

HAWAII ARMY WEEKLY

25th Infantry loses its 'Light'

Troy Griffin
25th ID Public Affairs Office

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — The New Year brings yet another change to the Tropic Lightning Division — the elimination of the designation "Light" from the 25th Infantry Division's name.

This change is but the latest of many impacting the 25th ID as part of the Army's overall transformation efforts that, when complete, will result in an Army modular force that involves the total redesign of the operational Army into a larger, more powerful, flexible and rapidly deployable force.

"We are in the midst of rebuild-

ing our existing brigades that returned from deployments in Iraq and Afghanistan into modular brigades — smaller, more independent and powerful units able to plug into theater-level logistics anywhere around the world," said Maj. Gen Benjamin R. Mixon, commander, 25th ID. "In addition, we are continuing our efforts to transform the 2nd Brigade to a Stryker Brigade Combat Team."

"When completed, our historic division will scarcely resemble the force that returned from Iraq and Afghanistan in 2005," Mixon added.

Creating an Army modular force is the Army's major force transformation initiative. The Army is

restructuring from a division-based to a brigade-based force, consisting of self-sufficient, brigade-based modules that will greatly improve strategic responsiveness.

Brigade combat teams, the center of the redesign, are stand-alone, self-sufficient and standardized tactical units that consist of between 3,500 and 4,000 Soldiers, organized the way they fight.

The headquarters of the 25th ID and the 3rd Brigade will complete transformation to the restructured, modular design prior to deployment later this year.



Modular supporting brigades will provide aviation, fires, logistics and other support to the brigade combat teams, and they will create greater operational autonomy and enhance joint, interagency and multinational operations.

The new division headquarters will be able to execute command and control of any combination of Army capabilities and will also be capable of serving as the core of joint or multinational task force headquarters.

But the changes to 25th ID units in Hawaii are only part of the story. The Tropic Lightning Division

increases in size by two new brigades; however, these brigades will not be based in Hawaii and will not fall under the daily command and control of the division headquarters.

The 4th Brigade Combat Team at Fort Richardson, Alaska, which activated last summer, is an airborne brigade with capability for forced-entry operations.

These additions will give the 25th ID a total of four brigade combat teams, including 1st Brigade at Fort Lewis, Wash., the Army's second Stryker brigade combat team; however, the 1st Brigade is slated

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PX Parking Lot

The front portion of the Schofield Barracks Post Exchange parking lot will be closed beginning Monday, Jan. 23, for eight weeks to construct the parking lot for the new store.

This closure is necessary to ensure that parking, sidewalks and handicap access are complete.

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.



Memorial bricks

Division Soldiers and other patrons may memorialize loved ones at the 25th Infantry Division Association's War Memorial. A-3



Waikiki Aquarium

A world of underwater wonders comes to life at the aquarium. B-1

56 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.



As of 1/11/06



Digital Manipulation by Leah Mayo; Photo by Spc. Juan Jimenez

The above photograph at a Division ceremony depicts the number of Hawaii Army Soldiers lost to senseless privately owned vehicle accidents in 2005.

Safety stats show perplexing trends

The 25th ID suffered a loss of 9 Soldiers to preventable accidents

25th ID Public Affairs Office
News Release

From Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2005, the Army in Hawaii tallied 10 fatal accidents. Army Hawaii lost nine Soldiers and one civilian passenger in fatal accidents, which were needless, preventable and tragic.

Privately owned vehicle accidents are the No. 1 killer of Soldiers in Hawaii — not "Ice," other drugs, firearms, suicide or even extreme sports, but rather the vehicles motorists use everyday, licensed for driving by state officials.

These vehicles are the same ones noncommissioned officers and Soldiers inspect prior to each long weekend, to ensure a safe journey, but ultimately, the drivers of POVs are responsible for their safe operation.

What's staggering are the details

surrounding the deaths of these team members:

- Five of 10 accidents are alcohol related.
- Seven of 10 accidents are directly correlated to excessive speed.

Do any of these causes and indicators sound familiar? They should. They counter the command information messages leaders repeatedly emphasize.

The vehicles are the same ones inspected every long weekend

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Tax Assistance Centers ready for the tax season

Spc. David House
17th Public Affairs Detachment

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — The start of 2006 means it is tax season again, and the easiest and fastest way of getting the most out of your tax return is located right here on post.

The Schofield Barracks Tax Assistance Center is in the process of moving to Building 648 and is scheduled to open for business on Jan. 23. The Ft. Shafter Tax Center will open a week later on Jan. 30. The free services will be available through April 15.

"We are able to help Soldiers, dependents and retirees with filing federal as well as state taxes," said Sgt. 1st Class Brenda Jones, Tax Center noncommissioned officer in charge at Schofield. "Other than federal returns, Hawaii is the only state income tax

return that we can file electronically. We can help with the paperwork for other states, but it is up to the individual to mail it back to the state in question."

When individuals come in, they should bring in their wage and tax statement(s), also known as the W-2, from all jobs held during the year; any documents regarding deductions, a copy of last year's federal and state returns, if available; bank routing numbers and account numbers for direct deposit such as from voided checks; and their Social Security card as well as cards of any family members.

"Having their Social Security card is of utmost importance," said Jones. "The reason is ... the Army may have their name listed ... different from what is actually on their Social Security card.

Hours of Operation

•At Schofield Barracks:
Monday through Wednesday
10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Thursday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Call 655-5144 for more details.

•At Fort Shafter
Monday through Wednesday
10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Call 438-2829 for more details.

An example is that a person might have a hyphenated name but normally uses only one part. The IRS might kick

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Provost Marshal releases crime data

Col. Jacqueline Cumbo
Provost Marshal,
25th Infantry Division

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — As the top law enforcement officer for the Army in Hawaii, I will try to keep you informed on a biweekly basis of the activities that can be beneficial to your security and safety while you live, work and play during your tour here in the beautiful State of Hawaii.



Cumbo

This information is general in nature and a roll up of incidents as they are reported to the Military Police during the time frames stated.

Crime trends

This crime data (Dec. 21, 2005, to Jan. 4, 2006) is provided to make you aware of trends that may be developing in or around your community. The Provost Marshal Office uses this data to direct patrol activities, which are designed to apprehend offenders and eliminate these occurrences. In our joint fight against crime, PMO asks that you use this information and take proactive measures to avoid becoming a victim.

Report suspicious activity to MPs at Fort Shafter, 438-7114, or Schofield Barracks, 655-7114. Call 911 for emergencies.

Fort Shafter

The Fort Shafter PMO reported one incident of damage to private property that consisted of a broken window to a set of quarters in Aliamanu Military Reservation (AMR). A total of four larcenies of private property were reported, three from AMR and one from Fort DeRussy. Three of these larcenies were items left in plain view and taken from privately owned vehicles.

One report of a larceny of government property was reported from Pohakuloa Training Area (PTA). Fort DeRussy also logged two DUIs (driving under the influence) that involved service members.

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We want to hear from you...

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

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

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Lightning Six Sends:

Sexual assault is zero tolerance

Sexual assault will not be tolerated in the 25th Infantry Division. It degrades mission readiness and does not accurately reflect our warrior ethos.

Sexual assault is a crime; it is an act of power and control committed to humiliate and degrade. It is an equal opportunity crime occurring without regard to gender, spousal relationship or age.

Sexual assault affects everyone surrounding the victim: friends, family and the command. It is a community problem.

The Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program, established a year ago this month, is a comprehensive approach focusing on creating a climate that minimizes sexual assault incidents and encourages victims to report without fear. The program's goals are achieved through awareness and prevention training, victim advocacy, response, reporting and follow-up.

I and all commanders have a commitment to support the goals of the SAPR Program, to hold offenders accountable for their actions and to ensure the victim is treated with dignity, fairness and respect.

Confidentiality

It is in the hands of commanders to foster an environment that is sup-

portive of victims and protects victim confidentiality. To ensure Soldiers have a climate that encourages reporting incidents of sexual assault without fear, two reporting options exist: Unrestricted Reporting or Restricted Reporting.

Unrestricted reporting allows a Soldier who is sexually assaulted and desires medical treatment, counseling and an official investigation of the allegations to use the current channels (for example, the chain of command, law enforcement and/or the SAPR Program).

Restricted reporting allows a Soldier who is sexually assaulted and desires medical treatment and counseling, without an official investigation of the allegations, to disclose the details of the assault to specified individuals. These specified individuals are the sexual assault response coordinator (SARC), the deployable SARCs, installation victim advocates (IVAs), unit victim advocates (UVAs), health care providers and chaplains.

A restricted report can be changed to an unrestricted report at any time, if and when a Soldier decides he or she wants an official investigation of the allegation to occur.

Command responsibility

Commanders play an active role in the response to victims of sexual

assault. Whether in garrison or in theater, both victim advocate response/support and monthly command case status updates are available to victims of sexual assault.

All brigade-level commanders have appointed, on orders, a deployable SARC. All battalion-level commanders have appointed at least two unit victim advocates. All these individuals provide a confidential reporting chain and support services to Soldiers, both in garrison and in theater.

My belief is, education is the best prevention. It's reflected in my mandate that all commanders not only be briefed on the SAPR Program within 45 days prior to or following assumption of command, but that they also ensure 100 percent of their Soldiers receive sexual assault awareness and prevention training, annually.

My initiative to institute command chain training, as an augmentation to the annual training, will allow flexibility in training to all levels of Soldiers. Additionally, sexual assault training is included in all orientation briefings, leadership training and pre- and post-deployment training.

I echo a joint statement from the Secretary of the Army Francis Harvey and the Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. Peter Schoemaker: "Sexual assault is a crime that cannot and



will not be tolerated in the United States Army. It has a devastating and, often, lasting impact on the victim, a fellow Soldier.

"Moreover," he said, "sexual assault tears at the moral fiber of our unit formations, degrading our readiness. Sexual assault has no place in the Army...we're a values-based organization; we take care of our fellow Soldiers...and treat all Soldiers with dignity and respect."

Tropic Lightning!

Benjamin R. Mixon

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Major General
U.S. Army, Commanding

2006 DoD pay, benefits surpass private sector

Donna Miles

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — President Bush ushered in an across-the-board 3.1 percent military pay raise, effective Jan. 1, and a variety of other new or enhanced benefits for service members and their families when he signed the 2006 National Defense Authorization Bill into law Jan. 6.

In addition to a pay raise that's a half-percent higher than the average private-sector increase, the new budget provides about 20 new or increased bonuses or special

pays or benefits, reflecting a trend DoD officials emphasize is becoming increasingly rare in the private sector.

The new law provides a variety of benefits designed to better compensate military, improve their quality of life, bring reserve component benefits more on par with those for the active force and promote recruiting and retention, Chuck Witschonke, DoD's deputy director for compensation, told the American Forces Press Service and the Pentagon Channel.

Among the law's most significant features are the following:

- An increase in the maximum re-enlistment bonus offered, from \$60,000 to 90,000;
- A higher maximum enlistment bonus, up from \$20,000 to \$40,000;
- A new ceiling on hardship duty pay, from \$300 to \$750 a month;
- A doubling of the maximum assignment incentive pay for hard-to-fill billets or assignments, from \$1,500 to \$3,000 a month, now payable either in a lump sum or installments;
- A new allowance to cover the first \$150,000 in Servicemembers' Group Life Insur-

ance premiums for troops serving in Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom;

- A new bonus of up to \$2,500 for service members who agree to transfer from one service to another and serve for at least three years;
- An incentive pay of up to \$1,000 for service members who refer someone who enlists in the Army and successfully completes basic training;
- An average 5.9 percent increase in housing allowances, with authority to increase set levels temporarily by as much as 20 percent in areas affected by natural dis-

asters or troop surges resulting from force realignments;

- An increase of 2,000 pounds in the household goods weight allowance for senior noncommissioned officers E-7 and above;
- A bonus of up to \$12,000 per year for both active and reserve members with certified language proficiency;

The law also provides a variety of benefits specifically targeting members of the reserve components.

Witschonke said the new law does not guarantee that all will qualify for these pays and benefits or receive the highest amounts authorized.

Lightning Spirit

A new year should bring new beginnings, goal achievement

Chaplain (Capt.) Martin S. Cho
325th Brigade Support
Battalion Chaplain

I pray sincerely for you Soldiers and your families that you greet the New Year today filled with God's abundant grace and blessings. I encourage you to expect something good and positive.

The book of Matthew 7:7-8 says, "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened."

By all means, do pray with the expectation that God will bless you.

At times, we do "walk through the valley of the shadow of death"; however, when a night passes, there will always be a morning.

Have you had many failures and

pains in the past year? Have you not experienced your dreams fall into pieces? Do not torment yourself.

Trust your God who takes night and turns it into morning. Rely on God who always provides good things.

I would like you to guess whose resume follows:

- He failed in his business at age 22. He was defeated in an election as a member of a state assembly at 23. He failed again in a business at 24.

- He was elected as an assemblyman, had a nervous breakdown and a mental disease at 27. He was defeated for the position of the chairman of the assembly at 29. He was defeated in an election for the committeeman at 31.

- He was defeated in the election for Congress at 34. He was defeated again in a Congressional election at 37, then a third time at 39.

- He was defeated in a senatorial

election at 46. He was defeated in an election to the vice presidency at 47. He was defeated again in a senatorial election at 49.

Can you guess who this person was, this person who went through defeat after defeat in life?

He was Abraham Lincoln who became the president of the United States at the age of 51.

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to have hope in your life. When you are discouraged, I want you to conceive hope. As we need a lamp in the darkness, we need the fire of hope and the fire of prayer when in despair.

God gave us the life of sorrow (night) and joy (day) just as he created the day and night. In Isaiah 45:7, he said, "I form the light and create darkness. I bring prosperity and create disaster: I, the Lord, do all these things."

When God gives night, he does it

to bestow a more wonderful morning for us. Creating a night is God's wisdom.

A life without purpose cannot gain any result at all. Nothing remains to achieve if we do not have a goal.

According to the statistics of Dr. Paul Meyer, cofounder of Meyer Clinics, 60 percent of people love without a goal in their lives, 27 percent loaf through life, 10 percent think about a goal, and only 3 percent set goals and take actions toward them.

Life is short, and you need to accomplish many things. Life is too precious to waste.

In these first weeks of the New Year, I want you to expect something good to happen to you. Have goals and proceed toward achieving those goals.

I trust that this year will be a fruitful year for you, a year in which you bring much glory to God.

Voices of Lightning: What is the impact of Martin Luther King's legacy?



"Without his legacy, I know I [would not] be in the military."

Master Sgt. Reginald Hall
Schofield Clinic
NCOIC



"...To treat people the same even if they are different."

1st Lt. Katharine Lubinski
556 Signal Bn.
Platoon Leader



"His legacy left the power of freedom of speech."

Spc. Palani Allen
29 BCT
Heavy Equipment Operator



"...To not tolerate discrimination."

Capt. Paul Oliver
45th Corps Support Group
Platoon Leader



"His legacy made it possible for our generation to grow up with different cultures."

Joana N. Amberger
Family Member

PMO: Hot topics laid out

From A-1

Schofield Barracks

The Schofield Barracks PMO reported seven shoplifting cases from the Schofield main Post Exchange. Items stolen included footwear, music CDs, video games, a digital camera and sunglasses, not to mention a box of cereal and Clearasil.

A total of 11 larcenies occurred in the Schofield area: 10 from Schofield Barracks proper and one from Helemano Military Reservation. Half of the larcenies on Schofield Barracks took place in troop barracks and parking lots. Three of the larcenies were from POVs.

A portion of the Wheeler Army Air Field (WAAF) perimeter fencing at Sergeant Street and Kamehameha Highway was cut by unknown subjects who stole an all-terrain vehicle.

Unsecured property in housing and recreation areas accounted for the majority of larcenies. Six DUIs were reported during the above time frame. Active duty service members were subjects in all cases, with five occurring at Schofield Barracks and one at WAAF.

In addition to the cases cited above, several incidents occurred in the Woods housing area off Canby Road during October 2005. In one incident, someone cut a screen, reached in and opened the door and then took \$50.

In two other cases, flags were removed from the outside of homes in that area.

Safety, awareness and prevention

The "Click it or Ticket" campaign is designed to keep you and your family members safe. Remember to buckle up. It's the law.

DUIs often result in traffic accidents and loss of life. The MPs initiate DUI checkpoints on our installations at various times each month. The Honolulu Police Department performs DUI checkpoints off the installation as well.

HPD has initiated a new "52-12" program in which police establish a DUI road-

\$500 Reward

On the night of Nov. 28, 2005, three all-terrain vehicles were stolen from quarters on Wheeler Army Air Field and on the night of Jan. 5, three ATVs were stolen from quarters on Helemano Military Reservation.

The Criminal Investigation Division, Schofield Barracks, is investigating the thefts and offering a \$500 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the perpetrator(s). Call 655-6023 with any information.

block every week for the next 12 months. The 52-12 program puts a surprise element into the enforcement effort.

You can help in this effort by not drinking and driving or by being a designated driver to safeguard your family and friends.

Further, protect your property and lock your car. Most thefts from motor vehicles are the result of people leaving car windows down or doors unlocked. Eliminate the temptation. Never leave valuables in plain view in your vehicle.

Hot Topics

1) Cell phones

In accordance with the Code of Federal Regulations and the commanding general's policy, vehicle operators on Department of Defense installations shall not use cell phones unless the vehicle is safely parked. In addition, the wearing of music headphones or earphones while operating a motor vehicle is prohibited.

Use of these devices impairs driving and masks or prevents recognition of emergency signals, alarms, announcements, the approach of vehicles and human speech.

2) Abandoned Vehicles

Abandoned vehicles are an eye sore in our communities and a potential threat to the safety of our children. Report any vehicles you believe are abandoned to the MP Desk at Fort Shafter (438-7114) or Schofield Barracks (655-7114).

3) Vehicle Registration

On-post vehicle registration is conducted at either Fort Shafter's Building 1599, Fort Shafter Flats, on Monday through Thursday between the hours of 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. or 1 to 3 p.m.. The

Fort Shafter location is closed on Fridays, weekends and federal holidays.

Vehicle registration at Schofield Barracks's Building 6508, Leilehua Golf Course Road is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. It's closed on weekends and federal holidays.

Remember, in order to register your motorcycle, you must have taken both an approved Motorcycle Safety Foundation Course and a Rider Skills Evaluation. You must possess a current, valid motorcycle license or permit, in addition to valid insurance, a state safety inspection and all your personal protection equipment.

For more information, call the Vehicle Registration offices at Fort Shafter, 438-1517, or Schofield Barracks, 655-8940.

Also note that the on-post Vehicle Registration offices can register your recreational vehicles too. This includes ATVs and watercraft.

You are also required to register your privately owned firearms with the state of Hawaii and at the on-post Vehicle Registration office.

4) Traffic Violations

Traffic safety is a constant concern to everyone. Please be aware that what we do while operating a motor vehicle can result with dire consequences for others and ourselves. Here is a partial count of some of the traffic citations that were written on post during the month of December 2005:

- 73 parking violations
- 69 seatbelt violations
- 98 speeding violations

Please help the Army in Hawaii to increase traffic safety by obeying the law. Let's all help "Take a Bite Out of Crime."

Bricks to honor 25th ID warriors

25th ID Association
News Release

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — The 25th Infantry Division Association is offering supporters the opportunity to become a permanent part of the Schofield Memorial Monument.

Dedicated to four generations of warriors from World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraq Freedom, purchasers may now have a commemorative engraved brick paver for themselves, or to honor a loved one or friend, displayed on a ceremonial patio adjacent to the 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 prior to Jan. 31 will be sold at a reduced price of \$75 for the 4x8 brick and \$225 for the 8x8 brick. This limited time offer will allow installation of the ceremonial patio prior to rededication in September 2006.

Orders received after Jan. 31 and before May 31 will be sold at regular prices, but will be installed in the patio in time for rededication in September 2006.

Commemorative bricks will continue to sell at regular price after May 31, but will be



Stefanie Gardin

Memorial bricks will be placed at the 25th ID War Memorial.

installed in the ceremonial patio after the rededication. The size of the patio limits the number of bricks to 3,200 4x8 bricks and 120 8x8 bricks.

For more, contact the 25th Infantry Division Association, PO Box 7, Flourtown, PA 19031-0007, or visit www.25thida.com to download the order form.

Safety: All must comply, practice, enforce standards

for proper mechanics, electronics and usability.

In a garrison environment, there are no bullets being shot at Soldiers. No improvised explosive devices are being detonated along roadside barriers. No mortar rounds are impacting the installations.

The Division is preparing to go to war this summer. Every Soldier, family member and civilian in the 25th ID contributes to the preparation and success of accomplishing the mission. POV deaths have an adverse effect on the Division whether it is morale, personnel or warfighting capabilities. This is true Armywide.

Historically, units and organizations have taken an in-depth or retrospective view of the previous year's deaths as a technique to emphasize the importance of POV safety.

What can make 2006 safer?

Two particularly disturbing trends identified by the Combat Readiness Center (CRC) plague Hawaii: First, 90 percent of fatal accidents involve POVs, and 66 percent of Soldiers killed in POV accidents are in the rank of E-5 to E-7.

Soldiers and leaders must wake-up and stop this trend, said Clint German, U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii's safety officer. The time is now to reduce and, ultimately, eliminate preventable fatalities by reinforcing Army values, stressing safety, risk management and aggressive enforcement, he said.

Leaders must lead by example.

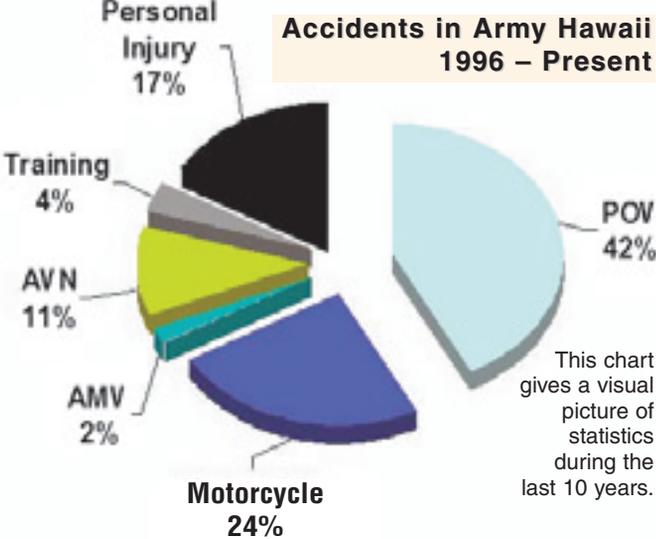
Enforcing standards and promoting safety should remain second nature to all leaders, he continued, emphasizing, every Soldier needs to contribute to safety prevention, to respect the dignity of life, conserve the fighting force and end disturbing trends.



Courtesy Photos

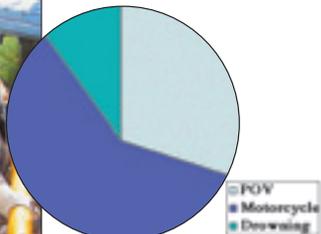


The aftermath of these horrendous POV and motorcycle accidents (above and right) shows that irresponsible driving is often fatal.

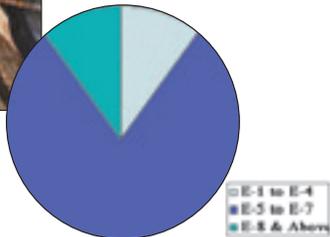


This chart gives a visual picture of statistics during the last 10 years.

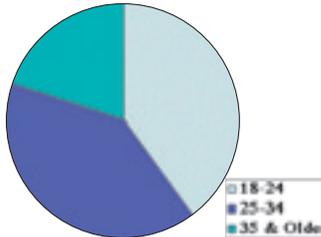
Type of Accident



Rank



Age



News Briefs

Power Outage — Niking Corporation has scheduled an eight-hour in duration electrical outage for tomorrow (Jan. 14).

The outage will start at 7:30 a.m. and end at approximately 3:30 pm. Buildings affected will be 6015, 6017, 6018, 6027, 6028, 6036-6040, 6042, 6043, 6045 and 6065.

Call Greg Wollcott at 478-2092 or Lionel Nagata at 754-7141 cell for more details.

Chapel Reopening — The Wheeler Chapel community invites all to attend a dedication service Sunday at 10:30 a.m. in the newly renovated chapel on Wheeler Army Air Field.

Chaplain (Col.) Hanson R. Boney, Schofield Barracks' installation chaplain, will be the featured guest speaker, and refreshments will be served after the dedication service.

Regularly scheduled worship services are the Catholic Mass on Saturday at 5 p.m., and the Protestant service Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

Water Outage — A scheduled post-wide water outage will take place for 12 hours, from 9 p.m. to 9 a.m., Jan. 20 - 21. All personnel on

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'Army Wounded Warrior' aids Soldiers

Story and Photo by
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HONOLULU — An advocacy program designed to help severely disabled Soldiers from the time of injury through recovery to their return to active duty or civilian life is the mission of the U.S. Army Wounded Warrior Program. The program was implemented by the Department of the Army on April 30, 2004, and then was known as the Disabled Soldier Support System (DS3).

On Nov. 10, 2005, the name of the program was officially changed to the U.S. Army Wounded Warrior Program, or AW2. Soldiers who qualify for AW2 served in Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom, and other conflicts post-September 11.

The AW2 provides disabled Soldiers with an individual case manager whose job is to assist the Soldier throughout and beyond the recovery process. Rather than create new programs, the AW2 combines several existing programs to improve assistance to Soldiers.

Every Army region is assigned a Soldier/Family Management Specialist Team. This dedicated team of

case managers assists the Soldiers and their families in resolving issues, which have, or could have, a negative impact on quality of life.

Case managers help disabled Soldiers navigate the, at times, overwhelming processes they will encounter as they also



Simona Foster, Soldier family management specialist for AW2 (standing), assists Spc. Eric Perez, 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry, his wife, Mahealani, and daughter, Anuhea.

cope with their injuries. Beginning with medical and physical evaluation boards, case managers also explain temporary and permanent retirement along with the possibilities of continuing on active duty.

Soldiers also receive financial support services, housing, travel and other benefits offered by federal and national agencies, all coordinated for and by their case managers. Further, Soldiers qualifying for the program are case managed for five years and, in some cases, even longer.

As an advocacy program for disabled Soldiers, the AW2 assists with communication and coordination between severely disabled Soldiers, their families, and local, federal and national agencies and organizations, such as the Department of

ON THE WEB

More information is available at www.aw2.army.mil.

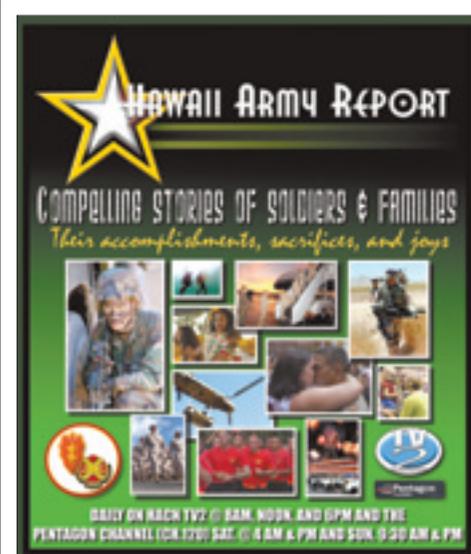
Veterans Affairs and Veterans' Service Organizations. The process is similar to a Soldier's use of his or her chain of command to resolve issues.

Recently, the U.S. Pacific Command's Soldier Family Management specialist for the AW2 program, Simona Foster, visited Hawaii from AW2 headquarters in Virginia. Her mission was to provide

information and assistance to PACOM service members on the AW2 program and Traumatic Service Member's Group Life Insurance Program, or TSGLI. During her visit, she met with more than 50 service members and their families.

According to Foster, the Army's goal for AW2 is to work in concert with other key organizations and ensure that disabled Soldiers and families are given the care, support and assistance they rightly deserve for their selfless service and sacrifice to our nation.

Foster will be returning to the PACOM area this month. To schedule an interview appointment or for more information, call 433-2327.



Broadcast news

Soldiers and family members can view the "Hawaii Army Report" on post and off, on the Pentagon Channel, Saturdays and Sundays.

**You Drink.
You Drive.
You Lose.**



Alcohol-related motor vehicle crashes kill someone every 31 minutes and nonfatally injure someone every two minutes.

— National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Web 'phishers' bait unwary users

Jennifer Downing
Army News Service



WASHINGTON — Thieves may be "phishing" for your personal information. If you're not vigilant, you could become one of more than 2.3 billion people who fell victim to this growing trend on the Internet last year.

Users of Army Knowledge Online are just as susceptible to phishing scams and should take precautions to protect their information and identity just as members of other Web portals such as America Online and Yahoo, said AKO chief of operations, Lt. Col. Kenneth Blakely.

"Phishing is an attempt by someone to capture your credentials, your user ID and password, so they can impersonate you on the Web," said Blakely. "This has become one of the easiest ways for them [phishers] to get access to resources they shouldn't have access to."

How they trap you

The newest trigger being

used to steal information takes the form of an official-looking e-mail asking the recipient to update his/her account or billing information.

Blakely said the biggest phishing threat for the Army is when a user is linked to a site that is similar to AKO, but is a replica. Because users are familiar with the site, they would proceed without caution and enter their information.

"When you go to log in, they have captured your information," said Blakely. "Phishing is much easier for them than trying to crack

into it [AKO] with hacking tools."

Protect yourself

How can you protect yourself from being phished out of the pond? Blakely said people should be careful about who is authorized to view their information on AKO.

"It is critical that AKO users take the time to

configure their AKO accounts so their data is only presented to the people it should be presented to," he said.

It is important that all users look at the location bar when logging into their accounts. The secure version of the Web site is <https://www.us.army.mil>, anything else is not a true AKO address.

Blakely said AKO administrators are working to protect users' information.

"Our best line of defense is updating the system so a user can login with a CAC [common access card] and will only be able to change a password or open a guest account using a CAC," he said.

The times, they are a changing, but with change needs to come awareness and alertness.

"AKO, while it is a great tool for the Army, it is not unique in the Web world," said Blakely. "We do represent the U.S. Army. We get attention on the Web that others don't get. We need to keep that in mind."

Tax: Center opens 1/23

From A-1

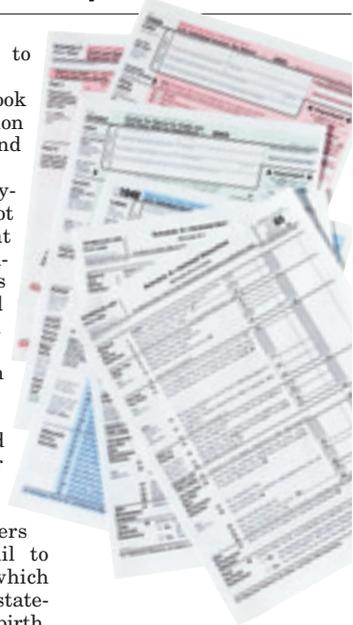
the return back due to wrong info."

Another thing to look for is the right calculation of what is taxable and what is not.

"With recent deployments, Soldiers may not be aware that combat pay is exempt from federal taxes," Jones explained. "The untaxed pay will be reflected on the W-2 form in Block 14, accompanied with the code letter 'Q.'"

For Soldiers who are currently deployed and not able to file their taxes by April 15, the IRS offers an extension program. These Soldiers should send an e-mail to combatzone@irs.gov, which includes their name, state-side address, date of birth, and the date they entered the combat zone. The IRS will send a letter of confirmation.

Due to security concerns, Soldiers should not, however, send their Social Security number in the e-mail. The same information can be snail mailed to the Soldier's local IRS Service Center, preferably with a copy of the



Soldier's orders, if available.

"The time to takes to file a return varies," Jones said. "A simple 1040EZ form can take less than 30 minutes, while a more complicated 1040 with itemized deductions can take up to two hours. After electronic filing, you should receive your refund within seven to 14 business days," Jones continued.

News Briefs

From A-4

Schofield Barracks, Wheeler Army Air Field and Kunia will be affected by the outage, which accommodates water line connections for the new AAFES shopping center.

Volunteer Advisory Council Meeting — The Volunteer Advisory Council Meeting will be held Wednes-

day, Jan. 18, from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Chapel Annex, Schofield Barracks. The council consists of the Army volunteer coordinator, senior command spouses, volunteer user military agency representatives and unit representatives.

The council will be discussing implementation of a quarterly volunteer awards program, the upcoming volunteer recognition in April, implementation of the Volunteer Management Information System, a new procedure for submitting volunteer hours and address issues

related to volunteerism. Contact Cathie Henderson at 655-1703 for more information.

ACAP Seminars — The Army Career Alumni Program is offering specialized job assistance seminars. All ACAP clients and their family members are welcome.

Jan. 19, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., catch Federal Resume Writing; Jan. 26, noon to 2 p.m., catch Salary Negotiation.

Call the Schofield Barracks ACAP Center at 655-1028 to reserve your place at a job assistance seminar.

25th ID: Name gets transformed

From A-1

to move to Germany to form the core of a new Stryker brigade, the 2nd Cavalry Regiment, at an unspecified date in the future.

The 172nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team stationed at Fort Wainwright, Alaska, but currently deployed to Operation Iraqi Freedom, will be redesignated the 1st Brigade, 25th ID in the future.

Here in Hawaii, we're training our Soldiers on new equipment and getting them used to being part of modular, self-contained, deployable teams. Soldiers need to be focused and involved in these ongoing changes, Mixon explained.

"Our Soldiers have the right mindset; they are prepared for anything that will come their way.

"Our training here in Hawaii is tough, realistic ... and it will prepare them for what they will face in Iraq," emphasized Mixon.

"The Tropic Lightning Division is proud to have been selected for this challenging mission," he added.

HPU reception honors military students

Story and Photos by
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Assistant Editor

KANEOHE — Military students from Hawaii Pacific University, Hawaii's largest private university, were honored Sunday with a reception at HPU's windward campus, prior to the university's 62nd commencement.

The reception included an awards ceremony for the graduates, an award honoring the most influential faculty member and a speech from the dean of military campuses. The graduates, family and friends mingled and enjoyed light snacks before accolades were announced.

1st Lt. Carlos Oquendo, the highest-ranking Soldier in attendance, was one of many to bring his family to the reception. Oquendo brought his wife and daughter to share in his celebration of a bachelor's of arts in management with a 3.96 grade point average, or GPA.

After mingling with graduates and their guests, Susan Cotellesse, the academic advisor and coordinator for Schofield's campus, presided over the formalities.

Two service members were recognized for the highest GPA for associate's and baccalaureate degrees among the military campuses.

Navy Petty Officer 1st Class

Jason D. Ogden received recognition for the highest GPA for a B.A. (Diplomacy of Military Studies) of 3.9 and was selected as one of three valedictory speakers.

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class David A. Morris was recognized for the highest GPA for an A.S. in management with a 4.0 GPA.

Robert Cyboron, dean, Military Campus Programs, addressed the graduates and guests before announcing the most influential faculty award.

Military students selected Martin K. Benson, assistant dean, Academics, as the most influential faculty member. Benson explained the students completed surveys selecting nominees for the award.

Wednesday, nearly 1,200 students, including 300 military, received associate, bachelor and master's degrees during HPU's commencement ceremony.

Eight Soldiers from Schofield Barracks, and two Soldiers from Tripler Army Medical Center gradu-



Above — Robert Cyboron, dean, Military Campus Program, for Hawaii Pacific University, addresses the audience prior to the awards.



Left — 1st Lt. Carlos Oquendo smiles proudly with his wife, Frances, and daughter, Breanna, after the awards reception held Sunday in honor of military students completing their degrees.

ated Wednesday.

HPU has more than 8,000 students including deployed service members in Kosovo, Korea and the Ukraine. However, HPU's student population doesn't end there.

"We have a handful of students in Iraq and Afghanistan," said Ralph Gallogly, assistant dean, Military Campus Programs.

Gallogly is responsible for all military campus program staff. He also teaches part time at all the military

campuses, and oversees the Service members Opportunity College program.

"SOC. and HPU make it easier for students to continue their degrees," said Gallogly.

With three main campuses, online services and six campuses located on military installations throughout Oahu, it's no surprise Army Hawaii and the other services here are proud to join the ranks of HPU's graduates.

Army approves reimbursement for body armor, other equipment

Maj. Paul Cucuzzella &
Capt. Irene Hanks
Contributing Writers

Nov. 21, 2005, the Secretary of the Army issued final instructions implementing the Department of the Army's program to reimburse Soldiers who purchased body armor and other protective, health and safety equipment for use in Operations Noble Eagle, Enduring Freedom or Iraqi Freedom.

Soldiers can also be paid for these items if someone else, such as members of their family, purchased the items for them.

Soldiers on active duty, including those in the Army Reserve or National Guard, former Soldiers, and survivors of deceased Soldiers, may now file claims and receive reimbursement for privately purchased protective equipment, if the Soldier was not issued equivalent equipment by the Army prior to deployment on one of these operations.

The Army will reimburse Soldiers for protective body armor, combat helmets, ballistic eye protection, hydration systems, summer weight gloves, and knee and elbow pads. As for body armor, a Soldier may be reimbursed for the purchase of a complete outer tactical vest (OTV), or for the separately purchased components of an OTV, to include Small Arms Protective Insert plates.

To qualify for reimbursement, the equipment must have been purchased after Sep. 10, 2001, and before Aug. 1, 2004, and all equipment for which reimbursement is sought must be turned into the Army at the time a claim is filed.

Claimants who no longer have the equipment must explain in writing why they can't turn the items in with their claim. If the reason is valid, they may still be paid.

The amount of reimbursement for a given item depends upon whether the claimant produces proof of the actual purchase price. A claimant who provides proof of purchase will be reimbursed the full purchase price, plus shipping costs for each item, up to \$1,100 for any single item.

If no proof of purchase is provided, the claimant will be reimbursed at a rate pre-established by the Department of the Army for each item of equipment. For example, the Army will pay \$551.60 for a complete OTV if no purchase receipt is submitted with the claim.

Current active duty or active Reserve component Soldiers who seek reimbursement should complete and file a DD Form 2902 with the first field grade commander in the Soldier's current chain of command. With the completed DD Form 2902, the Soldier must provide a copy of proof of deployment (such as deployment orders or a DD Form 214 noting deployment) and copies of all receipts or other proof of purchase for the items claimed.

Former Soldiers and survivors of deceased Soldiers should complete a DD Form 2902 claim form and mail it directly to the U.S. Army Claims Service (USARCS) at the address provided in Block 12 of the DD Form 2902.

As with claims submitted within the chain of command, claims forms mailed to USARCS must be accompanied by copies of proof of deployment and proof of purchase and the items for which reimbursement is sought. Shipping costs for delivering items to USARCS are compensable and can be

noted on the DD Form 2902.

Once a claim is filed, the Defense Finance and Accounting Service will process the claim through USARCS for payment. Either USARCS or the claimant's chain of command will inform the claimant of any deficiencies in a claim and will provide the claimant with ample opportunity to correct any deficiency.

Although the claims process has been designed to ensure rapid settlement and payment of claims, potential claimants should not wait too long to file claims, as all claims must be filed by Oct. 3, 2006.

More information on this reimbursement program, including a list of reimbursable items, can be found by accessing www.jagenet.army.mil. Select the U.S. Army Claims Service link under the "Client Services and Links" section.

Claimants or commanders can also contact Capt. Irene Hanks at 655-5054 with any questions.

(Editor's Note: Maj. Paul Cucuzzella works for the U.S. Army Claims Service, and Capt. Irene Hanks works as chief, Claims, 25th Infantry Division.)





COMMUNITY & SPORTS

Friday

January 13, 2006



Photo by Staff Sgt. Manuel Torres-Cortes and Pfc. Nicole R. Montoya
The Waikiki Aquarium features many sea life creatures around Oahu, like the sea dragons.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Manuel Torres-Cortes

Above — Lion Fish are a predatory species. They hang motionless at the crest of the reef waiting for dinner to swim to them! In captivity they eat mainly live feeder fish and sometimes frozen lance fish or silversides



Photo by Pfc. Nicole R. Montoya

Right — Sea lions are one of the main displays the Waikiki Aquarium offers. Others include a variety of marine life from the Pacific Ocean.

Story by Spc. David House
 17th Public Affairs Detachment

HONOLULU — Imagine being inches away from swimming sharks, floating jellies and barking sea lions. The Waikiki Aquarium is home to these and more than 2,500 other creatures that offer something for the entire family.

Built in 1904, the Waikiki Aquarium is the third oldest in the United States. The University of Hawaii-sponsored tourist attraction is a good introduction to incoming military members and their families to the marine life that Hawaii has to offer.

The attraction is both an exhibit and a working aquarium that protects, displays and researches various specimens.

One of its highlights is the Hawaiian monk seal habitat, which features an endangered species found only in the Hawaiian Islands. The aquarium's two Hawaiian monk seals (males named Maka and Nuka) allow visitors to see an endangered species. Only 1,500 remain in the wild.

Alongside the seals are displays of coral, jelly fish and sharks. If you are lucky, you might arrive during feeding time. Other events include the Sea

Visions Theater, the biodiversity exhibit and the "Edge of the Reef" exhibit showcasing five different types of reef environments found along Hawaii's shorelines.

Educational programs include "Exploring the Reef at Night," "Shark Nites," "Stingray Tracking," and "Aquarium After Dark." A self-guided audio tour is included with the price of admission.

The aquarium is open daily from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and is located in the heart of the Waikiki scene in an ideal location on the Diamond Head end of Waikiki Beach, all within walking distance of hotels, across from the beach and the zoo. Ample parking is located at nearby shops and both TheBus (No. 2) and the Waikiki Trolley stop every 15 minutes directly in front. Price of admission is \$9 for visitors but military visitors receive the discounted price of \$6, children's tickets are \$4 and kids under 4 years of age are free. For more information on tours, classes or educational activities, contact the aquarium at 923-9741.

Keiki show pride in their communities

Ann Wharton
 Army Hawaii Family Housing

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — During the month of November, Army Hawaii Family Housing (AHFH) sponsored an essay and coloring contest for children. The focus of the contest was for the contestants to explain or illustrate why they are proud of their community. Winners of that contest received a special treat at a recognition luncheon held at the Nehelani in December.

The commanding general of the 25th Infantry Division, Maj. Gen. Benjamin R. Mixon, the event's guest speaker, lauded the children's efforts and emphasized the importance of demonstrating pride in Army housing neighborhoods.

He also read excerpts from the winning essays and artwork, and presented the winners with a \$50 gift certificate from AHFH.

(Editor's Note: See the Dec. 16, 2005, Hawaii Army Weekly for the first-place, winning essay by Victoria Frew, 12, of the Fort Shafter Community.)

Community Pride Essay 2nd Place by Miguel Menjivar, 9

"Hi, my name is Miguel Menjivar. I live in the Solomon community at Schofield Barracks Hawaii. I am going to be telling you about what community pride means to me.

The things that I love about my community are that nobody litters, they keep all the equipment clean and if they see trash, they pick it up. They keep there [sic.] yards clean and decorated. Also, when the holidays come they decorate their houses.

My school, Solomon Elementary School, is so close to my house that I can walk or ride my bike to it. My community is very clean, even our park. Our park has no sand in the slides or the tunnels. My community's park is very well taken care of. It shows how proud everyone is of it.

My neighbors are nice. Sometimes we go places together. I play with their kids too. My

community is safe too. My family goes bike riding almost every week. I like that.

There is always lots of police to watch over us. Everybody is safe.

My community fits together like a puzzle. Everything is a piece to make something clean and safe. I love my community but the best thing is everybody is nice.

The people make me proud of my community, and they show how proud they are of my community through all of these things. That is what community pride means to me."

3rd Place by Mackenzie Farris, 11

"My community is Schofield Barracks.

I am proud of my community because people go out and save my country just to save me.

The Army Post has everything. The shopette is so close that when I walk it takes me about five minutes. Then you have the PX. You can probably ride your bike and it would take 15 minutes.

Right across the street from the PX is the PXtra. It has toys and pet supplies. It also has sporting goods. Finally, there is the commissary. That's where you get food and house supplies. I'm proud that all these stores are so close and that they provide everything we need to never have to leave our community.

Also, there are plants, flowers and bugs (but most people don't like the bugs). I like the geckos, but only when they don't come off your fingers.

There are so many different kinds of flowers that when I walk around I really can't believe I live here. One example of a beautiful flower is the hibiscus. And there are so many plants, that special workers have to cut them down. But, I'm proud that my community has beautiful plants and flowers.

Finally, my community is very clean. There is no garbage ever on the ground that's because the post has a rule, 'No littering.' People that live on the post know they shouldn't litter.

So, if you want to see a great community, come visit Schofield Barracks. Just behind the gate is a wonderful world. It is a fantastic place to live. All of these reasons are why, I Mackenzie Farris, take pride in my community."



MWR Briefs
Serving America's Army in Hawaii

JANUARY

14 / Saturday

Yu-Gi-Oh — Get ready to duel at the Tropics. Registration for the Yu-Gi-Oh tournament starts at noon and matches will start at 1 p.m. Cost is \$6 and includes a pack of the latest Yu-Gi-Oh cards. Prizes will be awarded, and all ages are welcome. Call 655-8522 for more details.

Parents Night Out — Leave your kids in the competent hands of Child and Youth Services on Parents Night Out, Jan. 14, and then enjoy a nice night out on the town.

Children enrolled in Parent's Night Out must be registered with the Resource and Referral Office no later than noon, Jan 11.

Reservations are first-come, first-served at the Resource and Referral Office. Call 655-8313 for more information.

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

Hawaii Championship Wrestling — Come watch Hawaii Championship Wrestling at the Tropics today. Doors open at 6 p.m. and matches start at 7 p.m.

The cost is \$5 for ages 12 and up, \$3 for ages 11 and under, and free for children ages 5 and under. Call 655-8522 for more information.

15 / Sunday

"5 Game, No Tap" Tournament — Individuals are invited to participate in the "5 Game, No Tap" Tournament at the Schofield Bowling Center. Check-in is at 1 p.m. and the



Becky Murphy

Babysitting simulations

Girl Scouts in the Kolekole Service Unit gave up their fee time to attend Red Cross babysitter training, where they developed numerous skills that will help them provide basic care and safety for the kids they sit.

cost is \$20. Call 655-0573 for more information.

17 / Tuesday

Brazilian Capoeira — Develop your mind, body and spirit with physical fitness, self-defense and self-discipline through Brazilian Capoeira. Classes are offered Tuesdays from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Fort Shafter Physical Fitness Center, beginning Jan. 17. For more information, call instructor Mestre Kinha at 247-7890.

18 / Wednesday

Teen Volleyball — Teens show off your skills at the Tropics Teen Volleyball Party from 4 to 6 p.m. Volleyball games and a serving contest with prizes, along with refreshments and music, will take the spotlight. Sign up at the Tropics. For more information, call 655-8522.



19 / Thursday

Bunko Night — Come to the Tropics for Bunko night, Jan. 19, from 6 to 8 p.m. If you have never played before, come to learn and

have fun. Bunko supplies will be provided. For more information, call 655-8522.

20 / Friday

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

22 / Sunday

Hawaii TV Bowling — The Schofield Bowling Center is hosting a "Modified Doubles" event, part of the Hawaii TV Bowling Tournament, on Jan. 22. Three categories will be held: men under 50, women under 50 and seniors.

Prepaid entry fee is \$65 and walk-in entry fee is \$70. Check in is at 8 a.m., practice at 8:30 a.m., and the tournament begins at 9 a.m. For additional information, call 655-0573.

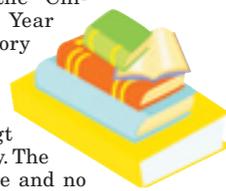
23 / Monday

Library Closure — The Aliamanu Military Reservation Library will be closed Jan. 23 – 28 for carpet installation. The library will resume

its regular hours Jan. 30. Regular hours are Monday and Tuesday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Wednesday and Thursday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The library is closed on Sundays and holidays. For more information, call 833-4851.

25 / Wednesday

Library After School — Elementary-age children are invited to celebrate the Chinese New Year with a story and craft activity at 3 p.m., Jan. 25, at Sgt. Yano library. The event is free and no registration is required. Groups interested in participating can call 655-8002 to reserve a space.



27 / Friday

Hawaiian Luau Lunch Buffet — Taste a traditional Hawaiian style feast today 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.

ONGOING

SKIES Music Classes — Are you a budding musician? Music Lady School of Music is offering classes in piano, vocal training, flute, recorder and violin through SKIES Unlimited. Classes are available at the Schofield Barracks and Aliamanu Youth Centers. Private lessons are \$95 per month and group lessons are \$55 per month. For more information, call 655-5525.

Arts and Crafts Center — Need a fast gift? Stop by the Arts and Crafts Center and choose from a variety of island crafts, including mirrors, baskets, woodcrafts and more. For more information, call 655-6330 at Schofield Barracks or 438-1315 at Fort Shafter.

the Red Cross office at 655-4927 or stop by Building 690, Room 3F.

29 / Sunday

Nichiren Daishonin's Buddhism — The community is invited to an introductory class on Nichiren Daishonin's Buddhism Jan. 29 at 1 p.m. at the Community Chapel, Schofield Barracks, Building 791, Room 231. For more information, call 306-6530 or 423-1830.

ONGOING

Community Calendar and Sports Briefs — Do you have announcements of upcoming events, sports or activities, those of interest to the military community, that you'd like to post in the Hawaii Army Weekly?

If so, e-mail your information to editor@hawaiiarmyweekly.com at least two weeks in advance of your event or activity.

Financial Health — Want to find the road to healthy finances? Contact Army Community Service, located in Building 2091 across the street from Richardson swimming pool. The following classes are offered in January: Checkbook Maintenance, Money Management, Credit Management, Thrift Savings Plan, Car Buying, Mutual Fund Investing, College Funding, and AER/Command Referral. Instructors will 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.

Fort Shafter Newcomers Orientation Tour — The Fort Shafter Army Community Service presents a Newcomers Orientation Tour every other Tuesday.

This Oahu tour helps familiarize new Soldiers and family members with many aspects of Hawaiian culture, customs, language, surrounding communities, the Hale Koa Hotel and various points of interest on the island.

Preregistration is required and seating is limited. Tour time is 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Lunch is not provided, but you can bring your lunch or purchase it at the Hale Koa.

Call the Fort Shafter ACS at 438-9285 for registration or questions.

Refreshments will be served in the chapel activity room after the dedication service.

main CCC at 586-5363.

19 / Thursday

Hui O' Na Wahine — The Hui O' Na Wahine will hold its January luncheon on Thursday, Jan. 19, at the Nehelani Club. Doors will open at 10:30 a.m. for shopping with many vendors, and lunch will be served at 11 a.m.

The cost is \$12. For reservations, call Kristen Flynn (last names, A-L) at 624-8199 or Kelly Albert (last names, M-Z) at 624-0015. Reservation deadline is Sunday, Jan. 15. Limited child care is available by calling Central Registration at 655-8313 to make a reservation.

You can now join the all-ranks spouses club for half price. Fees are \$12.50 for sergeants first class and above, officers and civilians. The cost is \$10 for staff sergeants and below. For membership information, contact Ruth McBride at 624-8191.

Toastmasters Club — Start the new year out right by developing your self-confidence and leadership skills. The Battleship Missouri Toastmasters Club can help you become a good leader and communicator.

Club meetings are held the first and third Thursday of each month at the Battleship Missouri Memorial from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The next meeting is Thursday, Jan. 19. For more information, call 722-4178 or 383-0977.

USS Bowfin — Join the USS Bowfin Museum and Park, Jan. 19, at 7 p.m., for the showing of The History Channel documentary "USS Bowfin: Pearl Harbor Avenger."

The documentary profiles the history of the famed World War II submarine homeported in Pearl Harbor. The film will be shown on the lanai at Bowfin Park followed by a discussion about the making of the film. Light refreshments will be served before the presentation.

A short version of the film that aired on the History Channel, Dec. 19, will be the new presentation for the museum theater.

23 / Monday

American Red Cross — The American Red Cross Schofield Barracks Service Center will be offering an Adult, Child and Infant CPR, plus First Aid, class on Jan. 23, 25 and 26 from 6 to 9:30 p.m.

The cost for the class is \$40 and the book is included. To register, call

17 / Tuesday

Protestant Women of the Chapel — Protestant Women of the Chapel (PWOC) at Schofield Barracks invites the community to join them for their Winter/Spring Semester. A kick-off luncheon will be held Tuesday, Jan. 17, at 9 a.m., in Room D-9 of the Main Post Chapel.

Come get information about morning or evening Bible studies, join a club, and make new friends. Free, prearranged Short Term Alternative Child Care (STACC) is provided for Child Development Center registered children and a monitored home schoolroom is also available.

Call 624-8251 for more information.

Aliamanu Military Reservation Chapel — AMR Chapel will present the "Alpha Course," a series of 12 thought-provoking weekly sessions, which will provide an opportunity for anyone to explore spirituality from a Christian perspective. Dinner will be provided and attendees will listen to a series of talks, and then have small group discussions.

The free classes will be held at the AMR Chapel beginning Jan. 17 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Free child care will be provided for children ages 9 months to 3 years, but they must be registered with Child Youth Services or the STACC site.

Older children to sixth grade can enjoy Bible study, while middle and high school aged youth may attend a youth group. For more information, call the AMR Chapel at 839-4319 or 836-4599.

18 / Wednesday

Community Children's Council — The North Community Children's Council will meet Wednesday, Jan. 18, at 6:30 p.m. at Army Community Service, Building 2091, Schofield Barracks.

The South CCC will meet at Moanalua High School Thursday, Jan. 24, at 6 p.m.

A support group for parents, The CCC is an outstanding program that can aid families with children enrolled in Hawaii public schools who have special education needs. It acts as a direct line of communication to the office of the school superintendent.

For more information, call the

Community Calendar

JANUARY

14 / Saturday

Yard Sale Mania — Clean out your closets and storage areas and get ready to make some extra money. Yard Sale Mania is held quarterly and in addition, Army Hawaii Family Housing residents may hold one garage/yard sale in the housing area every six months.

Yard Sale Mania does not count against the yard sale limit. Take advantage of this opportunity to get organized and make some extra cash Saturday, Jan. 14, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Contact your community center for more information.

Tropic Lightning Museum — Every Saturday, the Tropic Lightning Museum, Schofield Barracks, will feature a movie matinee beginning at 1 p.m. at the museum. Come with your family and enjoy "The Devils Brigade" on Jan. 14, "Gung Ho" on Jan. 21 and "The Thin Red Line" on Jan. 28.

All movies are free. For more information, call Scott Daubert, museum technician, at 655-0438.

Inline Hockey — The Mililani Inline Hockey Association will be conducting registration Saturday, Jan. 14, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Mililani Town Center, in front of Star Market. Practices will begin Feb. 1 at 10 Acres Park in Mililani. For more information, contact Mike Barros at 622-4106 or by e-mail at koakea@hotmail.com.

15 / Sunday

Wheeler Chapel — The Wheeler Chapel community invites all to attend a dedication service on Sunday, Jan. 15, at 10:30 a.m. in the newly renovated chapel on Wheeler Army Air Field. Chaplain (Col.) Boney, installation chaplain at Schofield Barracks, is the featured guest speaker.

Regularly scheduled worship services include a Catholic Mass on Saturdays at 5 p.m. and a Protestant service on Sundays at 10:30 a.m.

HACN TV2 Schedule

Morning

- 6:00 Sign On
- 6:26 Coqui Frog Invasion in Hawaii
- 6:47 Welcome Home Redeployment Guam
- 7:00 Bulletin Board
- 7:30 What's Down the Drain
- 7:41 White Face
- 7:55 Water Safety
- 8:00 Hawaii Army Report
- 8:30 Army News Watch
- 9:00 Pentagon Channel
- 10:00 White Face
- 10:15 Change of Command Ceremony 25ID (L) & USARHAW
- 10:20 Bulletin Board
- 10:50 Welcome Home Redeployment Guam
- 11:04 Coqui Frog Invasion in Hawaii
- 11:26 VATV #2
- 11:52 Inside Afghanistan 8/31/05
- 12:00 Hawaii Army Report
- 12:35 Pentagon Channel

Afternoon

- 2:00 Inside Afghanistan 9/08/05
- 2:12 Bulletin Board
- 2:42 Welcome Home Redeployment Guam
- 2:55 Shamu: The Rhino Story
- 3:30 Coqui Frog Invasion in Hawaii
- 3:50 Hurricane Safety
- 4:00 Pentagon Channel

Evening

- 6:00 Hawaii Army Report
- 6:30 Community Focus
- 6:47 What's Down the Drain
- 6:56 Change of Command Ceremony 25ID (L) & USARHAW
- 7:00 NFL: Football Follies
- 8:00 Bulletin Board
- 8:30 Inside Afghanistan 8/31/05
- 8:42 What's Down the Drain
- 8:50 White Face
- 9:06 Volunteers
- 9:21 Welcome Home Redeployment Guam
- 9:34 Inside Afghanistan 8/22/05
- 9:45 Safety Video
- 9:49 Coqui Frog Invasion in Hawaii
- 10:10 NFL: Ice Bowl
- 11:25 Bulletin Board

Overnight

- Pentagon Channel



Today
Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire 7 p.m. (PG-13)

Saturday
Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire 4 p.m. (PG-13)

Walk the Line 7 p.m. (PG-13)

Sunday
Derailed 7 p.m. (R)

Wednesday
Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire 7 p.m. (PG-13)

The theater is closed Monday, and Tuesday

'Great American Voices' to tour at Schofield, Jan. 21

The National Endowment for the Arts
News Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The National Endowment for the Arts, in partnership with the U.S. Army, presents a performance of opera and musical theater for military personnel at Schofield Barracks Saturday, Jan. 21. The performance is part of the NEA's "Great American Voices Military Base Tour: Unforgettable Melodies from Opera & Broadway," which celebrates the best of American arts by bringing professional performances of opera and musical theater to 39 military bases nationwide.

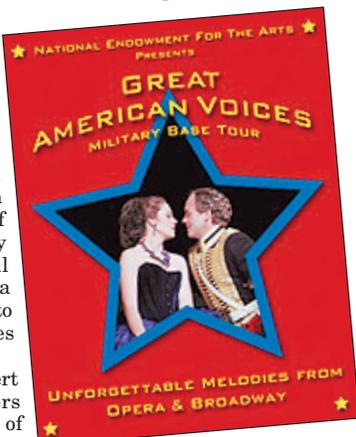
The evening concert will feature members from the Opera Studio of the Hawaii Opera Theater, a program for talented and rising young stars. These performers will sing selections from popular operas such as Bizet's "Carmen," and highlights from classic American musicals including Rodgers & Hammerstein's "South Pacific."

In addition to the military base tour, the NEA also has produced a compact disc with opera and Broadway excerpts and commentary, to be distributed to audience members and teachers at participating schools.

Great American Voices is

For the latest tour information and sample educational materials, visit www.greatamericanvoices.org.

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