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Makua Military Res. fire burns 486 acres

Conservation week takes new direction for Army staff

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Chief, External Communication

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — “When you get the call, it’s like the bottom drops out from underneath you.”

That was Michelle Mansker’s initial reaction when she received word of an unexpected wildfire at Makua Military Reservation. The fire, which Federal Fire Department investigators determined was incendiary, or intentionally set, started just after 2 p.m., July 24.

Mansker, chief of U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii’s Natural Resources, has spent the last 15 years caring for threatened and endangered species at MMR.

“It’s really a gut-wrenching thing to see basically our ‘babies’ going up in smoke,” she said. “So much time and effort are spent fostering and caring for these endangered species.”

However, Mansker and members of her Oahu Army Natural Resources Program didn’t just sit back, watching and waiting — they took action.

While environmentalists and eco-conscious people across the islands celebrated Hawaii’s annual conservation week, the Army crew took conservation to the extreme, joining the firefighting efforts at MMR.

“We know where the resources are, so we tie in with the (firefighters) and tell



Col. Jay Hammer | U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii Executive Officer

An unexpected wildfire started at Makua Military Reservation, July 24, burning 486 acres and impacting three endangered plant species. Crews from the Federal Fire Department, Honolulu Fire Department, the state’s Division of Forestry, Army Wildland Fire, and the Oahu Army Natural Resources Program joined forces to fight the fire.

them where the resources are and what we see as a priority in terms of where the fire could damage resources,” said Joby Rohrer, senior natural resources management coordinator, OANRP.

Rohrer was one of the first OANRP staff members on scene at the fire.

He decided to activate members of

the OANRP staff and spent the evening coordinating their response effort and arranging contracted helicopter support for water bucket drops.

At 6 a.m., Rohrer and a crew of six red-carded, or wildfire certified, staff members joined forces with the Federal Fire Department, who was the incident

commander for the fire; the Army’s Wildland Fire team; the Honolulu Fire Department; and the Division of Forestry and Wildlife for the Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources.

The group’s first mission was aerial

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Brigade cases colors and comes home.

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DADT Survey

Service and family members need to respond to Department of Defense’s “Don’t Ask Don’t Tell” survey by Aug. 15.

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Vote!

Election season is right around the corner. Visit www.fvap.gov for voting information.

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Garrison fields questions at first-ever NAGPRA workshop

DENNIS DRAKE

Director, U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii Public Affairs

HONOLULU — More than 50 people attended the first-ever Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act workshop sponsored by U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii’s Native Hawaiian Liaison Office at the Hale Koa Hotel, July 29.

Among those attending were representatives of Native Hawaiian organizations, community leaders, and concerned citizens.

The purpose of the workshop was to share the NAGPRA statute with the Native Hawaiian community and explain the process by which Native Hawaiian organizations and lineal descendants may claim human remains, cultural items, and items of cultural

patrimony.

NAGPRA, a 1990 federal law, requires federal agencies, which include military installations, to inventory and return Native American cultural items — human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects or objects of ancestral cultural heritage — to lineal descendants and/or culturally-affiliated Indian tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations.

In May, the Army notified the Hawaii State Historic Preservation Office and the Oahu Burial Council of the inadvertent discovery of human bone fragments by Army-contracted archaeological and cultural monitors during routine

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Courtesy of the Native Hawaiian Liaison Office, USAG-HI

Reverend Kaleo Patterson, a Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act workshop participant, asks the workshop’s lunch panelists about processes.

AHFH brand gets a makeover

ARMY HAWAII FAMILY HOUSING
News Release

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Army Hawaii Family Housing will reinvent itself with a new name and a new logo, Aug. 30.

AHFH’s new name will be “Island Palm Communities.”

The rebranding is part of a nationwide initiative taking place at military residential communities in the Actus Lend Lease portfolio, which is intended to create a family of Actus brands.

“Changing our name to Island Palm Communities and adopting a new logo and graphic brand elements will better reflect the quality homes, communities and services our partnership with the Army is providing to military families,” said Claire Ridding-Johnston, AHFH project director.

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Antiterrorism takes focus

NEIL CARRINGTON
Contributing Writer

Army senior leadership has approved the Army’s adoption of the iWATCH Antiterrorism Awareness Program, a nationwide, modern version of the Neighborhood Watch program developed by the Los Angeles Police Department to encourage and enable members of the community to identify and report suspicious behavior that may be associated with terrorist activities.

The Army has also directed Armywide implementation of iWATCH to run

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What’s suspicious?

- People drawing or measuring important buildings.
- Strangers asking questions about security procedures.
- Briefcases, suitcases, backpacks or packages left unattended.
- Vehicles left in no parking zones in front of important buildings.
- Unfamiliar people in secure areas.
- Persons wearing clothes that are noticeably too big or too hot for the weather.
- Chemical smells or fumes that seem out of the ordinary for the specific location.
- People asking questions about sensitive information, such as building blueprints, security plans or important travel schedules.
- People purchasing supplies or equipment that can be used to make bombs or weapons, or purchasing uniforms without having the proper credentials.

TV2 live town hall gives voice to post residents, community

AIKO BRUM

Chief, Internal Communication

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Why doesn’t the refill pharmacy, here, dispense over-the-counter medicines and what military ranks will be housed in the Aliamanu Military Crater were some of the questions answered during the live town hall, here, July 28.

Residents on U.S. Army Hawaii installations called-in their questions and issues during a 2½ hour time period and received answers from subject matter experts, or SMEs.

They also received mini-briefings from SMEs on diverse garrison topics, such as Army Hawaii Family Housing’s utility metering, the Directorate of Emergency Services’ efforts to stop speeding on the installations, the Directorate of Public Work’s road construction projects, and the Interactive Customer Evaluation, or ICE program, monitored by Customer Management Services, before phone lines opened.

The live TV town hall was hosted by Maj. Gen. Michael J. Terry, commander, U.S. Army-Hawaii, and Col. Douglas Mulbury, commander, U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii.

Our goal is to provide members of US-ARHAW useful information about our community, Mulbury explained.

“Our open forum is designed as an opportunity to voice your concerns,” he added.

Surprisingly for garrison leaders, the biggest hit of the evening was the number of questions and comments received from online Twitter “tweets” and the “Ask the Commander” e-mail link. The garrison’s digital media specialist, Stephanie Rush,

sent and received more than 90 tweets to Soldiers and family members, keeping them abreast of what was happening, like a play-by-play gridiron contest, as well as responding to their queries.



Terry



Mulbury

“It was interesting leveraging Twitter and Facebook during the live town hall,” Rush said. “People were able to follow what was going on, even if they didn’t have access to TV2, and could respond to items that came up right away. I hope we can continue to do this during garrison events in the future.”

Lots of sensitive issues were addressed, like a school zoning concern, housing security and Schofield commissary privileges for guests. For example, only authorized ID cardholders can enter the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam commissary, due to parking and overcrowding concerns, but Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, allows authorized patrons to bring guests in its commissary.

An issue at Schofield is whether privileges are being abused.

“We currently allow authorized patrons to bring in guests to be more customer-

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problems in Army Hawaii Family Housing areas? If so, call 656-3155 or 656-3156.

113 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 8/5/10.

Defender 6 sends

AFAP committee resolves 27 quality of life issues

LT. GEN. RICK LYNCH

Commander, Installation Management Command

WASHINGTON — I have always said you can either read history or make it.

Many in our workforce have made important history by asking the three fundamental questions: Are we doing the right things? Are we doing things right? What are we missing?

These questions compelled the workforce to provide valuable feedback that helps us sustain the Army Family Covenant. Because of your voice and the Army's commitment to taking care of Soldiers, civilians and families, you have added to the 27-year history of the Army Family Action Plan's quality of life improvements, enabling us to do the right things the right way, and fix things that were missing.

One of the greatest achievements of the recent AFAP General Officer Steering Committee is resolving 27 of 40 quality of life issues. The GOSC, comprised of Department of Defense officials, Army leaders and field representatives, reviewed some tough issues that require resources, legislation and policy changes.

In the end, the resolutions expanded Soldier entitlements and civilian employment, enhanced medical and family support, and improved facilities and relocation services for the Soldiers and civilians who support our nation, and the families who support them.

The AFAP is a year-round process that begins at the installation or unit level, and is the pre-eminent means for commanders at all levels to learn of and seek solutions for the concerns of their communities. Currently, the Army is the only service with a program like AFAP.

Because of your voice, the Army is able to dedicate child and youth spaces to accommodate our special needs children at Child, Youth and School Services facilities. Garrison commanders now have the authority to designate areas within their community for immediate special needs child care. This resolution supports

Soldier and family well-being.

Our pledge to improve family readiness is evident in the resolution of issue No. 562, an efficient and seamless deliv-

“We decided to continue pursuing seven agenda items, such as increasing weight allowances for relocating families and boosting medical retirement pay for some disabled Soldiers.”



— Lt. Gen. Rick Lynch
Commander, IMCOM

ery of family support services with Army One Source. This significant approach reaches out to families with information about Army family programs, health care benefits, education and recreation at www.myarmyonesource.com — easily accessible by Soldiers and families, regardless of geographic location.

Army One Source, a one-stop shop for Army information, is available for members of active and reserve components.

We are ensuring excellence in schools through an online, one-on-one tutoring service for Army affiliated students.

Family members in grades K-12 can receive live, online assistance with math, science, language and introductory college-level courses. This worldwide service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week at www.tutor.com.

Enhanced survivor family dental benefits were also attained to provide addi-

tional support to surviving families. Surviving children can now maintain coverage in the Tricare Dental Plan through age 21, or age 23, if they are full-time college students.

Additionally, an issue requesting around-the-clock child care was resolved. The Army funded 24/7 child care facilities at 11 installations, based on installation missions and projected demand. Family Child Care homes provide the same services at the remaining installations.

We have made great strides, but the committee agreed that six AFAP recommendations can't be resolved because of resource constraints, lack of legislative support or other factors. However, we decided to continue pursuing seven agenda items, such as increasing weight allowances for relocating families and boosting medical retirement pay for some disabled Soldiers.

Above all, the AFAP continues to turn possibilities into realities. Since the first AFAP conference in 1983, we have established standards for child care, increased sin-

gle Soldier programs, granted paternity leave for new military fathers, and expanded educational benefits for families. This grassroots process identifies and elevates the most significant quality of life, or QOL, issues that affect Soldiers, retirees, civilians and families. Informa-

tion provided through the AFAP process gives commanders and leaders insight into current satisfaction detractors, QOL needs and expectations of the Army community.

Leaders use this information to affect changes that improve standards of living and support programs. These changes foster a satisfied, informed and resilient Army community.

We are entering a new era in AFAP. I am committed to ensuring all recommendations are thoroughly analyzed to determine if they are realistically achievable. To that end, I will be meeting with the Army staff proponents each month to analyze eight to 10 issues.

I want to include the entire Army family in this process by keeping them informed of the progress of each issue. As such, I invite you to visit the Army One Source website at www.myarmyonesource.com, and select the Family Programs and Services menu to activate the AFAP Active Issue Search feature. There, you can enter keywords to find related active issues or insert an issue number to see a specific issue.

You may also search by subject area, demographic group or geographic area to see what we are doing to improve QOL for those we serve. I will also keep you informed by publishing monthly updates and postings to my Facebook page.

I encourage you to continue asking these three fundamental questions about our programs and services: Are we doing the right things? Are we doing things right? What are we missing?

If you answer “no” to the first two questions or if you think we are missing something, get involved and become part of the solution for improving the Army's home — your home.

Reading history is educational, but getting involved and making important history is an exceptional way of providing exceptional support to the Soldiers, civilians and families in our home. Support and Defend. Defender 6.



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Obama lauds armed forces for their service in Iraq, Afghanistan

SGT. 1ST CLASS MICHAEL J. CARDEN

Army News Service

WASHINGTON — After nearly a decade of fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan, today's military has become one of the greatest generations to serve, President Barack Obama said Monday.

In a speech at the Disabled American Veterans National conference in Atlanta, Obama lauded veterans for their service and sacrifice. He praised today's military for bringing the Iraq war to a close, as well as embracing the difficult mission ahead in Afghanistan.

“For the past nine years, in Afghanistan and Iraq, they have borne the burdens of war,” Obama said. “They, and their families, have faced the greatest test in the history of our all-volunteer force, serving tour after tour, year after year.”

“Through their extraordinary service,” the president continued, “they have written their own chapters in the American story, and by any measure, have earned their place among the greatest of generations.”

The U.S. combat mission in Iraq officially ends Aug. 31, a goal Obama set in February 2009, just after entering office. Violence in Iraq over the past year is at an all-time low since the war began there in 2003.

The United States has withdrawn 90,000 troops from Iraq over the last year and a half. About 70,000 troops are in Iraq today, and by Sept. 1, only 50,000 U.S. troops will remain, transitioning the U.S. mission from combat to supporting and training Iraqi forces.

All U.S. forces are scheduled to be out of Iraq

by the end of 2011, Obama said.

Through the mission's end date, the president added, U.S. troops will partner with Iraqis in conducting counterterrorism missions and safeguarding civilians. But although the mission may be changing in Iraq, he said, it's still dangerous.

“There are still those with bombs and bullets who will try to stop Iraq's progress,” he said.



Pete Souza | White House

President Barack Obama speaks at the convention of Disabled American Veterans in Atlanta, Ga., Monday. He lauded veterans for their service and sacrifice, and he praised today's military for bringing the Iraq war to a close, as well as embracing the difficult mission ahead in Afghanistan.

“The hard truth is we have not seen the end of American sacrifice in Iraq. But make no mistake: Our commitment in Iraq is changing from a military effort led by our troops to a civilian effort led by our diplomats. And as we mark the end of America's combat mission in Iraq, a grateful America must pay tribute to all who served there.”

As the Iraq war winds down, the war in Afghanistan continues. About 98,000 U.S. troops, including almost all of the 30,000 reinforcements Obama ordered in December, are deployed there.

FOOTSTEPS in FAITH

A strong family life makes better Soldiers

Maintaining a loving family takes work

CHAPLAIN (CAPT.) JOSH LLANO

45th Special Troops Battalion, 8th Theater Sustainment Command

The 15th verse of Joshua 24 states, “And if it seems evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve; but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.”

After one's relationship with God, the family relationship is the number one priority.

The family is the spring of self-worth, love, satisfaction and meaning. God and his chaplains bless families.

God joins the husband and wife. Their children are the harvest of that love. God created the family and meant it to enclose the strongest relationships.

To nurture a strong family life, we need to encourage strong commitments, which will create a sense of security and love. Spouses should never need to doubt one another's commitment and care for the other.

For Christians, the family should be as it was for Joshua, a place where family members learn about, speak about and serve the Lord.

Out of such commitment and security will come family members who feel appreciated. They will feel that, if they were to leave the family, they would be missed and no one could take their place.

Communicating love and respect will uphold that sense of appreciation and security.

Family members can communicate their commitment, love and respect through words of appreciation and by spending quantity time with one another. We must take some time and spend it with the family in order to promote better Soldiers.

Families who promote this kind of atmosphere are very blessed, indeed, during the business of military life.

Have you spent time with your family today?



Llano

Voices of Ohana

“How do you prevent and protect Army resources from acts of terrorism?”

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“I'm always aware of my surroundings and log off the computer before I leave.”

Spc. Lawrence Bruce
94th AAMDC
Schools NCO
Assistant



“Strict compliance with applicable regulations.”

Master Sgt. Seane Fry
JTF Homeland Defense
USARPAC
Operations NCO



“Proper training on known risks and preventive measures.”

Staff Sgt. Scott Kimmer
8th TSC
Operations NCO



“I use common sense security measures, such as ensuring people who aren't supposed to get into places don't.”

Maj. Karl Pfuetze
USARPAC
Concept of Operations Chief



“Through training because it teaches the guidelines to prevention.”

Lt. Col. Brad Vessels
94th AAMDC
Chief of Training

25th CAB redeploys

Brigade cases colors and leaves bountiful legacy of success in Iraq as Task Force Wings

STAFF SGT. MIKE ALBERTS

25th Combat Aviation Brigade Public Affairs

CONTINGENCY OPERATING BASE SPEICHER, Iraq – The 25th Combat Aviation Brigade, cased its colors, July 24, signifying the end of a successful deployment that began in August 2009.

The 25th CAB supported U.S. Division-North by providing command and control of a CAB consisting of six geographically dispersed aviation battalion task forces and one aviation support battalion with 3,600 Soldiers and Airmen, 498 civilian contractors and 198 aircraft, organized under Task Force Wings.

TF Wings provided support to TF Lightning, TF Marme, six brigade combat teams, one engineer brigade, U.S. Special Operations Forces, and Iraqi Security Forces in full-spectrum combat operations.

Its operations included USD-N key leader engagements, security along 198 miles of the Syrian Border, security for 26 disputed internal boundaries combined checkpoints in Iraq, security operations in major metropolitan areas, counter-indirect fire missions in the vicinity of USD-N forward operating bases, counter-improvised explosive device reconnaissance along division main and alternate supply routes, security missions in support of counter-terrorist operations, general and direct support lift operations, aviation support for partnered operations with five Iraqi army divisions and two federal police divisions, and aerial medical evacuation coverage throughout USD-N.

The 25th CAB was also the first U.S. Army CAB with direct responsibility for the planning and use of Air Force C-130 assets – the 164th Expeditionary Air Squadron that was comprised of two C-130s and 87 Airmen – during a Secretary of Defense-directed Joint Cargo Aircraft Concept of Employment evaluation.

During the assessment, the detachment flew a total of 50 missions moving 2,234 passengers and 345 tons of cargo.

TF Wings supported the ground maneuver brigade commanders with planning and execution of partnered operations with Iraqi Security Forces that included 49 combined air assault operations and training events, 47 aerial reaction force operations, and 70 air-ground integration training events and combat operations.

TF Wings completed 22,000 Air Mission Requests, flying 141,000 mission hours moving 105,000 passengers and more than 7 million pounds of cargo. In addition, the task force completed 9,400 reconnaissance and security missions and 750 key leader movements.

The hard work and dedication of TF Wings' aircraft maintainers enabled the brigade to maintain the highest fully mission capability rate for any deployed unit in the Army for all the various aircraft under its control.

TF Wings' execution of full-spectrum aviation operations supported TF Marme's effort to maintain security gains, enabling the execution of national elections and the seating of a new Iraqi government while conducting the responsible drawdown of U.S. forces and facilitating the transition of USD-N to stability operations.



Sgt. 1st Class Tyrone C. Marshall Jr. | 25th Combat Aviation Brigade Public Affairs

Soldiers of 3rd Battalion, 25th General Aviation Support Battalion, 25th Combat Aviation Brigade, Task Force Wings, move nonserviceable equipment at Contingency Operations Base Speicher during "Operation Clean Sweep."



Staff Sgt. Mike Alberts | 25th Combat Aviation Brigade Public Affairs

A squad of infantrymen with 1st Battalion, 28th Infantry Regiment "Black Lions," 1st Infantry Division, fight "rotor wash" as they are extracted from a landing zone by a 2nd Battalion, 25th Aviation Regiment, Task Force Diamond Head, 25th Combat Avn. Brigade, Black Hawk helicopter during an aerial reaction force operation, March 25.



Staff Sgt. Mike Alberts | 25th Combat Aviation Brigade Public Affairs

Staff Sergeant Andrew Cornwallis, platoon sergeant and operations noncommissioned officer, Task Force Wings' Personnel Recovery Force, awaits extraction with his team from a landing zone in northern Iraq from a UH-60L Black Hawk helicopter, during a mission in northern Iraq, April 4.



Staff Sgt. Mike Alberts | 25th Combat Aviation Brigade Public Affairs

Pilots with 2nd Squadron, 6th U.S. Cavalry Regiment, 25th Combat Aviation Brigade, fly an OH-58 D Kiowa Warrior at Camp Buehring, Kuwait, Sept. 18.



Staff Sgt. Mike Alberts | 25th Combat Aviation Brigade Public Affairs

Chief Warrant Officer John Bilton (left) standardization pilot, and Chief Warrant Officer Bruno Guzman, maintenance test pilot, both assigned to Company C, 2-159th Attack Reconnaissance Battalion, 25th Infantry Division, conduct pre-flight inspections of an AH-64D Apache Longbow helicopter near Tal Afar, Iraq, Feb 27.

2nd Brigade Combat Team arrives in Iraq to advise, assist Iraqis



Command Sgt. Maj. William Hain (left), 2nd Stryker Advise and Assist Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, and Col. Malcom Frost, commander, 2nd SAAB, 25th ID, unfurl the brigade colors during a Transfer of Authority ceremony, July 27, at Forward Operating Base Warhorse, Iraq.

Story and Photo by
PFC. ROBERT M. ENGLAND
2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team,
25th Infantry Division, Public Affairs

FORWARD OPERATING BASE WARHORSE, Iraq – The flag hung in all its glory, decorated with countless streamers for battles fought and unit citations.

As the flag was lowered, two sets of hands reached for it, rolled it up, and secured the streamers tightly against the flagpole. A cloth sheath quickly covered it, and the flag was raised back to its upright position.

A second flag was lowered, the sheath was removed, and the unfurled flag was saluted as it was raised to an upright position.

Amidst a time-honored ceremony, the 3rd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, transferred authority of the Diyala Province to the

2nd Stryker Advise and Assist Brigade, 25th ID.

"We feel very satisfied in many of the things we've been able to do this year," said Col. David Funk, commander, 3rd SBCT, 2nd ID, as he delved into the working relationships he and his command group fostered with their Iraqi counterparts, the progressive economic development in the province, and the training he and his Soldiers provided Iraqi Security Forces.

Colonel Malcolm Frost, commander, 2nd SBCT, 25th ID, acknowledged the challenges the brigade anticipates during the upcoming year, but he's optimistic about his Warriors' ability to overcome those challenges.

"As you know, we are a stryker brigade combat team, but we're also an advise and assist brigade, and we have trained toward that mindset, so we can assist, advise, train and equip the

Iraqi Security Forces and then support our Provincial Reconstruction Team, our State Department, the United Nations and other nongovernmental organizations as they take the lead in providing the stability for the government of Iraq through elements such as governance, economics, infrastructure, essential services, health and education," Frost said.

Soldiers from the 3rd SBCT, 2nd ID, "Arrowhead" Bde., began arriving in Iraq in August 2009, relieving the 1st BCT, 25th ID of its command of the Diyala province.

"My recommendation for the incoming brigade is to be flexible, be adaptive, be agile," Funk said, "and if whatever you're doing isn't working, change it. Don't be afraid to try new and different things, and don't be afraid to adjust on the fly if you need to, in order to make new things happen."

Aussie's take break from RIMPAC exercises to train with 95th Sapper Company

Story and Photo by
SGT. PHILLIS WHITE

8th Theater Sustainment Command Public Affairs

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS – Australian army soldiers took a break from Rim of the Pacific exercises to do some hands-on training with the 95th Sapper Company, 65th Engineer Battalion, 130th Eng. Brigade, here.

The 95th Sapper Co. was conducting Engineer Equipment Familiarization Training on Hamilton Field, July 28, which consisted of U.S. Soldiers getting some hands-on experience with the Multifunctional Agile Remote Control Robots, or MARCbots.

Soldiers from the Australian army's 16th Combat Eng. Sqdn., 3rd Combat Eng. Regiment (out of Lavarack Barracks in Townsville, Australia) participated in keeping with training opportunities provided by Rim of the Pacific exercises. They deployed here with an Australian infantry company.

RIMPAC, conducted biannually (every even year) under the leadership of the U.S. Third Fleet, is a multinational, combined sea mobility exer-

cise in which the U.S. Republic of Korea, the U.S., Australia, Canada, Chile, England and Japan have participated since 1971. It's designed to enhance the tactical capabilities, combined operations and cooperation of participating nations to improve response capabilities in the event of conflict on the sea.

"The (RIMPAC) training gave us a chance to do some amphibious conditioning to see how the other armed forces do things," said Joel Richards, Australian army, 16th Combat Eng. Sqdn., 3rd Combat Eng. Regt.

The exercises also increase the awareness of countries around the rim of the Pacific Ocean, so that those using the passages can ensure the safety of major sea lines of communication. The exercises are viewed as key to military readiness.

"The (MARCbots) training that we are conducting (at Schofield) can be very beneficial in sav-



Sapper Hyde, Australian Army, combat engineer, gets hands-on training, July 28, on Hamilton Field, Schofield Barracks, doing Engineer Equipment Familiarization Training.

ing a life, by putting the robot in danger and not the life of a fellow Soldier," said Spc. Thomas Witkowski, combat engineer, 95th Sapper Co., 65th Eng. Bn., 130th Eng. Bde.

Based upon the first MARCbots I model sent to Afghanistan in 2002, the first improved MARCbot IIs were sent to Iraq in May 2004. Improvements are constantly being made in direct response to

Soldiers' feedback, resulting in the current MARCbot IV model.

Developed by the U.S. Army's Rapid Equipping Force, the MARCbot is currently being used for improvised explosive devices detection in Iraq.

Soldiers performing IED sweeps use the remote observation platform to inspect suspicious objects from a distance instead of walking or driving near the objects. The MARCbot is designed to effectively meet the needs of Soldiers during the sweeps.

The robots have the capability of observing an object at a distance greater than 100 meters. It has a low-light camera, which is nighttime mission capable. The robot's camera can raise to a height of three feet and tilt forward as far as 1 1/2 feet for viewing the tops of boxes, looking into bags and burlap sacks.

In addition to the training on the MARCbots, the Australian soldiers are also scheduled to conduct training on the demolitions range at Schofield Barracks, on with the buffalo surrogate and conducting a 65th Eng. Bn. run before they leave the island.

Japan, U.S. military train, garner understanding

Story and Photo by
STAFF SGT. CRISTA YAZZIE
U.S. Army-Pacific Public Affairs

FORT SHAFTER – U.S. and Japanese military leaders found common ground during Yama Sakura 58, an annual bilateral joint staff exercise hosted here, July 20-25, by the U.S. Army-Pacific Contingency Command Post.

With USARPAC CCP acting as higher command, U.S. Army I Corps led the planning and preparation exercise this year with Japan's Ground Self Defense Force's Western Army as counterpart. The mid-planning conference prepared participants for YS59, a staff exercise that occurs annually in Japan.

"This week, we accomplished several different things," said Lt. Col. Paul Carroll, I Corps, officer in charge of YS58. "First, we put together a plan to house and operate a bilateral deployment in Japan, thus providing an opportunity to deploy I Corps headquarters forward to operate in a bilateral environment and train with our Western Army partners."

Secondly, Carroll said, it provided an opportunity to interact with our Western Army counterparts, making lasting friendships that will take us through the final part of the exercise.

"We went to a luau together, we ran up Diamond Head together the following morning, and that's the sort of situation that builds these relationships, so that when exercise friction happens, you have that background of both being professional Soldiers and having a personal relationship ... and that is priceless," Carroll said.

Part of the planning conference is dedicated to

actual setting, such as figuring what the tactical operations center layout will be and who will be manning response cells, including details of everything from electronic connectivity to names and numbers of actual troops involved. Another part of the MPC is planning for internal operations of the exercise itself.

Also involved are the U.S. Marine Corps' 3rd Marine Expeditionary Unit, based in Okinawa; the Japanese Air Force; and Japanese Maritime Staff Office.

"This is the biggest staff exercise between the U.S. military and Japanese military, and it is a good chance for improving interoperability between Japan and the U.S.," said Lt. Col. Hironobu Tanaka, exercise operations planning officer, JGSDF Grand Staff Office. "My counterparts are from the USARPAC CCP, and there are some language barriers and differences, but so far, we have gotten over these challenges. This face-to-face interoperability is the first step."

Lt. Col. Adam Lange, chief, future operations, USARPAC CCP, expressed similar sentiments.

"One of the invaluable things that happened during this exercise is the Japanese presented to us their plan for defense in the exercise. It's important to see it from our counterpart's point of view, and so there have been a lot of great discussions that have come out of that," he said.

This year's exercise is the first for I Corps since returning from a recent deployment to Iraq.

According to Carroll, I Corps was involved in many previous iterations of the YS exercise prior to the deployment, most recently YS55 in 2007.

"It's a great opportunity for I Corps, after a one-year deployment to Iraq, to come back and



Lt. Col. Mark Leszczak, U.S. Army 1st Corps intelligence planner, and Maj. Satoshi Yokoyama, Japan Ground Self Defense Force, Western Army intelligence officer, discuss possible actions during Yama Sakura 58, a staff planning exercise held annually in Hawaii. The joint bilateral exercise gives participants an opportunity to work together as one team, communicating and planning with counterparts.

be heavily involved in the Pacific theater," Carroll said.

Lt. Col. Hideto Fukamizu, chief, Yama Sakura, explained how the Western Army area of operation, which includes mainly Kyushu and several islands, makes the joint aspect of the exercise more pertinent this year.

"The Western Army portion is important because our area is the border to several countries," Fukamizu said. "Also, for this exercise, we

are joining Japanese Air Force and Navy participants. It is a joint operation because the Western Army has many islands, and we cannot conduct operations without their help."

Most of the individuals participating in YS58 will be working together again for YS59.

"This is a very important step toward YS59. The concepts are decided here, so the success of YS59 depends on this planning conference," Tanaka said.



Courtesy of the Oahu Army Natural Resources Program

An Army-contracted helicopter fills up with water from a dip pond and heads out to drop the water on the wildfire at Makua Military Reservation, July 25. Staff from the Oahu Army Natural Resources Program assisted in directing the water bucket drops to help protect threatened and endangered species in the area.

Fire: Teamwork puts out blaze

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reconnaissance.

"It was important to get an aerial perspective on what was happening with the fire before putting people on the ground," said Kapua Kawelo, biologist, OANRP.

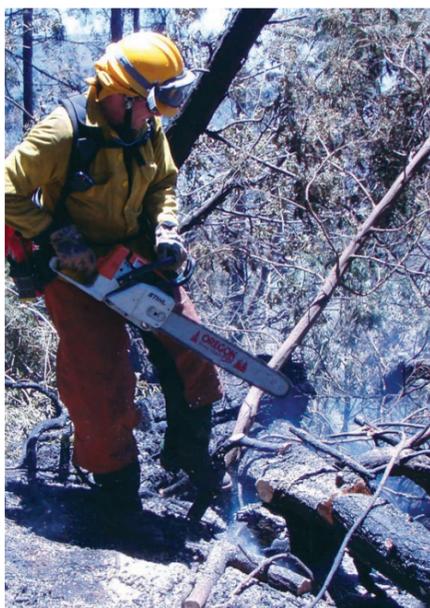
Kawelo, Yamasaki and Ryan Peralta, protection forester, DOFAW, flew over the valley to assess where the active fire was. Back at the incident command center, they relayed their information to the Federal Fire Department and discussed strategy.

For the natural resources folks, the goal was helping direct firefighting efforts so that those efforts would be most effective in "preserving what's worth preserving," according to Rohrer.

"If you're strategic about it, you can hopefully save a lot of stuff, but you've got to know where it is," Rohrer said. "Firefighters are great at fighting fires, but our crews are out there every week so they know where stuff is, how to get there ... all that kind of stuff."

Rohrer assisted at the incident command center, providing maps, directing water bucket drops, taking weather readings, and coordinating with field crews.

Kawelo took the rest of the OANRP team and joined Army Wildland Fire crews near the ridge-line, where there were smaller fires burning and smoldering along "like a long campfire going along the ridge," according to Kawelo.



Courtesy of State of Hawaii Division of Forestry & Wildlife

Aaron Lowe, wildland firefighter, State of Hawaii Division of Forestry and Wildlife, cuts smoldering trees to prevent the spread of a wildfire that started at Makua Military Reservation, July 24.

The team worked a 15-hour day doing "mop up." They dug trenches to catch hot soil or embers that could have fallen or rolled from the hillside above and caused the fire to spread further.

The work was especially challenging for the OANRP staff, who had to adjust to different field gear and environmental conditions.

"There's a lot of ash and soot and smoke. Your eyes start watering; I couldn't see at some points," Kawelo said, "but we do it because everybody is so dedicated to the resources we protect," Kawelo said. "Fire is one of the biggest threats, especially to this kind of habitat, the dry forest."

Due to the quick response and joint firefighting efforts, including the use of seven helicopters – two of which were even flown in from the other islands – Army Wildland Fire was able to declare the fire "out," July 28.

OANRP staff continued to provide support after the burn support, sending a crew to GPS and assess the damage to the habitat and plant species.

The fire burned 486 acres and impacted three endangered plant species: the *Chamaesyce celastroides*, or akoko; the *Nototrichium humile*, or kului; and the *Melanthera tenuifolia*, or nehe.

"It's pretty frustrating because you work so hard to protect these resources and then, you know, somebody starts a fire," Kawelo said said Kapua Kawelo, biologist, OANRP. "Why? Because they're bored? Because they're careless? I don't know. I just wish people would pay closer attention to their actions and how those might affect other things. It's not fun and games to start a fire.

"People's lives are at risk doing the work that it takes to put a fire out," she added.

To protect against species loss from fire and other environmental conditions, the OANRP staff routinely collects samples of threatened and endangered species plants, as part of the Army's agreement with the state.

These samples can be used to grow the plants out from seeds or cuttings, according to Mansker. OANRP has samples of the impacted akoko, kului and nehe in safe keeping.

Additionally, as part of the staff's post-burn assessment, OANRP is evaluating potential protection options for the species and habitat in these fire-prone areas, such as large-scale restoration and deployable dip tanks.

Other wildland fires the OANRP has provided support to include fires at Kaena Point, Waialua and Nanakuli, on Oahu.



See additional photos from the Makua Military Reservation fire at www.flickr.com/photos/usag-hi/sets/.

DADT responses due Aug. 15

WASHINGTON – Some 61,000 active duty, 32,000 Army Reserve and 42,000 Army National Guard Soldiers have received an e-mail in their Army Knowledge Online account from support@militarysurveys.org.

The e-mail asks Soldiers, as well as other service members, to complete the Department of Defense's "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" survey, which is due to DoD by Aug. 15.

All Soldiers were selected randomly and

no personal information is attributed to survey results. Further, the survey does not ask about the Soldier's personal orientation, and the survey is strictly confidential.

Survey responses are tremendously important to assist the DoD in understanding the impacts on the force and to better plan for implementation should Congress repeal the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" law. However, less than 10% of the Army surveys have been completed.

Battle on Kwajalein becomes first foothold in the Pacific

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U.S. Army-Pacific Public Affairs

FORT SHAFTER – The U.S. Army-Pacific Historian's Office conducted a virtual staff ride to Kwajalein Atoll, Marshall Islands, July 23, as part of the yearlong Senior Leadership Development Program, created by Lt. Gen. Benjamin Mixon, commander, USARPAC.

Mixon and his senior staff were whisked back to early February 1944 for the U.S. invasion of the Japanese-held Marshall Islands and the attendant lessons learned.

"It was Feb. 1, 1944, when they hit the beach just after 9 a.m., after a heavy preinvasion bombardment of the island of Kwajalein," explained David Hilkert, command historian, USARPAC.

Coming on the heels of high casualties experienced at the invasion of Tarawa in the Gilbert Islands only months before, the U.S. Army and Marine Corps quickly put into practice lessons learned from that operation to execute a textbook example of how to capture defended islands.

Known as Operation Flintlock, the Kwajalein operation represented the first territory taken from the Japanese and spearheaded the U.S. drive across the Pacific.

"The battle really gave us the first foothold in the Pacific and was also a turning point in the U.S. Army/Marine relations," Hilkert said.

Operation Flintlock also held some other firsts, such as the first use of "Frogmen," divers who disabled obstacles that would impede the U.S. invasion of the island, and also the use of the DUKW, a six-wheel-drive amphibious truck designed by General Motors Corporation during World War II, for transporting goods and troops over land and water, and for use ap-

Kwajalein

Kwajalein consists of a group of 90 coral islets that surround the third largest lagoon in the world. The total land area is 6.2 square miles, and the atoll is 78 miles long.

The islets of Kwajalein and Roi-Namur were the first of the Marshall Islands captured by U.S. troops in World War II. The atoll serves as a seaport, air stop and U.S. military missile testing site.

proaching and crossing beaches in amphibious attacks.

According to Hilkert, "Kwajalein and Roi Namur were very important because they applied the lessons we learned from amphibious operations on Tarawa and Makin. We were able to successfully apply them going on to places like the Philippines, Iwo Jima, Okinawa and many other islands."

Mixon noted that most of World War II Army history focuses on Europe, so his hope is that programs like this will increase awareness of the Army's rich history in the Pacific. Mixon also noted that Operation Flintlock changed the way the Army conducted operations and logistics in future battles.

"There was some tough fighting during this battle due to the jungle, and it provided shades of what was to come in the Philippines," Mixon said.

The program concludes in December with a closing ceremony on the USS Missouri. For more details, contact Hilkert at 438-3291.

Next year the staff historical studies will center on the Philippines and will be conducted in conjunction with Exercise Balikatan 2011.

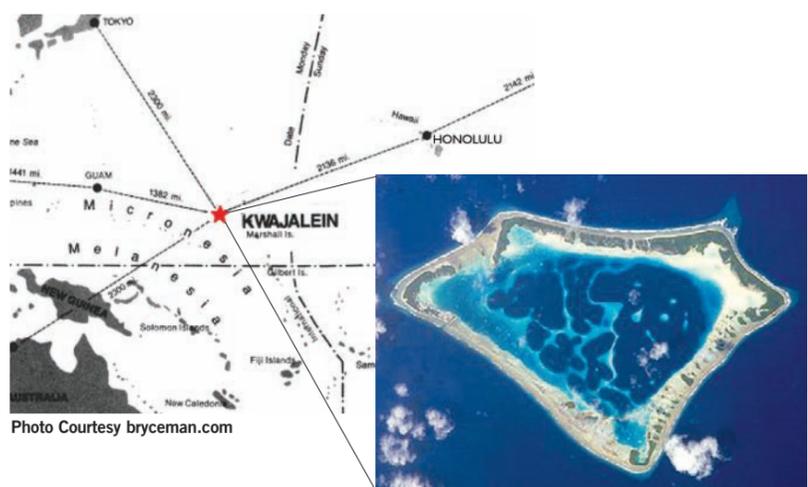


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The islets of Kwajalein and Roi-Namur were the first of the Marshall Islands captured by U.S. troops in World War II.

USACE POD changes command

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FORT SHAFTER — Service members, families, government civilians and friends gathered for a change of command ceremony, held Friday, on historic Palm Circle, here, to bid farewell to Brig. Gen. Mark Yenter, departing commander, division engineer, U.S. Corps of Engineers, Pacific Ocean Division, and to welcome Col. Edward Kertis, incoming commander.

Lt. Gen. Robert Van Antwerp, chief of engineers and commanding general, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, praised Yenter for his strategic leadership during his two-year tenure in the Pacific.

“Mark is a strategic thinker (who) led the Corps in many areas,” Van Antwerp said.

Under Yenter’s unyielding stewardship, the division’s military construction program grew from \$850 million to \$1.2 billion, which led the Corps’ enterprise-wide execution rate for “ready-to-advertise” and project awards, Van Antwerp said.

His visionary leadership provided the path for long-range planning, garnering the fiscal support for the more than \$15 billion multiyear Japan Defense Program Realignment Initiative.

The division commander forged strong working relationships with the government of Japan, U.S. Forces Japan, service components and installations, which resulted in effective resourcing, master planning, programming and scheduling for delivery of “troop-ready” facilities.

Yenter directed the significant advancement of the \$12.8 billion Korea Transformation Program, which will relocate U.S. troops from various bases in Korea to an expanded U.S. Army Garrison-Humphreys in the Republic of Korea.

Under Yenter’s leadership, the division awarded 94 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act projects totaling about

\$140 million in economic stimulus dollars, which helped put local contractors to work in Alaska and Hawaii, contributing to the nation’s economic recovery.

Yenter also led the Corps’ execution of the U.S. Pacific Command’s Overseas Humanitarian, Disaster, and Civic Air Program, which grew from 23 projects totaling \$7.5 million to 127 projects totaling \$36 million.

The chief of engineers described Yenter’s leadership as “inspirational, innovative and visionary.”

Van Antwerp presented Yenter with the Distinguished Service Medal for his “exceptionally meritorious service” as

commander and division engineer of POD.

Yenter, who led POD since July 29, 2008, was quick to credit the leadership, and the men and women throughout the division and districts.

“It’s not talking about statistics, but it’s actually what you do that counts,” Yenter said. “The empowered workforce of the Pacific Ocean Division is passionate about delivering construction projects that meet the end users’ requirements and assure enduring quality.”

Yenter will now step into his new role as the U.S. Forces Afghanistan Director of Engineering and Commander of the Corps’ Transatlantic Division (Forward-Afghanistan).

Yenter’s replacement, Col. Kertis, has more than 25 years of experience in the Army. He most recently commanded the Corps of Engineers’ Savannah District, in Georgia.

“You’re here because you’re exactly the right guy to take this job,” Van Antwerp said to Kertis. “(Kertis) is an exceptional leader,” Van Antwerp continued. “We couldn’t have picked a person with more credentials, more know how.”

Kertis is responsible for leading 1,800 military and Department of Army civilian engineers, technicians and other professionals in the annual execution of a \$2 billion program. He executes a mission that includes engineering design, construction and real estate management for the Army in Hawaii, Army and Air Force in Alaska, and for all Department of Defense agencies in Japan, the Republic of Korea, and Kwajalein Atoll, Marshall Islands.

The division also administers the Corps’ federal water resource development and regulatory programs governing water and wetland work in Alaska, Hawaii, American Samoa, Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.



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Lt. Gen. Robert Van Antwerp (center left), chief of engineers and commanding general, passes the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers command colors to Col. Edward Kertis, commander, Pacific Ocean Division, during the COE-POD change of command ceremony, Friday, on Palm Circle, Fort Shafter.



Photo Courtesy U.S. Army-Pacific Public Affairs

Lt. Gen. Benjamin R. Mixon (left), commander, U.S. Army-Pacific, presents Col. Arthur Ball, outgoing USARPAC chief of staff, the Distinguished Service Medal during a Flying V Ceremony, July 29, at Fort Shafter. Ball will assume duties as the Pacific Command’s deputy chief of staff. Ball is flanked by his wife, Barbie Ball.

Outgoing USARPAC chief of staff honored at ‘Flying V’

BILLIE ERWIN

U.S. Army-Pacific Public Affairs

FORT SHAFTER — U.S. Army-Pacific paid tribute to its outgoing chief of staff, July 29, with a Flying V ceremony at Palm Circle, here.

At the same ceremony, Col. Lewis Setliff III, incoming chief of staff, was also recognized.

Col. Arthur Ball has served as USARPAC’s chief of staff since June 1, 2008. He will now assume duties as the Pacific Command’s deputy chief of staff.

Ball is a 1982 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy and holds a Master of Science degree in aerospace engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology.

Prior to becoming USARPAC’s chief of staff, Ball was the commander of the 25th Infantry Division’s Combat Aviation Brigade at Schofield Barracks.

Lt. Gen. Benjamin Mixon, commander, USARPAC, said that Ball performed magnificently as chief of staff.

“His work ethic is renowned throughout the staff,” Mixon said. “His dedication has left a positive impact on USARPAC’s readiness.”

Ball said that his tenure at USARPAC presented him with a unique set of opportunities.

“My service at USARPAC and with its Soldiers and civilian employees has been rewarding,” Ball said.

In regards to his successor, Ball said, “It’s rewarding and comforting to pass my responsibilities to a competent Soldier, a classmate and friend.”

Setliff will assume his new duties as the incoming chief of staff, immediately. His previous assignment was as chief of staff for 8th Army in Korea.

Setliff is a 1982 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy. He holds a Master of Science degree in engineering science from the University of Florida.

“I’m really excited to be a part of the USARPAC team,” Setliff said.



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Above, Maj. Gen. Michael J. Terry, commander, 8th Theater Sustainment Command, passes on the 8th Military Police Brigade's colors to Col. La'Tonya Lynn, incoming 8th MP Bde. commander, during the 8th MP Bde.'s change of command ceremony on Sills Field, Schofield Barracks, Friday.

Left, the 8th MP Bde.'s color guard marches past the reviewing party during the brigade's change of command ceremony.

8th MP Brigade changes command

PFC. MARCUS FICHTL

8th Military Police Brigade Public Affairs, 8th Theater Sustainment Command

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS – The 8th Military Police Brigade changed command, Friday, here, at Sills Field.

Col. La'Tonya Lynn takes command of the 8th MP Bde, 8th Theater Sustainment Command, from Col. Byron Freeman.

Lynn comes to the Watchdog Brigade from the Pentagon where she served as executive officer, for the Director of Strategy, Plans and Policy; Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff; G3, G5 and G7. She has also been the MP enlisted branch manager, commander of the 91st MP Battalion in Fort Drum, N.Y., and deployed both to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

"To the members of the Watchdog Brigade, you have a proud history of greatness, but we can't stop there," Lynn said.

Freeman took command of the 8th MP Bde. two years prior, a command highlighted by a one-year deployment to Iraq in support of OIF, the brigade's first deployment since moving from Korea to Hawaii in 2006, and the first combat action since Vietnam.

"No stranger to the mission in Baghdad, Byron still possessed the well-honed skills he developed while serving as commander for the 759th MP Bn. in Sadr City, 2004 to 2005, a time when news was seldom good," said Maj. Gen. Michael J. Terry, commander, 8th TSC.

"They coordinated the daily operations of the Iraqi Provincial Directorate, district and station police transition teams, orchestrating movements, operations, logistical support and force protection for over 200 police transition teams, 250 interpreters and 110 international police advisors, and conducting nearly 20,000 combat patrols throughout the Iraqi theater of operations while ensuring the safety and security of over 10,000 Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen," Terry explained.

The achievements led to the brigade's Meritorious Unit Citation award – but at a cost of 11 Soldiers, who were later honored at the commissioning of the Watchdog Memorial Grove, June 4, 2010.

"Col. Freeman was a strong commander in a regiment of strong people," Terry said. "But I'm proud to say that Col. Lynn provides the leadership the brigade needs to continue on with these strong watchdog traditions."

A contingent of MPs from the U.S. Army-Japan MP Bn. (Provisional) were represented at the change of command, displaying the theater-wide presence of the 8th MP Bde., from Hawaii to Alaska, Japan and Korea.

"To say I was grateful for the opportunity to be the 8th MP Bde.'s commander would be an understatement," Freeman said "It was both a proud and humbling experience for me. It was an honor to command some of America's finest sons and daughters."

Antiterrorism: Awareness is key

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concurrently with the Army's Antiterrorism Awareness Month in August. The purpose of iWATCH is to promote antiterrorism awareness and leverage. Every member of the installation should act as a sensor to help identify and prevent potential terrorist acts.

Two elements define the initiative: "passive" and "active."

The passive element of iWATCH is individual situational awareness of your surroundings. The active element requires individuals to take action and report suspicious behavior or activities to law enforcement for further investigation.

An essential component of iWATCH is reporting suspicious activity. iWATCH aspires to ensure everyone knows how to report suspicious activity. If you see something, say so. Report suspicious activity to your garrison law enforcement desk immediately.

The key to implementing iWATCH is education on the initiative itself, on indicators of terrorist activity and on reporting suspicious activity.

Be alert at all times for suspicious activity. Maintain individual situational awareness of your surroundings.

Everyone can make a difference by recognizing what to report and reporting it to security forces or law enforcement personnel.

Law enforcement officials cannot be everywhere and need the eyes and ears of the entire installation community to help in quell terrorism. Remember, if you see something, say something!

(Editor's Note: Neil Carrington is the Fort McPherson, Ga., emergency manager, Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security.)

To report suspicious activity

•Call 655-7117 for Schofield Barracks, Wheeler Army Airfield and Helemano Military Reservation.

•Call 438-7114 for Fort Shafter, Tripler Army Medical Center and Aliamanu Military Reservation.

•Call 438-2650 for Fort DeRussy.

•Call 969-2429 for the Pohakula Training Area (Big Island).

NAGPRA: Hawaii community benefits

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construction at Schofield Barracks.

As part of the NAGPRA process and USAG-HI's Inadvertent Discovery Plan, the Army will be querying the community to identify potential claimants. The Army will consult with the claimants on the final disposition of the remains.

"In anticipation of this action, we decided to conduct this workshop on the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act and to invite Native Hawaiian organization representatives to participate, to learn more about the law, and enable them to make an informed decision as to whether or not participation in this process is appropriate," said Col. Douglas Mulbury, commander, USAG-HI, in his opening remarks. "We share a common interest. We both want to do what is right and proper, we both want to act with integrity and honor, and we both take responsibility for the tasks before us."

The workshop began with an overview of NAGPRA by Kerry Abramson, USAG-HI and

8th Theater Sustainment Command attorney, followed by Dr. Laurie Lucking, USAG-HI, who discussed the sensitive nature of these issues.

"I can't stress the importance of early consultation, working with families and other interested parties, when discoveries of cultural items are made," Chang said.

"The sharing of information is so important for many reasons," said Annelie Amaral, Native Hawaiian liaison, USAG-HI. "For the community, access to this type of information empowers Native Hawaiians to care for our kuleana. For the Army, the workshop was the opportunity to better explain these sometimes confusing laws and procedures."

The afternoon consisted of open discussion and questions between attendees and workshop presenters.

"It is hard for Hawaiians to speak of burials because these matters were always "huna" (secret). Usually, someone was designated in the family who dealt with such matters," said Phyllis Coochie Cayan, who attended the workshop on behalf of Hui Kako'o.

Since NAGPRA's inception, 38,671 remains; 1,142,894 funerary objects; and 4,303 sacred objects have been transferred to lineal descendants, culturally-affiliated Indian tribes, and Native Hawaiian organizations throughout the United States.

25th ID honors 5 at retirement ceremony

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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Esteemed leaders, Soldiers and families of the 25th Infantry Division gathered at the Nehelani, here, to honor and celebrate the division's most recent Army retirees during its quarterly retirement ceremony, Monday.

Retirees honored were Master Sgt. Michael Pascua, who served 24 years; Master Sgt. Troy Bentley, 22 years; Master Sgt. Michael Wetzel, 24 years; Sgt. 1st Class Terry Allen, 25 years, and Sgt. 1st Class Paul Phillips, 20 years.

This retirement ceremony is the first the 25th ID has hosted and planned since July 2008, because of its deployment to Iraq. For the last two years, the 8th Theater Sustainment Command had handled the ceremony.

Now that the division has officially returned and reset, it has rekindled its lead in arranging a memorable retirement ceremony for Tropic Lightning Soldiers as they leave the ranks of the armed forces.

"The 8th TSC has done a wonderful job in our stead, but it feels good for us to be able to take the lead in representing our own as they move on to their life's next transition," said Sgt. Maj. Raymond Rodriguez, G-1, 25th ID.

Guest speaker for the event was Col. Richard Kim, commander, 3rd BCT, who honored retirees and their families, along

with 3rd BCT Command Sgt. Maj. Vance Snider.

Retirees received a retirement award, a retirement certificate, a retirement pin, a U.S. flag and a certificate of appreciation — signed by Commander in Chief President Barack A. Obama.

Each spouse received a certificate of achievement, and lei were presented to all family members as a final aloha from the 25th ID.

"I can't think of a better way to show our support for these Soldiers and their families' time in service and with the 25th ID than with this ceremony," Rodriguez said. "All key leaders from the division and across the post are here today to honor the military careers of these great men."

Although the retirees are leaving behind their Army career, many may be beginning a new chapter of service.

"I haven't really decided what I'd like to do now that I am retired from the military. I have a lot of options," said Allen. "I may go to school to be a licensed practical nurse, work with the Youth Challenge Program or even work at the post office."

Allen's time in the military was something he took day by day, he said. Although initially he planned to do only three years, he found pride, discipline and solace in being a Soldier and eventually served 25 years.

"I stayed because I had good (noncommissioned officers)," Allen said. "You have to teach the young guys; be a strong lead-



Col. Richard Kim (center), commander, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, presents a Meritorious Service Medal to Sgt. 1st Class Terry Allen (right), Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 25th Special Troops Battalion, 25th ID, for his 25 years of service to the Army during the 25th ID Quarterly Retirement Ceremony at the Nehelani, Schofield Barracks, Monday.

er. I stayed because I had strong leaders who cared.

"If you care about those young men coming up, teach them with patience, (and) they will stay as long I did," Allen added.

Town Hall: Experts provide the answers

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friendly, especially when they have family visiting from the mainland,” said Susan Campbell-Sturgeon, manager, Schofield commissary. “However, if customers see or think someone is abusing these privileges, they’ve got to let the management know, so we can get in touch with the Military Police.”

Terry specifically asked community members to send in their opinions about whether guests should be allowed in the Schofield commissary, or not, and whether ID cards should be checked at the entrance.

He told his SMEs during the broadcast that he wanted “follow-ups” to every issue, and for some issues, better responses and actions.

Typically during quarterly town hall meetings held in the post theaters or conference rooms, Soldiers and family members are most concerned about housing issues. The TV2 live town hall was no different.

“What is the policy for getting families out of demolished homes into new homes?” and “Why all the mixed-rank housing?” were among many e-mails received about family housing.

Others – “Can uniformed Soldiers get front-of-the-line privileges for ID cards (at the Directorate of Human Resources)?” and “Why do we have to pay to use the pools on post, when other services don’t have to?” – sparked dialogue between Terry and garrison SMEs.

“All your questions will be fully answered,” Mulbury said. “Questions not addressed during the broadcast will be answered by the command or appropriate subject matter experts in the coming days.”

The TV2 live town hall format was initiated at USARHAW in December 2009. Terry encouraged development of the broadcast based upon a successful model at Fort Hood, Texas. He said the format allows him and the garrison to reach the most people at one time, in addition to social media and traditional means of communication.

“For those watching who believe they have no voice in our Army community, we want to challenge those beliefs,” Terry said, during the broadcast, encouraging participation.

The TV2 live town hall joins an arsenal of communication tools available for the USARHAW community to interact with senior leaders and SMEs. From the ICE program to “Ask the Garrison Commander,” the aim is to ensure Soldiers, families and civilians in USARHAW are receiving quality, effective and efficient services, programs and infrastructure.

Resources

- Read the Aug. 27 “Ask the Garrison Commander” column for responses to live town hall questions.

- View town hall slides at the Garrison’s website, www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil/sites/townhall/townhall.asp.

- Submit questions and comments to AskTheCommander.usaghi@us.army.mil.

- Watch the TV2 rebroadcast of the live town hall, daily on TV2, at 9:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.

AHFH: New branding articulates commitment

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Associated with the rebranding will be a new advertising tag line, “The lifestyle you deserve, the place you belong” – indicative of AHFH’s family-oriented neighborhoods, outstanding recreational amenities and activities, and services that most off-post communities cannot provide.

The new branding will better articulate AHFH’s commitment to a stable and secure environment that offer families communities where they can build friendship with neighbors who have similar experiences and truly feel comfortable in their home.

“Repositioning AHFH also gives us an opportunity to look at how we communicate with our current and prospective residents, specifically through our website communication,” Ridding-Johnston said. “We conducted extensive research about a year ago that included interviewing new and current residents with the purpose of gaining a better understanding of their information needs and what processes and experiences they have, whether it was



New branding will better articulate Army Hawaii Family Housing’s commitment to a stable and secure environment that offer families communities where they can build friendship with neighbors who have similar experiences and truly feel comfortable in their home.

planning their move to Hawaii or as a current resident.”

The result is a new website developed and organized to make information more accessible. New web tools also have been added to make it easier for prospective and current residents to receive information and services. Examples include a search engine that will help inbound families find an available home according to their desired location, rank and bedroom requirement, as well as pet and vehicle registration forms that can be completed

and submitted online.

The new website will go live, Aug. 30.

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News Briefs

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

Today

C-IED Center – U.S. Army-Pacific’s newly established Asia-Pacific Counter-Improvised Explosive Device Center provides service members stationed in the Pacific access to cutting-edge training in the fight to defeat improvised explosive devices.

To schedule training for your unit, contact Sgt. Maj. Cy Ross at (808) 438-5828 or e-mail cy.a.ross@us.army.mil.

Regimental Ball – Contact Destiny McHale at 656-0358 or SigBall@us.army.mil, or visit <https://www.us.army.mil/suite/page/636030> today about the 311th Theater Signal Command regimental ball. The event will be held at the JW Marriott Ihilani Resort and Spa in Ko Olina, Sept. 17, 5-11 p.m. Cost is \$65; dress is formal attire. Day care will be available.

Water Conservation Notice – Residents and building occupants on Schofield Barracks, Wheeler Army Airfield and Helemano Military Reservation are to conserve water due to a major water valve leak.

Water should be used for essential purposes only. Residents should refrain from watering lawns or washing cars until further notice.

The Directorate of Public Works is working to resolve the problem. Once resolved, restrictions will be lifted.

Call 655-0591.

10 / Tuesday

Civilian Town Hall – A town hall meeting to learn about the Civilian Education System and Individual Development Plans will be conducted Tuesday, 10-11 a.m., Richardson Theatre, Fort Shafter. All U.S. Army-Pacific Army civilians are

encouraged to attend

To learn about the CES, visit <http://www.amsc.belvoir.army.mil>.

To learn more about upcoming civilian education opportunities, contact Gerry White at 384-0959 or gerry.white2@us.army.mil.

12 / Thursday

Wagonlit Closure – The Fort Shafter Carlson Wagonlit Travel Office will be closed Aug. 12, 7:30-11:30 a.m., for a system information technology upgrade.

Call John Hackney at 848-5575 or e-mail jhackney@cwtsatotravel.com.

13 / Friday

Dental – Routine dental appointments will be limited at all U.S. Army Dental Activity dental clinics, Aug. 13, 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m., due to DENTAC changes of command ceremonies.

Clinics affected are Tripler Army Medical Center and the clinics at Schofield Barracks and Da Koa.

Sick call will available on a limited basis at the Tripler and SB clinics.

Call Maj. Dwight Armbrust at 433-9191.

15 / Sunday

Ethics Competition – The U.S. Army’s professional ethic is strong, and you can make it Army Strong.

The U.S. Army Center of Excellence for the Professional Military Ethic is sponsoring an Armywide ethics competition. The contest runs through Aug. 15.

Soldiers, civilians and family members may choose up to seven ways to share powerful personal stories about how we maintain the U.S. Army’s high ethical standards in this era of persistent conflict.

Visit <http://acpme.army.mil>.

16 / Monday

SB CIF Closure – The Schofield Barracks Central Issue Facility is closed for its annual 100 percent inventory, Aug. 4-13; it will reopen Aug.16.

Call Angel Hernandez at 655-8120 or Parker Kaneakua at 655-1223.

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www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil/haw.asp

"When work is finished"

FRIDAY, AUGUST 6, 2010



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Registration deadline	State	Primary Elections*
8-25	Delaware	9-14
8-16	D.C.	9-14
8-19	Hawaii	9-18
9-1	Louisiana	10-2
8-24	Maryland	9-14
8-25	Massachusetts	9-14
8-25	New Hampshire	9-14 EDR**
8-20	New York	9-14
8-25	Rhode Island	9-14
8-18	Vermont	8-24
8-9	West Virginia	8-28 ***
8-9	Washington	8-17
9-13	Wisconsin	9-14 EDR

*Primary election dates are subject to change.
 **EDR is Election Day registration.
 ***Special primary election to fill Senatorial vacancy.

Primaries, general elections are fast approaching

AIKO BRUM

Chief, Internal Communication

Soldiers, civilians and family members who are of eligible voting age cannot afford to sit out on any election year because significant issues demand they choose a candidate who best addresses their concerns.

Issues such as two wars, the economy, health care, the definition of marriage, immigration policy and the potential repeal of Don't Ask, Don't Tell require a voter's attention.

However, to participate in state primaries and the Nov. 2 midterm general elections, American citizens must be registered to vote in their legal home of residence. For overseas Americans, uniformed service members and their family members of voting age, in most states, the Federal Post Card Application, or FPCA form, provides them opportunity to both register and request absentee ballots – but registration rules vary.

The website for the Federal Voting Assistance Program – www.fvap.gov – contains all the information you need to determine whether you are eligible to vote, as well as links to applications, ballots, other forms, polling places and candidates for the entire country and its four territories.

Many states are holding special primary elections to fill vacancies, such as West Virginia for the passing of U.S. Senator Robert Byrd.

All states remind voters to add in time for postal mail delivery, if electronic or fax capabilities are

not available. As well, state secretaries remind voters that they must meet various dates: for registration, for requesting absentee ballots, for voting.

"You may be absent come Election Day, but you can be accounted for," Bob Carey, FVAP director, said, at the website. "Go to FVAP.gov, fill out your registration and absentee ballot application online, and send it back ... so that your election official has time to process it and send you back your absentee ballot for the November general election."

Carey told the American Forces Press Service that "new laws require voters to submit federal postcard applications for absentee ballots on a yearly basis."

AFPS also stated "(Carey's) staff converted to a Web-based process that's similar to many tax-filing programs, with an intuitive, easy-to-understand application."

"You don't have to know how to go through the 250-page voter's assistance guide – all will be online," Carey told AFPS.

Military voters should not only submit a new FPCA every year, but also every time they move, deploy or redeploy overseas. Overseas civilian voters should submit an application before every federal election.

Online tools

The Internet contains a wealth of resources to aid voters. Among popular Web sites are CanIVote.org offers state by state, in-depth voting information. Still others, like www.democratsabroad.org and www.republicansabroad.com, offer serious reviews of issues, positions and candidates for mobile overseas citizens, service members and their families who are out of touch with their local, state or national news.

Project Vote Smart, at www.vote-smart.org, provides a library of factual information about candidates: where they stand on issues, candidates' voting

records, and the like. As well, Declare Yourself (www.declareyourself.org) and Rock the Vote (www.rockthevote.org) aim to engage younger voters in the political process.

The League of Women Voters (www.lwv.org) is a longstanding, traditional source of election information.

Bottom line

According to the Department of Defense, an estimated 6 million uniformed and overseas citizens are eligible to vote absentee.

"Our goal is to bring the military and overseas citizen absentee voting success rate to that of the general public," Carey told audiences at a kick-off press conference in January.

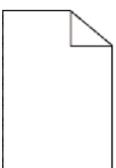
Top five dumbest ways to choose candidates

- 1) By political parties
- 2) By newspaper or television picks
- 3) By special interest groups (unions, collective bargaining units, etc.)
- 4) By candidates' signs, holders or wavers
- 5) By looks or familiar last names



Visit www.fvap.gov for voting information.

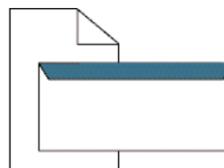
Absentee Voting Process



Complete the Registration/Absentee Ballot Request form and send it to your Election Official.



Election Official approves your Registration/Request and mails your ballot.



Complete the Absentee Ballot and return it to your Election Official.



Your vote is counted.



Today

Distinguished Lecture – RSVP today by calling 655-9694 or e-mail nhliaison@gmail.com to attend “Under the Jarvis Moon,” Aug. 27, 6 p.m., at the Nehelani, Schofield Barracks.

Sponsored by the Commander, U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii, and the Native Hawaiian Liaison Office, this event is part of USAG-HI’s Distinguished Lecture Series.

A complimentary dinner is included. A short preview of the yet-to-be-released documentary “Under a Jarvis Moon” will be shown.

In 1935, the U.S. government sent more than 130 young, mostly Hawaiian men to live on a trio of uninhabited atolls in the middle of the Pacific, to assert territorial jurisdiction. The men lived on the islands of Howland, Bake and Jarvis, during three-month shifts of four men per island.

Dance Classes – Register today for the “School of Knowledge, Inspiration, Exploration, and Skills” Unlimited hip-hop and ballroom dance classes.

Classes are open to 6th-12th graders and are offered every Monday from 4-5 p.m. for hip-hop and from 5-6 p.m. for ballroom.

Call 655-9818.

The Amazing Race – Register today for the “Amazing Race – Library Style” to be held at the Sgt. Yano Library, Aug. 13, 6 p.m. Teams of Youth 12 and older in teams of four or less will test their library skills in the competition.

Preregistration is required. Call 655-8002.

Right Arm Night – Today’s poker-themed Right Arm Night is at 4:30 p.m., at the Hale Ikena, Fort Shafter, for adults only.

Cost is \$5 in advance, \$8 at the door. Call 438-1974.

Waikiki Party Bus – The free Waikiki Party Bus runs today and Aug. 20, 9 p.m.- 4 a.m. Pick-ups are available at Schofield Barracks and Fort Shafter.

Call 655-9971 or 438-1985 to reserve a seat.

Family Fun Friday – Looking for something for the family to do this evening? Stop by Wheeler Stable, Aug. 6, 4-6 p.m., for food, fun and games.

Visit www.mwrarmyhawaii.com or call 655-5698.

7 / Saturday

Woodshop Safety – A woodshop safety class will be held Aug. 7, 8 a.m., at the Schofield Barracks Arts & Crafts Center. This class, held on the first and



Photo by Laura Bratcher | Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation

Gordon Takeshita, director, Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, Schofield Barracks, signs the Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Employee and Customer Covenant, at the Nehelani, Schofield Barracks, July 28. The covenant promises better training and a professional development program for FMWR employees that will improve customer service.

FMWR signs employee, customer covenant

VICKEY MOUZE

Pau Hana Editor

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS – U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii’s first Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Employee and Customer Covenant was signed, here, July 28.

Col. Douglas Mulbury, commander, USAG-HI, and Gordon Takeshita, director, Directorate of FMWR, signed the covenant in a ceremony at the Nehelani.

The covenant promises better training and a professional development program for FMWR employees, who will improve customer service.

On the employee side of the covenant, FMWR leadership promises to provide a robust orientation to the command, clear performance standards, formal and informal training, performance support tools, and recognition and incentives to reward excellent service.

On the customer side of the covenant, FMWR employees promise to respect customers as individuals who are valued; provide timely, accurate and helpful information; offer high-quality products and services; and offer the opportunity to provide feedback.

Overall, the covenant emphasizes FMWR’s commitment to the Army Family Covenant by focusing Soldiers, their families and the workforce who support the Army.

“Since July 1940, with the establishment of the Morale Division, later called Special Services, the U.S. Army has continuously provided dedicated personnel to support the morale, welfare and recreation of Soldiers,” said Lisa Addison, customer service coordinator, FMWR, during the ceremony. In October 2006, the FMWR Command was created.

“Through a diversified palette of activities to enhance community life, foster Soldier and unit readiness, and to promote mental and physical fitness, FMWR provides a working and living environment that attracts and retains quality Soldiers,” Addison said.

In October 2007, the Army Family Covenant was signed to communicate the Army’s commitment to providing Soldiers and families a quality of life commensurate with their service.

“Today is an extension of that process,” said Takeshita. “We are signing this covenant to demonstrate our commitment to our customers and dedicated employees. We are committing the full weight of our resources to developing a customer-focused culture to provide world-class service.”

Mulbury said the covenant is a formal commitment, not only from the FMWR command, but FMWR’s local leadership, which recognizes the importance of what FMWR employees bring to the organization.

“The covenant is more than just a charter ... it’s about a Soldier who is leaving and who has a spouse with two young children. They will need your help and service,” Mulbury said. “I am committed to what this covenant stands for. I will honor what this stands for, and I ask you to do the same.”

He told the audience that he recognized the “fabulous job” that FMWR is doing for Soldiers and family members.

“I have left my family in your care; our Soldiers have left their families in your care. It’s all about Soldiers and families.”

3rd Saturday of the month, is required to work in the woodshop. Cost is \$10 per session.

Call 655-4202 to register.

Framing – Learn picture framing, Aug. 7, 9 a.m.-12 p.m., in small, hands-on classes at the Schofield Barracks Arts & Crafts Center. Cost is \$45.

Call 655-4202 to register.

9 / Monday

Free Hula Classes – The Office of the Native Hawaiian Liaison, U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii, welcomes all Soldiers and families to participate in free hula classes, Mondays, 6-8 p.m., at the Kalakaua Recreation Center, Schofield

Barracks.

Beginner classes are 6-7 p.m.; advanced classes are 7-8 p.m.

Classes feature the different types of hula, fundamentals of hula steps, movement and posture.

E-mail nhliaison@gmail.com or call 655-9694.

10 / Tuesday

Quilting/Sewing – Learn basic quilting/sewing techniques, Aug. 10, 6-8 p.m. at the Arts and Crafts Center, Schofield Barracks. Cost is just \$25 for the first class and \$5

for each additional class.

Call 655-4202 to register.

11 / Wednesday

Free Hawaiian Language Workshop – Learn a few phrases and how to pronounce those long street names you find around the islands at the free Hawaiian language workshop presented by the Office of the Native Hawaiian Liaison, U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii, 6-8 p.m., every Wednesday, through Aug. 11.

Classes will teach Hawaiian vocabulary, including colors, numbers and shapes. Bring a list of five Hawaiian words you’d like to learn how to pronounce.

Classes are conducted at Army Community Service, Building 2091, Kolekole Ave., Schofield Barracks.

E-mail nhliaison@gmail.com or call 655-9694.

Community Calendar

Send announcements a week prior to publication to community @hawaiiarmyweekly.com.

10 / Tuesday

Newcomers Welcome – The Protestant Women of the Chapel meets every Tuesday, 9 a.m., at the Schofield Barracks Main Post Chapel Annex, Room 212. The summer session ends, Aug. 10.

Join for food, fun and fellowship. Free child care is available with RSVP. E-mail schofieldpwoc@gmail.com.

11 / Wednesday

Military Council of Catholic Women – The organization begins its fall programs, Aug. 11, at the Main Chapel, Schofield Barracks, and Aug. 12 at Aliamanu Military Reservation Chapel.

Mass starts at 9 a.m.; fellowship follows. All military services are welcome. Child care is available if registered with Child, Youth and School Services.

Contact mcccwhawaii@yahoo.com or Mary at 489-5344 (SB) or Katie at 744-1285 (AMR).

14 / Saturday

Children’s Physicals – Children enrolled at Tripler Army Medical Center’s Pediatric and Adolescent clinics may get required school and/or sports physical examinations, Aug. 14, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Normal Saturday clinics will be cancelled on these days. Parents of children enrolled at the Schofield Barracks Health

This week on

Rebroadcast of Live Town Hall

Daily at 9:30 a.m. and 2:00p.m.

The live U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii TV town hall, originally aired July 28, is being rebroadcast daily on TV2, at 9:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Maj. Gen. Michael J. Terry, commanding general, U.S. Army-Hawaii, hosted the event. U.S. Army-Hawaii and garrison subject matter experts took live calls from the community.

The 90-minute program features updates on garrison programs and issues and an open forum for callers with questions.

Clinic should make appointments with their primary care managers during normal clinic hours.

Visit www.tamc.amedd.army.mil.

19 / Thursday

Hui O’ Wahine – The Hui O’ Wahine, Fort Shafter Spouses Club, will hold its Super Sign-Up, Aug. 19, at the Hale Ikena, Fort Shafter.

The Hui O’ Wahine is an all-ranks club that welcomes spouses, Soldiers, retirees and civilian employees from all branches of the military. The club holds general membership luncheons the second Tuesday of the month, from September to May.

Visit www.huispirit.com.

Ongoing

Twitter – Follow the U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii at www.twitter.com/usaghi.

Facebook – Get updates about U.S.

Army Garrison-Hawaii events on Facebook at www.facebook.com/usaghawaii.

FOCUS – Families Over Coming Under Stress, or FOCUS, is launching www.focusproject.org, a redesigned family friendly website that provides an overview of FOCUS services for military families.

FOCUS is a resiliency-building program designed for military families and children facing the multiple challenges of combat operational stress during wartime.

To learn more about FOCUS in Hawaii, visit hawaii@focusproject.org or call 624-2033.

Hours Extended – Hours have been extended for the Armed Services YMCA Children’s Waiting Rooms at Schofield Barracks Health Clinic and Tripler Army Medical Center.

New Monday-Friday hours for the SBHC Children’s Waiting Room are 8 a.m.-12 p.m. and 1-4 p.m.; Tripler hours are 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

Children’s Waiting Rooms offer on-

site child care for healthy children while their parents or siblings have medical appointments in any of the Schofield clinics or at Tripler. No fee is charged for this service, but donations keep the programs running.

Call 624-5645 for reservations at SBHC, or 833-1185 for reservations at Tripler.

Veterinary Treatment Facility

– The Schofield Barracks Veterinary Treatment Facility is now seeing patients five days a week, with extended hours every third Wednesday of the month until 7 p.m.

Book an appointment for the new Wellness Package for affordable preventative care, or to obtain a mandatory airline health certificate within 10 days of travel out of Oahu.

Call the facility at its new phone numbers: 655-5893 or 655-5889.

Playmorning – Playmorning is an interactive playgroup for children up to age 5, and their parents or caregivers, and features a variety of age-appropriate activities, crafts, songs and more.

No preregistration is required; however, a \$1 fee per child (or \$10 for 11 visits) applies. Call 624-5645.

Welcome Baby and Me – This program is for babies under 12 months old and their parents, Thursday mornings, 9-10:30 a.m.

A \$1 fee per child applies. Punch cards are available at \$10 for 11 visits. Call 624-5645.

Family Resilience – Family Resilience Nights are Tuesdays, 5:30 p.m., at Aliamanu Military Reservation Chapel, and Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m., at the Main Post Chapel Annex, Schofield Barracks. Free dinner is provided.

Worship Services

Additional religious services, children’s programs, educational services and contact information can be found at www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil. (Click on “Religious Support Office” under the “Directorates and Support Staff” menu).

- AMR: Aliamanu Chapel
- FD: Fort DeRussy Chapel
- FS: Fort Shafter Chapel
- HMR: Helemano Chapel
- MPC: Main Post Chapel, Schofield Barracks
- PH: Aloha Jewish Chapel, Pearl Harbor
- TAMC: Tripler Army Medical Center Chapel
- WAAF: Wheeler Army Airfield Chapel

Buddhist Services

- First Sunday, 1 p.m. at FD
- Fourth Sunday, 1 p.m. at MPC Annex

Catholic Mass

- Tuesday & Thursday, 8 a.m. at AMR
- Saturday, 5 p.m. at TAMC and WAAF chapels
- Saturday, 6 p.m. a Hawaiian-style Mass (May-Aug. only) near the Army Museum (FD)
- Sunday services:
 - 10:30 a.m. at MPC Annex
 - 11 a.m. at TAMC
- Monday-Friday, 11:45 a.m. at MPC and 12 p.m. TAMC

Gospel Worship

- Sunday, 12 p.m. at MPC
- Sunday, 12:30 p.m. at AMR

Islamic Prayers and Study

- Friday, 1 p.m. at MPC Annex
- Saturday and Sunday, 5:30 a.m.; 6, 7 and 8 p.m. at MPC Annex

Jewish Shabbat (Sabbath)

- Monday, 6 p.m. at PH (Bible Study)
- Friday, 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, 8:15 a.m. at PH

Pagan (Wicca)

- Friday, 7 p.m. at MPC Annex

Protestant Worship

- Sunday Services
 - 9 a.m. at FD, FS, MPC and TAMC chapels
 - 9 a.m. at WAAF chapel, Lutheran/Episcopalian
 - 10 a.m. at AMR and HMR

This Week at the MOVIES Sgt. Smith Theater

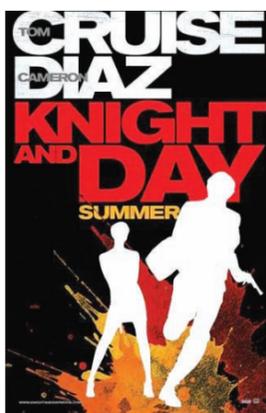
Call 624-2585 for movie listings or go to aafes.com under realtime movie listing.

Grown Ups

(PG-13)
Fri., Aug. 6, 7 p.m.
Thur., Aug. 12, 7 p.m.

Toy Story 3

(G)
Sat., Aug. 7, 4 p.m.



Knight And Day

(PG-13)
Sat., Aug. 7 p.m.

Shrek Forever After

(PG)
Sun., Aug. 8, 2 p.m.

The A Team

(PG-13)
Wed., Aug. 11, 7 p.m.

No shows on Mondays or Tuesdays.

Pacific Region hosts 2010 Youth Leadership Forum

HOWARD SUGAI

Installation Management Command-Pacific Region Public Affairs

FORT SHAFTER — Some of the recommendations and comments heard during this year's Pacific Youth Leadership Forum, or YLF, were "they are paying attention to us," "giving more publicity for youth center activities," and "providing wireless capability in all youth centers."

YLF, sponsored and hosted by Installation Management Command-Pacific Region, was held July 12-17 at the Hawaii Army National Guard Regional Training Institute at Bellows Air Force Station.

This year's theme was "Communicating In Our Digital World."

The forum is a key component of the IMCOM Youth Services Program. YLF helps teens throughout the Pacific develop skills to become successful and contributing members of their communities.

Skills acquired during the weeklong learning experience included leadership and character development, confidence and esteem building, teamwork in service-learning projects, enhancement of technology skills, and youth advocacy.

"We have assembled together approximately 32 teens who are representative of some of our best and brightest Army youth from Hawaii, Alaska, Kwajalein Atoll, Japan and, for the first time, Korea," said Mark Ryales, region Child, Youth Program specialist and YLF program coordinator. "They have come together in a collaborative partnership to discuss teen issues and concerns at their installations."

Almost all the attendees are youth leaders in their high schools, belong to installation teen panels, or are involved in community service.



U.S. Army Photo

Delegates at the Pacific Youth Leadership Forum negotiate a confidence-building exercise at Camp H.R. Erdman, a YMCA camp located on the North Shore. The YLF was sponsored and hosted by Installation Management Command-Pacific Region, July 12-17.

For example, Russell Kidomaru, from U.S. Army-Korea, attends Seoul American High School, is president of the Keystone Club, is the 2010 Asia-Pacific Youth of the Year, and represented Korea on Army Teen Panel at the Pentagon.

Kidomaru would like to have teens empowered

and have more influence in the decision-making process. "Youth would like an opportunity to voice opinions about choosing new youth center staff," Kidomaru said. "The current youth center hiring process involves CPO (civilian personnel office) and an all-adult team making hir-

ing decisions."

"Allow youth to interview/evaluate candidates," Kidomaru said. "Teens should be aware of staff employee probation periods, and should voice concerns via ICE (Interactive Customer Evaluation), suggestion box, etc., to the CYSS (Child, Youth and School Services) coordinator."

Kidomaru would also like to have a youth center orientation briefing for all newly arrived teens; large, standardized youth center logos Armywide for easy recognition; and more publicity for youth center activities.

Michael Spencer represented USAG-Japan at Camp Zama and is a senior at Zama American High School. He is vice-president of his school's National Honor Society and coaches youth soccer.

Spencer would like to have more team-building activities focusing on development of leadership skills and teamwork. He also wants to see more facilities designed specifically for teens to make youth activities and programs more attractive.

"More kids would interact and new friendships would be easier to make," Spencer said.

Spencer and Kidomaru agreed that facilities need to be constantly upgraded and improved to make programs and activities more attractive and appealing. Teens can take responsibility by working on simple upgrades like painting and cleaning and reporting equipment that is not operating properly.

"For at least a year after attending the YLF, each participant commits to work with their installation Youth Leadership Forum, to share what they've learned in their week here, to implement action plans, train peers and mentor younger youth," Ryales explained.

8th TSC announces unit's Volunteers of the Quarter

Story and Photo by

SGT. 1ST CLASS DAVID WHEELER

8th Theater Sustainment Command Public Affairs

FORT SHAFTER — The 8th Theater Sustainment Command has announced its top-performing volunteers of the 2nd quarter.

Winner in the adult category is Sgt. Robert Wardleigh, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 8th Special Troops Battalion, and in the youth category, Conner Dooley, 8th Military Police Brigade.

In a ceremony hosted by Maj. Gen. and Mrs. Michael J. Terry, commanding general, 8th TSC, in their quarters at Palm Circle, here, July 28, Terry said to recognize volunteers is important.

"Volunteers are special people; they do things from the good of their heart. They see a need; they get out there and work hard to take care of our families, our Soldiers and our community.

"We try to get the folks that don't want to be recognized because the true volunteer does this from their heart without the desire of recognition, and we believe we do need to recognize our people," Terry added.

Wardleigh volunteers as the Boy Scouts master for Aliamanu Ward Chapter Troop 677 and volunteers in his church. He hosts weekly Boy Scouts



Maj. Gen. Michael J. Terry, (far right), commanding general, 8th Theater Sustainment Command; and Command Sgt. Maj. George Duncan, (far left) command sergeant major, 8th TSC; (far left), pose with 8th TSC Volunteer of the 2nd quarter nominees, at Fort Shafter, July 28.

meetings and spends one weekend a month taking his Boy Scouts camping.

Dooley is also involved in scouting. He belongs to Hickam Boy Scouts Scout Troop 135 where he started working on his Eagle Scout service project. Through donations, he conducted a successful food drive, completed two patios and helped furnish the Fisher House at Tripler Army Medical Center. He also volunteers at his church.

Wardleigh and Dooley are now in the running for the 8th TSC Volunteer of the Year.

Other nominees were Sharon Prater, 130th Engineer Bde.; Susana Peterson, 8th MP Bde.; and Sgt. James Eggins, 45th Sustainment Bde.

'Books on Bases, Smiles on Faces'

Blue Star Families brings books to military keiki in Hawaii

BLUE STAR FAMILIES

News Release

Alexandria, Va. — Blue Star Families and Kids in Distressed Situations, Inc., or K.I.D.S., have joined forces to bring the joy of reading to military children and to military-impacted libraries in Hawaii.

The program, "Books on Bases, Smiles on Faces," is a nationwide program presented by Blue Star Families in conjunction with K.I.D.S. The program has a positive impact on children from military families through book donation.

"Children's reading levels tend to decline during the absence of a parent assigned to serve our country," said Janice Weinman, president, K.I.D.S. "The presence of new books that these children can call their own makes a big difference in their academic development."

Now through Saturday, Loree Tillman, director of programs, Blue Star Families, and "Military Spouse" magazine's 2010 Navy Spouse of the Year, will distribute about 2,000 books throughout Hawaii.

Tillman distributed books at Sgt. Yano Library, Schofield Barracks, Wednesday.

"The goal of the Books on Bases program is to promote the healing power of books among military children," said Mark Smith, executive director of Blue Star Families.

He added that Blue Star Families is delighted to partner with K.I.D.S. to provide books to military-impacted schools and base libraries to show support for Hawaii's military families.

"Books on Bases, Smiles on Faces" events



Today

10 a.m.-12 p.m.
Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam/Hickam Library

Saturday

10 a.m.- 2 p.m.
Marine Corps Base Hawaii Library
Kaneohe Bay



Vickey Mouze | U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii Public Affairs

Practice makes perfect

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Beginning taekwon do students practice side kicks, July 20, at the Schools of Knowledge, Inspiration, Exploration and Skills Studio, here. To sign up for SKIES taekwon do classes, call 655-9818. See additional taekwon do photos at www.flickr.com/photos/usag-hi/sets/.



Today
Military Long Drive — Register now for the 2010 Military Long Drive Championship presented by 7-Up to compete for \$10,000, Oct. 20, in Mesquite, Nev.

The Army Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Command-backed Military Long Drive Championship is open to all active duty military and family members, 18 and older, including National Guard, Reserves and retirees from all services.

Visit www.armymwrgolf.com or www.longdrivers.com for rules and regulations. Sign up at Leilehua Golf Course or at Nagorski Golf Course.

Call Leilehua Golf Operations at 655-4653.

7 / Saturday
Surfing Lessons — Surf like the pros, or at least look the part with Outdoor Recreation, Aug. 7, 6:30-11:30 a.m.

Cost is \$48 and includes equipment and round-trip transportation to and from

Schofield Barracks.

Call 655-0143.

National Bowling Week — National Bowling Week ends Aug. 7. Visit mwrarmy-hawaii.com or call Schofield Bowl, 655-0573; Fort Shafter Bowl, 438-6733; or Wheeler Bowl, 656-1745.

8 / Sunday
Adventure Kayaking III — Spend half a day, Aug. 8, starting at 6:30 a.m., kayaking around the island. Classes are offered in three skill levels, as well as kayak fishing.

Cost is \$49 per person. Call 655-0143 to make a reservation.

10 / Tuesday
Free Fishing Class — Learn to fish, Aug. 10, 5-7 p.m., at Outdoor Recreation's free fishing class. Call 655-0143.

14 / Saturday
Open House at Outdoor Recreation — Learn about Outdoor Recreation's activities and classes at its open house, Aug. 14, 9:30 a.m.- 2 p.m.

Bring your family, friends or your unit. Call 655-0143.

Ongoing

Learn to Swim — Classes are offered at various times during the week depending on swim level and location. Registration is taken on a first-come, first-served basis.

Classes are subject to change upon instructor availability. Children must be registered with Child, Youth and School Services before registering, and proof must be shown at the time you register.

Levels 1 and 2 are nine, half-hour classes; per session is just \$45. Levels 3-6 and adult beginners are nine, 45-minute classes at \$50 per session.

Call 653-0716.

Surfah Smootheez Café — Get fit, first, and then have an awesome smoothie to cool yourself down at the Martinez Fitness Center.

Free fitness classes are offered for Soldiers and family members at Schofield Barracks Health & Fitness Center, too.

Class lists include step challenge, group cycling, cardio-kickboxing, step and pump, yoga, pilates and more.

For class schedules, call Schofield Barracks Health and Fitness Center at 655-8007, or Martinez at 655-8006 or visit www.mwrarmyhawaii.com.

Community Sports

Send announcements a week prior to publication to community@hawaiiarmyweekly.com.

Today

Tradewind Marathon — Register now for the Tradewind Marathon at Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay. The triathlon — consisting of a 500-meter swim, 11.1-mile bike race and a 5K run — starts at 6:30 a.m., Hangar 101 (ramp area), Aug. 15.

Check in is at 5 a.m.

Cost for individual runners is \$40 for military, and \$60 for civilians; the three-person relay team is \$60 for military, \$85 for civilians.

Register and pay online at www.mccshawaii.com/cgfit.htm. Online registration closes Aug. 11 at 4:30 p.m.

Call 254-7590.

Mango Days 5K — Register now for the 8th Annual Mango Days 5K to be held 6:30 a.m., Aug. 8. The course starts at the Magic Island parking lot at Ala Moana Beach Park, and ends near the tennis courts, winding its way around the park.

The race benefits The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society; race proceeds go toward

patient services and blood cancer research.

Register at www.active.com/running/honolulu-hi/mango-days-5k-2010 or in person at packet pickup on Aug. 7, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., at Runners Route, Kapiolani Boulevard.

Ongoing

Simply Ballroom — The Armed Services YMCA is offering ballroom classes that cover the basic techniques and patterns of the American style of ballroom dance for \$10 per class, per person.

Participants aren't required to find their own partner before

registering for a class.

Classes for service members and spouses are every other Saturday, 10-11 a.m. Classes for children ages 6-18 are every other Tuesday, 3-4 p.m.

E-mail wheeler@asymcahi.org or call 624-5645 for more details.

Outdoor Excursions — Outward Bound, an international, nonprofit outdoor education program, is offering fully funded outdoor adventure excursions to all Operation New Dawn and Operation Enduring Freedom veterans.

Anyone who has deployed in support of Operation New Dawn/OEF combat operations is eligible to apply.

The five-day excursions offer

adventure activities in Maine, Texas, Colorado, California and Minnesota.

All expedition costs — including round-trip transportation, lodging, equipment, food and instruction — are funded by a Sierra Club grant.

Call 866-669-2362, ext. 8387, or e-mail obvets@outwardbound.org.

Bike Hawaii — Join Bike Hawaii's professional nature guides and explore Oahu from the rainforest to the reef. Packages include downhill biking, sailing off Waikiki and more. Meals are included. Visit www.bikehawaii.com or call 734-4214.

Golfers Wanted — Mili-

tary or civilian golfers interested in playing golf on Sunday mornings at Leilehua Golf Course may call 347-8038 or 375-3322.

Tea off is before 8 a.m.

Scuba Diving — Interested in dive master, night, advanced open-water, technical, beach, rescue or adventure dive classes and certifications? Call Ocean Concepts at 677-7975.

Football League — The Hawaii Athletic League of Scholars has started practices for youth players. HALOS is a no-weight-limit, tackle football league for ages 9-14. Visit www.myhalos.com or call 723-5321.