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SGT. CHRISTOPHER J. ROBERTS
94th Army Air and Missile Defense Command Public Affairs

FORT SHAFTER FLATS – When people think of the Army, they probably think about weapons, Soldiers and the war. More than likely, hardly ever would someone think about the Army's Equal Opportunity program.

The 94th Army Air and Missile Defense Command (AAMDC) sponsored the U.S. Army, Pacific, Black History Month observance here, Feb. 22.

The guest speaker for the event was Dr. Robert Satcher, NASA astronaut.

"I know this is saying a lot, but this [Black History/African American observance] was special because of our guest speaker NASA Astronaut Satcher," said Col. Jennie Williamson, deputy chief of staff, G-6, 94th AAMDC and president to the Black History Month committee.

Also in attendance were two retired Air Force Tuskegee Airmen: retired Air Force Lt. Cols. William Holloman III and Alexander Jefferson.

"These gentlemen paved the way for many of us by being the first Black American officers to attend

flight school and become pilots in spite of the odds against them," Williamson said. "They stood the test of time and proved to America that they had the intelligence and the fortitude to become pilots and to serve our country with pride."

Dr. Satcher said he knows the struggles young African-Americans have had to overcome to receive education.

"I remember what my family went through in Alabama back when lynching was still something that happened two to three times a week for thirty years," said Satcher.

"My great grandfather was a sharecropper from South Central Alabama, and despite not being able to read or write very well, he was determined that his children would be well educated," he continued. "He had nine kids total ...

"The townspeople had noticed what my great grandparents were doing – emphasizing education in their kids – and all of their children were doing well in school."

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Army helps protect Moanalua Valley

STEFANIE GARDIN

U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii, Public Affairs

MOANALUA, Hawaii – Sometimes a cul-de-sac can surprise you. It's not what many would consider the gate to a hidden realm – a spot graced by ancient kings and queens or fought over by lawyers to keep it safe from the H3 Freeway.

More than 100 people celebrated the permanent protection of this hidden realm, commonly referred to as Moanalua Valley, at Moanalua Valley Neighborhood Park, this month.

Tucked unassumingly in the back of a quiet neighborhood, the 3,716-acre area actually consists of two valleys: Kamana Nui and Kamana Iki Valleys.



Eric Vanderwerf

A pair of nesting elepaio.

This area will be preserved indefinitely because of State, Trust for Public Lands (TPL) and Army efforts, among others.

The Army's involvement in land preservation might come as a surprise to those who haven't heard of the Army Compatible Use Buffer (ACUB) program. ACUB addresses conservation and encroachment by investing in land preservation near Army properties.

More specifically, the Army in Hawaii has a vested interest in Kamana Nui and Kamana Iki because they are home to the Oahu elepaio, a bird that is one of the more than 50 threatened and endangered species the Oahu Army Natural Resources Staff (NRS) manages.

"This is one of the richest areas [for elepaio] on the island of Oahu, and that's basically why we're here," said Alvin Char, chief, Environmental Division, Directorate of Public Works.

Several attendees got up close and personal with the valley and its inhabitants after the formal dedication and blessing. A group of more than 15 people crowded into several four-wheel-drive trucks to see the elepaio in its native habitat.

The five-mile journey was an adventure of its own, as the trucks crossed streambeds, jostled up and down over rocks and deep ruts in the dirt road, and squeezed through narrowly cut overhangs and overgrown vegetation.

The group passed a large pohaku (stone) with a petroglyph carved in its side, a reminder of the cultural significance of the valley and the importance of the link between past and present.

During his remarks in the earlier ceremony, Roddy Akau, whose family has been a guardian of the valley since "time immemorial," said the valley "is known as a dwelling place of the supernatural beings ... sacred prayers are said here."

"This valley was a place where the sacred chiefs, the kings and queens of old, were buried," he added.

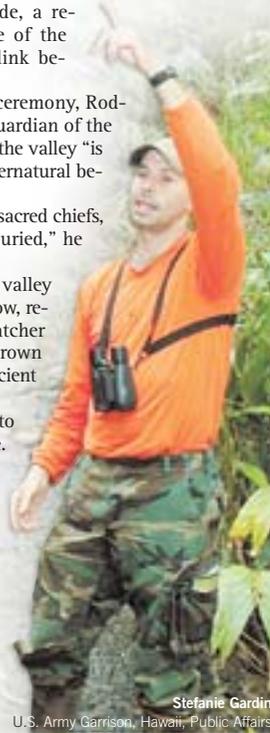
While the natural landscape of the valley has changed, at least one thing, for now, remains – the elepaio. This tiny, flycatcher bird, about six inches in length and brown and white in color, was a helper to ancient Hawaiians.

Canoe builders would use elepaio to choose which tree to cut for a canoe. If a bird pecked at a tree, canoe builders would not use it because it was likely infested with insects.

The elepaio, however, is not faring as well today as it was in the

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Stephen Mosher, a management coordinator with the Army Natural Resources Staff, points out an endangered elepaio to attendees of a dedication and blessing ceremony.



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Tripler's scenic view includes glimpse of military medicine's future

Story and Photo by
KEVIN DOWNEY
Tripler Public Affairs

TRIPLER ARMY MEDICAL CENTER – High above the shimmering Honolulu skyline doctors here are using technology to care for critically ill patients at U.S. military bases thousands of miles across the Pacific. They are helping to save lives and reduce medical evacuation costs in the process.

An unassuming office on the sixth floor of Tripler offers a glimpse into the future of military medicine, where intensive care unit doctors use telemedicine technology called "electronic ICU," or eICU.

Critical care specialists here can examine, diagnose and monitor intensive care unit patients in conjunction with bedside local doc-

tors at U.S. military installations in Guam and Korea. They use high-resolution cameras fed into a bank of computers with real-time transmissions.

"We are able to provide an enhanced level of care to deployed active duty military members, their families and other beneficiaries with this program, allowing remote hospital intensive care units access to our medical specialists," said Dr. (Lt. Col.) Eric Crawley, the eICU program director here.

Tripler is the first military medical center to use this telemedicine technology for long-distance ICU care.

"We have the expertise and the capacity to participate in the care of those patients, and I think this system is a great way of projecting



Maj. (Dr.) Pedro Lucero, eICU consultant, explains the capability of the telemedicine system installed here, the first of its kind at military medical centers.

that expertise to those smaller facilities," said Dr. Benjamin Berg, an intensivist at the University of

Hawaii's Telehealth Research Institute.

Berg, a retired Army colonel who

was instrumental in bringing the electronic ICU program to Tripler in 2003 while on active duty here, is now an eICU program consultant in a partnership between the University of Hawaii and Tripler.

This technology is important to the health of military members across the Pacific because Tripler's area of responsibility spans more than 52 percent of the Earth's surface.

Critical patients at either U.S. Naval Hospital Guam or U.S. Army Hospital Yongsan in Korea can be stabilized under the direction of intensivists at Tripler using this system, Berg said, possibly eliminating or delaying the need for air evacuation at a cost of more

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Soldiers plan careers using ACAP 'Express'

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Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The launch of the Army Career Alumni Program Express, yesterday, gave Soldiers, their families and civilians a jump start on new careers as they retire or separate from the Army. For example, the new online program allows Soldiers (on deployment or living in remote locations) to begin planning for their future careers earlier than normal. Before ACAP Express, Soldiers had to come to an ACAP Center to receive services they will now be able to obtain online.

The new program is as simple to use as scheduling an airline reservation online, according to James Hoffman, ACAP director. Any Soldier on active duty, who has at least 180 days of continuous active service, and is separating within one year or retiring within two years, is eligible for the services. Once approved and enrolled in the program, the planning begins.

ACAP Express allows a person to schedule attendance at events, access job assistance training tutorials, access an automated resume and cover-letter writer, and access ACAP counselors. Tutorials on job-search topics are also available.

"Around 63,000 Soldiers come through the ACAP program annually," Hoffman said. "Soldiers are interested, they want to be successful, and our program helps them do that."

ACAP meets congressional mandates by offering pre-separation counseling and employment-assistance training. ACAP Express allows Soldiers the ability to register and schedule services, but Hoffman reminded that ACAP centers at installations are still available.

The ACAP Express program is undergoing a 12-month pilot test to determine how to best meet the expectations of Soldiers, Hoff-

man said. He explained that users will critique the program and feedback will be reviewed in order to make the system even better and more functional.

Family members and Army civilians are also encouraged to use ACAP Express. Once a Soldier retires or separates from the military, spouses sometimes find they have put their own careers on hold, and this program is their opportunity to gain knowledge on how to enter the workforce, Hoffman said.

Soldiers deployed in support of operations in Iraq and Afghanistan can also receive support from ACAP Centers via phone and e-mail, Hoffman said.

Postal service offers flat rate care packages

U.S. POSTAL SERVICE PUBLIC AFFAIRS
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Postal Service begins offering discount Priority Mail rates Tuesday and a larger box for care packages sent to military members overseas.

The new flat-rate box is 50 percent larger than the current Priority Mail package, and it will be delivered for \$10.95 to an APO/FPO address — \$2 less than for domestic destinations.

"This is the first time the Postal Service has offered a special price for our armed forces serving overseas," said Postmaster Gen. John Potter. "We're proud that family and friends will be able to use this new larger-sized box to send much appreciated packages from home to our dedicated troops overseas."

The new Priority Mail Large Flat-Rate Box (12 x 12 x 5 inches or 800 cubic inches) will be available in Post Offices nationwide beginning Tuesday. Customers can now order them at usps.com/supplies or by calling 800-610-8734.

Some of the new boxes are co-branded with the logo of America Supports You, which is a Department of Defense program that connects citizens offering support to the military and their families.

"It's terrific that the Postal Service continues to think of ways to help Americans support our troops and their families. Postage is always a concern when shipping care packages, and this new flat-rate box means our home front groups and supportive citizens can do more with their resources," said Allison Barber, deputy assistant secretary of defense. "We're especially pleased that some of the boxes will bear the 'America Supports You' logo reminding our service members that they have our nation's support"

The \$2 discount is applied when the Priority Mail Large Flat-Rate Boxes are shipped to an APO/FPO destination. The two existing flat-rate boxes (11 x 3 x 13 inches and 11 x 8 x 5 inches), which currently retail for \$8.95 for U.S. addresses, are not available for the military discount, postal officials said.

All flat-rate boxes can still be used for international shipping.

Army testing new recruiting incentives

RECRUITING COMMAND PUBLIC AFFAIRS
News Release

FORT KNOX, Ky. — The Army began a pilot program in five cities offering qualified recruits a down payment for home ownership or seed money to start their own business.

The Army Advantage Fund offers those enlisting in the active Army up to \$40,000 for a five-plus year enlistment. Recruits enlisting in the Reserve component are eligible for up to \$20,000 for a five-plus year enlistment.

The recruiting program is currently being tested in five markets:

- Albany, N.Y.;
- Cleveland, Ohio;
- Montgomery, Ala.;
- San Antonio, Texas; and
- Seattle, Wash.

Availability of the program on a national level will be based on the pilot results, Army Accessions Command officials said. The U.S. Army is the only branch of service currently offering this benefit.

"The Army has a long legacy of preparing young Americans for success through skills training and education-based programs such as the GI Bill and the Army College Fund," said Lt. Gen. Benjamin Freakley, commanding general, U.S. Army Accessions Command. "This new offering demonstrates the Army continues to understand what young Americans consider critical to their future."

Studies show home and business ownership is highly appealing to young Americans. While recognizing the difficulty in becoming a homeowner, nearly all young adults surveyed in the test markets (95 percent) agree that it is important for them to own a home, making it as high of a priority as having the right job skills (98 percent) and having a college degree (91 percent).

A recent survey of young Americans in the test markets shows that six in 10 young adults expect it to be more difficult for them to buy a home than their parents. Parents and adult influencers of those surveyed (63 percent)

show significant concern about the difficulty young adults will face when purchasing their first home.

Among all surveyed, 79 percent view having enough money to start a small business as a big problem. More than six in 10 young adults and parents say that the funding would most likely come from a bank loan. By taking advantage of the Army Advantage Fund, participants may be able to either reduce or eliminate altogether the need for a bank loan to start a small business, Accessions Command officials said.

"What we are hearing from our young people and influencers is that, although it is essential to them to establish homeownership and get started down their chosen career path, many times they question how they will be able to accomplish it," said Lt. Gen. Freakley. "The Army recognizes these challenges and wants to be a part of the solution by offering young adults the proper funds, which will allow them to live their American dream."



LIGHTNING SPIRIT

Cornerstones of faith include knowledge, belief and trust

CHAPLAIN (CAPT.) THOMAS FAICHNEY
2nd Battalion, 3th Infantry Regiment Chaplain

What is faith? What does it mean to be a person of faith? Usually it indicates that you follow certain beliefs and standards with some type of religious practice going along with it — but perhaps not.

Faith may be a general hope in a higher power somewhere up there guiding history. A confession or a book may go along with your faith.

Perhaps your faith is in science. Some see faith as a spiritual muscle that if exercised enough can cause the future to go their way.

From the Christian perspective, faith is composed of three things. First, faith indicates knowledge. In order to believe something, you must at least know what it is you are trusting in. Knowledge is part of faith.

There must be information on the object that you have faith in. Faith is not blind, but rather it is informed. The knowledge of who God is and what he has done have been re-

vealed in Scripture, nature and our own hearts (Rom 1:16-32). So there is a substance to faith. There is stuff that is known and can be known.

Faith, however, is more than knowing facts, like who was the King of Judah during the Babylonian exile, or where is Jerusalem. Many people can tell you who Jesus is and what Easter is all about, but knowing such information does not equal faith.

Second, Christian faith is being convinced of the truthfulness of what the Bible says. Do you believe that the tomb is empty, or is Jesus' body still there (maybe you are not even sure if it made it there)? Do you believe that he was perfect in all he thought and did, or was he a deceiver sneaking off to have his own family after escaping crucifixion? Fact. Fiction. Who decides which is

which? Do we? Can I choose my own history or my own reality? I am afraid not.

Those who seek to rewrite history have no more authority than those who try to will the winning lottery ticket into existence. That will only work in fantasy, as anyone who has undergone any type of trauma can tell you.

Faith moves closer when we become certain of the truth of the historical testimony of the Bible (2 Peter 1:16).

What does it mean if we know that Jesus' grave is empty? Knowing this bit of information and becoming convinced of its accuracy will get you as far as the devil in terms of moving up the faith ladder. The evil one, Satan, knows the gospel, but he detests it and works against it (James 2:19).

Third, in order to have faith, it must move our hearts to active trust. Faith is lived out through action. It is one thing to say that you know a car is safe and reliable; it is entirely another thing to hop in it and drive it from Dallas to Detroit in February.

The degree to which we are assured of

what we know about God is the degree to which we can trust him and do what he calls us to do. Faith is not our ability to get God to do what we want him to do, or the spiritual muscle we flex to change the outcome of events to our liking.

Faith is the ability to trust the Living God by doing what is right in difficult circumstances because we know that he is in control and that he can be trusted.

Hebrews 11 is the hall of faith. There we read the stories of men and women of faith. Some of them triumphed on earth; some of them were horribly persecuted. All of them were commended for their faith, for their ability to trust God.

They knew that ultimately their reward was secured not by their personal victory here and now, but because of Christ's victory for them.

As a Christian, if you are not sure about your faith, I have a simple suggestion: Ask God. Go directly to the source and ask him to help you know, believe and trust him and his Word.



Faichney



"I plan on winning the lottery."

Pvt. 1st Class
Brett Hewlett
3-4th Cavalry
Field Artilleryman



"I'm in the process of paying off all debts and loans now so I can start saving for my future."

Pvt. 1st Class
William Richard
3-4th Cavalry
Field Artilleryman



"A savings account."

Sgt. Dustin
Spratt
57th MP Co.
Military Police



"I have put a lot of money away for my family and our future and will continue to save."

Sgt. James
Straker
HHC, USARPAC
Operations NCO



"I use the Thrift Savings Plan. It's a great plan to prepare for the future."

Sgt. Anthony
Sturgis
USARPAC G-3
Security Manager

Voices of Lightning:

What financial preparations have you made for your future?

2SBCT finds stockpile of weapons

MULTI-NATIONAL CORPS IRAQ PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE, CAMP VICTORY
Press Release

BAGHDAD – Soldiers from Multi-National Division – Baghdad discovered a significant weapons cache Sunday northwest of Baghdad.

During a combat operation, Soldiers from 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, found nearly 200 artillery projectiles of various sizes; two 82 mm mortar rounds; 70 empty 107 mm rocket tubes; 10, 107 mm empty rockets; 15, 120 mm empty shell casings; five 5-inch rockets; and a 105 mm artillery projectile.

An explosive ordnance disposal team conducted a controlled detonation of the munitions.

Coalition Forces continue to assist the Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) in disrupting terrorist operations in Baghdad and improve the overall security and stability of Iraq.

“Our primary mission is to protect the Iraqi People,” said Brig. Gen. Mike Milano, deputy commanding general for MND-B. “In full partnership with the ISF, there is no where we won’t go to detain terrorists and criminals to take these weapons out of the hand of those who would harm innocent civilians.”

Coalition MPs sponsor security meeting

OIF

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18th Military Police Brigade Public Affairs

BAGHDAD – Improving the security situation in Iraq takes a team effort and teaming up is what the 728th Military Police Battalion, 18th Military Police Brigade and the Multi-National Division North’s focus is sharing with the local Iraqi Security Force organizations in East Mosul.

Iraqi Police and Army and Coalition Forces from the 552nd MP Company, Multi-National Division- North came together to discuss security and teamwork during a

Security Counsel Meeting in Mosul.

In the meeting, leaders from the Iraqi Police districts, Al Karama and Al Nasir met with Iraqi Army leaders to discuss the way ahead.

Despite the two Iraqi organizations working near one another for the past three years, this occasion is the first time they have come together to discuss their roles and responsibilities for working together in order to protect their common citizens.

“During the meeting all security elements attending were able to introduce their leaders and brief their daily duties

and outline their areas of responsibility to the other organizations, said 1st Lt. Charles Mallard, Platoon leader, 552nd MP Co. “Our meeting marked a step forward by having the [separate security forces] for Mosul agreeing to meet and work together on future operations.”

In the past, differences in opinion and trust kept the Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) apart, but bringing them together to discuss the region’s problems and dividing the responsibilities is a first step to unifying all ISF in the fight against unidentified enemies.

Capt. Sam Choi, commander, 552nd MP Co., added, “We are trying to bring them together to work through their concerns, and one way this meeting will help in building their trust is to have them conduct joint operations at checkpoints and perform searches and raids together.”

Iraqi leaders attending the meeting agreed that other meetings are in order and will be scheduled in the near future to help work out responsibilities for each organization and discuss future joint missions.



Sgt. 1st Class Christina Bhatti | 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team 25th Infantry Division Public Affairs Multi-National Division Baghdad

Pay attention

TAJI, Iraq – An Iraqi child tries to get the attention of Spc. David Gregory, and Spc. Benjamin Owen, while they pull security at a sheik meeting in al Shabat, south of Baghdad, Monday. Both Soldiers are from Troop A, Fires Squadron, 2nd Cavalry Regiment, Multi-National – Baghdad.

News Briefs

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March

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Street Closure – Hewitt Street, between Menoher Road and McCornack Road, is closed through March 1 for road improvements. A map is available at www.251d1.army.mil/communityimpactupdates/index.asp. Call 275-3118.

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PX/Commissary/Nehelani Advisory Council Meeting – A Schofield Barracks Post Exchange (PX)/Commissary/Nehelani Ban-

quet and Conference Center Advisory Council Meeting is Monday, 10:15–11:15 a.m., at the Post Conference Room. Patrons may attend.

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SAMC Selection Board – The next Sergeant Audie Murphy Club (SAMC) Selection Board will be held March 17-18. Qualified non-commissioned officers, ranks corporal to sergeant first class, should contact their respective battalion or brigade representative for more information. Call 655-9248.

25 / Tuesday

PAC Finance Class – The 125th Financial Management Company's Finance Operations Team teaches a quarterly Personnel Actions Clerk (PAC) finance class, March 25-26, at the Schofield Barracks Education Center.

This class is designed to introduce the unit PAC, military or civilian, to Army finance issues and local operational policies and procedures. It also entails acquainting PACs with their duties and re-

sponsibilities in providing fast financial service to their Soldiers.

Topics covered in this class are monthly finance newsletter, military pay and entitlements, leave processing, Unit Commander's Finance Report, debt management, disbursing and absence status.

Commanders, first sergeants and any leaders are also invited to attend. Call Staff Sgt. Danielle Singley at 655-8933, or e-mail Danielle.singley@us.army.mil.

Ongoing

Hire a Hero – Active and transitioning military personnel, veterans, National Guard members, Reservists and their spouses have access to a unique online community that helps them network into quality job opportunities and training through the Armed Forces Support Foundation's (AFSF) Hire A Hero program.

The Hire A Hero online community is powered by volunteers who have connections to jobs and

training in their hometowns.

For more information visit www.hireahero.org.

Leadership Development Program – The Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC) is accepting applications for the Frances Hesselbein Student Leadership Program for students in the student-to-student program.

This leadership program is a new initiative established by the MCEC board of directors to identify exemplary young people and provide them with specialized training that will nurture and develop their

leadership skills, patriotism, commitment to service, and intellectual and problem-solving capacities.

The program will be held at the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, N.Y. Call Jewel Csiszar at 655-9818 for more information.

Tax Centers – File your tax return at the Schofield Barracks or Fort Shafter Tax Center. Fort Shafter's center is located in Room 107 and 108 of the Aloha Center. Hours of operation are 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Wednesday.

The Schofield Barracks Tax Center is located at 1612 Foote Ave.,

Building 648. This facility is open 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Thursday, and 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Fridays.

Call Schofield Barracks at 655-1040 or Fort Shafter at 438-2941.

Best Sapper Competition – Registration is now open for the fourth annual Best Sapper Competition. The event, which is sponsored by the Army Engineer School's Sapper Leader Course, will be held May 6-8 at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. Contact the Fort Leonard Wood Public Affairs Office at (573) 563-6212, or to register, visit www.wood.army.mil/sapper.

Pre-Ranger course prepares Soldiers for Ranger school

Story and Photo by
PFC. JAZZ BURNEY

3rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team Public Affairs

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS – Becoming a Ranger is difficult, but the goal is more achievable when Soldiers get help from experienced and competent trainers.

The 3rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, graduated the first class of its Pre-Ranger Program (PRP) and 10-day sustainment course, Feb. 15, at the Pre-Ranger Compound (PRC) here on East Range.

The PRP prepares Soldiers to succeed at the U.S. Army Ranger School in Fort Benning, Ga.

“If you’re going to make a commitment to the United States by serving in the Army, why not strive to be elite and be the best for our country?” said Pre-Ranger distinguished graduate Sgt. William McGuire, infantryman, A Company, 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry Regiment.

“To be a Ranger means to be a higher grade of Soldier molded to

move further, faster and fight harder than any other Soldier,” McGuire explained, “that’s in the creed.”

Alongside McGuire, two other Soldiers were recognized for their stand-out performances at the Pre-Ranger course: Sgt. Steven Botello, infantryman, D Company, 2-35th, and Spc. Alexander Castagno, infantryman, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Bn., 27th Inf. Regt.

Throughout the training, Soldiers displayed drive and determination. Their motivation stemmed from many different values within each Soldier – the most common, family tradition, honor, setting a higher personal standard and preparing for future leadership availability.

“The Pre-Ranger program is to prepare Soldiers to have success at Ranger school within PRP’s four phases,” said Master Sgt. John Cervanka, noncommissioned officer in charge at the East Range compound. “The phases consist of a Ranger-qualified physical training test, a land navigation test, a 12-



A Soldier mans a battle area designated to him during the final field training exercise of the 3rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team Pre-Ranger Course at East Range.

mile foot march and a field training exercise, which lasted four days.

“The design of the course,” he continued, “is also to develop each Soldier’s self confidence, leadership ability and small unit tactics.”

The Pre-Rangers training was

constructed to focus and emphasize specific areas that, statistically, are most difficult for Soldiers attending the U.S. Army Ranger School.

“One of those areas was the land navigation portion,” said Cervanka, “so, what we have done is, within

the limits of this two-week course, we have put a huge emphasis on land navigation. The Ranger school spends one day; we spend three [days] within a week,” he said.

“Being in the military, having combat experience and completing the Ranger course, myself, culminates and helps me teach these Soldiers,” said Sgt. 1st Class Dennis Bulham, PRP instructor, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2-35th. “My Pre-Ranger experience was at Fort Campbell, which focused more on the lines of evaluating and passing or failing, while this course was more geared toward teaching, coaching and mentoring ... and allowing more personal time for knowledge growth.”

Pre-Rangers took advantage of every opportunity to absorb and grasp concepts and tools from the experienced instructors. Their efforts catapulted them to success in the final requirement, a 12-mile

foot march.

Though the foot march presented itself as a hindrance, Soldiers pushed themselves to their physical limits to complete the task in a time frame of 3 hours, 15 minutes.

Castagno was the first Soldier to finish.

“I made myself get blisters on my feet before coming to PRP, so that they callused up so I wouldn’t have the blister problems here,” he said regarding his strategy. “I’ve never done a 12-mile foot march before, but I pushed and gave it everything I had and didn’t quit.”

The new qualified pre-Rangers stood tall as they were praised and congratulated at their graduation ceremony, surrounded by their instructors and past Rangers who hold prominent seats in leadership.

A familiar theme was evident throughout the ceremony: that the graduation was only the beginning to the Soldiers’ desired goal of becoming a Ranger.

Tripler: Doctors examine patients from miles away

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than \$100,000.

If need be, stabilized patients can be brought to Tripler on a regularly scheduled medical flight mission when they are in better condition to fly, which saves money and resources.

The fiber-optic, Internet-based technology was used during a boiler room explosion on the Guam-based submarine tender USS Frank Cable in December 2006. The ability of surgical and critical care specialists to remotely examine and triage the sailors helped with the initial stabilization and evacuation of the severely burned Sailors from the hospital in Guam to Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas.

"This program has provided the hospital's physicians, particularly in the intensive care unit, immediate access to critical care specialists such as

cardiologists and pulmonologists at Tripler," said Lt. Robert Krejci, U.S. Naval Hospital Guam's eICU program manager. "It's available to physicians on a 24-hour basis and has improved our ability to provide patients here with a higher standard of care.

The consulting doctors at Tripler are able to quickly view a patient's chart, labs and other data, as well as directly see the patient using a video camera, simulating a near hands-on practice of medicine, he said.

In the future, the telemedicine technology may be used to bring the expertise of Tripler's specialists to patients aboard ships at sea, or in forward-deployed locations such as field hospitals, Crawley said.

(Editor's Note: Tripler is the largest military medical treatment facility in the Pacific. It is the only Army medical center in the Pacific.)

NASA: Family escapes lynching

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There was talk amongst the townspeople that all the children were going to go off to college, said Satcher.

"So they [the townspeople] decided they were going to take matters into their own hands and formed a lynch mob and set out to my great grandfather's house," Satcher said. "Fortunately, he got word and fled.

"He escaped and was able to hide by staying at different friends' houses, eventually walking about 100 miles to Birmingham, Alabama. From there, he went on to Cleveland, Ohio," said Satcher.

"Although he escaped with his life, the family split up."

Some siblings were able to join Satcher's great grandfather in Cleveland. His grandmother stayed in Alabama, he explained. "She was not able to attend school and only completed half of the seventh grade."

Now Satcher's story might have ended



Pvt. 2nd Class Ashley Armstrong | 94th Army Air and Missile Defense Command Public Affairs

Dr. Satcher signs autographs for Soldiers and family members after the ceremony.

there, but that was not the case for his family.

"My grandmother was just as commit-

ted to education as my great grandparents," he added. "She was determining to fulfill the dream and promise that was envisioned by them. She went on to have eight children of her own, and all of the eight went on to obtain college degrees."

Satcher said, "Education opens doors and opportunities."

Williamson gave closing remarks.

"I would like to say to everyone that Black History ... African American history ... is America's history. We must continue to educate our current and future generation about the contributions African-Americans have made and continue to make to this great country's history.

"Although this is a DoD [Department of Defense] program, I must give credit to the Army leadership for taking the first step toward integrating and accepting Black Americans as an equal partner of this organization. I believe once you stop learning, you cease to exist," Williamson emphasized.

A walk in remembrance

Dec. 7th survivor visits Wheeler, 67 years later

CHRISTINA DOUGLAS
Staff Writer

WHEELER ARMY AIR FIELD — What's widely known as the day Pearl Harbor was attacked, Dec. 7, 1941, is also the day showers of bombs and rounds rained on Wheeler Army Air Field.

Sixty-seven years later, one Wheeler Army Air Field survivor, Bernadette Brennan, revisited the site of the attack, her former home.

"I was surprised when we came in [the gate]. I looked over and the buildings were still the same," said Brennan, who lived here when she was six years old.

Brennan's father, Master Sgt. Nicholas Thermenos, was stationed here at the time as a pilot in the 19th Fighter Squadron in 1941. Her mother, Helen; brother, Nicholas Junior; and sister, Helen Ann, all lived in a home right across from the former Noncommissioned Officer Club, which is now the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Office.

Brennan only has faint memories of her time here as a child; however, her mother Helen made sure to pass down the memories in an album of documents and photos she collected about the family's experiences.

One newspaper clipping in the album revealed the Thermenos family story on the day of the attack.



Excerpt published in an unknown newspaper, written by Helen Thermenos

My husband and family were at home in our comfortable stucco bungalow, one of a number of

like houses, which were furnished to noncommissioned officers, when the attack came out of a clear sky on the morning of December 7.

Nick and the children — Bernadette, age 6; Nick Junior, age 2; and Helen Ann, age 7 weeks — were already up while I remained in bed. We heard the droning of airplanes, but this was nothing unusual, but when a bomb dropped and exploded nearby, I looked at the clock and it was exactly 25 minutes before seven.

I believed that it was just maneuvers, but when a second bomb fell, I called to Nick and he went to the window to see what was going on, and he called to me that it was an attack. The Japanese planes were flying low, and we could plainly see the Rising Sun insignia on the wings.

After the explosion of the two bombs, they opened machine gun fire. They were flying not more than 50 feet over our houses, and it was then that several machine gun bullets struck the outside of our house. There was no damage except the concussion of the bomb explosions knocked every shade off the holders.

The attack lasted about a full hour, and after it had finished, I gathered the children together, awaiting further developments. My husband had already gone to the post for duty, and shortly afterward he called me and told me that if another attack should come, we (the children and I) should get under the kitchen sink, as a bomb, if it would strike, would throw debris and we would be as safe there as anywhere.

I want you to know that the

houses in which we lived were strong, sturdy affairs of stucco with tile floors, and even the closeness of the bombs failed to shatter them.

I was alone in the house with the children until 6 o'clock on Sunday (Dec. 7) evening when we were taken with about 300 others to Honolulu and billeted in a large school building. We were there until December 9th, when we were sent out to live in private homes. The accommodations in the private homes were naturally better than those at the school, with more than 300 people in one building.



Helen Thermenos and her children were later ordered to sail back to the mainland. They made

it to their new home in the states safely and were later reunited with Master Sgt. Thermenos.

Bernadette Brennan plans to pass down her family's historical album for future generations to come.

(Editor's Note: Punctuation was added to excerpt for clarity.)

Above — Helen, Nicholas and Bernadette Thermenos pose for a photo upon their arrival to Hawaii in 1939.

Right — Bernadette Brennan shows a local newspaper that read, "War, Oahu bombed by Japanese planes." This newspaper was one of the items passed down by her mother.



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Moanalua: Army helps bird that helped Hawaiians

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past. In 2000, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service listed the elepaio as an endangered species, with slightly less than 2,000 birds believed to exist on Oahu.

“Everything that’s causing this species to decline is stuff that people brought here,” said Stephen Mosher, an NRS management coordinator and the group’s guide for the day. “People brought rats, people brought mosquitoes, people brought the birds that had malaria and [avian] pox, which mosquitoes transferred to other birds, so it’s all stuff that we did.”

“If we’re going to do all that to their detriment, we should be helping them to survive,” he added.

Kamana Nui and Kamana Iki Valleys are critical to NRS efforts

because roughly a third of the 75 elepaio pairs NRS manages live here.

Perhaps the birds knew they were one of the highlights of the day, because as the tour group reached its destination, the birds suddenly appeared, zipping from one branch to another like mini fighter jets.

“Fighter” is a good word to describe the lively, curious birds. The elepaio’s biggest role is to raise, or fledge, its young – which is no easy task. First, the ratio of males to females is severely skewed; just trying to find a “little lady” can be overwhelming.

Second, Mother Nature doesn’t always cooperate. Many islanders suffered property damage during recent heavy storms and strong winds; imagine how those winds affected tiny grass and lichen nests balanced in the treetops.

Undaunted, some elepaio attempted to rebuild their nests up to six times, according to Mosher.

The third major hurdle during the nesting season is the black rat. Weighing in at around 150 grams, versus the elepaio’s 12 to 13 grams, the black rat is an almost undefeatable opponent. Rats eat elepaio eggs, fledglings and adults.

NRS helps even the odds by putting snap traps and tamper-proof, poison-filled bait boxes in nesting areas to keep the rat population down.

“For me, I want to help. I want to keep [the elepaio] here in Hawaii. Extinction is forever, there’s no bringing them back,” Mosher said.

The Army’s lending additional help with its \$900,000 contribution to the preservation of the valleys .

“This valley right here is a con-

tinued commitment on the part of the Army Natural Resources staff, which will be in this valley probably for as long as we have the Army [in Hawaii],” Col. Howard Killian, deputy region director, Pacific Region Installation Management Command, said in his dedication remarks.

Killian also emphasized this effort would not be the last time the Army gets involved in one of these projects.

Honouliuli Nature Preserve in Leeward Oahu is a current ACUB project the Army is pursuing, and past ACUB successes include Waimea Valley and Pupukea-Paumalu on the North Shore.



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Stephen Mosher (in orange), a management coordinator with the Army Natural Resources Staff, points out an endangered elepaio.

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"When work is finished."

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2008

Service members, families and local residents packed Sills Field for Kolekole Jam II, Saturday.

Cecilia Vargas | Moral Welfare and Recreation

Military ohana celebrates at

KOLEKOLE JAM II



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Katie Rae Davis signs a T-shirt.

KYLE FORD
News Editor

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS – Cowboy hats, boots and jeans replaced ACUs and combat boots at Sills Field Saturday as Soldiers, family members and community residents came together to enjoy a free concert.

The welcome home party, billed as Kolekole Jam II, featured country music superstars Montgomery Gentry, punk rockers Bowling For Soup, and the patriotic Katie Rae Davis.

Brig. Gen. Mick Bednarek, commanding general (CG), 25th Infantry Division (ID), greeted the crowd, thanking them for their hard work and dedication.

"This concert is part of our Army Family Covenant, to show our appreciation for our troops and their families, and support our deployed families," said Bednarek. "This is also for our wounded warriors and the sacrifices they have made for the war on terror.

"But before we start the show, we have a little business to take care of. One of the greatest things an officer can do is to swear in a Soldier for re-enlistment," the CG added, introducing Spc. Troy Rousello, 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team.

Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Navy Adm. Mike Mullen, had the honor of swearing Rousello in the Army for another enlistment in front of thousands of people.

Mullen, who was in Hawaii to visit the Wounded Warrior Battalion, thanked the troops, the families who support them, the wounded warriors and the families of the deployed Stryker Brigade.

"We couldn't do what we need to do without all of you and your sacrifices," Mullen added before he ceded the stage to Katie Rae Davis for the

national anthem.

While the true winner of the concert was the military ohana, everyone involved in putting the event together felt privileged to be a part of thanking the troops and welcoming the majority of the 25th ID home.

"Thank you guys. I would not be here if it weren't for you," said Davis, who got the crowd going with her brand of down-home country music. "Y'all are so appreciated."

Mckenna Elder, family member, who had the opportunity to meet Davis said, "Instead of her making our day, which she did, she said we made her day – and she meant it."

Col. Matthew Margotta, commander, U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii, attempted to thank Eddie Montgomery for coming out and performing for the military, but Montgomery said, "No sir, thank you for all you guys do."

"For me it's gratifying to be able to produce these free events for those that put their lives on the line every day," said Scott Radosevich, U.S. Army Entertainment, special events coordinator.

All this still didn't stop the military ohana from being grateful for the concert.

"It's great that MWR comes out and gives people a chance to see concerts that they wouldn't otherwise be able to afford," said Navy Lt. Commander Dave Hein, U.S. Pacific Command. "I needed an excuse to get the [cowboy] boots out of the closet. Plus, we don't get a chance to hear much live country music in Hawaii."

"Makes me feel like I'm back home," said Nebraska native, Pfc. Travis Patch, 25th Transportation, Rear Detachment.

"It's a nice thing for the Army community as a whole," said Spc. Ryan Grindstaff, C Company, 325th Brigade Support Battalion (BSB), who came to see Bowling For Soup. "It's nice for all the military to get out between deployments. Of course, it helps that it's ten minutes away from my house." The



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Eddie Montgomery and Troy Gentry perform for the crowd.



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Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Navy Adm. Mike Mullen, swears in Spc. Troy Rousello, A Company, 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team, during a re-enlistment ceremony before the Kolekole Jam II.

Kolekole Jam had something for nearly everyone.

"Our approach was to get something for all and produce a family event that appealed to varied tastes," Radosevich said.

The concert went from Katie Rae, good wholesome American girl who got everyone feeling patriotic, to punk rock Bowling For Soup who got the crowd riled up, to the closing with country music superstars Montgomery Gentry.

"I liked the way they organized it; it's a good setup," said Command Sgt. Maj. Damon Lile, 325th BSB. "I try to make it to every

event like these.

"They are good for the Soldiers and the community," he added.

"This event is about the Army as well as families showing them that we appreciate what our Soldiers do and have done," Margotta said.

"The bottom line is, we only get the opportunity to do events like this a couple times a year. The Kolekole Jam is a way to thank the Soldiers, families as part of the Army Family Covenant," said Bednarek.

As the event was also open to the public, it also served as "a big mahalo to our neighbors outside the gates, and the community at large who support what we do," Bednarek added.



Members of Bowling For Soup rock out on stage.

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Employment Orientation – Prepare for the job you want. Attend an Army Community Service (ACS) Employment Orientation class and get employment information on federal, state, private sector and staffing agencies.

Reference materials, job listings, computers, Web tour and more will be available for use. Orientations will be held at the Schofield Barracks ACS, today, 9–10:30 a.m.

Call ACS Schofield at 655-4227. Register online at www.acsclasses.com. Free child care vouchers are available. Call 655-5314.

Big Time Urban R&B – Enjoy great music, card games and a cash bar at the Nehelani, Schofield Barracks, today, 9 p.m. to closing.

Enjoy a free taco bar with a beverage purchase, 9–10 p.m. Call 655-4466.

March

1 / Saturday

Aida – Catch a presentation of “Aida” at Richardson Theatre, Fort Shafter, March 1, 7, 8, 14 & 15. Performances begin at 7:30 p.m. Enjoy music by Elton John, with lyrics by Tim Rice. Tickets are \$22-28. Call 438-4480/5230.

2 / Sunday

Favorite Playlist – Army Hawaii students grades 6–12 are invited to enter their favorite playlist at <http://armylibraryya.playlist.sgizmo.com> now through March 1. Students can vote for the best playlist March 2–9. The winner will receive \$25 toward a MP3 or CDs.

Contestants and voters must be in grades 6–12. Call 655-8002 or visit any Army library.

4 / Tuesday

Demystifying the SAT – The Aliamanu Military Reservation (AMR) Library is hosting a free seminar by Kaplan Test Prep, March 4, 6–7:30 p.m. Discover the role of the SAT in college admissions, learn how to raise your score and get tips on how to excel on test day.

Parents and students are invited to attend. Early registration is encouraged. Call the AMR Library at 833-4851.

Movie on the Lawn – Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers (BOSS) is kicking back and relaxing with a movie on the lawn, March 4, 7–9 p.m., at Sills Field, Schofield Barracks. Call the BOSS Office at 655-8169.



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Jumping with heart

FORT SHAFTER — Kyle Bender, 9, leaps over a rope held by Sgt. Tracy Little and Sgt. John Gebhardt from U.S. Army, Pacific during Shafter Elementary School's Jump Rope for Heart event, Feb. 13. This event raised more than \$3,200 for the American Heart Association.

8 / Saturday

Teen Video Game Night – Sgt. Yano Library, Schofield Barracks, is hosting a Video Game Night for teens, March 8, 6–8 p.m., featuring Guitar Hero III.

This program is for students in grades 6–12. Call 655-8002.

10 / Monday

Women's Seminar – In honor of Women's History Month, Fort Shafter ACS Outreach Center presents “Strong Women, Strong Families,” a seminar to strengthen your mind, body and power. This seminar will be held at Aliamanu Community Center, March 10, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Presentations include the following:

- All that and More,
- Having it All without Losing your Cool,
- Looking your Best for Less,
- Care for Over There, and
- Lighten Up.

Child care is available with advanced reservation. Registration is due by March 5. Call 438-9285.

Lifeguard Classes – A lifeguard class is available at Richardson Pool, Schofield Barracks, March 10-21, Monday-Friday, 6–9 p.m. Participants will learn life-saving techniques such as cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), first aid and how to use

an automated external defibrillator (AED). Individuals age 15 and up are invited to attend. Cost is \$150. Call 655-9698.

Ongoing

Shark Tours – Shark tours are now available through Outdoor Recreation. Get up close and personal with our toothy, aquatic friends. Space is limited so sign up today. Call 655-0143.

Quilting Workshops – Learn to quilt at an Arts and Crafts Center near you. Quilting workshops are held Tuesdays, 6–8 p.m., at Schofield, and Thursdays, 6–8 p.m., at Fort Shafter. Call 655-4202 (Schofield) or 438-1315/1071 (Fort Shafter).

Pregnancy Education – Mothers-to-be and their spouses are invited to attend Pregnancy Education classes, which are held every Tuesday at Public Health Nursing, Building 673, 2nd floor, Schofield Barracks, 7–8 a.m. Call 433-8675.

“Starlets” – Performing Arts introduces a rhythm and motion class for 2-year-olds with parent participation. Cost is \$33 per month.

Classes will be held at the School of

Knowledge, Inspiration, Exploration and Skills (SKIES) Unlimited, 241 Hewitt Street, the first four Fridays of each month, 3:30–4:30 p.m. Call 655-9818.

Children must either be a member of CYS, or be enrolled in SKIES Unlimited to participate. Blue Star Card benefits apply to this class. Call 833-5393 or 655-8380.

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

Cost is \$295 and must be paid at the time of registration. Call 655-9818.

Active Parenting Class – ACS's New Parent Support Program offers a one-day class for parents of children ages 1–4. Classes are held the first and third Monday of every month at ACS Room 1, Schofield Barracks, 9–11 a.m. Call 655-1670 for registration.

Kodak Photo Kiosk – The Arts and Crafts Center at Schofield Barracks now has a Kodak photo kiosk. Copy, crop and re-touch your photos cheaper than anywhere else. Call 655-4202.

place \$50 and third \$25. Contest information is available at www.hawaiianhumane.org. Deadline for entries is April 18. Call 356-2206.

March

6 / Thursday

International Auto Show – Check out hundreds of the latest cars, trucks, vans and sport/utility vehicles at the Hawaii Convention Center, March 6–9, for the First Hawaiian International Auto Show.

Cost is \$7 for individuals ages 13 and over, \$4 for children ages 7–12, and free for children under 6. Discount tickets for military, senior citizens and students are \$5. Visit www.hiautoshow.com, or call 943-3500.

Salsa Dancing – Join us for the hottest salsa party, March 6, at Visions Night Club, 7 p.m. to closing. Enjoy free salsa lessons 7:15–8:15 p.m. Cost is \$8. Call 955-0720.

8 / Saturday

Music & Art Show – Club UH Moanalua is hosting a benefit event to showcase art and music talents by local high school students, March 8, starting at 6 p.m. This event will be held at MGMC, which is located at 1401 Mahi-ole Street, in Honolulu. Cost is \$5 in advance and \$8 at the door. Benefit proceeds will go to the Tripler Fisher House to support military families going through a medical crisis. Call Theresa Johnson at 561-7423, or visit www.triplerfisherhouse.com for more details.

Ko'olau Writing Workshops – Novice and seasoned writers are welcome to attend Hawaii Pacific University's 11th Annual Ko'olau Writing Workshop, March 8, 8:45 a.m.–3:30 p.m., at HPU's windward Hawaii Loa campus.

The event will feature workshop sessions in nonfiction, poetry, fiction and scriptwriting. Participants will receive a complimentary breakfast and complimentary soft drinks during lunch (brown bag lunch). A \$20 fee is requested for the workshop,

\$10 for students. Fees will be accepted at the door. Call 544-9340 or 544-1108 by March 7.

15 / Saturday

OU Registration Deadline – The University of Oklahoma is now accepting applications and registration for the spring term. OU is proud to offer a Master of Arts in Managerial Economics at Hickam Air Force Base. Its non-thesis program can be completed in about 18 months.

The enrollment deadline for the next course is March 15. Call 449-6364, or e-mail aphickam@ou.edu for more information. Visit www.goOU.edu.

Hale'iwa Arts Festival – Visual artists are invited to apply for the 11th Annual Hale'iwa Arts Festival Summer Event to be held at Hale'iwa Beach Park in Historic Hale'iwa Town, July 19 & 20.

Artists will be selected by jury to exhibit and sell their original artwork and demonstrate their artistic styles and techniques during this two-day fine arts festival. Original and limited edition works of fine art in all media will be given priority. Fees apply.

The deadline to submit applications is March 15. Guidelines, applications and additional information are available at www.HaleiwaArtsFestival.org.

Free Tour of Wahiawa – The Wahiawa Community and Business Association's (WCBA) Community Strengthening Program (CSP) will hold free monthly bus tours of Wahiawa starting March 15. The tour starts at 10 a.m. and will begin and end at Center Street.

The 45-minute tour will be conducted by long-time residents of Wahiawa. Seating is limited, so reservations must be made by calling the WCBA office at 621-6531 and providing your name, the number in your party and a contact number.

For more information, call the WCBA office or Jack Kampfer at 621-5109, ext. 226.

17 / Monday

St. Patrick's Day Celebration – Irish

eyes are smiling, and yours will be, too, when you come to Aloha Tower Marketplace's St. Patrick's Day Celebration, March 17, beginning at 6 p.m. Admission is free.

The festivities will include The Dueling Dancers of Celtic Keiki (an Irish dance troupe) and the Wild Rover (a Hawaii-based Irish band). In addition, free prize giveaways last until supplies run out. Call 566-2337, or visit www.alohatower.com.

23 / Sunday

Easter Sunrise Services – An Easter Sunrise Service will be held at Stoneman Field, Schofield Barracks, March 23, at 6:30 a.m. Stoneman Field is located between McNair and McComb gates.

The USS Missouri, which is located at Pearl Harbor, is also hosting an Easter Sunrise Service, March 23, at 6 a.m. An entrance fee will apply.

31 / Monday

Hui O'Wahine Scholarships – High school seniors and Hui O'Wahine members continuing their education are eligible to receive scholarships from the Fort Shafter Hui O'Wahine Spouses Club. Applicants should visit www.huispirit.com to download scholarship forms.

Deadline for submission is March 31. E-mail huischolarship@gmail.com for more information.

Ongoing

Magic Lessons – The Hawaii Magicians Society holds free beginners magic lessons at Kalihī-Palama Public Library, Community Room, 1325 Kalihī St., every fourth Thursday of the month, from 6–7 p.m.

Topics include card magic, rope magic, how to make our own production boxes, magic tables and more. Call 234-5262 or visit www.hawaiimagicclub.com.

Hawaii Moms – Local moms love to talk, and they're talking on hawaii-moms.com. With everything from advice on potty training to tips on getting your husband to pitch in around the house, hawaiimoms.com is where local moms connect. Visit www.hawaiimoms.com.



Aliamanu (AMR) Chapel 836-4599

- Catholic Sunday, 8:30 a.m. – Mass Sunday, 9:45 a.m. – Religious Edu.
- Gospel Sunday, 11 a.m. – Sunday School (Sept.–June only) Sunday, 12:30 p.m. – Worship service
- Protestant Sundays, 9:45 a.m. – Worship Service Sunday, 11 a.m. – Sunday School (Sept. – June only)

Fort DeRussy Chapel 836-4599

- Catholic Saturday, 5 p.m. – Mass in Chapel (May–Aug.) Saturday, 6 p.m. – Mass on Beach
- Protestant Sunday, 9 a.m. – Worship Service

Fort Shafter Chapel 836-4599

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

Helemano (HMR) Chapel 653-0703

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

Main Post Chapel 655-9307

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

MPC Annex, Building 791

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

Soldiers Chapel

- Catholic Friday–Saturday, noon – Adoration
- Liturgical Sunday, 10:30 a.m.– Worship

Tripler AMC Chapel 433-5727

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

Wheeler Chapel 656-4481

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



First Sunday

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

The Water Horse: Legend of the Deep

(PG)
Saturday, 2 p.m.



Sweeney Todd, the Demon Barber of Fleet Street

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

Alvin and the Chipmunks

(R)
Sunday, 2 p.m.

No shows on Mondays or Tuesdays.



Send calendar announcements to community@hawaiiarmyweekly.com.

29 / Today

West Point Founder's Day Dinner – The West Point Society of Hawaii is hosting the 2008 West Point Founder's Day Dinner at DeRussy Hall in the Hale Koa Hotel, Fort DeRussy, March 7. However, the deadline to R.S.V.P. is today.

All West Point graduates and their families are invited to attend. The evening will begin with Benny Haven's Hour at 6:30 p.m., and dinner will be served at 7:15 p.m. The guest speaker will be Lt. Gen. “Buster” Hagenback, class of 1971. The attire is aloha “crisp.” Cost is \$45 per person.

Send payment to retired Col. Chuck Cardinal, 576 Kumukahi Place, Honolulu, HI 96825; e-mail bandccardinal@msn.com or 1st Lt. Desiree Strozier at dstrozier@gma.com.

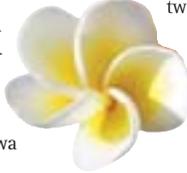
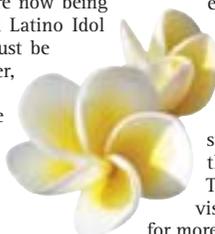
Latino Idol – Singers are now being sought for Hawaii's second Latino Idol competition. Participants must be Hispanic, ages 18 and older, and sing in Spanish.

The winner will receive \$1,000 cash and a CD recording. Deadline to register is today. Call Alma Latina Productions at 285-0072.

HHS Poster and Essay Contest

The Hawaiian Humane Society invites students to express their love for animals through art and essays that offer cash prizes. The Humane Society's Be Kind to Animals competition welcomes entrants in the following categories: a poster contest for kindergarten through 6th grade students and an essay contest for 7th through 12th-grade students.

Both contests will be judged by grade category, and each category will have three winners: First place receives \$75, second





Cpt. Jeremy Leff, Marine Forces Pacific, maneuvers his way through a mud crawl obstacle. Six-man teams crawled through muddy swamps, hurtled over barriers and ran along the beach to complete the Swamp Romp course.

Muddy race challenges more than 50 Army teams

Service members and community residents battle in the mud

Story and Photos by **MOLLY HAYDEN**
Staff Writer

MARINE CORPS BASE HAWAII, Kaneohe Bay – The moonlight reflected off belts and bright white shirts as 300 six-man teams gathered here, Saturday, for the 14th Annual Swamp Romp. The race kicked off as the sun rose and 1800 participants dove in the five-

and-a-half-mile trek through muddy terrain.

The Swamp Romp consisted of various obstacles, including mud pits, water holes, a beach run, low crawls and climbing walls. The race maxed out at 300 teams – the largest participation so far according to Marine Corps 1st Lt. Binford R. Strickland, deputy director, public affairs, Marine Corps Base Hawaii (MCBH).

This year's race included more than 50 teams representing the Army.

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Children read to canine friends

Story and Photo by **MOLLY HAYDEN**
Staff Writer

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS – As Suzanne Lofton drove to Sgt. Yano Library, Feb. 16, her 7-year-old son Keenan sat in the back-seat reading. Keenan was about to participate in the newest program at Sgt. Yano Library, “Read to the Dogs,” and wanted to practice before meeting his canine listener.

“He didn’t want to disappoint the dog,” said Lofton. “This program got him excited and involved with reading.”

Read to the Dogs is a free program offered through the Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (DFMWR). It began earlier this month and allows children who are able to read on their own a 15-minute session to share a story with a canine volunteer.

The program has proved to aid children with their reading skills, according to Sgt. Yano Library supervisor Bonnie Dong.

“This program brings people into the library. The children are so excited to see the dogs and get a chance to tell them a story,” said Dong. “Their faces light up as they walk through the door.”

Three volunteer dogs and their owners sat on blankets in the library awaiting the books children were about to share. Excited participants nestled next to the canine creatures and began reading aloud. Dogs listened attentively as stories floated through the air, told by children of all ages.

A book entitled “If My Dad Were a Dog,” lay tucked under the arm of 6-year-old Sarah Francis.



Volunteer dog Bonnie listens attentively as 6-year-old Sarah Francis reads aloud. Children recently stood in line at the Sgt. Yano Library to share a story with their new canine friends.

“I think my dog will like this book,” said Francis. “It’s funny and it’s about dogs, too.”

“She’s been talking about this all week,” said her mother, Jodie Francis. “Both my daughters have been looking forward to this day. It gives them a chance to interact with a dog and brush up on their reading skills.”

“It really is a great program,” added Jodie.

Dogs are provided courtesy of the not-for-profit organization Hawaii FIDO, which trains assistance dogs for people who face the daily challenges of life, providing physical,

psychological and therapeutic support.

Many of the dog owners volunteer within the community to share their assistance dogs with others.

“This is our way of giving back,” said volunteer Charlene Hasebe. “It’s great for both the dogs and the kids.”

“Dogs have unconditional love to give each child and they are noncritical,” said Lofton. “I believe this will boost confidence in reading, and this unique experience will provide memories to last a lifetime.”

Pan-Pacific clinic kicks soccer into hearts of youth

Story and Photo by
CHRISTINA DOUGLAS
Pau Hana Editor

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Children of all ages kicked, cheered and swapped high-fives at the Pan-Pacific Soccer Clinic here, Friday.

Geared with an inflatable soccer field and a speed kick set up, Major League Soccer (MLS) players Brad Davis and Bobby Boswell of the Houston Dynamo, and Israel Sesay of the LA Galaxy, attended the clinic to teach young soccer enthusiasts various skills on the field.

"It's always fun working with kids and getting anyone interested in the game," said Davis. "Anytime you can get kids involved in the sport, you know it's moving forward."

The MLS players and Pan-Pacific members were in Hawaii for this past weekend's Pan-Pacific soccer tournament. The Executive Vice President of International Business, Pan-Pacific, Will Wilson, expressed the importance of sharing the sport with the community.

"The success of the [Pan-Pacific] tour isn't just based on how full the stadium is. It's about being able to meet the community ... and introducing soccer to a younger generation. We're building



Soccer enthusiasts sprint for the ball during a practice game at a Pan-Pacific Soccer Clinic at Stoneman Field, Friday.

roots," said Wilson.

Clinic participants expressed joy with the "roots" Pan-Pacific planted.

"This is the best experience, because if you mess up, nobody gets mad at you, so

it's okay," said second year soccer player Mona Lane, 9, referring to the pressure players feel during season games.

Lane also received pointers during a speed kick exercise.

"I learned to get closer to the ball when you're getting ready to kick it and not to be so far away in your running start," she said.

Spc. Matthew Roop and his wife,

Tiffany, brought their four children out to the event.

"It's amazing how one little thing like this can make them [the children] so happy," said Tiffany. "The kids are going to be in high heaven for days, just for coming out here for an hour."

The Roop family couldn't thank Davis, Boswell and Sesay enough for coming to Schofield Barracks.

"You know these guys are busy, so it means a lot to us that they're out here," said Tiffany.

Spc. Jessica Thomas of the Warrior Transition Battalion, who single-handedly coordinated the event with Pan-Pacific, said she was thrilled to see families excited about the clinic.

"Soccer is my passion, and this clinic is spreading my love of the game," said Thomas. She began playing soccer at the age of 5.

"I wanted the kids to have fun and give the parents a chance to relax."

Thomas returned early from a deployment with the 3rd Battalion, 25th Aviation Regiment, due to medical reasons, so she will be out processing from the Army.

"I'm getting out of the Army, but hopefully this is the start of a tradition that I'm leaving with it," she said.

Swamp: Muddy competitors race for Swamp Romp bragging rights



Participants maneuvered through muddy rivers, one of many obstacles, during the Swamp Romp, Saturday. The race left 1800 people with mud-soaked bodies and smiling faces.

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"The Swamp Romp is our way of giving the local community an opportunity to experience some of the fun aspects of the Marine Corps camaraderie and teamwork while negotiating a challenging race course of mud, sand, ocean, obstacles and more mud," said Meghan Brophy, varsity sports coordinator for Marine Corps Community Services. "We provide a challenging and fun course for all of our participants."

The race was open to the general public and brought service and family members, and civilians of all ages, together for a romp in the mud.

"We are here to support and repre-

sent the Army and our deployed husbands," said family member Kristin Ives. "We like to participate in events together to help the time of deployment go by a little faster and to share experiences."

"Our only goal is to finish," added Nicole Williams, family member, "and, of course, have a little fun."

Six Soldiers from the 84th Engineer Battalion lined up to begin the race.

"This is a great tool for team building," said Maj. Dan Ollar, 84th Engineers. "This is something different for our unit to do together."

"And it's a fun and more relaxed race for our unit to participate in," said Maj. Theresa Schlosser. "We are here to have a good time and repre-

sent the 84th Engineer Battalion."

The three overall fastest teams, the top three finishing teams in six age categories, and the fastest team from units assigned to MCBH received awards.

"Every year the event grows and more people sign up to participate," said Brophy. "This is a great way to involve everyone in a community activity and provide fun for people of all ages and skill levels."

Two Army teams, the "Apaches" and "Team Extra," received second place awards in the Warriors and Men's Masters divisions, respectively. Both teams finished in under an hour and 15 minutes. The best time was one hour, one minute and forty seconds.



March

7 / Friday

Unit Kickball Competition – Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers (BOSS) is hosting a unit-level kickball competition at Stoneman Field, Schofield Barracks, March 7, 9 a.m.–noon. Call 655-8169.

12 / Wednesday

Intramural Tennis – Sign up for an intramural tennis tournament now at the U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii (USAG-HI), Sports Office, which is located at the Kaala Community Activities Center, Schofield Barracks. The deadline for applications is March 12.

The competition is slated for March 17-21 at the Martinez Physical Fitness Center tennis courts. Call 655-9914.

17 / Monday

March Madness Bracket Busters – Fill out your National

Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division 1 Men's Basketball championship brackets at Fort Shafter Physical Fitness Center for chances to win great prizes. Entries are due by noon, March 17.

Prizes will be awarded to the top three winners. Call 438-1152.

Ongoing

Karate Classes – Children ages 5 and older can learn Do Shudokan karate at these physical fitness centers: Aliamanu, Fort Shafter, Helemano or Schofield's Bennett Youth Center.

All youth students must be Child and Youth Services (CYS) members, and the cost is \$35 per month. A discount is offered for two or more family members.

Adults 18 and older can learn Do Shudokan karate at the Aliamanu Physical Fitness Center, Mondays and Wednesdays, 7–8:30 p.m. Cost is \$40 per month. Call instructor Joseph Bunch at 488-6372 or 265-5476.

Belly Dance – Learn the art of belly dancing at the Health and Fitness Center, Schofield Barracks, every Tuesday, 4–5 p.m. Call 655-8007.

Paintball – Check out the new



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Jogging up support

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Soldiers and family members jog at Watts Field for Monday's Walk to Iraq and Back kick off event, held to show support, dedication, love and camaraderie for Soldiers who are currently deployed, said Brig. Gen Mick Bednarek, commanding general, 25th Infantry Division.

paintball facility at Wheeler Army Air Field, just off of Lauhala Road next to the baseball fields. The fa-

cility features three lighted fields for day and evening play, and they are open for regular, league and

youth play, and private parties and physical training (PT) reservations. Hours of operation are Fridays,



Send sports announcements to community@hawaiiarmyweekly.com.

29 / Today

Tennis Tournament – The next Hawaii Pacific Tennis Tournament will be held at the Schofield Barracks Tennis Center, March 7-9. Entry deadline is today.

Call Mark Beede at 677-1334, or visit www.hawaiiitennis.org.

March

1 / Saturday

Hike Oahu – Join the Hawai-

ian Trail & Mountain Club on an 8-mile intermediate hike through Hakipuu Valley, Saturday. Call 247-8845.

HTMC is also going on a 6-mile advanced hike through Puu Heleakala, Sunday. This constant uphill slope, with no shade, will give hikers a workout. Call 384-2221, or 735-2220.

A \$2 donation is requested of nonmembers. Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

Hikers meet at Iolani Palace, mountainside, at 8 a.m. Bring lunch and water on all hikes; wear sturdy shoes as extra caution may be required on some trails.

Hikers must keep all trails and lunch sites clear of clutter, as well as treat trees and plants with care and respect.

Visit www.htmclub.org.

8 / Saturday

Fort DeRussy Biathlon – Join in on the fun at the 10th Annual Fort DeRussy Biathlon March 8, at 7 a.m. Compete in a 5K run and 1K swim, or a 2.5K run and 500 meter swim. Call 955-9151.

9 / Sunday

Johnny Faerber 10K – Run the Johnny Faerber 10K at Kapiolani Park, March 9, at 6 a.m. Visit www.mprc.com.

Ongoing

Eskrima – Learn Eskrima, the Filipino art of self-defense, at Mililani Elementary School. Develop character and self-confidence.

This class is great for men, women and children of all ages. Classes are held Wednesdays, 6:30-

7:30 p.m., and Saturdays, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Call 398-0119.

Golfers Wanted – Are you looking for a golf group? Military or civilian golfers interested in playing golf on Sunday mornings at Leilehua Golf Course should call 347-8038 or 375-3322.

Tee time is usually before 8 a.m.

Bicycling League – Join Hawaii Bicycling League's Heavy Breathers as they bike from Paki Park to Makapuu Beach and back, Saturday mornings at 9:15 a.m.

This 20- to 40-mile ride is open to intermediate to advanced bikers who want to improve their fitness. Call 368-6980 or 479-8142.

Wrestlers Wanted – Hawaiian Championship Wrestling seeks new members. Persons should be at least

6-foot tall, weigh 250 pounds or have an above average muscular build.

Sports background is preferred. Call 676-8107.

Wahine Sailors – The Wahine Sailors seek new members. Call for meeting place and times. Cost is \$35 per year or \$5 per sail.

All levels are welcome. Call 235-8392.

Fleet Feet – Faerber's Flyers women's running club invites women of all ages and skill levels to join them at the University of Hawaii track at Cooke Field.

The club meets Wednesdays from 5:15–7 p.m. Cost is \$50 per year. Call 277-3609.

Bike Hawaii – Join Bike Hawaii's professional nature guides and ex-

5–9 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday, 11 a.m.–7 p.m.

Rental equipment is available, and you can bring your own paint or buy it there. Instruction is available for those new to the sport. Visit www.paintballhawaii.com or call 343-3929.

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

Children must be enrolled in Schools of Knowledge, Inspiration, Exploration and Skills (SKIES) or be a current member of CYS. Call SKIES at 655-9818.

Ladies Golf Clinic – Ladies, looking to improve your golf game? Come to a free ladies golf clinic the first Saturday of every month, 2:20 p.m., at the Leilehua Golf Course driving range. Call 655-4653.

100-Mile Run/Walk & 50-Mile Swim Clubs – Record each mile you run, walk or swim and win incentive prizes. Stop by any Army physical fitness center or swimming pool to pick up a log sheet. Call 655-9914.

plere Oahu from the rainforest to the reef. Packages can include downhill biking, sailing off Waikiki and more. Meals are included.

To schedule adventures, call 734-4214, or toll free to 1-877-682-7433.

Visit www.bikehawaii.com.

Waikele Wrestlers – The Waikele Athletic Club holds wrestling classes for children and adults. Cost is \$45 per student. Call 671-7169.

Jazzercise – Combine elements of dance, resistance training, Pilates, yoga, kickboxing and more in exciting programs for all fitness levels at Jazzercise Waikele.

Classes are held Mondays and Wednesdays, 6:30–7:30 p.m., at the Waikele Elementary School cafeteria. Call 674-1083.