eustis, Va., "stab" into the beach with the Army Trident Pier during Joint Logistics Over the Shore 2008, recently.

equipment from the 45th Sustainment Brigade, 8th Theater Sustainment Command (TSC) and the 3rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team (IBCT), 25th Infantry Division (ID). The Piliilaau transported the equipment to Camp Pendleton, where it was driven to Fort Irwin, Calif., for a mission rehearsal exercise at the National Training Center in preparation for deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan.

Training to ship equipment efficiently is beneficial to Soldiers and Sailors because most support equipment for battles and wars will have to be shipped.

"No matter how much airlift we might have, in the end the tyranny of weight is that 95 percent of stuff that comes to back up the initial force and to do the long-term logistics is going to come by sea," said Wetherald.

Meanwhile, Navy Seabees with Amphibious Construction Battalion 1, Naval Beach Group 1, built a life support area consisting of tents for sleeping, working, eating and bathing for the nearly 3,000 Soldiers, Sailors and civilians who would be working on JLOTS at its peak. They also worked on the beach to erect the

Navy Elevated Causeway System (ELCAS), a mobile pier system that can be assembled in a matter of days. The ELCAS is equipped with cranes that lift shipping containers from pieces of the Improved Navy Lighterage System, a series of floating causeways, for transfer to the shore.

The rolling stock was driven off the Piliilaau onto pieces of lighterage called causeway ferries. Sailors with Beach Master Unit 1 guided the ferries to shore where they stabbed directly into the beach and the vehicles were driven off and handed over to the Army.

The Soldiers from the 45th Sus. Bde. set up a reception, staging and onward (RSO) movement area where they loaded the vehicles onto trucks for transportation to Fort Irwin.

"As the Navy guys downloaded the ship and moved it across the shore it was handed off to us (so we could) stage it," said Col. Clay Hatcher, Task Force RSO commander. "We've already got everything up the hill, and we're ahead of schedule."

When the equipment is ashore, another critical issue is fueling the vehicles. The SS Chesapeake is a specially modified tanker designed to solve that problem. The Chesapeake, part of the Offshore Petroleum Discharge System/Inland Petroleum Discharge System, pumps fuel through tubes submerged in the ocean.

When the tubes reach the shore, they are attached to pumping stations that can feed fuel miles down the beach into 20 million gallon bladders. During JLOTS '08, the system is tested by pumping water through the pipes.

The multifaceted system that moves the equipment from ship to shore requires a great deal of complex integration between the Army and the Navy.

"It was a very successful integration and that's because every single Soldier (and) every single Sailor was fully engaged, committed to making this exercise a success, and it will be an enduring legacy for the United States armed forces," said Brig. Gen. Mark MacCarley, deputy commander of Joint Task Force Eight.

Resources: Blackboard hosts online training

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Course and bring the certificate to T3 training on their scheduled training date. For a list of training dates by region, visit www.armydimhrs.army.mil.

•Human Resources Specialist Training is now delivered online through the Blackboard. The training is developed as eight targeted modules (up to 128 hours). Training support packages will be available for commanders who wish to deliver training in a classroom setting. Completion of the Basic Foundation Course must be accomplished by Feb. 28, 2009.

Visit www.armydimhrs.army.mil for more information about DIMHRS training.

•Manager Training is also being delivered online through the Blackboard. The training includes approximately 20 hours of select materials that requires manager, supervisor or commander approval.

•The Self-Service Course will be delivered online through Army Knowledge Online, Business Transformation Agency, Human Resources Command, and Soldier Support Institute Web sites. The DIMHRS' help menu has embedded "just-in-time" functionality-tutorials available as needed for self-service applications.

All members of the Army community, including Soldiers, civilians and contractors must complete their respective course(s) by Feb. 28, 2009. Users who are not designated as a DIMHRS Administrator or Train-the-Trainer can complete the Basic Foundation Course or Self-Service Course on the DIMHRS Web site.

Town hall: SMEs explain programs, services

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Tony and Academy Award Winning play "Oliver."

"Coming up this year from Army Community Theatre, watch for "High School Musical," and another Tony and Academy Award Winner: "Chicago," Wiers said.

Other fall events include the 2008 Military Long Drive Championships, Aug. 10 at 8 a.m.; and Oktoberfest, Oct. 3, at Schofield Barracks. Tickets will be available for presale Sept. 2 and end Sept. 26; Also, the Fall Festival at Wheeler Stables is scheduled for Oct. 18.

Sarah Horrigan, DFMWR, highlighted the Army Fam-



Visit www.mwrarmyhawaii.com for more information on DFMWR events.

ily Covenant, and its commitment to providing programs to Soldiers and their family members. Through the Army Family Covenant, DFMWR offers increased hours of operation to gyms, new gym towels, free pet care to Blue Card Star Holders, and much more.

Horrigan encouraged attendees to submit feedback on programs offered.

"We like feedback, so we can meet your needs and develop new programs."

Debra Blanchard, Child Youth Services (CYS), highlighted that through the Army Family Covenant have saved Soldiers and their families an estimated \$315,790 from October 2007 to May 2008.

Rick Fair of the Army and Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) introduced an enhanced link on the AAFES Web site, which gives Soldiers and their families information regarding their permanent change of station



Vickie Domingo, Army Hawaii Family Housing (AHFH) operations director for the South Region, and Lt. Col Mark Boussy, commander, U.S. Army Garrison-Oahu, address community members at the Oahu South town hall meeting.

(PCS) move. The link includes insight on PCSing, welcome to the neighborhood coupons, information from the military moving center, and also features a military home-front link that includes maps, services and contact numbers.

Following the presentations, the floor was open to audience questions and concerns. Residents discussed the

new force protection measures, Army housing plans, dumpster placement in communities, yard sale notifications, storage spaces, pool hours, and student classroom sizes.

Family member Penny Armstrong said she noticed an increase in patrols with the new force protection measures and came to the meeting to say "Thank you."

Compassion: Gospel shows God moved to help humanity

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their condition, what they're doing, and what they're up to. We're not given details, but are instead left wondering: What is happening? What kinds of images is he encountering? We want to know more.

Now, take special note, something provokes Christ.

Matthew 14:14 says, "When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick."

What is it that creates in him such empathy so as to be moved to meet the needs of humanity? The Greek renders the word for compassion as literally meaning to cause a powerful physiological response: "to have the bowels yearn, feel sympathy, to pity." Here, Christ is intensely moved with compassion and concern for the

needs of others.

On many accounts in the Gospels, Christ is moved with compassion, stretches out his loving hands and cleanses the lepers; gives sight to the blind; wipes tears from the eyes of a bereaving mother; sets free those who are in bondage to sin.

He ministers to needy humanity, dies on a cross and rises from the dead for the sake of our desperate spiritual need. In fact, we see throughout the entire Bible that God's compassion and care for the needs of humanity is profoundly great.

We also see God's compassion in the Old Testament. In Exodus 3:7 we read, "And the Lord said, 'I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt, and have given heed to their cry because of their taskmasters, for I am aware of their sufferings.'"

Friend, this is not a mere awareness that's the result of simple reason. God doesn't just simply understand. He is not merely saying, "OK, I see what you're going through and I get it."

No. Instead, he is aware of our suffering and hardships in the most personal way. You see, the Old Testament Hebrew word here is "Yada," which means to know, to be aware in the most personal, intimate, or relational of possibilities. This Hebrew word is sometimes used in the Old Testament to emphasize the relational intimacy and relational knowledge lovingly shared between a husband and a wife.

You see, God knows all about our lives with all of its joys and troubles and sorrows because he is not some far-off distant God. God knows all about us because, when we invite God into our lives, God

joins us. God walks with us, cares for us, and lavishes us with grace and compassion. Just like in the narrative of the feeding of the 5,000 people, God doesn't decide to sail away from us, ignore us, or go another way to avoid us. Instead, he joins us and cares for us.

With God there are no false illusions, mirages, distorted images, or puzzling mosaics to figure out here. Christ, Emmanuel, God with us, joins us in the crowd of humanity and makes it all quite clear.

God speaks clearly and tells us directly, "I love you and care for you" (John 3:16-17). God's compassion for us is vast and deeply profound.

Friend, accept his gracious invitation to it. I encourage you to seek out a chapel or chapel services to find out more about God's compassion for you.

Disaster preparations should include health care needs

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TriWest Healthcare Alliance

The recent floods in the Midwest, wildfires in Northern California and earthquake in Southern California, are reminders that Mother Nature's fury can strike at anytime.

TriWest Healthcare Alliance assures Tricare beneficiaries and families affected by any natural disasters such as fires, earthquakes, hurricanes or flooding, that their health care benefits will be maintained, and that service and support will continue during those critical times.

Prepare a Disaster Readiness Kit

Tricare advises its beneficiaries to prepare emergency safety kits that include health care information if you have to evacuate your home. Having this infor-

On The WEB

To learn more about how to prepare your family for disasters, visit www.tricare.mil/mybenefit/ProfileFilter.do?uri=%2Fhome%2FLifeEvents%2FPreparingForADisaster.

mation and other items organized in emergency safety kits prior to inclement weather will help alleviate stress and ease the burden on family and loved ones.

Supplies to include in the kits are non-perishable foods, flashlights with extra batteries, a battery-powered radio, extra eyeglasses and first-aid supplies.

Tricare recommends including these additional health-related items:

- Copies of each family member's Tricare and military ID cards, medical records or other health insurance cards
- List of doctors names and contact information
- List of emergency contacts and phone numbers
- List of family members' allergies
- A 30-day supply of any prescription medications or over-the-counter medications such as antipain, antacids, etc.
- A 30-day supply of insulin, if applicable
- List of model and serial numbers for medical devices such as pacemakers
- All paper items should be kept in plastic bags and placed inside water-proof backpacks or duffle bags placed in easy-to-find locations so they can be

grabbed quickly. Prescriptions should be stored in proper containers.

Know Your Benefits Information

Your benefits will travel with you if you are displaced or evacuated outside of TriWest's 21-state region during a disaster. If you need medical care:

Contact your Tricare Service Center (TSC) or TriWest at 1-888-TRIWEST (874-9378) to verify that it is still open.



Contact TriWest immediately at 1-888-TRIWEST (874-9378) if you are displaced or evacuated to a state outside of TriWest's 21-state region to ensure coverage at the new location. Beneficiaries en-

rolled in Tricare Standard, a fee-for-service option, may seek care from any Tricare-authorized provider.

In case of an emergency, call 911 or seek treatment at the nearest emergency room for treatment. For Tricare Prime/Tricare Prime Remote enrollees, emergency care does not require a referral or authorization; however, beneficiaries or a family member should notify TriWest at 1-888-TRIWEST (874-9378) within 24 hours or as soon as possible after receiving emergency care.

If a disaster hits your area, you can manage your health care 24/7 from any location with an Internet connection by visiting www.triwest.com. You may also find general updates and disaster-related resources at TriWest's newly-launched "Crisis Connection" site at www.triwest.com/crisisconnection.

Commissaries help customers prepare for unexpected

Emergency items included in DeCA summer club pack

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FORT LEE, Va. — No one can predict when or where the next disaster will occur. However, when it happens, conventional wisdom says that you need to be prepared to survive for a period of three days to a week without running water, electricity, or access to stores for food and medicines.

For the past few years, the Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA) has promoted disaster preparedness through its "What's In Your Closet" campaign. That effort continues as commissaries stock large amounts of nonperishable foods, water, batteries and more to encourage customers to collect the necessities they may need in the event of an emergency.

"Although hurricane season started June 1, a natural or man-made disaster can occur anytime and without warning," said DeCA Director and Chief Executive Officer Philip Sakowitz Jr. "We owe it to the military community we serve to help them be ready for any emergency. That preparation can be

Before the next disaster occurs, DeCA recommends customers check their emergency preparedness and survival kits for the following:

- Water – at least 1 gallon daily per person for three to seven days
- Nonperishable foods – canned meats, fruits, vegetables, foods for infants and the elderly, dried fruits, nuts, raisins, granola and peanut butter, cereal, crackers, cookies and energy bars
- Paper goods – paper plates, paper towels, toilet paper
- Cooking items – pots and pans, charcoal, manual can opener and utensils
- First aid kit – including medicines, bandages and individual prescription drugs
- Cleaning materials – liquid bleach, hand soap and sanitizing spray
- Special diet foods
- Toiletries – personal hygiene items and moisture wipes
- Pet care items – food, water, medications, ID and immunization tags and records, a carrier, muzzle and leash
- Flashlight and batteries – including candles and matches
- Customers can find out more about what should be in their emergency closet by going to www.commissaries.com and clicking on DeCA's disaster preparedness page.

For more information on disaster preparedness, visit these sites: www.fema.gov; www.dhs.gov; www.redcross.org.

done at savings of 30 percent or more by using their commissary benefit."

DeCA stores in certain geographic regions have routinely helped customers

prepare their emergency survival kits with items related to the disasters that tend to strike in those areas. This year, DeCA has gone a step further and added

disaster preparedness items to its "summer club pack" product assortment. Club packs are oversized or multiple products similar to the bulk items sold at commercial warehouse club outlets. DeCA offers seasonal club packs that often cater to holidays and certain events such as "Back to School" or in this case, disaster preparedness.

The latest summer club pack includes several types of emergency lights and flashlights, batteries, a household fire suppression device and a first aid kit. The pack already included nonperishable foods such as canned green beans, peas, corn, fruit cocktail, cases of water, juices and sports drinks, energy bars, crackers and cookies, vienna sausages, cereals, pop tarts, nuts, pet food, toilet tissue, paper towels, disinfectant wipes, diapers, trash bags and plastic flatware.

"Our suppliers have always worked with us to keep our stores stocked with the items that our customers need in the aftermath of a disaster," said Charlie Dowlen, promotions manager for DeCA's sales directorate. "In some areas, suppliers have prepositioned pallets of emergency-related items at major distribution points, especially in the Southeast, to move to needed locations rapidly."

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Send news announcements for Soldiers and civilian employees to community@hawaiiarmyweekly.com.

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Gate Closure – Schofield Barracks' Footc Gate will temporarily close, Aug. 4-22, in order to install a new gate with additional force protection measures. All other gates at Schofield Barracks will maintain their current operational times.

For more information, call the Directorate of Public Works at 656-2435.

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Women's Equality Day Celebration – The 500th Military Intelligence Brigade and Schofield Barracks will sponsor the 2008 Women's Equality Day Celebration, Aug. 21, 10-11:30 a.m., at the Sgt. Smith Theater.

The keynote speaker will be Chaplain (Maj.) Lucy Der-Garabedian, 500th MI Bde. chaplain.

Sponsored information booths will include the Women Infants and Children program(WIC), Hawaii Women's Business Center, American Cancer Society, Red Cross, Army Public Health Nurse and Voter Registration Assistance.

Call Sgt. 1st Class Jerrard Hughes at 655-4563.

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Chaplains: History guides chaplain corps

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warfighting headquarters. Second, with the Pacific integration, Korea now falls under USARPAC. Finally, the chief of chaplains has decided that chaplain training will be worldwide.

Fowler encouraged his troops to read up on the history of the chaplains because “the more you know about the past, the more you will know about the future.”

“You here today are writing the future history of chaplains,” Fowler continued. “You are directing the chaplaincy and the direction it will go in the future.”

Inghilterra expanded on Fowler’s words.

“God is on a roll,” Inghilterra said. “We are coming into a time where we need to be ‘instruments of peace.’ We are called to bring hope, healing, forgiveness and reconciliation in the lives we touch.

“With the religious nature of war right now, who better than the chaplains to help win these wars?” Inghilterra asked. “Who better than the experts in religious dealings? Who better than the chaplains to become ‘instruments of peace?’

“In the end, when push comes to shove, we are here to do God’s work,” Inghilterra concluded.

The anniversary event was more than speeches and a reminder of the second oldest corps, it was also an opportunity for the caregivers to practice what they preach.

“It’s also a day we can relax from a mission that happens 24 hours a day seven days a week,” said Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Jim Caraway, deputy installation chaplain, Schofield Barracks. “You’ll break if you don’t take the time to chill out a little.”

Having the Hawaii corps together is heartening, Swintek said, because normally a chaplaincy consists of a chaplain and his assistant – two people for a regiment.

“Today brings us together all as one team,” Swintek said. “We are the second oldest corps next to the



Sgt. Christopher Charilla, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii, chaplains fund clerk, fills water balloons for the balloon toss at the 233rd Anniversary of the Chaplain Corps Celebration at Bowen Park on Schofield Barracks, July 29.

infantry and the smallest corps, so it’s good to see us all in force. We all work as a team but there is also power in numbers and this event shows how strong we really are – the power of ministry by presence.”

Chaplains answer to more than just the call to serve their country with the motto Pro Deo Et Patria, “For God and country.”

“I love what I do,” Swintek said. “The ability to help others, not just Soldiers, but people and families, is a calling in itself.”

Gate opens to alleviate congestion

DIRECTORATE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

News Release

An exit only gate opened on Wheeler Army Airfield providing access to Kunia Road from Eastman Road, Tuesday.

This gate, adjacent to Wheeler Elementary School, is open to facilitate the departure of school buses and parents dropping off and picking up children from the Wheeler Elementary and Intermediate Schools.

The gate’s hours of operation are:
7-8:15 a.m. (Monday-Friday)

Noon-1:45 p.m. (Wednesday only)

2-3 p.m. (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday

and Friday).

Drivers are cautioned to obey the speed zone in front of the school. Drivers should also use care when merging onto Kunia Road.

Vehicle Registration Office is moving

The Schofield Barracks Vehicle Registration Office will relocate from its Leilehua Golf Course location to the Soldier Support Center, Building 750, Room 116, Schofield Barracks, today.

Room 116 is immediately to the right when customers enter through the main doors. It will be closed the entire day to accomplish the move, but will reopen Monday

This move is designed improve customer service by placing this facility in a more central location.

The Vehicle Registration hours of operation will remain the same; 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Monday - Friday. Phone numbers will also remain the same:

Veh. Reg Office: 655-0894

Supervisor: 655-8940

Fax: 655-9095

The Installation Access Control Office will remain at the Leilehua Golf Course. The Fort Shafter Flats Vehicle Registration Office will be open today.

Margotta: Garrison focuses on customers

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Transition Unit and making a “one stop shop” for returning wounded warriors.

The garrison and Directorate of Public Works (DPW) made strides in base beautification, repainting road stripes and signs.

The bottom line for quality of life, according to Margotta, is continuous improvement and serving the Soldiers and families of Hawaii.

As the 25th Infantry Division prepares to return to Iraq, Margotta said the garrison’s focus will shift to training Soldiers and sustaining their families while they are away. This means ensuring training areas are usable for Soldiers, and also means maintaining and expanding family programs the garrison has worked hard to establish.

In addition to Soldiers and families, Margotta also stressed taking care of garrison employees.

“We need to hire and take care of civilian career development in the same way we do for people in the ‘green suit.” Margotta said.

Another topic, NSPS, raised many eyebrows. Margotta said the garrison learned many lessons from the first year of NSPS and will implement those lessons in the upcoming rating period. One of the primary lessons he shared was the idea that what employees do each year builds on itself, so it isn’t necessary to reinvent priorities and tasks every year.

Margotta also stressed that employees take an interest in their own professional development.

“You are the only person who can affect your performance,” Margotta said. “You are the person who has the most to gain by guiding your own career.”

At the same time, he also appealed to supervisors to help employees move forward in their careers.

Workforce and community town halls are an important tools the garrison uses to gain insight into the communities and set garrison priorities.

“As tough as some town halls can be, we

get a lot of good ideas from them,” said Margotta.

Following his presentation, Margotta welcomed questions from the assembly.

Several centered on the NSPS system, while others dealt with traffic congestion on post. Margotta said he didn’t expect any major changes to the NSPS system soon. He also said the garrison is looking at a traffic control master plan and is working toward improving traffic at all Army installations on Hawaii.

The challenge, he said, is the roads weren’t built to handle the amount of people currently working in and around the installations.

In closing, Margotta thanked the audience for their hard work and dedication to the garrison.

“We have accomplished a lot this year and that’s due to the quality of our organization and the quality of our people,” Margotta said. “We’ve got the best people in the Army working in this garrison. Thank you for what you do.”

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Pre-Retirement Orientation – The next semiannual pre-retirement orientation is scheduled for Aug. 27, 8-11:30 a.m., at the Post Conference Room, Schofield Barracks.

The orientation is for Soldiers with 18 or more years of service, but spouses are encouraged to attend as well.

Information on the benefits and privileges of retirees will be provided and representatives from federal, state and military staff offices will be on hand to answer questions.

Call 655-1585/1514.

Ongoing

Quartermaster Laundry – The Quartermaster Laundry, Building 2800, Lyman Road, Schofield Barracks, provides laundry

services to military, Reserve Officer Training Corps members, Department of Defense civilians and all authorized dependents and retirees.

The laundry offers same day service (military uniforms only), 24-hour and 72-hour service, clothing repair and sewing requirements.

These services are approximately 50-75 percent cheaper than other on-post and off-post laundry facilities.

The Quartermaster Laundry is open Monday-Friday, 7 a.m.-2 p.m. Call 624-3906.



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"When work is finished!"

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8, 2008

Uluani Duncan (right), pending hula instructor for SKIES, entertains family members with a hula demonstration during the FMWR expo, Aug. 1. Attendees enjoyed entertainment and booths showcasing new and revamped programs for various installation organizations and services.



Putting families first

FMWR Expo highlights programs for Soldiers and family members

Story and Photos by
MOLLY HAYDEN
Staff Writer

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS – More than 350 Soldiers and family members gathered at the Nehelani, Aug. 1, for an informative evening that highlighted programs offered by Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation (FMWR).

Visual displays kept the interest of many as subject matter experts stood by to answer questions and provide information about the numerous programs offered to Soldiers and families. Children played games as parents enjoyed food, entertainment, free giveaways, and gathered a wealth of information. Additionally, sponsors gave away prizes, including the grand prize of a trip for four to Kilauea Military Camp in Volcanoes National Park on the Big Island.

"The FMWR expos are a fantastic way to allow Soldiers and families the opportunity to discover everything that FMWR has to offer here in Hawaii," said Sarah Horrigan, Army Family Covenant program coordinator, FMWR. "This year at the expo we are focusing in on the many ways (families) can "play in paradise" through our programs."

To embrace the culture of Hawaii, family members picked up a string upon entering the expo to create handmade lei. Each booth offered information and a bead to complete the lei.

"This is a great event," said Spc. Martin King, 225th Brigade Support Battalion. "My family is getting all of the information they need before I deploy. This is helpful to all of us."

Entertainment, including storytime for children, a hula performance and numerous educational speakers, lined the stage to keep the morale of the event running high.

For more information on the numerous programs offered through FMWR, call 438-2911 or visit www.mwrarmyhawaii.com.

More than 30 vendors, including Outdoor Recreation, Family Advocacy Program, Army Community Service and Military and Family Life Consultants, showcased new and revamped programs, reinforcing the Army Family Covenant's goal of providing Soldiers and families a quality of life that is commensurate with their service.

"A lot of families are staying on the island during vacation time," said Donna Van Winkle, director, Hawaii Army Arts and Crafts Centers. "We have so many creative activities for every member of the family, and we try to encourage families of deployed Soldiers to use our facility for scrap booking and other projects to savor moments while their Soldiers are deployed."

Amanda Polingo, administrative assis-



CYS Outreach Director Sylvia Scully (right) reads to children during the storytime session at the FMWR expo. Numerous activities kept children entertained as parents gained information about programs offered through FMWR.

tant for the Teen Center, explained new programs offered for teens, including photography and art classes, as well as weekly field trips.

"We want to offer the kids something to do and give them the tools to do it," said Polingo. "This keeps them busy and allows them to explore the island."

Sandy Salisbury, School of Knowledge, Inspiration, Exploration and Skills (SKIES) administrator, Child and Youth Instruc-

tion Mona Kwon, Sgt. Yano Library. "Seeing all the vendors at once gives you a better perspective on what the Army is doing to aid military families."

Kwon spoke of the library's updated video game collection available for family members to check out, as well as numerous resources on neighboring islands.

"During these hard economic times we encourage people to explore Oahu and other islands," said Kwon. "We have numerous resources for family entertainment, and for everyone to learn something new."

The expo also gave families of soon-to-be-deployed Soldiers a special treat by allowing them to pick up their Blue Star Card early for immediate savings and benefits.

"I think it great we can get all of our resources needed before my husband deploys," said family member Tosha Lovell. "It's a big help and will be while he's gone."

A special addition to the expo this year included the free FMWR "PlayPlanner" calendars, which highlight activities and events in the next six months.

"We know that during the next six months many of our families will be coming down the home stretch of deployment and others just beginning deployment," said Horrigan. "We wanted to offer them a snapshot of the many things FMWR has available to them during this time."

Army Family Covenant delivers discounts to Soldiers, families

Free monthly child care among increased benefits

SARAH HORRIGAN

Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS – To say family member Emily Calhoun, who is a mother of five, has her hands full would be an understatement. However, Calhoun and other family members are getting a much-needed respite thanks to recent child care benefits provided by the Army Family Covenant.

Over the past 10 months, child care benefits have expanded significantly as a result of the Department of the Army's commitment to increasing quality of life for Soldiers and family members.

For spouses of deployed Soldiers, or Mission Level 1 families, the Army Family Covenant provides 16 free hours of monthly care, four free SKIES instructional classes, registration for two different youth sports, a 20 percent reduction on full or part-time care fees, and hourly care discounted to \$2 per hour.

Calhoun uses her 16 free hours of child care per month at both the Child Development Center's hourly care and through

the Child and Youth Services (CYS) Parents' Night Out Program. During the day, she takes her children to the hourly care, but especially enjoys taking her older children to Parents' Night Out.

"It is amazing to get a break and have some time to hang out with parents or just be in the house alone," Calhoun said.

Families of wounded warriors also receive the 16 hours, four free SKIES instructional classes, free registration for two different youth sports, and discounted \$2 hourly care. Additionally, wounded warrior families receive unlimited care during medical appointments, and full and part-time care fees are reduced to Fee Category 1 of the Army Fee Policy.

Families serving under Temporary Change of Station, Permanent Change of Station, (unaccompanied tour) or Temporary Duty (90-180 days) orders are classified as Mission Level 2 families. These families receive 16 hours of free child care, two free SKIES instructional classes, free registration for one youth sport, and hourly care discounted to \$2 per hour.

Mission level 3 families include those in the Rear Detachment and are entitled to five hours of free child care monthly, two



Courtesy Photo

Family member Davin Gaskins, left, plays with Short Term Alternative Care Center employee Angela Aquino during a recent "Big R: Countdown to Redeployment" party for Blue Star Cardholders.

free SKIES instructional classes, discounted \$2 hourly care, and one free CYSTeam/Individual Sport per child or youth.

Possibly one of the best benefits is the

elimination of CYSTeam registration fees for all Army families. Sylvia Scully, CYSTeam Outreach director, has noted a significant increase in family enrollment and participation since the Army Family Covenant benefits increased.

For more information on all child care benefits, call or visit the AMR or Schofield Barracks CYSTeam Central Registration Offices.

- Schofield Barracks Area CYSTeam Building 556, Heard Avenue 655-5314/8380
- Hours: Monday-Friday, 7:30-11 a.m. (walk-ins); noon-4 p.m. (appointments).

- AMR and Fort Shafter Area CYSTeam Building 1782 at AMR, 833-5393
- Hours: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-noon (walk-ins); 1-4 p.m. (appointments).

For more on youth sports, visit http://mwrarmyhawaii.com/cys/cys_documents/CYS_Calendar_08.pdf.

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"As more and more people realized we are not charging \$18 registration fees, we have seen a significant jump in registration and participation in Parents' Night Out," she said. "Prior to the registration fee waiver, we saw an average of 80 to 90 children at one Parents' Night Out. Now we service 150 children in a typical night."

Another new benefit from the Army Family Covenant is that family readiness groups can receive free child care for their meetings through Short Term Alternative Care Centers (STAAC). To qualify for the free care, the FRG meeting needs to fall into the category of one of the "3Cs" – care, communication or concern.

"Care" meetings include activities that support Soldiers downrange or volunteers of the Care Teams doing their job when the unit suffers a casualty.

"Communication" meetings include activities that promote communication of official information to FRG members.

Lastly, "Concern" meetings include activities that promote mutual support to the FRG members (not more than three hours). Free child care is not authorized for any fundraising activities.



8/Today

Library Contest — Go for the gold at the library; it's so easy. Check out any library material, pick the winning sports card (limit one per day) and then enter to win cool prizes. The program runs through Aug. 25. Winners will be contacted on Aug. 26.

Sports cards are located at all Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation libraries: Fort Shafter (438-9521), Aliamanu (833-4851), and Schofield Barracks (655-8002).

Ladies' Night Out: Fashion & Fun — Ladies' Night, today, 6-10 p.m., at the Tropics, Schofield Barracks, will feature a fashion show, food, wine and a chance to get pampered with mini treatments from selected service providers.

Interested in being a model? Sign-up to strut on the Tropics runway. All shapes and sizes are welcomed. Child care is provided, however spaces are limited. For event or child care reservations call 655-5698.

20/Wednesday

Create A Card — Children of deployed Soldiers are invited to Create A Card, Aug. 20, 3 p.m., at the Sgt. Yano Library, Schofield Barracks.

Children can create a card to send to their deployed parent to tell them about their summer vacation and plans for school. The library will provide stationery, cards and markers.

Call 655-8002 for information on the library and its programs. Call 438-0376 for information on the Blue Star Card program.

No Kidding — Tired of hearing about dirty diapers, runny noses and what little Johnny did to little Susie at school? Then come No Kidding, a kid-free night of relaxation, Aug. 22, 6 p.m., at the Tropics, Schofield Barracks. The event will include complimentary pupus and drinks. The deadline for registering is Aug. 20. Call 655-0111/0112 to sign up.

23/Saturday

Tile Mosaic Class — The Arts & Crafts Center, Schofield Barracks, will hold a tile mosaic class, Aug. 23, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. for Blue Star Card holders to create their own tile mosaic masterpiece. All materials will be provided. Call 655-4202.

Ongoing

Cooking Class — Students, ages 4-14, learn basic cooking skills and prepare two items per class. The class meets four times a month at the Kalakua Community center, Schofield Barracks. Cost is \$45 and includes supplies.

For more information, call Skies Unlimited at 655-9818.



Sgt. Stephen Proctor | 8th Theater Sustainment Command Public Affairs

Mission-essential support

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Volunteers of the quarter stand with Maj. Gen. Raymond Mason, commander, 8th Theater Sustainment Command (far right), and Bobbi Hanlon, 8th TSC family readiness support assistant (far left), following an award ceremony here, July 31. From left to right are Melinda Yearly (standing in for Sgt. 1st. Class Beverly Browne, 8th Special Troops Battalion), Ashley Kegley, 8th Military Police Brigade; Candice Schmidt, 13th MP Detachment; Olivia King, 728th MP Battalion; and Yon Wildeboer, 8th STB.

Rock School — Keiki ages 7-18 are welcome at Skies Unlimited's Rock School, held Tuesdays, 3:15-4 p.m. The cost is \$55 for four weeks and the program offers guitar, bass, keyboard and percussion instrument instruction. Call 655-9918.

Safety Inspections — Let the Auto Skills Center inspect your gadgets. The Auto Skills Center is the answer for safety inspections. The center has revamped its service to make it quicker for you to drive up, get inspected, and drive out. Call Schofield Barracks at 655-9368 or Fort Shafter at 438-9402.

New Travel Specials — Have you been to Information, Ticketing and Registration (ITR) lately? ITR has a ton of new travel packages. Choose from seven different Australia travel packages, discounts on Hale Koa shows, free tickets to see the new sea lion pup at Sea Life Park and many more. Call 655-9971 or 438-1985 or visit www.mwrarmyhawaii.com.

Pau Hana Social Hour — Stop by the KoleKole Bar & Grill, Schofield Barracks, after work and enjoy ice-cold beverages. Specials for drinks and food run Monday-Friday, 4:30-5:30 p.m. Call 655-4466/0660.

Army Community Service Programs — Check out the following programs offered by Army Community Service (ACS): Family Advocacy Program; Exceptional Family Member Program, New Parent Support Program, Domestic Violence Program, and Sexual Assault Program; Employment Readiness Program; Army Volunteer Program; Army Family Team Building; Hawaii Army Family Action Plan; Financial Readiness Program; Army Emergency Relief;

Mobilization & Deployment; Family Readiness Group; Information and Referral; Relocation and Multicultural Moves and Unit Service Coordinator. Call ACS at 655-4227 or visit www.mwrarmyhawaii.com.

Lunch Buffet — Have lunch, Monday-Friday, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., or brunch on Sunday, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., at the KoleKole Bar & Grill, Schofield Barracks.

The brunch buffet features an omelet station, French toast, Belgian waffles, eggs, assorted pastries and hot lunch entries. Call 655-4466/0660.

Recreation Storage — Don't have enough room for all your toys? Deploying soon and need a safe place to keep your valuables?

A brand new recreation vehicle/boat storage facility is now available for use at the Fort Shafter Auto Skills Center.

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

FMWR Happenings — To find out more information about FMWR activities, programs and facilities, pick up a copy of the "Discovery" magazine available at the Schofield Barracks Commissary, Fort Shafter Post Exchange, Aliamanu shopette, Tripler mauka entrance, or any FMWR facility. Visit www.mwrarmyhawaii.com.

Mongolian Barbecue — Select your favorites from a large variety of meats and vegetables, and watch them grilled to your liking at the KoleKole Bar & Grill, Schofield Barracks, every Monday, 5-8 p.m. Cost is 65-cents an ounce. Call 655-4466/0660.

Flat Stanley Project — Pick up your

"Flat Stanley," a flattened paper cutout of the title character from Jeff Brown's Flat Stanley books, at any Army library. Take him on an adventure and bring him back to the library by Aug. 11.

Be creative, dress him up and take a photo of his travels. Prizes will be awarded for the furthest traveled and other creative entries. Grand prize for most creative photo is a digital camera.

Visit your local Army library for more information.

Long-term Storage — The Schofield Barracks Auto Skills Center also offers long-term storage options for vehicles and other personal items. Cost is \$30 per month. Call Fort Shafter at 438-9402 or Schofield Barracks at 655-9368.

HMR Teen Lounge — The Helemano Military Reservation (HMR) Teen Lounge, located inside the HMR Youth Center, is now open Monday-Friday, 2-6 p.m.

If you are in grades 6-12, the Teen Lounge is the place to go after school. The lounge offers daily activities, including tournaments, sports, video games, crafts, games and volunteer opportunities.

A nutritious snack is offered each day, and the program is free except for the annual Child and Youth Services (CYS) registration fee of \$18. Call 655-0451 or 653-0717.

Preschool Story Times — Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation (FMWR) libraries hold Story Time at 10 a.m., Tuesdays, at Fort Shafter (438-9521); Wednesdays at the Sgt. Yano Library, Schofield Barracks (655-8002); and Thursdays at Aliamanu Military Reservation (AMR) Library (833-4851).

bership, call 923-9741 or visit www.waquaarium.org.

Welcome Back Celebration — The Aliamanu Military Reservation's Chapel will host a welcome back celebration, Aug. 14, 9 a.m., at the chapel.

New members will be welcomed and books passed out for the fall Bible study, Military Council of Catholic Women, for married women. Refreshments will be served. Call Katie Hanna, 744-7285.

15/Friday

Employment Orientation — Prepare for the job you want. Attend an Army Community Service (ACS) Employment Orientation and get employment information on federal, state, private sector and staffing agencies. Reference materials, job listings, computers, Web tour and more will be available for use.

Orientations will be held at Schofield Barracks, ACS, Aug. 1, 15 and 29, 9-10:30 a.m.

Call ACS at 655-4227 or register online at www.acsclasses.com.

Child care vouchers are available if children are registered and space is reserved by a parent.

16/Saturday

Cub Scouts Call — Pack 442 invites all 1st-5th grade boys and their parents to join the fun Aug. 16, 4 p.m., at Fort Shafter's Cub Scout Hut, Building T-445. Pack 442 is sponsored by the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, so we are the "Go for Broke!" Pack. For more information, contact Anne Shanks at 744-1480 or Pam Lau at 228-4977.

19/Tuesday

Free Online Job Training Classes — Attend job search training from your home or office. All you need is a phone and a computer. Join us, Aug. 19, 10-11 a.m. for a class on Strategies for Private Sector Resume Writing. Register at [ployment.com and click on the TeleSeminar link under the Virtual Classes header. Call 655-4227.](http://www.acshiem-</p>
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21/Thursday

Women's Equality Day Celebration — The 500th Military Intelligence Brigade and Schofield Barracks will sponsor the 2008 Women's Equality Day Celebration, Aug. 21, 10-11:30 a.m. at the Sgt. Smith Theater.

The keynote speaker will be Chaplain (Maj.) Lucy Der-Garabedian, 500th MI Bde. chaplain.

Sponsored information booths will include Women Infants and Children program (WIC), Hawaii Women's Business Center, American Cancer Society, Red Cross, Army Public Health Nurse, and Voter Registration Assistance.

Call Sgt. 1st Class Jerrard Hughes at 655-4563.

25/Monday

Open House — Schofield Barracks' Hui O Na Wahine, an all-ranks spouse club, will hold its annual membership and activities sign up, "Spirit of Paradise," Aug. 25, 6-9 p.m., at the Nehelani, Schofield Barracks.

The open house will feature a live band, Hawaiian dancing and shopping.

Call 389-2202 or e-mail blondhawaii@yahoo.com.

Ongoing

Volunteers Needed — Help bring separated foster siblings together by becoming a Project Visitation volunteer, six to eight hours a month. Volunteers must receive training and have no criminal convictions, a clean drivers' record, and be at least 18 years of age.

Contact Project Visitation at 521-9531, ext. 228, or e-mail vabramo@ffp.hawaii.org.

Waimea Valley Tours — Visit historic Waimea Valley at the North Shore, a

1,875-acre valley that offers an authentic cultural window into the lifestyles and customs of the Hawaiian people through daily programs and activities. The valley is open daily (except Christmas and New Year's Day), 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Guests can participate in native plant, history, wildlife and other interpretive walking tours. Valley visitors experience Hawaiian culture by participating in lei making, kapa demonstrations, hula lessons and Hawaiian games.

Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children. Kamaaina and military discounts are available. Call 349-3301.

Free USPS Packaging — The U.S. Postal Service provides military family members and friends with packaging materials to send packages to service members. Call toll free 1-800-610-8734, follow prompts, then ask for the "Military Pack." Eight boxes, tape, packaging materials and labels will be mailed to those who call. The postal service will also provide an ID number to reorder supplies. Allow four to 10 days to receive materials.

Community Calendar Briefs — Do you have announcements of upcoming events, sports or activities that you would like to post in the Hawaii Army Weekly? If so, e-mail your information to community@hawaiiarmyweekly.com at least two weeks in advance of your event or activity.

Civil Air Patrol — Civil Air Patrol's Wheeler Composite Squadron will meet every Tuesday, 5:30-8:30 p.m., Wheeler Army Air Field. The squadron regularly accepts new members, ages 12-18, who are interested in aerospace education, leadership training, physical fitness, and character development. Call 386-1374 or

SEE COMMUNITY CALENDAR, B-4



Aliamanu (AMR) Chapel 836-4599

- Catholic Sunday, 8:30 a.m. — Mass Sunday, 9:45 a.m. — Religious Edu.
- 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
- Buddhist 1st Sunday, 1 p.m.

Fort Shafter Chapel 836-4599

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

Helemano (HMR) Chapel 653-0703

- Contemporary Protestant Sunday, 9 a.m. — Bible Study Sunday, 10 a.m. — Worship Service & Children's Church

Main Post Chapel 655-9307

- Catholic Sunday, 9 a.m. — CCD & RCIA Sunday, 10:30 a.m. — Mass
- Collective Protestant Sunday, 9 a.m. — Worship Sunday, 10:30 a.m. — Sunday School
- Gospel Sunday, 10:30 a.m. — Sunday School Sunday, noon — Worship Service

MPC Annex, Building 791

- Chalice Circle Tuesday, 7 p.m.
- Islamic Prayers and Study Friday, 1 p.m.
- Buddhist 4th Sunday, 1 p.m.

Soldiers Chapel

- Catholic Friday-Saturday, noon — Adoration
- Liturgical Sunday, 9:30 a.m.— Worship

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 656-4481

- Catholic Saturday, 5 p.m. — Mass
- Collective Protestant Sunday, 9 a.m. — Worship Sunday, 9 a.m. — Sunday School



The Incredible Hulk

(PG-13)
Friday, 7 p.m.
Saturday, 4 p.m.
Thursday, 7 p.m.

Kung Fu Panda

(PG)
Sunday, 2 p.m.



The Love Guru

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

No shows on Mondays or Tuesdays.



Send announcements to community@hawaiiarmyweekly.com.

8/Today

Dress For Success Workshop — Army Community Service (ACS) will hold a Dress for Success workshop, today, 9-10:30 a.m., at ACS, Schofield Barracks.

This workshop is open to military personnel, Department of Defense employees and family members.

Call ACS at 655-4227 or register online at www.acsclasses.com.

12/Tuesday

Book Fair — The Petersen Child Development Center on Schofield Barracks will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair from Aug. 12-15. Clifford the Big Red Dog will visit the center and to promote reading. Family activities are planned for his visit. Call 655-8842 for details.

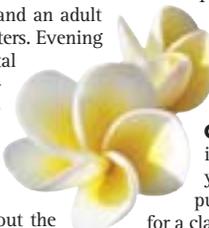
14/Thursday

Overnight with the Sharks — Spend the night with the sharks at the Waikiki Aquarium during its family overnighter, Aug. 14, 7 p.m.-8 a.m.

Participants will design and build their own shark model to compete in the early morning "Shark Olympics."

Minimum age is 5 years and an adult must accompany all youngsters. Evening refreshments and continental breakfast included. Pre-registration required. Cost is \$35 for adults and \$30 for children (\$30/\$25 for Friends of Waikiki Aquarium members).

For more information about the Waikiki Aquarium, including mem-



Spouses celebrate another month closer to redeployment

Story and Photo by
MOLLY HAYDEN
Staff Writer

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — As children played tag at free child care site less than a mile away, spouses of deployed Soldiers enjoyed an adult version of game night at the Nehelani here, July 30.

Board games, including Scattergories and the nerve-shattering game, Jenga, adorned tables. Pupus filled plates as ladies enjoyed a stress-free night of old fashioned fun. Conversations passed between old friends and new acquaintances as each shared stories about deployment.

"This is a chance to drop off the kids and become kids ourselves," said family member Kristin Walters. "We can take a break and have our own girls' night out."

The Big R: Countdown to Redeployment party is a free, monthly event hosted by Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation (FMWR) to celebrate the passing of another month of deployment. Each month FMWR provides free pupus, free child care and a different, fun activity for spouses to pass the time.

Past celebrations have included Pictionary, makeover nights, karaoke and bingo.

Back at the Nehelani, laughter and chatter filled the room as women scrambled to get the most points at each game for a chance to win a mp3 player, dominated by FMWR.

Wii bowling was projected on a big screen and participants tried their hands at the infamous video game their children have most likely mastered.

"It's our turn to have little fun," joked family member Lyndsay Tullius.

As the night progressed, small groups rotated around the room to enjoy each of the games.

"This is a chance for us to bond and work together as a team," said family member Dawn LaBay. "This is our night to meet new people and share a common experience."

Spouses also snapped pictures hold-



Family member Kristin Walters carefully places a Jenga game piece on top of the stack. Spouses of deployed Soldiers gathered at the Nehelani for an evening of fun and games provided by FMWR.

ing signs stating the number of months they "have made it" to send to their Soldiers downrange.

"We try to provide a relaxed laid-back atmosphere where our spouses can have some fun and celebrate another month completed," said Sarah Horrigan, Army Family Covenant program coordinator, FMWR.

The event is another way FMWR strives to provide a positive and fun environment for Blue Star card holders. "This is something we all look forward to," said family member Lori Gleichenhaus. "It's nice to have a fun evening out while our husbands are gone, especially when we don't have to host or clean up afterwards."



Master Chef Martin Yan hands Spc. John Perez, 205th Military Intelligence Battalion, an autographed copy of one of his many cookbooks. The meet and greet following Yan's cooking demonstration gave military members a chance to talk one-on-one with the famed chef.

Martin Yan cooks up fun at NEX

Story and Photo by
MOLLY HAYDEN
Staff Writer

PEARL HARBOR — More than 100 aspiring chefs crowded around a long table filled with delicacies at the Navy Exchange Hawaii (NEX) here, Sunday, to learn from a master.

Certified Master Chef Martin Yan provided an educational and jocular demonstration, cooking with his ever-popular ingredient — wit. Yan joked with the crowd as he prepared fried rice, grilled beef and spicy chicken. Participants laughed, took notes and watched as an amazing feast was prepared before their eyes.

The celebrated host of the award-winning national cooking show "Yan Can Cook" is also known as a highly respected food consultant, a cooking instructor, and a prolific author of more than 20 cookbooks. Yan also founded the Yan Can International Cooking School in the San Francisco Bay Area, and has opened a slew of Yan Can restaurants around the U.S.

"I grew up watching (Yan's) cooking show with my mother," said Spc. John Perez, 205th Military Intelligence Battalion. "Being here is just like watching him on TV. He has an entertaining humor about him."

Born in Guangzhou, China, to a restaurateur father and a mother who operated a grocery store, Yan developed a passion for cooking at an early age. His formal induction into the culinary world began at 13 with an apprenticeship at a popular Hong Kong restaurant. He refined his natural talent at the Overseas Institute of Cookery in Hong Kong and then

pursued a Masters of Science degree in Food Science at the University of California at Davis.

Yan used his highly skilled talents in the hourlong cooking demonstration as members of the military ohana watched in awe.

As the demonstration ended, participants waited patiently, cookbooks in hand, for a chance to meet Yan. He spoke briefly with fans and autographed cookbooks, writing a unique and personal message to each person. Camera flashes lit up the room as military members posed for pictures with the famous chef.

"(The) military is no different, they are ordinary people ... (although) the sacrifices they make are anything but ordinary."

*Martin Yan
Master Chef*

"I travel all over the world and educate many types of people," said Yan. "(The) military is no different, they are ordinary people ... (although) the sacrifices they make are anything but ordinary."

"This is a hectic time and working with them makes me feel good," continued Yan. "Sometimes we all need to slow down and laugh a little."

Yan currently resides with his wife and children in Hillsborough, Calif., where he grows his own vegetables and herbs in his backyard.

The Sanyo Fisher Company sponsored the Yan Can Cook event.

25th CAB builds bonds with community

Aviation Brigade welcomes local community leaders, ohana with "open" arms

Story and Photos by

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25th Combat Aviation Brigade Public Affairs

WHEELER ARMY AIRFIELD — The 25th Combat Aviation Brigade (CAB) gave local community leaders and key organizations a brief glimpse into the lives and work of its Soldiers during an open house here, July 31.

The open house highlighted the 25th CAB's efforts to educate the local community and its leadership on the brigade's daily operations, aircraft and missions while continuing to reinforce its dedication to the ohana spirit of Hawaii.

"The local community is very important to us and it is a source of strength for all that we're able to do out there," said Col. Michael Lundy, commander, 25th CAB. "We don't take that relationship for granted and it certainly can't be overstated how important it is."

The 25th CAB welcomed key individuals such as Hawaii State Representative Ryan Yamane, members of the Mililani Town Board and Lion's Club, and administrators from local schools.

Patrons were treated to a warm reception at the 25th CAB's flight line and experienced multiple displays of the brigade's aircraft and gear that pilots, air crews and ground troops wear. Accompanied by the smooth sounds of the 25th Infantry Division's Tropic Lightning Band Jazz Ensemble, visitors climbed aboard aircraft and tactical vehicles, enjoyed refreshments, and watched a short video on the history of WAAF in the Oahu community. Shortly afterward, the "Wings of Lightning" brigade commander presented awards to recognize the efforts of some of the leadership.

"We do have a bond and a relationship here, and your kindness to bring us into your ohana is something that we very much appreciate," said Lundy. "On top of that, we also need your support to enable us to train."

"The training areas we have here on Oahu and over on the Big Island enable us to be able to do the things that our nation calls on us for," Lundy continued. "As we



Chief Warrant Officer 2 Chris McConnell explains the nuances of piloting a UH-60A Black Hawk helicopter to Abey Qureshi, vice principal, Wheeler Elementary School, during the Wheeler Army Airfield Open House, July 31. The event was designed to strengthen relationships with neighboring communities on Oahu.



Spc. Kevin Miller, a fueler with A Company, 209th Aviation Support Battalion, shows a young visitor how to operate one of the battalion's fuel trucks as part of a static display during the open house, July 31.

fight the global war on terror, we've got to continue to maintain our readiness. But we also don't take it lightly that we are part

of the community here and we must make sure we strive to achieve balance and minimize the impact of our operations."

Several open house patrons said they were grateful for the opportunity to visit such an elaborate event.

"This will greatly improve the community's relationship with the military," said Alfred Remigeo, an Aiea VFW representative. "To have them come to the installation and see what the military is doing for them is great."

"I think it's great and something that is really needed," said Joshua McCloskey, also an Aiea VFW representative. "You have to be able to work together, and the civilian community depends on the military. We really do need them. I think they're doing a great job."

Abey Qureshi, vice principal for Wheeler Elementary School, also agreed.

"It was wonderful," she said. "(By) bringing in some of the local leaders, I think we really experienced a very warm welcome tonight, and that really kind of bridges those connections and will really help local leaders want to build more partnerships."

Community Calendar

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e-mail or tony4atmos@aol.com.

Youth Activities — Youth can participate in a number of activities, including building model rockets and receiving power/glider flight training. The squadron is also involved with community service projects and participates in training for disaster response and search and rescue.

Call or e-mail 386-1374, or tony4atmos@aol.com.

Borders Reading Groups — Borders Waikale hosts three monthly reading groups: Bestsellers, second Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Romance Readers Anonymous, second Thursday, 6:30 p.m.; and International Women's Writing Guide, first and third Wednesday, 7 p.m.

Call 676-6699 for more information.

Transition to Teaching Session — Bryan Miller will hold an informational session providing handouts and answering questions about the Troops to Teachers and Spouses to Teachers programs, the first Tuesday of every month, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., in the Education Center, Room 220, Schofield Barracks.

E-mail HawaiiTTT@notes.k12.hi.us or visit www.proudtoserveagain.com.

Free DVD Messages — Family members can record a 30-second video message on DVD to send to their deployed Soldier.

The free service is offered every Saturday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., TV2 station, Schofield Barracks. To reserve your spot, contact Larry Thomas at 295-0205 or e-mail Larry.Thomas9@us.army.mil.

Beginners Line Dancing — Wear covered shoes and join a group of happy, fun-loving, beginning level line dancers, Thursdays, 6:30-8 p.m., in Ewa Beach.

Cost is \$3 per class. Call 351-2614.



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Environmental enlightenment

POHAKULOA TRAINING AREA, Hawaii — (From left to right) Sarah Knox, Pohakuloa Training Area natural resources coordinator, and Bill Godby, PTA archeologist, discuss various PTA environmental projects to Rotary Club members Mark Mullins and John Simmerman. More than 25 members and guests of the Rotary Club of North Kohala learned about PTA during a briefing at the club's monthly luncheon meeting in Waimea on the Big Island, July 30.



9 / Saturday

Deep Sea Fishing – Don't miss your chance to catch the big one, Aug. 9. Outdoor Recreation will provide transportation, a cooler with ice, snacks and drinks. Space is available for groups up to six. Cost is \$130 for a half-day session. Call 655-0143.

10 / Sunday

Adventure Tour – Want to inject a little adrenaline into your life? Visit or call Outdoor Recreation and ask them about their new Adventure Tour program. Programs include hiking, biking, kayaking and more. Each session is designed to provide a challenging yet fun experience everyone is sure to enjoy. The first session is August 10. Call 655-0143 for more information.

Military Long Drive Championship – The Army Leilehua Golf Course will host the Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation (FMWR) Long Drive Championship, Aug. 10, 8 a.m. This event is an official Long Drivers of America qualifier. For official rules and registration forms, call 655-4653 or visit www.mwrarmyhawaii.com.

Active duty service members from any branch of service, Reserve and National Guard, and retirees and family members ages 18 years and above with valid military ID cards are eligible to compete.



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Bringing home the gold

OMAHA, Neb. — Ty Horne, 10, accepts a first place ribbon her 4.19-meter long jump in the Bantam division at the USA track and field Junior Olympics here, July 22-28. Horne, who was featured the August 31, 2007 edition of the Hawaii Army Weekly after qualifying to compete in the National Junior Olympics in Walnut, Calif., also placed 3rd in the 100-meter

dash and 4th in the 200-meter dash. In addition, Horne placed 1st in the 100-meter dash at another meet in Hershey, Penn., Saturday. Horne was coached by her mom, Cassandra and received Internet-posted workout schedules from her father, Staff Sgt. Johnnie Horne III, 1st Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment, who is currently deployed to Iraq.



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Locally, prizes will include gift certificates to the pro shop. Also, the top long drive competitor at each of the five geographical zones will win an all-expense paid trip to compete in the military divi-

sion at the Long Drive Championship in Mesquite, Nev.

The participant who hits the longest qualified drive during the World Long Drive Championship will win \$10,000.

13 / Wednesday

Workout Without Walls – Trying to get in shape but the same old routine has you unmotivated? Outdoor Recreation



9 / Saturday

Hike Oahu – Join the Hawaiian Trail Et Mountain Club on a hike through the Kaneohe Ridge.

This hike starts with an easy hillside stroll in Friendship Gardens and then changes to scrambling up and down steep slopes along narrow ledges and provides

good views of Kaneohe Bay and the local area.

This intermediate hike is three miles. Call Dayle or Jacque Turner at 384-4821.

Save the date for these upcoming hikes, too:

•Aug. 17, an 8-mile intermediate hike through Hauula Valley

•Aug. 23, a 6-mile intermediate hike through Pearl City's ridge and valley

Hikes begin at 8 a.m., and a \$2 donation is requested of nonmembers. An adult must accompany children under 18. Hikers meet at Iolani Palace, mountainside.

Bring lunch and water on all hikes; wear sturdy shoes, as extra caution may be required on some trails.

Hikers must keep all trails and lunch

sites clear of clutter, as well as treat trees and plants with care and respect. Visit www.htmclub.org.

North Shore Swim Series – The 20th Annual Surf 'n Sea North Shore Swim Series concludes with the North Shore Challenge, a 2.3-mile swim from the Pipeline to Waimea Bay, Aug. 9, 9 a.m.

Lifeguards will patrol each event. Visit www.hawaiiswim.com.

Swims are electronically timed. Individual event times are combined, and series awards are presented to top swimmers in each age category.

11 / Monday

Army Ten Miler Lottery – The Army

Ten Miler will offer 400 race entries to members of the armed forces through an online lottery, Aug. 11-15.

Conducted at www.armytenmiler.com, participants must register with a (dot)mil e-mail account. Winners will be randomly selected Aug. 16 and notified if they've won an entry by e-mail.

23 / Saturday

Duke's Ocean Fest – Duke's Waikiki will sponsor an Ocean Mile Swim, Aug. 23, 9 a.m., at Duke's Canoe Club on Waikiki Beach.

The triangular course will involve swimming out to the channel, around two inside buoys and returning to the beach. The swim is open to the first 250 en-

will offer a brand new program, giving you the chance to try a different workout in a new location every week.

The next class is Aug. 13, 9-11 a.m.; classes will be held every Wednesday. Each session costs \$10. Call 655-0143 for more information.

Ongoing

Late Night at Martinez Gym – Martinez Physical Fitness Center, Schofield Barracks, is the place to be on Friday nights. The center is now staying open late, from 9-11:30 p.m.

Join Martinez for volleyball, Make It Take It Basketball, and the Racquetball Challenge Ladder. Call 655-4804.

Bowling Parties – Wheeler Bowling Center's eight lanes are available for private parties on Saturdays and Sundays for \$120 per hour. A three-hour minimum and \$1.75 shoe rental apply. Call 656-1745.

Physical Fitness Centers – Don't miss out on enhanced services at all Army physical fitness centers brought to you by the Army Family Covenant. These enhanced services include extended weekend and holiday hours at fitness centers at Fort Shafter and Schofield Barracks.

Hours of operation are now 6 a.m.-6 p.m., weekends and holidays, and free towels and classes are provided.

Volleyball & Racquetball – Learn basic skills and techniques from experienced instructors, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8:30-10 a.m., at Martinez Physical Fitness Center, Schofield Barracks.

Courts will be open for free play across the street from the facility. Call 655-4804.

September

6 / Saturday

Overnight Bike Ride – Aloha Single Speeders will hold the 7th Annual 24 Hours of Hell in Paradise bike ride, Sept. 6-7, at Kualoa Ranch.

Cost is \$55 and bicyclists can enter online at www.active.com/page/Event_Details.htm?event_id=1568142.

Visit www.alohasinglespeders.blogspot.com.