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After a decision was made that they were unsafe to move, chemical munitions discovered at an active range at Schofield Barracks are destroyed with C-4 explosives Tuesday.

Munitions are safely destroyed

War remnants cleared to make way for Stryker

Story and Photo by
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Staff Writer

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Chemical munitions recently discovered on a range here were destroyed Tuesday after being considered unsafe to move from their present location.

The range was being cleared to prepare for construction of the Battle Area Complex, when the World War I era

munitions were discovered.

The items were X-rayed using the Portable Isotopic Neutron Spectroscopy (PINS) and were determined to be liquid-filled and containing the chemical chloropicrin, which is a tear gas agent.

The decision to explode them in their place was deemed the safest way to get rid of the devices, explained Bill McGinnis, the environmental compliance branch chief.

In terms of safety, the Army was more concerned about the explosion than the danger of the chemicals, said McGinnis. Chloropicrin is not a dangerous chemical and can be compared to modern

crowd control gases, he added.

Ronald Borne, director of transformation for U.S. Army Garrison Hawaii, echoed the chemicals were more a harassing agent, rather than a deadly agent

The devices were destroyed using a procedure known as open detonation. The temperature needed to break down the organic material was approximately 400 degrees, and the temperature generated from the explosion was approximately 3,000 degrees, which physically tore apart the chemical, leaving all chemical agents de-

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USO Photo by Dave Gatley

"Band of Brothers" stars and veterans visiting troops on USO/AFE Tour to the Pacific. Here they pose for a group shot in front of the new Stryker vehicle along with Headquarters Company 121 ID Bn, at Sills Field, Schofield Barracks.

Hollywood's 'Band of Brothers' cast, war veterans converge at Schofield

PFC. DURWOOD BLACKMON
Staff Writer

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Veterans and cast members of the popular cable television show "Band of Brothers" visited Schofield Barracks for an autograph and question and answer session at Sgt. Smith Theater, Feb. 8.

The 1-21st Infantry Battalion Gimlets and Leisure Activities hosted the visit sponsored by the United Services Organization and American Forces Entertainment.

Schofield Soldiers who attended the event interacted with the battle-hardened veterans and their Hollywood counterparts.

Appearances by veterans Don Malarkey, Buck Compton, Earl McClung, Darrell "Shifty" Powers and actors James Madio and Peter Youngblood Hills brought Soldiers to their feet as the real-life and television heroes took their seats on stage.

"Band of Brothers," executive produced

by Tom Hanks and Steven Spielberg, depicts the experiences and hardships of an elite group of paratroopers from Easy Company, 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division during World War II.

Easy Company fought on many fronts including the battle of Normandy on June 6, 1944, and Baston. In addition, the company was well-known for entering the Bavarian town of Berchtesguden, once home to top officers of the Third Reich, and capturing the "Eagle's Nest," Hitler's mountaintop fortress.

After the official introduction, Soldiers posed questions to the veterans about their experiences. Hills and Madio were also asked about their performances and the mental and physical preparation that went into portraying Hollywood versions of their assigned characters on the show.

The actors attended several weeks of boot

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Reservists mobilize, go active

Guidelines streamline process for transition

PFC. BRYANNA POULIN
Staff Writer

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Soldiers in the Army Reserve and National Guard perform valuable missions around the world and many who are mobilized are trying to go active in the regular Army.

"Reserve and National Guard Soldiers who are mobilized on an active duty status can apply to stay in the regular Army as long as they follow the guidelines and provide the documents that are needed," said Staff Sgt. Lee Kennington, Career Counselor for the Retention office.

Reserve Component Soldiers with less than 18 years of service, may apply to transfer to the regular Army anytime within six months of their projected demobilization or release from active duty date, according to MILPER message 05-143. This stipulation also applies at the demobilization station.

"Soldiers have 575 days to complete the process to go active duty but the time begins on the first day they are mobilized," Kennington explained.

Soldiers who have out processed from the demobilization site but are on terminal leave or are granted leave en route to their parent unit, may also apply for enlistment in the regular Army to the end date of their leave.

If a RC Soldier is the recipient of an enlistment or reenlistment incentive and is in the process of fulfilling the required service obligation, he or she will be notified that the unearned incentives may be subjected upon enlistment into the regular Army.

Additionally, if the Soldier's Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) is determined to be an over strength in the regular

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HAFAP to tackle quality of life issues in early March

Forum tackles community issues and improves quality of life for Soldiers

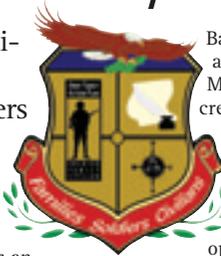
ROBIN SHERROD
Hawaii Army Family Action Plan Program Manager

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — The upcoming Hawaii Army Family Action Plan (HAFAP) conference — an annual community forum that encourages open dialogue about post programs, military benefits, family life and a slew of other topics — is set for March 8-9 at the Nehelani Banquet and Conference Center here. This year's focus is community life.

Members of the Army military community suggest all topics discussed at the forum, and ideas and input will be collected now through Feb. 28. Anyone's idea or suggestion could be the catalyst that starts the ball rolling and eventually results in a better program or benefit not only for military in Hawaii, but also Army-wide.

Numerous improvements to medical and dental care, family service programs, pay and retirement benefits have resulted from prior forums. Recent HAFAPs targeted child care and the need for additional programs and services.

Positive results from prior conferences that are visible about installations include additional parking stalls at the Schofield



Barracks Health Clinic and at Tripler Army Medical Center; increases in "Parents Night Out" programs from once a month to twice a month at Schofield's Peterson Child Development Center; and installation of MWR pet kennels, the Tropic Family Entertainment Center, and additional school bus stop signs by Army Hawaii Family Housing at Aliamanu Military Reservation (AMR), just to

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name a few quality of life improvements. Started in 1983 by military spouses, the grassroots HAFAP provides feedback to make the Army Hawaii community a better place to work and live. The power of HAFAP is its exploration of issues by actual members of the community to include Soldiers, civilian employees, family members and retirees.

Those who participate in HAFAP are very serious about building and main-

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We want to hear from you...

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

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Spc. Brian Weiscope, Company B, 864th Engineer Combat Battalion (Heavy), Task Force Pacemaker, is interviewed about working with and training local Afghan nationals in construction skills in Sharana, Afghanistan.

Pacemaker engineers tell the important PR story

LT. COL. PAUL PAOLOZZI
Task Force Pacemaker

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan — For every major organization, a public relations representative is an essential asset for advertising its great achievements and ensuring a prestigious image that continues to bring in business and future successes.

For the 864th Engineer Combat Battalion (Heavy) of Task Force Pacemaker, from Fort Lewis, Wash., the yearlong deployment to Afghanistan has brought plenty of challenging construction missions within the heart of enemy territory. Its many accomplished feats are worthy of a public relations campaign that communicates to the world how U.S. Army engineers are winning the global war on terrorism through the completion of construction missions that support the legitimate government of Afghanistan.

In an underdeveloped country such as Afghanistan, the need for expert civil engineers will be immense for generations to come. When every engineering mission directly contributes toward an improved physical and political infrastructure for the entire country, letting the world know that this former terrorist training ground is transforming into a functional democratic state is important.

Afghanistan is gradually becoming capable of providing its people with access to health care, education and polling stations. Even in the areas with Taliban remnants, law enforcement and representative local governments are now able to function in the best interest of the local populations. Engineering units such as Task Force Pacemaker have contributed to this nation-building success.

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88 DAYS since last fatal accident

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

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

A four day holiday/ long weekend will be awarded for 200 consecutive days with no accidental fatalities.

Remember, Be Safe Tropic Lightning!

As of 2/15/06

Provost Marshal Corner

COL. JACQUELINE CUMBO
Provost Marshal, 25th Infantry Division

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



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Safety, Awareness & Prevention

Did you know that your on-post driving privileges can be suspended for infractions committed within specified periods of time or for specific driving violations?

An Installation Traffic Code memorandum dated Jan. 12, 2006, covers the imposition of such sanctions. Once the sanctions have been imposed, the only way to get your on-post driving privileges reinstated is to serve the time of suspension and complete the Provost Marshal Traffic Safety Course, which runs monthly.

Soldiers are directed to attend the course by their units, for various reasons to include traffic violations such as speeding, accidents, failing to register their POV, parking tickets and failing to wear proper safety gear for operation of a motorcycle.

All students attending the course are required to wear BDUs; no casual attire is allowed. Further, students must sign in on an attendance roster that requires full name, rank, unit, and signature.

The roster is turned in to the MP Brigade by 9 a.m. the first duty day following the class in order to track Soldier attendance. (For more information on classes, contact Staff Sgt. Serrano at 655-5381.)

Hot Topics

Ever wonder why some areas are placed "Off Limits" to military members? It is because of a review process developed by the Hawaii Armed Forces Disciplinary Control Board, which is attended by representatives of each of the military services and local law enforcement agencies represented in Hawaii.

The formation of this board is mandated by joint service regulation. Army Regulation 190-24 directs the activities of the board for Army personnel, and the board advises and makes recommendations to commanders on matters concerning the conditions that adversely affect the health, safety, morals, welfare, morale and discipline of the armed forces in our area.

Establishments that are typically placed on the Off Limits list are those where chronic problems exist: disorders and lack of discipline, prostitution, sexually transmitted disease, liquor violations, racial and other discriminatory practices, alcohol and drug abuse, drug paraphernalia being sold, criminal or illegal activities involving cults or hate groups, illicit gambling, terrorist activities, unfair commercial or consumer practices, or other undesirable conditions that may adversely affect members of the military and their families.

You can report businesses that meet this criteria to your command or the Staff Judge Advocate's office. Most businesses value our patronage and will normally take every step necessary to correct problems that the board brings to their attention.

Fort Shafter

The Fort Shafter PMO reported one auto theft, one incident of damage to a privately owned vehicle (POV) and six larcenies: two of which were items taken from POVs, two unsecured bicycles and two pet dogs, one taken from the family's back yard at Aliamanu Military Reservation (AMR) and the other from a backyard of family quarters at Fort Shafter.

The Fort Shafter Flats area experienced one larceny of private property and one larceny of government property.

At Fort DeRussy, an unknown male attempted to pay his parking fee using a counterfeit \$100 dollar bill at the Saratoga parking lot. When the attendant discovered that the currency was counterfeit, the subject fled the area by driving his vehicle through the gate's mechanical arm.

The parking lot attendant was able to obtain a license plate number, and the case was turned over to the Secret Service.

In another incident at the Saratoga parking lot, an unknown individual drove across an open field through hedges to avoid paying a \$4 parking fee.

Schofield Barracks

The Schofield Barracks PMO reported three shoplifting cases, two from the main Post Exchange and one from the Wheeler Army Air Field Shoppette. Items stolen included a soda, a burrito and a box of diapers. All subjects were apprehended.

A total of four larcenies occurred in the Schofield area, all from Schofield Barracks proper. Three of the larcenies were of unsecured property: a wallet from the PX area, a laptop computer from a barracks room and, lastly, a bicycle from the Tropics.

One DUI was reported during the time frame and four cases of damage to private property: two occurring at Schofield Barracks, one at Helemano Military Reservation and one at Wheeler. All damage cases involved privately owned vehicles.

LIGHTNING SPIRIT

'Give' is the operative in forgive

CAPT. RAY ESTES
5-14 Cavalry Squadron Chaplain

I'd like to share a story that hits close to home in more than one way. It's the real life story of Dr. Joe Morgan, a survivor of the attack on Pearl Harbor.

Throughout his life, Joe has often recalled the nightmare of the Japanese attack on Dec. 7, 1941. He was stationed on the southwestern shore of Ford Island, and his lot that infamous Sunday morning was to pull duty in Aircraft Utility Squadron Two.

At 7:55 a.m., he heard the planes approaching. At first, Joe assumed they were the usual planes that came in ahead of the aircraft carriers. Then the bombing began.

The 19 year-old Texan, who had joined the Navy to "see the world," was confused as the .25 caliber machinegun bullets rained down around him. As he watched his fellow sailors fall — hit and bleeding around him, his confusion turned to horrified fear that gripped his heart.

He then heard the loud explosion on the runway; he looked up and saw the symbol

of the rising sun, an attack by the Japanese Imperial Navy.

His first instinct was to hide, but seeing the other young men around him scramble for handguns and weapons of any kind, he felt ashamed of himself.

Running outside to face his attackers, Joe saw a machinegun abandoned and took up his post, frightened and shaking in his size eight shoes.

Filled with a deep and intense fury, Joe felt a burning hatred for the Japanese nation as he fired and shot down Japanese planes. He watched the Japanese midget submarines being gunned down and sunk with satisfaction in his heart. Although Joe was a Christian, he found himself overcome with hatred for those who were so shockingly killing Americans that day.

The battle finally ended: 2,403 Americans were killed, 68 of them civilians. Unsure if the Japanese would come back, Joe and many others stayed at their posts all night, ready for another attack.

During the night, Joe said a prayer that changed his life. He promised God that if he

survived that war, he would become a preacher.

He was transferred to the island of Maui three months after the attack, and staying true to his promise, Joe later became a pastor of the Wailuku Baptist Church in Maui in August of 1954. Two years later, Mitsuo Fuchida, the commander of the naval air forces that led the attack on Pearl Harbor, came to Maui.

Fifteen years had passed, and Joe still

"Fuchida immediately bowed and said one word in Japanese. 'Gomenasai'..."

Capt. Ray Estes
5-14 Cavalry Squadron Chaplain

had mixed feelings. After much turmoil and debate, he decided to go and listen to Fuchida. He listened with awe as Fuchida told of becoming a Christian.

Joe went up and introduced himself to the man who had led the attack that changed his life. Fuchida immediately bowed and said one word in Japanese. "Gomenasai," he said simply, which means, "I am sorry."

What happened next was as an important moment as any other in history. Fuchida reached out to shake Joe's hand and Joe clasped his former enemy's in his. All the anger and animosity toward this man and his country were gone. Joe Morgan and Mitsuo Fuchida shook hands, not as enemies, but as brothers in Christ.

One of the most beautiful words in any language is the word "forgive." The word is a common one, but the essence of the word is in the last part — give.

To forgive means to give someone a release from the wrong done. It means to give up any right of retaliation.

Forgiveness is a miracle of the will. It is a miracle that is realized when two estranged people come together in as fair and harmonious a new relationship as is possible at that time.

Forgiveness offers a chance at reconciliation; it's an opportunity for a life together instead of death together. Forgiveness has the power to move us from a past moment of pain to unshackle us from our endless chain of reactions, to create a new situation in which both the wrongdoer and the wronged can begin a new and better way of life.

The choice is always ours.

Voices of Lightning: Who has been the most influential U.S. President?



"... JFK ... I think he set a new standard for going through with what he said he would."

Sgt. Daniel Henson
408th MI Linguist



"...Clinton ... because of how he handled the economy."

Pfc. David Farris
HHC, 3-25th Aviation Operations Specialist



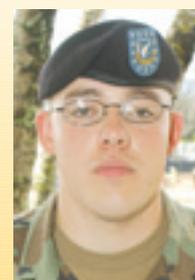
"... Reagan. After he got out, he continued to do good things for the community."

Pfc. Correy Herzer
C Co., 1st Bn., 21st Inf. Regt. Team Leader



"... Reagan. ... [for] getting the country interested in straightening up the military again."

Sgt. 1st Class Michael Lantero
2-25th Aviation Aircraft Electrician



"... Reagan because of how he handled the oil shortage."

Pfc. Andrew McGuffey
HSC, 209th ASB Mechanic



A squad dismantles their vehicle to return fire on the uncovered ambush lane during convoy live-fire exercises.

3rd BSTB preps for war realities

Live-fire convoy training readies Iraq-bound brigade for encounters with IEDs

Story and Photos by
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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Whether in the infantry or some other field, all Soldiers will almost certainly travel by convoy during their upcoming deployment. Hence, encountering an ambush or an improvised explosive device (IED) is a very real risk for every Soldier downrange.

Leadership with 3rd Brigade's Special Troops Battalion (3rd BSTB) recognizes this reality and is doing something about it. On Feb. 8, the Soldiers of 3rd BSTB completed 10 days of scenario-driven, squad-level convoy live-fire certification training on a course spanning firing ranges CR1 through KR5.

Leadership designed the course to be as realistic as possible given lessons learned in Iraq and Afghanistan. They took advantage of the recent availability of ranges that are typically on very high demand, said Maj. Blace Albert, battalion S-3 officer, 3rd BSTB.

"With many units from post currently rotating through the Big Island for training, there has been less demand than usual for our ranges," said Albert. "The 3rd BSTB has taken advantage of this opportunity to get range time and to organize quality training," he continued.

The training is designed to develop leadership skills confidence handling weapons and engaging targets with live rounds, Albert explained.

3rd BSTB Soldiers in squad size elements and wearing full "battle-rattle" loaded vehicles and conducted blank and live-fire iterations of convoy lane exercises during the daylight and at night. Among other tasks, the convoy lane required squads to identify an IED and properly mark its location, react to both blocked and unblocked simulated enemy ambush, negotiate through mock protesters and clear a road obstacle. For many, the training was the most realistic and valuable that they had ever received.

"This training is essential for any Soldier who will go downrange," said Sgt. Debbi



Martinez, platoon sergeant, 3rd BSTB. "We need to be able to perform our jobs technically and tactically in order to be effective war fighters when we're deployed."

Above — Pvt. Trena Watts, medic, 3rd BSTB, applies a field dressing to Spc. Jessica Orr, also of 3rd BSTB, during simulated convoy live-fire exercises.

Left — A 3rd BSTB Soldier removes an injured comrade from her vehicle on the covered ambush lane training portion of the convoy live-fire exercises.

training with their Soldiers," continued Martinez. "Even though I can read the brigade's SOP (standard operating procedure) or division's SOP on how to react to certain convoy scenarios, each team does things a little differently. As a result, it would be foolish not to train with those Soldiers that you are going to fight with," she said.

Staff Sgt. Noel P. Blanton, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd BSTB, agreed. Blanton, a veteran of a tour in Afghanistan, was on hand to ensure safety and offer tactical advice.

"It is of paramount importance to do this kind of training," said Blanton. "Regardless of your MOS (military occupational specialty) you must be comfortable firing live rounds. The bottom line is that if you are in country and you get hit by an ambush or IED everyone becomes an infantryman."

"A lot of these soldiers have never participated in live-fire convoy exercises," he said. "Practice like this will save lives."



An OH-58D Kiowa Warrior scouts a suspected area of terrorist activity during a blank-fire exercise at Makua Valley, Feb. 9.

Soldiers shoot blanks at Makua Valley

Story and Photo by
PFC. DURWOOD BLACKMON
Staff Writer

MAKUA VALLEY — The thumping sound of helicopters and rapid bursts of machinegun fire rang through the valleys of Makua during an air assault blank-fire training exercise, Feb. 9.

Approximately 100-150 Soldiers from the 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry Regiment, Cacti took part in the blank-fire exercise.

In a combined effort, company-level infantry performed a raid on a known site containing suspected terrorists and examined that site for intelligence, personnel and equipment, said Lt. Col. Michael Donnelly of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 25th Infantry Division, and division public affairs officer.

Soldiers from the 2-35th used a variety of weapons such as mortars, machineguns, rifles and air support to create a realistic effect during the exercise.

Roughly eight UH-60 Black

Hawks, several OH-58 Kiowa Warriors and a CH-47 Chinook bringing in additional support personnel were used during the training.

Although live ammunition wasn't a factor at the Makua Valley exercise, environmental issues were still a concern.

"We have close monitoring capabilities of the weather, and we are trained to control and stay in accordance with the rules and regulations of fire prevention," said Donnelly. "Cultural experts are on-site to make sure we stay within the limits that have been identified and are in protection so that we are in fact being good stewards for the environment."

As units from Schofield Barracks prepare for an upcoming deployment, exercises are the best means to get Soldiers ready.

The focus of all training is to properly ready Soldiers, units and leaders in collective routine drills so that everyone is synchronized for deployment to Iraq. When the day is done, proper training will preserve Soldiers' lives, Donnelly emphasized.

Brothers: Cast, veterans sign autographs, talk story

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camp and airborne training that were as rigorous as the real thing. The training helped them to adapt, mold and ultimately become Soldiers, said Madio.

"Being a Soldier became such a part of me and who I was that I wore my dog tags for two years after the show was complete," said Madio.

A native of Bronx, N.Y., Madio played the role of Frank Perconte and has starred in such movies as "Hook" and was the voice of Great White from the cartoon hit "A Shark's Tale." Hills, who has starred in such movies as "The Beach" and "Submerged," sat close to "Shifty" Powers, the person he portrayed in the show.

After speaking with the troops, a sea of people snaked through the theatre as the actors and former members of Easy Company welcomed the audience on stage for an autograph session. Everything from books, hats, movie covers and the wooden stock of a Soldier's rifle was embellished with their "John Hancocks."

Once the last autograph was signed, the "Band of Brothers" was shuttled to Sills Field for a weapons and gear display.

Actors and veterans alike were intrigued by the equipment today's Army uses and advancements in technology. Body armor, night vision and weapons like the M-24 Sniper Rifle captivated the men; these veterans and actors, some of them in their mid-70s, were boys again.

Through handshakes and laughter, Soldiers both past and present shared a common bond that could be seen and felt as the day progressed.

"Band of Brothers" is a testament to the Soldiers of Easy Company and those who serve in uniform during a time of conflict, according to the Soldiers who have seen the movie and were the impetus for several characters. As Hollywood offers Americans action-packed war sequences, Soldiers provide one mold from which heroic characters are poured.

"What you folks are doing is so much more than we ever did. Fighting an enemy who are a much more dangerous and deadly people than the ones we fought," said veteran 2nd Lt. Lynn D. "Buck" Compton. "And so, I personally stand in awe of you folks. You're dedicated and true professionals and I am honored to be in your presence."

Munitions: Danger safely obliterated

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stroyed at well above the minimum temperature required.

Every measure of safety was used in considering the destruction of the devices, said McGinnis. A destruction plan was created by the Department of Health, and the garrison commander signed off on the plan.

For every one pound of chemical, technicians wired five pounds of explosives. The five-to-one ratio is a standard ratio for thermally treating chemicals, McGinnis explained.

Composition 4, more commonly known as C-4, is the explosive that was used. It's one variety of a plastic explosive and contains C3-H6-N6-O6. Each round contained approximately nine-and-a-half pounds of chemicals. For every

round, there were 47.5 pounds of C-4.

In order to safely explode the devices, technicians needed a stable temperature, low winds and a relatively dry area. The speed and direction of the wind would have determined which way the dust cloud blew.

With an unstable temperature, the munitions could have been dangerous. Rain, on the other hand, could have caused the dirt to be muddy. As well, technicians could have put themselves into danger walking around old, unexploded devices in the mud, but optimal climate prevailed.

When the explosives were set up and ready to go, technicians moved a little under a mile away, which kept them out of the way for any wind blowing dust or the impact of the explosion.

Finding unexploded rounds on an active range that has been used since the early 20th century is not surprising, said Borne. To date, no other incidents have been reported at this range, as far as Borne knows, but he cannot speak for other active Army posts, he said.

When this range has completed its renovation, there will be roads for strykers to drive through and practice shooting at targets. The munitions needed to be destroyed for the interest of the Soldiers who will be training out here, said McGinnis.

The public should know that the destruction of these old munitions was executed safely and effectively, Borne added.

"The Army is committed to safety and doing things in an environmental way, the safest way," said McGinnis.

Reservists: Soldiers can make the active switch

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Army, the Soldier will be given the opportunity to reclassify into a critical MOS at the time of transfer.

"The Soldier's MOS is determined by the needs of the Army and if the demand is critical in another field then the Soldier may have to re-class into another MOS," Kennington stated.

Also, grade determination is not required for mobilized Reserve Soldiers and those who enlist into the regular Army will remain at their current rank.

Once these guidelines are met, the Soldier will complete the DD Form 368 to request release from his or her current component to apply for enlistment in the regular Army.

If the application is accepted, the Soldier will be issued assignment instructions and the Soldier's retention noncommissioned officer will be notified in order to implement the enlistment contract.

The moment the Soldier enlists in the regular Army he or she will remain with the current deployed unit awaiting redeployment to the demobilization station. After that, the Soldier will be transferred to a new duty station.

Soldiers who miss the 575-day mobilization deadline but still desire to go in the regular Army must refer to a local U.S. Army Recruiter to initialize the switch to active duty.



Joy Boisselle

Members of the community begin the 2005 HAFAP process by looking over quality of life issues with the conference facilitator and recorder. Issues are then prioritized and discussed.

HAFAP: Conference raises issue awareness

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taining the highest quality of life standards possible for Army communities in the Hawaiian islands.

During the two-day forum, participants from working groups tackle issues in an open dialogue format. A facilitator encourages participation from everyone, and civilian clothing is worn to "level the playing field," according to organizers.

At the end of the forum, each working group presents key issues and recommendations to the 25th Infantry Division commanding general and senior leadership and directors of key customer service agencies on post.

Any issue that can't be resolved locally is typically escalated to the next higher-level command for discussion. If no resolution is found at that level, the issue is usually forwarded to the senior level, the Army Family Action Plan.

Community members who have input for the 2006 HAFAP should draft a well-written, brief narrative that meets three key elements:

- 1) Issue Title, which describes the problem;
- 2) Scope, which tells the range or impact of the issue, why it is a problem and who it affects; and
- 3) Recommendation, which tells what should be done to fix the problem.

HAFAP issues can be submitted all year long via the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Web site at www.mwrarmyhawaii.com. Patrons must click the Army Community Service link to the Hawaii Army Family Action Plan.



1st Lt. Ingrid Yockel, Det. A, 556th PSB executive officer, helps the personnel section during the Yama Sakura 49 exercise on Camp Kengun, Japan. More than 30 25th ID Soldiers participated in the exercise.

Yama Sakura 49 hits ground

Story and Photos by
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CAMP KENGUN, Japan — Explosions and gunfire rocked Camp Kengun, Japan, from Jan 27 – Feb. 3, but there were no casualties; this isn't that hard to believe considering it was all part of a computer-simulated war-game exercise called Yama Sakura.

Yama Sakura, which means mountain cherry blossom in Japanese, is an annual exercise that aims to establish a coordinated front between Japan and America in the event that Japan is invaded. Complete with real-life war scenarios, the exercise involves every branch of the military from both countries.

"This exercise is a chance to see how it would be if we worked with the Japanese military during a time of war," said Maj. Jon Nari-matsu, 25th Infantry Division, 2nd Battalion, 11th Field Artillery operations and training officer. "It's a good learning experience for everyone involved."

Hawaii service members also got a chance to work with service members from around the United States including National



An opening ceremony was held Jan. 27 on Camp Kengun, Japan. More than 500 American service members participated in the Yama Sakura 49 exercise.

Guardsmen, Reservists and I Corps Soldiers out of Fort Lewis, Wash. I Corps hosts the exercise each year.

"I really enjoyed working with these people," said Spc. Jason R. Bryant, a driver at the 25th Infantry Division Replacement Detachment. "Especially our Japanese counterparts — they were really kind and accepting of us."

The 25th Inf. Div. Soldiers who participated worked 12-hour shifts everyday to ensure the exercise

was a success. As exhausting as it was, they were richly rewarded.

Soldiers tasted authentic Japanese food and visited the homes of their Japanese counterparts. In addition to touring the beautiful city of Kumamoto, they also experienced some of the Japanese customs and traditions such as taking off their shoes when entering a building and bowing their heads when greeting someone.

"I want to go back," said Bryant. "I had so much fun."

IRS lists the 'Dirty Dozen' scams

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
News Release

WASHINGTON — The Internal Revenue Service has issued its 2006 "Dirty Dozen" — its latest annual tally of some of the most notorious tax scams — along with an alert to taxpayers this filing season to watch out for schemes that promise to reduce or eliminate taxes.

Two new schemes have worked their way onto the list in 2006. In recent months IRS personnel have noted the emergence of two scams — "zero wages" and "Form 843 tax abatement" — in which filers use IRS forms to claim that their tax bills have been wrongly inflated.

Also high on the list in 2006 is "phishing," a favorite ploy of identity thieves.

During the past few years, the IRS has observed criminals working through the Internet, even posing as representatives of the IRS itself, with the goal of tricking unsuspecting taxpayers into revealing private information that can be used to steal from their financial accounts.

Several of the usual suspects from last year remain on the list. The IRS, for example, continues to see schemes designed to exploit charitable organizations.

Some taxpayers, meanwhile, still use frivolous arguments to claim they do not owe taxes, despite the fact such reasoning has been thrown out of court, time and time again.

"When it comes to taxes, everyone has to pay their fair share," IRS Commissioner Mark W. Everson said. "I urge taxpayers not to be taken in by hucksters who promise to lower or eliminate taxes. Getting caught up in the Dirty Dozen or similar schemes can lead to big headaches."

Namely, involvement with tax schemes can lead to imprisonment and fines. The IRS pursues and shuts down promoters of these and numerous other scams. Anyone pulled into these schemes can also face repayment of taxes, plus interest and penalties.

The IRS urges people to avoid these common schemes:

1) Zero Wages. In this scam, new to the Dirty Dozen, a taxpayer attaches to his or her return either a Form 4852 (Substitute Form W-2) or a "corrected" Form 1099 that shows zero or little wages or other income. The taxpayer may include a statement indicating the taxpayer is rebutting information submitted to the IRS by the payer.

2) Form 843 Tax Abatement. This scam, also new to the Dirty Dozen, rests on faulty interpretation of the Internal Revenue Code. It involves the filer requesting abatement of previously assessed tax using Form 843.

3) Phishing. This technique used by identity thieves to acquire personal financial data in order to gain access to the financial accounts of unsuspecting consumers, run up charges on their credit cards or apply for new loans in their names.

These Internet-based criminals pose as representatives of a financial institution and send out fictitious e-mail correspondence

If a taxpayer has any doubt whether a contact from the IRS is authentic, the taxpayer should call 1-800-829-1040 to confirm.

in an attempt to trick consumers into disclosing private information. Sometimes scammers pose as the IRS itself.

In recent months, some taxpayers have received e-mails that appear to come from the IRS. A typical e-mail notifies a taxpayer of an outstanding refund and urges the taxpayer to click on a hyperlink and visit an official-looking Web site. The Web site then solicits a social security and credit card number.

In a variation of this scheme, criminals have used e-mail to announce to unsuspecting taxpayers they are "under audit" and could make things right by divulging selected private financial information. Taxpayers should take note: The IRS does not use e-mail to initiate contact with taxpayers about issues related to their accounts.

4) Zero Return. Promoters instruct taxpayers to enter all zeros on their federal income tax filings. In a twist on this scheme, filers enter zero income, report their withholding and then write "nunc pro tunc" — Latin for "now for then" — on the return.

5) Trust Misuse. For years unscrupulous promoters have urged taxpayers to transfer assets into trusts. They promise reduction of income subject to tax, deductions for personal expenses and reduced estate or gift taxes. However, some trusts do not deliver the promised tax benefits, and the IRS is ac-

preparers can cause many headaches for taxpayers who fall victim to their schemes. Such preparers derive financial gain by skimming a portion of their clients' refunds and charging inflated fees for return preparation services.

Dishonest preparers attract new clients by promising large refunds; hence, taxpayers should choose carefully when hiring a tax preparer. As the old saying goes, "If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is."

Also filers must remember, no matter who prepares the return, the taxpayer is ultimately responsible for its accuracy.

8) Credit Counseling Agencies. Taxpayers should be careful with credit counseling organizations that claim they can fix credit ratings, push debt payment plans or impose high set-up fees or monthly service charges that may add to existing debt.

The IRS Tax Exempt and Government Entities Division is in the process of revoking the tax-exempt status of numerous credit counseling organizations that operate under the guise of educating financially distressed consumers with debt problems, all while charging debtors large fees and providing little or no counseling.

9) Abuse of Charitable Organizations and Deductions. The IRS has observed increased use of tax-exempt organizations to improperly shield income or assets from taxation.

10) Offshore Transactions. Despite a crackdown by the IRS and state tax agencies, individuals continue to try to avoid U.S. taxes by illegally hiding income in offshore bank and brokerage accounts or using offshore credit cards, wire transfers, foreign

How do I report suspected tax fraud?

Suspected tax fraud can be reported to the IRS using IRS Form 3949-A, Information Referral. Form 3949-A is available for download from the IRS Web site at IRS.gov, or through the U.S. Mail by calling 1-800-829-3676.

The person filing the report is not required to self-identify, although it is helpful to do so. The identity of the person filing the report can be kept confidential. The person may also be entitled to a reward.

Specific information about who is being reported, the activity being reported, how the activity became known, when the alleged violation took place, the amount of money involved and any other information that might be helpful in an investigation is desired.

tively examining these arrangements.

6) Frivolous Arguments. Promoters have been known to make the following outlandish claims: The 16th Amendment, which outlines congressional power to lay and collect income taxes, was never ratified; wages are not income; filing a return and paying taxes are merely voluntary; and being required to file Form 1040 violates the 5th Amendment right against self-incrimination or the 4th Amendment right to privacy.

Taxpayers are warned not to believe these or other similar claims. These arguments are false and have been thrown out of court. While taxpayers have the right to contest their tax liabilities in court, no one has the right to disobey the law.

7) Return Preparer Fraud. Dishonest return

trusts, employee leasing schemes, private annuities or life insurance to do so.

11) Employment Tax Evasion. The IRS has seen a number of illegal schemes that instruct employers not to withhold federal income tax or other employment taxes from wages paid to their employees. Such advice is based on an incorrect interpretation of Section 861 and other parts of the tax law and has been refuted in court.

12) "No Gain" Deduction. Filers attempt to eliminate their entire adjusted gross income (AGI) by deducting it on their Schedule A. The filer lists his or her AGI under the Schedule A section labeled "Other Miscellaneous Deductions" and attaches a statement to the return that refers to court documents and includes the words "No Gain Realized."



Courtesy Photo

The new PX is slowly but surely progressing and is scheduled to open early next year. Personnel will be able to enjoy shopping at an enclosed mall featured in the new store.

Construction of bigger, better PX progresses

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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Do you dread going to the post exchange (PX) at Schofield? Hate going there because it's just too much of a hassle with the limited parking spaces caused by all the construction going on?

Well, construction workers, post officials, and Army and Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) employees are working hard to get the new and improved PX up and running by early next year.

Construction has been going on just more than a year now, and for the most part, stayed on track.

"Everything has progressed well," said Susan Nunemaker, general manager of the PX. "We have suffered minor delays due to weather and also had some trouble getting started due to environmental dilemmas, but other than that, we haven't had any problems."

The new bigger and better PX will go from 47,000 square feet to approximately 170,000 square feet —

providing more space and more things to shop for.

As far as parking goes, more than 600 spaces will make finding a parking space no longer a problem.

A larger assortment of clothing and electronics are also just a couple of the major improvements patrons can expect. As well, a new food court will provide seven name brand food complexes and ample seating areas that will make the lunch hour less of a rush.

The PX and the Pxtra will be combined in the new store, showcasing items such as linens and kitchenware from the furniture store.

"This will make more room in the furniture store, so we can have a bigger selection of furniture," said Nunemaker. "Also, it will make it easier for shoppers because they won't have to make three different stops to pick up necessities."

"I think the new PX is going to make a significant impact to the community here on Schofield," Nunemaker explained. "The new facility will have everything that you see now, and more."

2nd Brigade leaders discover 'The Paradoxical Commandments'

Distinguished, best-selling author shares insights with leaders

Story and Photos by
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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Leadership is the cornerstone of all Army units. Without it, a unit will fail.

Leaders in the 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team honed their leadership skills at a seminar held at the Nehelani here, Feb. 10, under the guidance of Dr. Kent M. Keith, author of *The Paradoxical Commandments*.

Keith penned the commandments in 1968, while a student at Harvard for high school students. Since its first printing, *The Paradoxical Commandments* also known as "Anyway," "The Final Analysis" and "The Ten Commandments of Leadership," has been published around the world.

Keith's goal was to challenge leaders to do the right thing no matter what others thought. And understanding that many people would not appreciate a leader's decisions was going to be critical to that leader's success, he explained.

Perhaps, commandment ten illustrates Keith's philosophy, which he shared with 2nd SBCT leaders: "Give the world the best you have, and you'll get kicked in the teeth. "Give the world the best you have anyway," he emphasizes nonetheless.

Keith has presented his commandments to business leaders, military commanders, religious leaders and students. For each audience, he tailors his words to be relevant to what the audience does for a living. For military leaders, he said living the paradoxical commandments is a more complex challenge.

"You are leaders and your jobs are complex," said Keith, adding, "The most powerful leader seeks to make a difference."

Paradoxical leadership is based on getting material results and spiritual rewards according to Keith. Finding meaning in the workplace and being a part of something larger than oneself is a big part of living the commandments, he said. The Army, by virtue of its mission, he explained, is way ahead of most organizations in



Above — Col. Stefan Banach presents a paddle plaque to Dr. Kent Keith in appreciation for speaking at 2SBCT's leadership seminar, Feb. 10.



Left — During a break-out session at the seminar, leaders discuss "paradoxical leaders" they know or have read about in history or watched in movies.

this regard.

"The Army has such a large impact on local communities, the world and the American economy. The leaders in this room are already on their way to being a paradoxical leader just by being a part of the Army," said Keith.

"We can do what we know is right, good and true no matter what," he continued.

During the seminar, participants completed surveys pertaining to leadership and values. After the survey was completed, Keith began discussing the paradoxical leader and paradoxical leaders from history.

"A paradoxical leader is someone who looks out for what others' needs are, a leader who stays with the moral option, disregarding his or her own need or desire to get ahead in the world," Keith emphasized.

The distinguished author gave some examples of famous paradoxical leaders. His list included George Washington, Martin Luther King Jr., Mother Teresa and Gandhi. True paradoxical leaders, he explained, are not trying to become famous.

"What a leader needs to do is face the worst in the world with the best in ourselves," said Keith.

Before ending his remarks, Keith challenged the 2nd SBCT leaders to consider the impact of their unit, its role and mission, and their contributions to their organizations. He challenged them to look for ways to help others and pitch in to get the job done, though re-emphasizing the Army already gets this challenge right.

He encouraged leaders to always do what's right, to always do their best and to always think ambitious for their organizations.

News Briefs

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February

Employer Award Nomination — Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve announces the opening of the 2006 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award nomination season. National Guardsmen, Reservists and family members are eligible to nominate their employers for this prestigious national award from the Department of Defense. The nomination season will close Feb. 28. Visit www.esgr.mil to nominate your employer.

Preretirement Orientation — A semiannual pre-retirement orientation is scheduled on Feb. 28 from 8 to 11:30 a.m. at the Schofield Barracks Post Conference Room, Building 584. This orientation is for Soldiers with 18 or more years of active service and their spouses. Military retirement benefits and privileges will be discussed and representatives from federal and state agencies and military staff offices will be available to answer individual questions.

For more information, call the Schofield Barracks Retirement Services Office at 655-1585/1514.

March

Physician Assistants — Interested in becoming a physician assistant? Physician assistants are important members of the military health care team. Send applications to the IPAP program manager no later than March 1. Applicants must be enlisted, commissioned or warrant officers with a minimum of three years active federal service by Aug. 31 of the academic year.

For more information and requirements, call 1-800-223-3735, extension 60386; e-mail ipap@usarec.army.mil or visit www.armypa.info.

SAEDA-OPSEC — A Subversion and Espionage directed against the Army OPSEC briefing

is available at Tripler Army Medical Center on March 6 at 7:30 a.m., 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. at Kyser Auditorium.

For more information, contact Hawaii Resident Office personnel at 438-1872 or 306-8050, 24-hr duty phone, or email james.l.cummins@us.army.mil.

Vet Clinic Closure — Hawaii military veterinary clinics, including Fort Shafter, Hickam Air Force Base, Schofield Barracks, and Kaneohe veterinary clinics, will be closed on March 15. Pet owners should ensure that a veterinarian is available for their pets should an emergency occur. Call 433-1972 for more information.

PX Parking Lot Closure — The Schofield Barracks Post Exchange front parking lot will be closed through early March. The PX, PXtra and Home Center will remain open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., and assistance with large purchases will be available.

For more details, contact Susan Nonamaker at 622-1773.

Ongoing

Memorial Bricks — The 25th Infantry Division Association is offering supporters the opportunity to become a permanent part of the Schofield Memorial Monument. Engraved brick pavers are available in 4x8 inches containing up to three lines of type for \$100 or 8x8 inches containing up to six lines of type for \$250.

Orders received before May 31 will be sold at regular prices and will be installed in time for rededication in September 2006.

For more information, visit www.25thida.com to download an order form.

Purple Heart — The Military Order of the Purple Heart, Hawaii chapter, is extending a one-year free enrollment in the local MOPH chapter to all MOPH recipients from Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom. Interested Purple Heart recipients can call 988-2820 for more details.

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Local Soldiers polish Diamond Head

94th AAMDC works out and cleans up

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94th Army Air and Missile Defense Command

For more than a century, Diamond Head State Monument has provided a spectacular vantage point for Waikiki.

As a result of its immense popularity with tourists and residents alike, litter and graffiti have plagued the local community and raised environmental concerns.

Recently, one Fort Shafter unit decided to make a positive step towards changing those trends.

Members of the 94th Army Air and Missile Defense Command volunteered to clean up Diamond Head last week. Over twenty strong, they stormed the trail in the early morning hours and returned with full trash bags before the first visitors arrived.

"The 94th AAMDC wanted ... to give back to the community and this seemed like a perfect way," said Capt. Frederick D. Ramirez, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery commander and project leader. "We are committed ... to fostering a positive relationship with the people of Hawaii, our new home."

A storied legacy between Diamond Head and the military dates back to more than a century. In 1904, the Federal government purchased the land and designated it for military use. The state park was previously used for coastal defense, the precursor to air defense artillery units, to protect the shores from air and sea threats.

The 94th AAMDC is now the new theater ballistic missile defense command responsible for protecting not only Hawaiian skies but the entire Pacific as well.

"This is our history," said Col. Christopher V. Moylan, deputy



Staff Sgt. Kimberly Green

chief of staff for operations. "This not only supports our history but it is a great way for our Soldiers to give back to our civilian community."

Although never officially used during World War II, the facility has remained relatively intact. The hulking guns have disappeared but the concrete bunkers and gun emplacements that housed them still overlook various strategic, beautiful locations. Soldiers on the lookout for enemies planes

have been replaced with tourists and sightseeing residents.

The unit has planned regular, early morning visits to allow guests unobstructed access, con-

duct facilities maintenance and ensure that litter does not accumulate.

Soldiers found it to be a worthwhile cause and a great workout.

"It was as much a physical challenge as it was mental," said Pfc. Rodney L. Young, air defense tactical operations center operator.

"The first five minutes was daunting but after that I just cruised along," said Pfc. Adam T. Moore, intelligence analyst. "We made the area more presentable, so I would say we accomplished our mission."



Maj. Richard Stebbins

Above — Capt. Pedro Camacho goes on the edge for the clean-up effort.

Left — 94th AAMDC Soldiers come back down the mountain after clean-up.

More information about the history of Diamond Head can be found in brochures at the park. The crater is open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily.



Daniel Bearl | 25th Infantry Division, Public Affairs

New graduates

Command Sgt. Maj. Charles S. Cook (left, foreground), with the 14th U.S. Cavalry (Stryker), presents the Distinguished Honor Graduate award to Spc. William S. Swift. Swift graduated from the U.S. Army Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Hawaii's first Warrior Leadership Course. The WLC replaced the Primary Leadership Development Course when the NCOA adopted it in December 2005. The academy's first class graduated Feb. 8.

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Pacemaker: Soldiers tell the media's untold stories

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The mission to publicize to the world the many great triumphs Task Force Pacemaker has made for the country of Afghanistan is a task reserved for the TF Pacemaker Public Affairs office, responsible for documenting every mission through photographs and written articles, and sending releases to the open media — from local hometown news sources, to international newspapers and Internet sites.

“Engineering units do not normally have a designated public affairs office, but this task force makes significant construction, humanitarian and mine clearing contributions to Afghanistan every day, so there is never a shortage of great stories to report to our families and the public back home,” said 1st Lt. Claudia Crossland, TF Pacemaker public affairs officer. “We are certainly a unique section, and since we are engineers as well, we always have an expert perspective when we write.”

Despite the numerous potential stories these engineers have to tell the world, Afghanistan remains a precarious destination for reporters. Jobsite security continues to be a concern out in the remote locations where the engineers are making the biggest impacts and where living conditions are often sparse.

In comparison to Iraq, where oil revenues have ensured a developed and more westernized infrastructure, Afghanistan remains one of the poorest countries in the world. Visitors will have to “rough it” during their stay.

“It’s difficult to find embedded reporters willing to accompany us into some regions because they know they’re going to live uncomfortably and that the enemy threat is real,” Crossland said. “Reporters continue to pursue stories about the war in Iraq, whereas there is still the notion that the only story in Afghanistan is the hunt for Osama Bin Laden.”

“The challenge I found was trying

to tell a story that at home seems very basic — the building of a road,” said Ian Klaus, a writer who accompanied Task Force Pacemaker during its construction of the Kandahar to Tarin Kowt Road. “What you have are tremendous people working very hard in an often hostile environment; yet, the payoffs are often intangibles: freedom of movement for health care, openness for commerce and increased security.”

“I was fortunate enough to have editors at home who saw what a bold effort the road was in terms of people, both Americans and Afghans, and [I was] lucky to be embedded with a task force that considered access and openness — and all the dirt, grime and long convoys that come with them — as advantageous to all involved,” Klaus said, who wrote a four-part series for the San Francisco Chronicle about Task Force Pacemaker’s road building achievements.

Convincing the world that Operation Enduring Freedom is not just about fighting the Taliban and al Qaeda has been a challenge for Army public affairs units. In order to win the war on terrorism, the United States and NATO forces must also win over the hearts and minds of the Afghan people, convincing them that there are far more beneficial alternatives to governing themselves than pledging support to al Qaeda.

“Al Qaeda was my enemy. They came to my village and everything changed. It was not good,” said Haji Abdul Wahid Razaq, an Afghan citizen from the city of Ghazni. “But before with the Soviet Union here, everything was bad too. The American government and people are the first who are here to take care of Afghanistan and my people.”

It is the mission of the TF Pacemaker PAO to tell the world that its engineers are constructing roads and clearing minefields through some of the most isolated regions of Afghanistan, thus empowering the local populations with the ability to take control of their own lives.



(Left to right) Lt. Col. Anderson and Cols. McBride and Killian officially open Building 866 on K-Quad.

K-Quad buildings open

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The 45th Sustainment Brigade held a ribbon cutting ceremony in K-Quad to celebrate the opening of Buildings 865, 866, and 867, on Thursday, Feb. 2.

The openings marked the completion of the second phase of the K-Quad construction project and culminated a year’s worth of planning in support of the Division’s Transformation efforts.

Building 866 will serve as the 45th Sustainment Brigade headquarters under the command of Col. Michael T. McBride and will pull all the brigade’s assets into one footprint. The brigade was previously spread out over eight

different locations throughout Schofield Barracks.

“We are extremely pleased with the tremendous teamwork and professionalism of the Division staff, the Garrison staff and the Corps of Engineers in making this day possible,” McBride said.

The 45th Special Troops Battalion will occupy Building 865, which was designed and constructed before the battalion was actually stood up.

“This ceremony serves as the culminating milestone in our transformation process,” said Maj. (P) Skip Adams, the 45th Sustainment Bde S-3 operations officer. “Last month we officially constituted our new organizational structure and now we

have firmly established our new footprint here on Schofield.”

The Rev. Kaleo Patterson, a minister in Waianae and Professor of Hawaiian Studies at the University of Hawaii, conducted a Hawaiian blessing before Col. McBride, Col. Howard J. Killian, the garrison commander, and Lt. Col. David E. Anderson, the Honolulu district commander, Corps of Engineers, cut the ribbon.

Also in attendance were Maj. Gen. Benjamin R. Mixon, the 25th Infantry Division commander, Brig. Gen. Frank J. Wiercinski, the 25th ID Deputy commanding general, and Command Sgt. Maj. Gregory Seals, of the 45th Sustainment Brigade.

Aviation Association announces winners

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The following Combat Aviation Brigade Soldiers received awards from the Army Aviation Association of America on Feb. 1, at Fort Rucker, Alabama:

- Maj. Pete Eberhardt and Master Sgt. Louis Gholston, Army Aviation Air/Sea Rescue Award.

- Sgt. 1st Class Michael D. Sutterfield, Air Traffic Control Manager of the Year.

- Staff Sgt. Alina Smith, Maintenance Technician of the Year.
- Capt. Nicole C. Powell-Dunford, Army Aviation Medicine Award.

Founded in 1957, the Quad A awards program was established to recognize the individual and group achievements in Army aviation.

News Briefs

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Tax Center — The Schofield Barracks Tax Center (655-5144) will be open Monday through Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Thursday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Fort Shafter (438-2829) will be open Monday through Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Individuals should bring wage and tax statements (W-2s), documents for deductions, 2005 federal and state returns, bank routing and account numbers for direct deposit (from voided checks) and Social Security cards.

CID Special Agent — The U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command is seeking qualified applicants to become special agents. Certain prerequisites must be met to apply. Contact the Hawaii Field Office, Schofield Barracks at 655-1989 or attend the information briefing held every Friday at 10 a.m. at Building 3026, Lyman Road.

School Surveys — Did you recently move to Hawaii or are you concerned about your family’s transition? If so, MWR would like your feedback. Express your school and transitional concerns by completing an online survey. Surveys will have an impact on future services and programs.

To access the transition survey, log onto [www.mwrarmy.hawaii.com/schoolsurvey\(2005\).htm](http://www.mwrarmy.hawaii.com/schoolsurvey(2005).htm).

High-Speed Computing — Take advantage of high-speed computing on the internet via the Army Community Service Computer Lab. Located at ACS, Building 2091 on Kolekole Avenue, hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday from 12:30 to 9 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call 655-4344.

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NFL's Pro Bowl comes to military

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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS – The National Football League's all-star game festivities, which have taken place in Honolulu since 1980, officially kicked off Feb. 3 here on the island of Oahu.

However, the real fun began for Soldiers and other service members Feb. 7.

That morning Tiki Barber, one of the NFL's Pro Bowl starters, participated in physical training with 115 Soldiers from 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry.

Later that day, the NFL's arrival created excitement at Schofield Barracks as players and staff joined Soldiers at the Engagement Skills Training Center and simulated actively engaging enemies in a combat zone.

Players such as DeAngelo Hall, Warrick Dunn, Roy Williams and Jeff Saturday tested out various weapons systems at the EST Center during different scenarios. Then they greeted Soldiers from the 25th Infantry Division and signed autographs.

The following day NFL players, coaches and cheerleaders met Soldiers and their families at the Aliamanu Military Reservation. They signed autographs and provided photo opportunities for delighted fans.

Fans got another chance to meet NFL cheerleaders, mascots, and players on Feb. 9. A raffle was held as the NFL gave away Pro Bowl tickets and gift certificates. Sprint, Hawaii Army Family Housing, Burger King and Geico sponsored the event. Morale, Welfare and Recreation also chipped in by providing free hats.

The NFL knows how to get the military's competitive "juices" flowing. A military



AFC Quarterback Peyton Manning, from Indianapolis, searches for a target downfield. Manning completed 13 passes for a total of 139 yards Sunday during the 2006 Pro Bowl at Aloha Stadium in Honolulu.

skills challenge was held Feb. 10 at Kapiolani Park for all branches of service. The teams consisted of all-stars from their respective installations. In a thrilling face-off, Team Air Force edged out Team Army and took home the NFL-sponsored trophy.

During the Pro Bowl festivities at the park, fans from the military and local community purchased memorabilia and received autographs. There was also plenty of food and live entertainment. Later that evening, a Pro Bowl block party was held at the Aloha Tower Marketplace.

The league's presence didn't end there

as they held a prayer breakfast Saturday at Richardson Field across from Aloha Stadium in Honolulu. In addition, the NFL held various concerts and tailgating events for enthusiastic fans.

Then Sunday, game day finally arrived for the players, fans, coaches and staff. Residents filed into a packed Aloha Stadium, intensifying the venue's already electrifying atmosphere.

Service members and their families were not only invited to the game, but also participated in the pre-game show. A multi-service color guard presented the colors

and respective branch flags during the playing of the National Anthem.

The Hawaii Air National Guard conducted a flyover for Navy "Leapfrogs" who parachuted into the stadium and dazzled fans.

As the final seconds ticked from the clock the National Football Conference All-Stars raised their arms in victory as their fans celebrated a 23-17 victory. Linebacker Derrick Brooks, from the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, was named the Pro Bowl's Most Valuable Player.

Afterwards, Soldiers from Schofield

Barracks that attended the game shared their thoughts.

"I enjoyed the game," said Pvt. Paul L. Scarlett, an infantryman with A Company, 1st Battalion, 21st Infantry. "There were a lot of impressive plays and I enjoyed seeing the pros being together again."

"It was a good game," agreed Spc. Ronald L. Johnson, a refrigeration mechanic with 5-36th Maintenance. "It was about what I expected."

Johnson said he enjoyed being at the game. "It was a beautiful day with my wife," he said. "We just had fun."

Johnson said his favorite play was when Safety Darren Sharper, from Minnesota, intercepted the ball. Scarlett's favorite play was when Michael Vick made a one-handed pass to tight end Antonio Gates. The NFC's interceptions also impressed Scarlett.

Overall, the NFL provided plenty of opportunities for fans from all over Hawaii to meet the Pro Bowl players.

Soldiers such as Scarlett, Johnson and Sgt. Karimu S. Kpanaquamoh appreciated these opportunities and took full advantage.

"I love them. [The NFL] shows a lot of love to the military on the island," said Kpanaquamoh. "I'm a big NFL fan."

(Editor's Note: Spc. Daniel M. Bearl contributed to this article.)



A member of Team Navy concentrates on catching a deep pass for an event sponsored by the National Football League.

Favorites visit AMR, Schofield

Story and Photos by

PFC. DURWOOD L. BLACKMON

Staff Writer

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS – Families, friends and fans all joined in for an afternoon of football fun as Tropics Family Entertainment Center welcomed a National Football League player, mascots and cheerleaders in preparation for the Pro Bowl, Feb. 9.

Upon entering the Tropics, the Army Morale, Welfare and Recreation department made everyone a winner by passing out free hats. In addition, raffle tickets were available for an opportunity to win one of many gifts, including four \$25 gift certificates and 18 sets of Pro Bowl tickets.

A special appearance by San Diego Charger defensive back Hanick Milligan provoked roaring applause from fans. After making his grand entrance, he happily posed for photos and signed autographs.

Team mascots such as the Denver Bronco and Arizona Cardinal danced and interacted with children and adults of all ages.

Cheerleaders from various teams, including the San Francisco 49ers and Dallas Cowboys, attended the event and performed a few routines for the packed house. After working up the crowd, they happily signed autographs and posed for photos with a long line of smiling faces.

Devout fans also attended in hopes of catching a glimpse of their favorite teams' star players.

"We were hoping some of the Steelers players would be here. We were happy about the Super Bowl," said Pvt. 2 Julie Lutz as she, her husband Kevin and their two children Bailey and

Services vie in skills challenge

Story and Photo by

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Assistant Editor

WAIKIKI – Part of the Pro Bowl weekend celebration, teams from each service competed in the Military Skills Challenge hosted by the National Football League at Kapiolani Park, Feb. 10.

Teams representing the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard participated in the 40-yard dash, punting, long-snap, field goal kicking and passing events in front of wildly animated crowds.

Each service wore team jerseys adorned with branch pride, which made distinguishing teams from one another easy for the audience. The Army team, spiffed in yellow courtesy of Morale, Welfare and Recreation funds, represented Soldiers from

various units within the 25th Infantry Division, said Sgt. Karimu S. Kpanaquamoh, the Army team's captain.

Teams were comprised of all-stars from respective installations. They competed as individuals but were graded together during various skill challenges. The Marine Corps team, however, was the exception. It was comprised of one Sailor who plays for Marine Corps Base Hawaii, according to Marine Corps Sgt. Gerald B. Golstein of Combat Service Support Group-3.

NFL judges announced team winners after each challenge task was completed. Scoring was so close that once the final challenge had ended, two teams remained deadlocked for first place.

The Army and Air Force teams faced off in a sudden-death passing

competition to determine the skills challenge victor. Once the dust had settled, the Air Force had earned the top honors.

While competition among the services was fierce, each was appreciative of the opportunity to contend.

Kpanaquamoh said it felt great to get together with the other services, compete and just have a good time.

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Chris Mays echoed, "It was an honor to represent the Navy. I was just proud to be out there with my teammates."

When competition ended, NFL officials awarded each service medals for respective wins.

The Army won the punting and field goal kicking competitions; the Air Force, the 40-yard dash; the Navy, the long-snap competition; and the Marines, the medal for the passing competition.

Star athletes light up the screens at 'Strykehouse'

Story and Photo by

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Staff Writer

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS – Four professional football players discovered firsthand what it was like to be a Soldier at the Engagement Skills Trainer center on Tuesday, Feb. 9.

Warrick Dunn and DeAngelo Hall (Atlanta Falcons), Roy Williams (Dallas Cowboys) and Jeff Saturday (Indianapolis Colts) received training from a team of snipers and tested their weapons skills in a simulated combat zone.

The EST, also known as "The Strykehouse," is a facility where Soldiers can hone their marksmanship skills, such as breathing and trigger squeeze.

"It was great teaching them things we get to do all day," said Spc. Sean Clark, a sniper for 1-21 Scouts.

Clark worked with Dunn, who asked a lot of questions about the weapons.

Dunn thought it was a good experience to see how the Soldiers train and experience what they learn before going into battle.

"To the Soldiers, these players are heroes; to the players the Soldiers are heroes," said Clark. "It's sort of a two-way street of respect where both are in awe of



DeAngelo Hall, Atlanta Falcons cornerback, is thoroughly engaged in a combat scenario at the Engagement Skills Training Center. Tuesday, Pro Bowl players came to the center to experience Army weapons and training firsthand.

what [the other does] for a living."

The combat scenarios the players experienced are used mostly for communication purposes. Soldiers learn how to react to problems that may occur on the battlefield, such as knowing the code for a malfunctioned weapon or a shortage of ammunition. By shouting the code, the Soldier's comrades

know to cover that sector of fire for them until they recover.

"I had a blast," said Williams. "The Soldiers helping us must have had a lot of patience because we didn't know what we were doing."

Most of the guys were just holding up their weapon and firing, they weren't using

their sights or anything, said Clark.

Sgt. Nicholas Howard, a 1-21 sniper team leader, worked with Saturday and Hall. Howard said they liked the urban scenarios, were humble and asked a lot of questions.

Hall especially enjoyed his time in the second room they entered, where he experienced the simulated Iraq battle scene to the fullest. The room was dark and the tensions were high as local Iraqis yelled and no one knew the enemy's location.

"Get down, get down!" Hall yelled back.

Although the players were not able to learn nearly as much as they should have to shoot effectively, the players and the Soldiers genuinely enjoyed themselves.

"I would definitely love to come back and shoot," said Dunn.

The fun of this practice serves a greater purpose in training the 25th Soldiers the best we can, said Johnny Landeza, the area supervisor for the EST.

The EST has been open for about four years and has remained busy training units. As well as hosting the Pro-Bowl players, the EST has foreign delegates and even sometimes elementary schools come in to showcase the Army's facilities, said Landeza.

"It was an honor and a privilege to come here and experience what the Soldiers go through," said Williams.



FEBRUARY

17 / Tonight

Mongolian Barbeque — Select your favorites from a large variety of meats and vegetables and Reggie's staff will grill them to your liking. Come Feb. 17 from 5 to 8 p.m. for Mongolian barbecue, cooked outside in front of the Nehelani with seating in air-conditioned Reggie's.

Cost is 65 cents for each ounce, and reservations are recommended. For more information, call 655-4466.

Teen Social — Join friends for an evening of fun at the Schofield Barracks Teen Center and the Aliamanu Military Reservation Teen Center from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Listen to music and dance, play games or participate in contests. Admission is \$3 for members and \$4 for nonmembers.

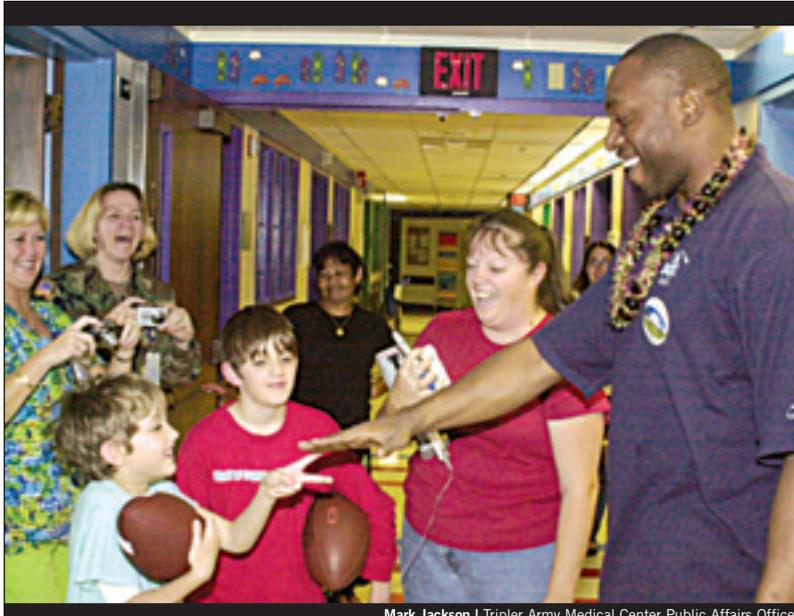
18 / Saturday

AMR Teen Center Trip — Teens are invited to come to the Hickam Carnival, Feb. 18. The trip will depart from the AMR Teen Center at 12:30 p.m. and return at 5 p.m. Bring money for food, games, or rides, and a permission form is required. For more information, call 833-0920

23 / Thursday

Right Arm Night — Enjoy fun, prizes, and entertainment at the Right Arm Karaoke Night, Feb. 23, 4 p.m. at the Nehelani. Appetizers will be served from 4 to 7 p.m. All ranks and civilians are invited to this adult-only evening. Tickets purchased before Feb. 23 are \$5, day of the event, \$7. For more information, call 655-4466.

CATS — Get your tickets today for the award-winning Broadway musical, "CATS." Performances will be held at Richardson Theatre, Fort Shafter, Feb. 23, 24, and 25 and March 3, 4, 10, and 11. Tickets are going quickly and are available at the box office,



Mark Jackson | Tripler Army Medical Center Public Affairs Office

Making rounds

Pro Bowl star Alge Crumpler of the Atlanta Falcons plays "rock-paper-scissors" with Elijah (left) as Micah Bean (center) and their mother Ann Bean watches, Feb. 8. In the background, Tripler Army Medical Center staff enjoy all the game play in the Pediatric Ward.

Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., or online at <http://www.squareone.org/ACT/tickets.html>. For more information, call 438-4480.

24 / Friday

Hawaiian Luau Lunch Buffet — Taste a traditional Hawaiian style feast from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Hale Ikena on Fort Shafter, or 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Nehelani on Schofield Barracks. Cost is \$9.95 per person. Call the Hale Ikena at 438-1974 or the Nehelani at 655-4466 for lunch buffet reservations or information.

AMR Teen Center Trip — Teens, come have fun with your friends at the Kunia Box Car Track. The group will depart from the AMR Teen Center, Feb. 24 at 2:30 p.m. and return at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$5 for admission and teens should bring extra spending money. Teens are required to bring helmets and wear long pants and covered shoes. Permission and waiver forms are required. For more information, call 833-0920

Seafood Bucket for Two — It's back! Seafood lovers can dig into a variety of seafood, including shrimp, crab, clams and mussels at Reggie's, from 5 to 8 p.m. Cost is \$24.95 for two and includes the seafood bucket and a pitcher of your favorite beverage. For reservations or more information, call 655-4466.

25 / Saturday

Parents Night Out — Leave your kids with Child and Youth Services on Parents Night Out, Feb. 25, at Peterson CDC, and then enjoy a nice night out on the town. Children enrolled in Parents Night Out must be registered with the Resource and Referral Office no later than noon, Feb. 22. Reservations are first-come, first-served at the Resource and Referral Office. Call 655-8313 for more information.

26 / Sunday

Library Closure — The Sgt. Yano Library, Schofield Barracks, will be closed on Feb. 26 for semi-annual carpet cleaning. The library will resume regular hours of operation Feb. 27. For more information, call 655-8002.

10 / March

Creative Writing Contest — Put your most life-changing experience into words in the "Army Libraries and Leisure Activities Creative Writing Contest." Entry forms are available at all Army libraries and Leisure Activities. Deadline to enter is March 10, and winners will be selected on April 5.

Three prizes will be awarded: first place, \$150; second place, \$100 and third place, \$50. For more information, call 655-0111.

ONGOING

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

The cost is \$295 and must be paid when registering. For more information, call 655-5525.

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

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

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

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



6:00	Sign on
6:25	Bulletin Board
7:00	Pentagon Channel
8:00	Hawaii Army Report
8:24	Bulletin Board
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10:30	Pentagon Channel
12:00	Hawaii Army Report
12:25	Bulletin Board
12:54	Community Focus
1:10	Pentagon Channel
2:00	White Face
2:15	Pentagon Channel
3:00	Shamu-The Bird Story
3:30	Pentagon Channel
4:00	Oahu
4:10	Pentagon Channel
5:00	Hawaii-Hidden Beauty
5:20	Pentagon Channel
6:00	Hawaii Army Report
6:24	Honor to Serve
6:32	Community Focus
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7:16	Pentagon Channel
8:00	NFL-Turf Talk '95
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8:55	Pentagon Channel
10:00	Bulletin Board
10:30	Pentagon Channel
11:00	Coqui Frog Invasion in Hawaii
11:21	Oakland Army Base
11:50	Bulletin Board

Overnight

12:30 Pentagon Channel



FEBRUARY

18 / Saturday

Tropic Lightning Museum — The Tropic Lightning Museum, Schofield Barracks, will feature "Escape from Angola," Feb. 18. Matinees begin at 1 p.m.

21 / Tuesday

ARC CPR Class — The American Red Cross Schofield Barracks Service Center will offer an adult, child, and infant CPR and first aid class on Feb. 21-23 from 6 to 9:30 p.m. The cost is \$40 and includes the book. Call 655-4927 to register.

22 / Wednesday

DECA Scholarships — The Defense Commissary Agency (DECA) and the Fisher House Foundation are offering educational scholarships to children of military families. The Scholarships for Military Children Program goal is to provide at least one \$1,500 scholarship for each of DECA's 268 commissaries worldwide. Eligible applicants include unmarried children under age 21 (23, if still enrolled in school) of active duty, Guard or Reserve, or military retiree families. The application deadline is Feb. 22. Applications are available at the Schofield Barracks commissary and at <http://www.commissaries.com/> or at <http://www.militaryscholar.org>.

23 / Thursday

ACAP Class — The Army Career Alumni Program (ACAP) is offering job assistance and business seminars during Feb. One class remains: Business Owners Seminar, Feb. 23 from 10 a.m. to noon.

ACAP clients and their family members are welcome to attend these events. In addition, ACAP hosts a Veterans Affairs briefing every Friday from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. in Building 690 (the Aloha Center), Room 3H, on Schofield Barracks. No appointment is necessary.

For more information or to reserve a spot for the above classes, call 655-1028

24 / Friday

Annual Volunteer Award Nominations — Annual volunteer award nominations are being accepted now, in conjunction with National Volunteer Week in April. Instructions and criteria for submitting nominations have been provided to all brigade and battalion

commanders and volunteer user agencies. The deadline for submission of nominations to the Army volunteer coordinator (AVC) is Feb. 24, and the annual volunteer recognition will be held Friday, April 28, from 4 to 6 p.m. at Bowen Park. For more information, contact Cathie Henderson at 655-1703 or e-mail at hendersonca@schofield.army.mil.

Families and Schools Together (FAST) — FAST is an award-winning model program that brings families together and helps create long lasting family bonds. Wheeler Middle School is hosting a FAST program, targeted for families with 6th graders. The ten-session program will take place on Wednesdays, for approximately two hours, beginning after spring break. Meals will be included. Registration is ongoing and registration forms are available at the school office.

Interested families should sign up no later than Friday, Feb. 24. For more information, call Stefanie Sondgeroth or Mary Rice, at 622-6525.

28 / Tuesday

Hawaii Army Family Action Plan — Make a difference in our community; send in your Hawaii Army Family Action Plan issues by Feb. 28. Issues sheets are available at ACS and most MWR activities, or submit issues online at www.mwrmilitaryhawaii.com.

The HAFAP Conference is scheduled for March 8 and 9 at the Nehelani, Schofield Barracks. Volunteers are needed to make this event a success. Free childcare will be provided for pre-training and the conference.

Delegates, facilitators and other interested volunteers should contact ACS today. For more information, call Robin Sherrod at 655-4368.

Hui O'Wahine — The Fort Shafter Hui O'Wahine serving Fort Shafter, Tripler Army Medical Center (TAMC) and Camp Smith, is offering continuing education scholarships and charitable endowments to the community. Deadline for submission is Feb. 28 and awards will be presented in May.

Applications are available at the Fort Shafter thrift shop, Fort Shafter library, TAMC library, AMR library, Fort Shafter and Aliamanu Military Reservation youth centers, Radford or Moanalua high schools, or by calling committee chairperson, Marilyn Murphy at 834-6168.

March

1 / Wednesday

MOAA \$1000 Scholarships — The Military Officer Association of America

will award 25 \$1000 grants for the 2006-07 school year. Applicants must be a dependent child of an active duty or drilling Reserve/National Guard member, officer or enlisted, of the Armed Forces, United States Public Health Service, or National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Also, applicants must be a high school senior planning to attend an accredited college/university as a full-time student, or a college student working on an undergraduate degree and under 24 years old.

Deadline for online entry is noon Eastern Standard Time March 1. Go to www.moaa.org, select "Services" then "Educational Assistance" and then "Scholarships and Grants." For additional questions not answered on the website, contact: edassist@moaa.org.

Career, College, and Job Fair — Leeward Partnership for School-to-Work, University of Hawaii-West Oahu, and Leeward Community College will be sponsoring a Career, College and Job Fair, March 1 from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Leeward Community College Campus. The event is open to the public and admission and parking are free. More than 40 companies and organizations are expected to participate. For additional information, contact 455-0140.

8 / Wednesday

Hawaii Army Family Action Plan — Make a difference in the military community. Sign up to be a volunteer at the 2006 Hawaii Army Family Action Plan Conference to be held March 8 and 9 at the Nehelani, Schofield Barracks. Free childcare will be provided for pre-training and the conference.

Delegates, facilitators and other interested volunteers should contact ACS. For more information, call Robin Sherrod at 655-4368.

9 / Thursday

KMC Spring Fling Savings — Kilauea Military Camp is offering spring fling savings for a limited time only, when you book between now and March 9 for reservations between April 1 and May 25.

Visitors will receive four nights of lodging for the price of three, so increase your savings with an additional 50 percent off per person when you book a KMC camp.

For more information about KMC camp, tours and rates, visit www.kmc-volcano.com.

24 / Friday

Hui O Na Wahine Scholarships — The Schofield Barracks Hui O Na Wahine all-ranks spouses club is accepting applications for merit scholarships from now until March 24.

Applications are available at Sgt. Yano library, the Hui thrift shop, the Schofield Barracks ACS Building, the Leilehua High School counselor's office, Hui O Na Wahine luncheons and spouse information meetings.

For more information, contact Robertta Cole, scholarship chair, at bertnstoner@yahoo.com

28 / Tuesday

Parents Workshop — The ACS Family Advocacy Program offers a new parents' workshop designed to prepare new parents for first time delivery and parenthood. Classes are offered in five-week blocks on Tuesday nights from 6 to 8 p.m. and the next class starts on March 28.

The class is for both moms and dads, if possible, and couples should register as mom approaches the end of the third pregnancy trimester. Sessions are free, but participants must be registered in advance. Call ACS at 655-4ACS to register.

ONGOING

Military Council of Catholic Women (MCCW) — The MCCW has weekly Bible study at the AMR Chapel on Thursdays. The group will meet for Mass at 9 a.m. followed by fellowship and Bible study from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

The spring Bible study is just beginning. Free child care is provided for children registered with Child Youth Services or the STACC site. For more information, call the AMR Chapel at 839-4319.

Financial Health — Want to find the road to healthy finances? Contact ACS, located in Building 2091 across the street from Richardson swimming pool. February classes are: checkbook maintenance, money management, credit management, the Thrift Savings Plan, car buying, mutual fund investing, college funding, and AER/Command Referral. Instructors also assist with zero percent interest Army Emergency Relief loans.

To attend a class or schedule a one-on-one appointment with a financial counselor, call 655-4ACS (4227). All services are free and help is only a phone call away.

New Work and Careers Web Site — Need help in your job search process? Explore the Web site <http://www.myarmylifetoo.com> to learn about the Army Spouse Employment Partnership. The site includes job search techniques and resume writing tips. For additional help, contact your Army Community Service Employment Readiness Program Manager at 655-2390.



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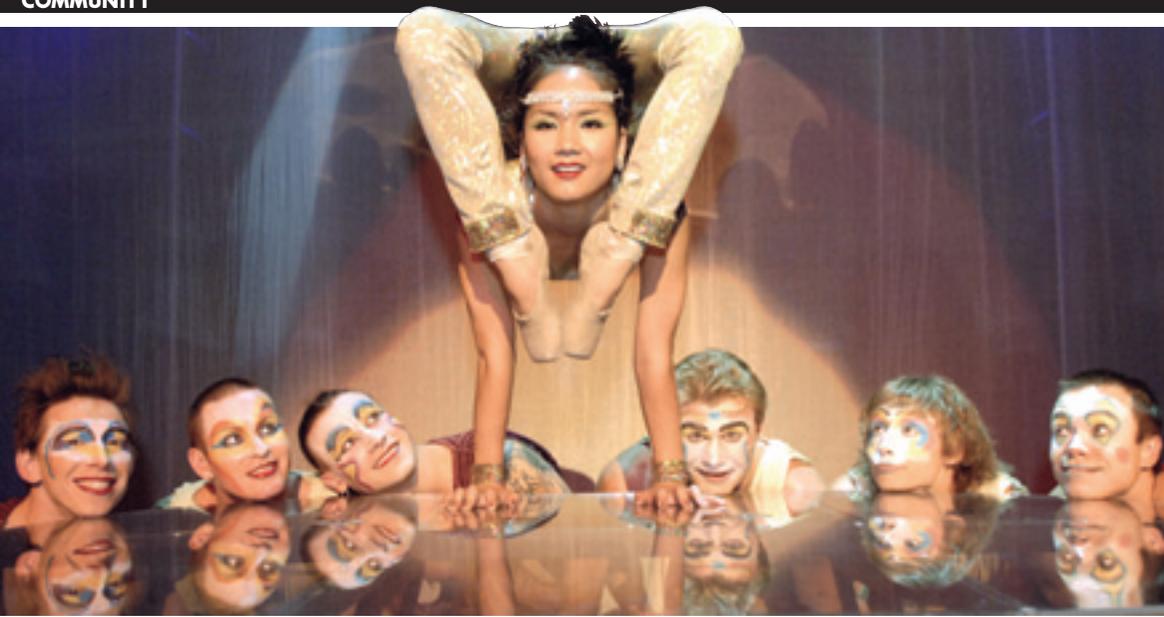


Fun With Dick And Jane (PG-13)
Saturday, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, 7 p.m.



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

The theater is closed Monday and Tuesday.



Photos Courtesy of Cirque Hawaii

(From left to right) Performers Alexandr Efimov, Viktor Nikitin, Konstantine Serov, Alexandr Deev, Andrei Aldoshine and Ilya Mingazov gaze in awe of Ganchimeg Oyunchimeg, Cirque Hawaii's contortionist. The show is performed twice daily (except for Wednesdays) at 6:30 and 8:30 p.m.

Acrobats occupy old IMAX theater

Cirque Hawaii extends sweet deals for military, kama'aina throughout February

JEREMY S. BUDEMEIER
Assistant Editor

WAIKIKI – Cirque Hawaii is not a traditional three-ring circus – and that's a good thing. Forsaking the big-top tents, rigorous traveling schedules and the pomp and pageantry of Barnum and Bailey, Cirque Hawaii recently established a permanent home in the old Waikiki IMAX theater this past December.

"We decided to focus more on the intimacy and quality of the individual acts," said Cornell "Tuffy" Nicholas, producer and partner of Cirque Hawaii.

Decked out in a classy Hawaiian shirt with a hands-free microphone extending from his ear, Nicholas knows the circus. In fact, he was born into it—literally. Nicholas' father worked as a ringmaster with The Ringling Brothers' circus for 27 years and his mother was a bear trainer.

After performing and managing shows around the world, including the Moscow State Circus, Nicholas helped assemble a cast of the best performers in the world for Cirque Hawaii.

Most performers, like Pavel and Natalea Karima, have degrees in acrobatics and have been perfecting their technique their entire lives. The Karimas, who perform the transformation (quick clothes changing) act, would make Superman jealous.



Trapeze artists Byambatsetse Gigidengombo (top) and Davaasuren Altantsetseg take their trapeze performance high into the rafters at the Cirque Hawaii theater.

"It takes thirty minutes to get dressed and less than a second for her to change," Pavel said with a thick Russian accent.

Natalea switches through eight costumes in one act, which she said is "too much."

According to the Karimas, Natalea is the only person in the world who can reach into her husband's coat pocket wearing one glove and pull her hand out wearing a different glove – all in a blink of an eye.

In addition to the Karimas and Nicholas, Cirque Hawaii is packed with personalities whose talent and faces shine under the loud multicolored lights.

The show begins innocently enough with a performer who mildly engages the audience with trivial antics. Within minutes, the lone performer and the audience are swept away by thick tribal drums, Hawaiian

• Be sure to take advantage of the kama'aina and military 2-for-1 deal, which is only available through Feb. 28.

• Shows are at 6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m., every day except Wednesday.

• Parking is available next to the theater for \$6.

• For more information, call the box office at 922-0055 or go online to: www.cirquehawaii.com.

dancers and a constantly evolving display of acrobatic prowess.

Trapeze artists and gymnasts soar into the rafters and fly within mere feet from faces in the audience. At the same time, sprites and devilish creatures vie for attention, appearing out from behind the stage and slithering down support ladders.

With more than 34 performers and over 15 different acts, including a contortionist and a squad of jump-ropers that spectators won't believe, most might find it difficult to choose just one favorite at Cirque Hawaii – but not Nicholas.

"The teeterboard," he said brusquely, the phrase leaping from his mouth. "That would be the act I performed. They do my best tricks for a warm-up. Amazing – that's the only appropriate word for what they do."

Jon Rochmis contributed to this article.



Air Force Staff Sgt. Brenton Haynes, an MSF instructor for four years, drives a motorcycle on the safety course at the NEX.

MSF hosts safety event

Story and Photo by
PFC. BRYANNA POULIN
Staff Writer

PEARL HARBOR – Members of the Motorcycle Safety Foundation educated riders on the importance of practicing motorcycle safety at the Navy Exchange Mall on Feb. 11.

Whether the rider is a beginner or a seasoned vet, the MSF offers courses for all skill levels to teach riders how to remain safe while on the road.

The Navy Region Hawaii Motorcycle Safety Foundation's mission is to make riding more enjoyable by ensuring access to lifelong quality education and training for current and prospective riders, and advocating a safe riding environment.

MSF makes every effort to enhance the fun of motorcycling, and advises riders to wear protective gear, ride straight and within their limits, and to obtain training and proper licensing.

Riding motorcycles can be an enjoyable form of outdoor recreation and Soldiers who want to operate a motorcycle on post are required to take the MSF operator's course.

"All military posts here, require at the minimum the "Basic Rider" course for people who will be driving a motorcycle on post," said Air Force Staff Sgt. Brenton Haynes, who has been an MSF instructor for four years.

Whether you're just starting out or have been riding some

time, MSF has a course for everyone.

The Basic Rider course is designed for beginners of all ages. This course is a minimum of five classroom hours and prepares the student for at least 10 hours of practical riding in an off-street environment.

In this course, students learn to operate a motorcycle safely, to create a strategy for riding in traffic and deal with critical situations.

Riders learn techniques such as straight-line riding, turning, shifting and stopping, and slowly progress to cornering, swerving and emergency braking.

In the classroom portion, students review different types of motorcycles, their controls, and how they operate.

Increasing numbers of seasoned riders are taking half-day "Experienced Riders" course, to sharpen their skills and fine-tune the mental skills needed for survival in traffic.

In contrast to the Basic course, riders learn how to balance the mental and physical aspects of safe riding, manage risk, increase visibility and optimize lane position, noted Haynes.

Students also learn about protective gear, responsibility for operating a motorcycle, inspection and care and the effects of alcohol and drugs while riding.

"There is less protection on the roads for motorcycles, with more exposure to elements and hazards, MSF teaches riders how to be safe," Haynes added.



Not just 'for the birds' — Fans turned out in large numbers to have mascots, like the Arizona Cardinal (above), sign autographs during the Tropics Pro Bowl celebration Feb. 9.

Pro Bowl: Army fans get up close with cheerleaders, mascots, players

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Adam, meandered through crowds of people at Tropics.

One family made it top priority to show up for the event, not only to visit with the guests but also to pick up their winnings and send a little cheer back home.

"I had to pick up my tickets cause I won tickets from the Sprint phone in," said ordnance Chief Warrant Officer 2 Brian Williams of Company B, 325th Brigade Support Battalion.

"So we came out to pick up tickets and we've got a bunch of footballs that were going to send back to the mainland. I also wanted to see Troy Palamalu, but it's ok; and I'll be there on Sunday!"

At evenings close, the event was a football fan's success as many left with autographs, prizes and high hopes for the upcoming Pro Bowl game.



Scott VanDenHaute (left) and Jack Wiers announce the winning numbers for prizes during the Pro Bowl celebration at Tropics Feb. 9. A \$50 Toys-R-Us gift certificate was awarded to "One Happy Child."

Although the football season finale will build up and wind down this NFL year, fans can reminisce through highlights and memorabilia they collected at

this year's Pro Bowl celebration at Tropics.

Sprint, Hawaii Family Housing, Burger King and Geico sponsored the event.



Staff Sgt. Kimberly A. Green | 94th Army Air and Missile Defense Command

'Heads up!'

Shawn Grace, point guard for the 94th Army Air and Missile Defense Command Dragons, soars over two players of the 29th Engineer Battalion. The Dragons defeated the Engineers 68-33, giving them a 7-0 record for the Fort Shafter bracket of the Army Hawaii Intramural Basketball League.