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## Schofield units will see changes

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As part of the Army's ongoing transformation, the Department of the Army announced today proposed changes to two brigades assigned to Schofield Barracks, which will result in an increase of approximately 1,000 Soldiers.

Schofield Barracks will remain the home for the following:

- The 25th Infantry Division's 3rd Brigade that will be reconfigured as a modular Infantry Brigade

Combat Team (IBCT), and

- The 25th Infantry Division's 2nd Brigade, which is currently undergoing reconfiguration to a Stryker Brigade Combat Team (SBCT).

"Schofield Barracks remains one of the Army's premier training, readiness and deployment platforms and will experience substantial net growth when all is said and done," said Brig. Gen. Francis Wiercinski, 25th Infantry Division (Light) assistant division commander (support). "We are transforming our Army while at war in order to create methods to deploy units that

are self-sustaining in combat and smaller in size so they are more agile."

Overall, the proposed changes announced today mean approximately 1,600 Soldiers and family members will be added to the Schofield Barracks population, said Wiercinski.

The increase in Soldiers is planned to begin during the next year, and will be complete by May 2007. The Army is conducting an environmental assessment as mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act.



"Team Soldier," a new Department of the Army poster, depicts the Soldier of tomorrow — the 25th Infantry Division (Light) Soldier ready for transformation in the months ahead.

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## Ahhh!



Sgt. Sean Kimmons

Spc. Thomas Caracciola, a military police officer with 58th MP Company, yells a bayonet assault command during a block of instruction on bayonet assault techniques on Schofield Barracks, July 14. For the full story, see page A-3.

## HRC chief discusses modularity, stabilization

Story and Photos by Staff Sgt. Bradley Rhen Staff Writer

The commander of U.S. Army Human Resources Command visited Schofield Barracks July 19-20 to discuss a number of topics with Soldiers.

Brig. Gen. Rhett A. Hernandez, who became the second commander of HRC on July 8, talked with Soldiers at several locations about what's going on in the Army these days, including the War on Terrorism, transformation, stabilization and modularity.

Hernandez said he also wanted to talk to Soldiers who recently returned from deployments about all the things that have been happening in the Army since they've been deployed, as well as thank them for their service.

According to the command's Web site, [www.hrc.army.mil](http://www.hrc.army.mil), its mission is to ensure the full spectrum of human resources programs, services and systems are executed to support the readiness and well-being of Army personnel worldwide.

Over the past few years, however, Hernandez said HRC has had to change the way it conducts business. The most significant change, he said, is that a couple years ago, the Army wasn't at war, and it has only been transforming for the last couple of years.

"So it's very clear that we're an Army at war while transforming," Hernandez said. "And that has a lot of implications and a lot of differences with regard to how we do business."

One of the biggest changes is manning priorities, he said. Nowadays, the Global War on Terrorism and any other place that the War on Terrorism may go that will require us to send expeditionary forces have the priority for manning.

Another significant change is the way officers are assigned.

"We are assigning officers according to first, Army requirements, second, professional development, and then third, preference," Hernandez

See "HRC," page A-9

## 'Wolfhounds' continue 56-year tradition

Story and Photos by Spc. Cheryl Ransford 17th Public Affairs Detachment

Four children, two girls and two boys, arrived at Schofield Barracks Sunday from Osaka, Japan, to live with host families and participate in various events around the island for two weeks.

It all began in 1946, when a sergeant major with the "Wolfhounds" felt the need to better the lives of children who had been orphaned in Japan.

Since then, the Soldiers of 1st and

2nd Battalions, 27th Infantry Regiment, have made it their mission to provide joy and happiness to the children at Holy Family Home orphanage in Osaka, Japan.

"When I decided to help these children, they were needy," said retired Sgt. Maj. Hugh O'Reilly, the honorary sergeant major for 27th Infantry Regiment. "They were desperate for food and clothing, and living in leaky shacks."

This love of children and spirit of helping others laid the foundation for an ever-growing relationship that has held through the years between

the Holy Family Home orphanage and the Soldiers of the 27th Inf. Rgt.

In 1957, the Wolfhounds invited two children from the orphanage to visit the Soldiers stationed in Hawaii, beginning the tradition that continues today.

"Another tradition started the following year, when the Wolfhounds sent two Soldiers during Christmas to act as Father Christmas for the children," said Lt. Col. Drew R. Meyerowich, 2nd Bn., 27th Inf. Rgt., commander.

"This is a special relationship that has continued for fifty-six years,"

said Meyerowich. "The warriors of the past make up the heart of the 27th Regiment, but it is Sergeant Major O'Reilly who makes up the soul. It is our job now to continue the work that was started so many years ago."

During their time in Hawaii, children will rotate between the homes of Soldiers in the regiment. Each family will host two children and take them to one of several activities around the island.

"[They] will have the opportunity

See "Wolfhounds," page A-10

# Lightning Six sends

## CG outlines his vision and imperatives

This Lightning Six note outlines my vision and the imperatives essential to achieving that vision. This note is the capstone for guidance, for all leaders of the 25th Infantry Division (Light) and U.S. Army, Hawaii.

My vision is to develop a strategically deployable fighting force that will fight each battle in a joint coalition and interagency environment — and win.

All Soldiers will epitomize the Warrior Ethos and Creed, and quality of life must meet the needs of all Soldiers and family members.

Several imperatives, which follow, will support this vision.

### All training is battle focused

Training will focus on doctrinal concepts while adjusting to the contemporary operating environment. Leaders will be trained first, and the crawl, walk, run methodology will underpin the training plan.

Battle-focused training begins with mastering the 40 Warrior Tasks and culminates with a night live fire event. Each company-sized unit will train under live fire, combined arms and joint scenarios.

The battle-focused imperative also applies to maintenance of equipment. Effective maintenance and maintenance training are essential to executing battle-focused training.

### Physical fitness is the cornerstone of combat readiness

Every Soldier in the Tropic Lightning Division must be physically fit to succeed on the modern battlefield. Commanders will develop physical fitness programs that are battle focused for each Soldier.

Special emphasis will be placed on aerobic fitness, upper body strength and road marching capability.

Physical fitness is the number one priority of the day when in garrison.

### Leader training and professional development are essential training

Tropic Lightning leaders must be trained first. The training must be organized to allow the leader to successfully accomplish the collective task and lead his/her respective unit.

Commanders will ensure that leaders attend their respective professional development training in a timely manner. No Soldier will be kept back from professional development schools for any reason, except deployment to a combat zone or personal hardship.

### Family Readiness Groups enhance combat readiness

Family Readiness Groups play an essential part in unit readiness. Deployed Soldiers will perform better when Family Readiness Groups and rear detachments are effective.

The Family Readiness Group is the unit commander's responsibility. Volunteers play a critical role in Family Readiness Groups, but commanders are responsible for ensuring the groups are effective and enhance unit readiness.

Just like Soldiers need training, Family Readiness Groups also need training. Therefore, commanders will ensure Family Readiness Group volunteers receive appropriate training.

Treat rear detachment operations as a METL task. Plan, man and resource this important operation, and ensure that the rear detachment is in synch with its Family Readiness Group.

### Maintain a first-class power projection and support capability

Our installation is the center of gravity for daily operations and support to Soldiers and families. It is the power projection platform to get our units to the fight.

Schofield Barracks is designated as a flagship installation. As such, the installation staff must focus on training support, deployment, mobilization, replacement and casualty operations while providing world-class services to all members of the community.

Installation staff must have a wartime focus to accomplish its mission.

### Safety is a must in peacetime training and in war

Safety standards do not change from peacetime to wartime. The same standards apply.

Unit commanders and their senior non-commissioned officers are the unit safety officers. I am the safety officer for the Tropic Lightning Division, and my command sergeant major is my deputy safety officer.

### Moral consciousness will strengthen the individual and unit in peace and war

Our Army has a professional code of ethics found in the oath we take, the Code of Conduct, the Law of Land Warfare and the Army's Seven Values.

Soldiers are professionals and are expected to follow these ethical codes.

Moral consciousness is the deeply ingrained sense of right and wrong within each human being. This moral consciousness will provide strength under the most adverse and terrifying conditions such as found in combat, while keeping the Soldier from devi-



Maj. Gen. Benjamin R. Mixon

ating from the basic moral and ethical treatment of all human beings.

This is the consciousness that takes the Soldier from killing the enemy in one instance, and an instant later, providing a wounded enemy medical treatment. This moral consciousness guides Soldiers not to mistreat captured enemy combatants even though a fellow Soldier may have been killed by that enemy.

Commanders must work to establish this moral and ethical conscience in all Soldiers through ethics training, reinforcing the Army Values and using the chaplains for religious services and training.

Benjamin R. Mixon  
Major General, U.S. Army  
Commanding

## Bikers, leaders must redux motorcycle safety

Capt. Kevin A. McQueary  
Contributing Writer

Motorcycle safety was a hot topic in the July Division Command and Staff brief, since recent events involving division troops are generating great concern about their safety. It's a topic that unfortunately needs to be constantly revisited.

I'm a rider with 17 years and more than 60,000 miles of experience on bikes ranging from a Seca 400 to a GSX-R 1000 to a Harley Ultra Classic Electrica Glide. I admit, in the foolishness of my youth, I was "too cool" (read: too ignorant) to use Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).

Egos tend to trump intellect into misrepresenting skills and experience, often with disastrous results.

I was lucky. By the grace of God, and probably a little help from the short riding seasons of the northeast, I survived my pre-Army riding days. Once I began serving, good leaders hammered some sense into me and forced me to do all the right things.

Today, I don't need to be forced. Their efforts helped me become a more responsible, more competent rider. I credit their efforts in my survival of a rather nasty confrontation I had on Kunia Road two years ago.

See "Bikers," page A-10

## EDT helps defeat escalating situations

Chaplain (Capt.-P) Brian Mead  
125th Military Intelligence Battalion

A phone is ringing...  
"MP desk, can I help you?"  
"My spouse just beat me up, and I need help and medical attention. Please help me!" the caller says, sobbing.

A few years back, my commander was gracious enough to send me to a Family Wellness Training event. In that training, the founder of the program, George Dobb, passed on what I believe is the best technique in handling a domestic situation before it turns into spouse abuse.

For lack of a better name, I call it the Escalation Deflection Technique, or EDT.

The techniques are best taught in training sessions or by skilled trainers who can point out key elements.

First, think back to what gets you into an argument that goes out of control: the energy level. Key Factor #1 is to recognize when the energy is becoming extreme and the conflict is heading for meltdown. Once recognized, we must engage the EDT to lower the energy, while also honoring the energy as well.

The next key factors must happen spontaneously and subtly: Key Factor #2 is to match the person's energy; #3, to avoid eye contact; #4, to get alongside; #5, to note speed and pace; # 6, to use tone, volume and speed to reflect words and feeling; and #7, to focus energy away from you to a point two-to-three feet in front of both of you.

Once recognized a discussion is getting out of control, you must match your part-

ner's energy. This decision honors the person's energy and creates a tension for change — but there's more.

You then want to break eye contact with the person who is getting heated. Eye contact is aggression; instead, move from in front of the person, to his or her side. Do so slowly and very subtly. This movement creates a nonverbal sense of teamwork.

Focus your eye contact on a point in front of both of you, and talk to that point while watching your partner out of the corner of your eye. The problem of this heated discussion is now in front of you, and everything you do must be directed at that point with a lowered head, slightly bowing.

Keep pace and speed with

your partner. If he or she gets loud, match at one energy level less. For example, a partner (yells), "I hate it when you just go out with your friends and don't tell me. I'm totally infuriated!"

You, at one less level, talking to that point could say in a more-controlled voice, "Wow, it really upsets you when I hang out with my friends and don't tell you."

The timing is not right for defense or rebuttal. It's best to quench the fire, and then you can move on to resolve your problems down the road.

"A gentle answer turns away wrath, but harsh words stir up anger."  
"Avoiding a fight is a mark of honor; only fools insist on quarreling."

— Proverbs 15:1 and 20:3

## Voices of Lightning: What's the key to driving safely in Hawaii?



"... Maintain your sense of awareness and knowing the route you're traveling."

Spc. Larry Dawson  
Charlie, 25th Aviation  
Aviation Electronic Repair



"... Watching out for other drivers and obeying the traffic laws."

Sgt. 1st Class Mark Frye  
30th Signal Battalion  
Detachment NCO



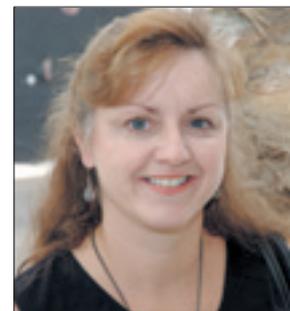
"... To anticipate what the other driver is going to do before you."

Sgt. 1st Class Karen Vickers  
500th MI Bde  
Equal Opportunity Advisor



"... To pay strict attention to your own driving, and don't eat or do other things that distract you from paying attention."

Robert Kent Sr.  
Transportation Chairman



"... Wearing your seat belts and sticking to the speed limit."

Barbara Kinsaul  
Family Member

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## Feeling the burn

Military police officers from U.S. Army MP Brigade — Hawaii, endured a course on non-lethal training outside the brigade's headquarters on Schofield Barracks, July 14. As part of the training, Soldiers received a direct spray of Oleoresin Capsicum pepper spray to their eyes and face (top left). Then, Soldiers maneuvered through a street-simulated scenario using their limited eye sight. The scenario included a variety of self defense techniques (bottom left, left and top right). To relieve the burning sensation from the spray, water hoses and fans were available for the officers (above).

# Fix bayonets, kill!

Military police officers hone bayonet assault skills and techniques

Story and Photo by  
Sgt. Sean Kimmons  
Editor

A squad of Soldiers from a military police unit is conducting a dismounted patrol through an Iraqi village when all of a sudden an ambush opens up on them.

In the midst of chaos, the squad takes cover and reacts to the enemy fire.

A firefight ensues for hours, which eventually depletes the squad's combat ammunition load. No backup is on its way because communications become inoperable during the firefight.

The squad sits all alone surrounded by the enemy.

The only way out for the Soldiers is through the enemy.

Without ammunition, the squad leader tells the Soldiers to fix bayonets and force themselves out of the enemy's perimeter. Fortunately, this squad leader had provided a refresher course on bayonet assault before they

deployed; therefore, each Soldier is prepared to execute.

Whenever units emphasize basic combat skills, these skills are important, no matter how entry-level certain training may appear. In this squad's case, bayonet assault training played a huge role in their survival.

To prepare his Soldiers for similar situations, Sgt. 1st Class Chris Laye, a platoon sergeant with 58th Military Police Company, recently went over bayonet assault at Martinez Field on Schofield Barracks.

"I know from experience in Iraq ... anything can happen out in the villages. You happen to be clearing a building and all of a sudden you get into a big firefight," Laye said.

Staff Sgt. Courtney Williams, a squad leader with 58th MP Co., was also out on the field teaching fellow MPs bayonet assault commands as part of the first block of instruction.

"Butt stroke to the head. Move!" said Williams, while the Soldiers executed the command and yelled, "Kill!"

He continued to repeat this command and others, so they would stick into the Soldiers' minds.

Soldiers then donned protective helmets and padding and conducted pugil stick fights after following the commands.

Two Soldiers of similar stature faced each other in a bout and earned points for using correct bayonet assault techniques.

"[You just don't] put on a helmet and beat on each other; you got to use the basic movements in rifle bayonet training," Laye said about the pugil fights.

Pfc. Daniel Kidd, an MP with the 58th MP Co., took part in the training and said it was something he and the other Soldiers need to know in combat.

"[It's about] survival skills — what are you going to do if you run out of ammo?" Kidd said.

To improve their chances for surviving in combat, the MPs said they would continue to navigate confidence courses, and conduct training on dismounted patrols, weapons and hand-to-hand combat every Thursday.

"We do a lot of live infantry stuff because when it comes down to it — everybody is an infantryman," Laye said.



Sgt. Ray Burford (right) hits Spc. Carl Gustafson, both MPs with 58th MP Co., in the back of the head during a pugil stick bout as part of bayonet assault training on Schofield Barracks, July 14.

## News Briefs

**Military COLA Survey** — All military personnel in the state of Hawaii are encouraged to complete a military Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) survey sponsored by U.S. Pacific Command, beginning Aug. 1 and continuing through Sept. 30, via the Internet.

Accuracy in completing the survey is critical to the COLA determination process; however, in 2003 only 11,072 uniformed service members of 45,000 eligible participants took the time to participate. Yet, it's in everyone's best interest to complete the survey and ensure accurate results, said USPA-COM.

Participate at <http://www.perdiem.osd.mil/oscola/ps/hawaii>. For more information, contact Eddie Fowler at 477-1396.

**Annual Antiterrorism Exercise** — U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii, and the 25th Infantry Division (Light) will conduct their annual antiterrorism exercise from Aug. 8 through 19.

The Antiterrorism Office and U.S. Army, Hawaii, are endeavoring to create an exercise with minimal impact on local communities. Contact Robert Marsh at 655-5212 for more details.

**Town Hall Meeting** — The Army community is invited to attend Fort Shafter's next quarterly Town Hall Meeting at the

Aliamanu Military Reservation Chapel, Aug. 10 at 6:30 p.m. For more information, contact Rosey Stone at 438-6147.

**"Women's Equality Day"** — This year, the 500th Military Intelligence Brigade is hosting Schofield Barracks' Women's Equality Day Celebration on Aug. 27 at 7 a.m. at Stoneman Field. All can learn more about women's suffrage by running, walking, visiting information vendors or listening to guest speakers.

For more information, call Sgt 1st Class Karen Vickers, the 500th MI Brigade equal opportunity advisor, at 263-5151.

**Operation Tribute to Freedom** — The Operation Tribute to Freedom (OTF) Web site is a Department of the Army program designed to honor Soldiers, especially those returning from Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Noble Eagle.

OTF identifies opportunities that give the American public a chance to salute the individual Soldier and to better understand his or her military experience. For more details, visit <http://www.army.mil/otf>.

**SAFAC** — The Soldier and Family Assistance Center is a service that allows Soldiers and family members to access various agencies on Schofield Barracks and at Tripler Army Medical Center (TAMC) via one phone number, 655-6600. The service is open 24/7.

## War Memorial project slowly inches upward

The 25th Infantry Division Association, a 56-year-old nonprofit veterans organization, is the prime sponsor of the 25th Infantry Division War Memorial, adjacent Fernandez Hall at Schofield Barracks.

To date, the Association has raised more than \$80,000 of \$450,000 toward the cost of the memorial.

Contributions are accepted from the community at large at 25th Infantry Division Association, P.O. Box 7, Flourtown, PA 19031-0007.



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## West Point seeks liaison officers

Jennifer Dowling  
Army News Service

WEST POINT, N.Y. — The admissions office at the U.S. Military Academy is looking for a few good Military Academy Liaison Officers.

These officers, or MALOs, help future cadets get through the admissions process and serve as mentors to them when they arrive.

"This is an opportunity to develop relationships," said Lt. Col. Dean Chang, who is the current MALO officer for New Jersey. "If someone wants to give back to West

Point, this is a good way to do it."

According to Chang, only reserve officers hold the official position of a MALO, but he added anyone is welcome to volunteer and help with the recruitment process, especially those wanting to make a difference.

"Nurturing and steering these qualified candidates is a wonderful thing," he said.

Maj. Shelly Jackson, the media officer for the admissions office at West Point, said

there are 231 MALOs and 1,436 volunteers.

Jackson said the MALOs are broken down by congressional districts and have to undergo training, which includes completing an online tutorial, shadowing a current liaison officer for approximately one year and attending the annual MALO conference at West Point.

"Liaison candidates also have the opportunity to learn more about the admissions procedures, sit in on cadet classes and meet with the

leadership," she added.

However, Chang said, the most rewarding aspect of the MALO experience is the relationships developed and the benefits given to the academy.

"If you're still undecided about whether you want to help, think of this as your way to help us beat Navy," Jackson said with a smile.

*(Editor's Note: For more information on becoming a MALO or on cadet recruitment, contact Maj. Jackson tollfree at 1-800-822-2769, extension 5701; commercial 1-845-938-5701; or DSN at 688-5701.)*



## Marking milestones



Photos by Joy Boisselle

**Above** — Sgt. 1st Class Virgil D. Bowling (right), 3rd Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, receives a congratulatory handshake at the Quarterly Retirement Ceremony from Maj. Gen. Benjamin R. Mixon.

**Right** — 1st Sgt. Kevin W. Kyler, 723nd Military Intelligence Battalion, receives an award and congratulations from Mixon and interim Division Command Sgt. Maj. Jerry Taylor.



## Schofield Soldiers receive honors, join retiree ranks

Compiled by Joy Boisselle  
Staff Writer

Twenty-one Soldiers were honored at the Quarterly Retirement Ceremony held July 21 at Sergeant Smith Theater, Schofield Barracks.

Maj. Gen Benjamin R. Mixon, commander, 25th Infantry Division (Light) and U.S. Army, Hawaii, said the retirees' service to their nation totaled more than 500 years.

"This is the end of a chapter for us, just another mark on the wall," retiree Chief Warrant Officer Gary A. Helson commented about his 32-

years of service during the ceremony.

Helson is contemplating the impact of his pending retirement, and he noted the biggest change between now and when he first entered the Army is the support now offered families.

"There were no programs for the families when my wife and I first got married. It seems to be one big family now," he explained.

Asked for advice to young Soldiers, Helson said, "A couple things ... have a plan and a vision of where you want to be one year, five years, ten years down the road. And, remember, you can't do any of this by yourself. It takes the support of your family and other 'green suiters' too."

The next retirement ceremony is Oct. 20 at 2 p.m. at Sgt. Smith Theater.

### Honorees

Chief Warrant Officer Gary A. Helson (32 years)  
Chief Warrant Officer Roger Perkins (20)  
1st Sgt. Robert Jennings (22)  
1st Sgt. Kevin Kyler (22)  
1st Sgt. Ruben Rodriguez (20)  
1st Sgt. Christopher Rumell (20)  
1st Sgt. Bryan G. Sheehan (21)  
Master Sgt. Ladonna Hillman (21)  
Master Sgt. Daisy Johnson (21)  
Master Sgt. Julius King (27)  
Sgt. 1st Class Virgil D. Bowling (20)  
Sgt. 1st Class George Boykin (20)  
Sgt. 1st Class Victor Dalinarosario (21)  
Sgt. 1st Class Roy Gerber (21)  
Sgt. 1st Class Marc Grandmaison (24)  
Sgt. 1st Class Roberto Limos (21)  
Sgt. 1st Class Harry A. Perez (24)  
Sgt. 1st Class Gary L. Millage (20)  
Sgt. 1st Class Rafael Lopez Padilla (21)  
Sgt. 1st Class Michael Wight (21)  
Sgt. 1st Class Joe Rosemond (21)  
Sgt. 1st Class Richard Sanchez (20)  
Sgt. 1st Class Michael Wight (21)  
Sgt. 1st Class Anthony Young (22)

# U.S. hosts Southeast Asia countries

Story and Photos by  
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17th Public Affairs Detachment

WHEELER ARMY AIR FIELD — Learning and embracing the cultures of other countries is one way to improve communication and relationships around the world.

As part of "Peace Keeping Operations – 2005" held here July 11–22, U.S. Soldiers spent July 17 sharing American history and local culture with soldiers from several countries in Southeast Asia.

PKO-05 training is conducted every two years between the United States and United Nations countries to further goals "to operate in a multinational environment" and "to overcome cultural differences between our militaries," said Lt. Col. Mike Staver, chief of operations, exercise section, 25th Infantry Division (Light).

To start the day, Schofield Barracks Soldiers escorted officers from several Southeast Asia countries on a tour of the Arizona Memorial and the USS Missouri.

"It was a very humbling experience," said Lt. Col. P. Yadav, an India Army doctor. We read about it in history, but visiting and seeing the place that it happened ... there are no words to explain the feelings.

"I feel honored to have the opportunity to pay tribute to

the [men] who gave their lives for their country."

During the tours, each group learned a little more about the history of the United States, the surrender order signed by Japan, and U.S. Navy battleships.

"It's important to know the history of other countries," said Capt. Christine Chandler, Fort Shafter Military Police Battalion, deputy provost marshal. "Knowing the past helps us to understand the present and move into the future with an open mind."

Also of importance was learning the local culture of other countries. Soldiers from Southeast Asia taught U.S. Soldiers how to play cricket. Starting with an explanation of cricket rules and game concepts, novice and experienced players spent the afternoon having fun with the fundamentals.

Soldiers of Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, India and Nepal provided cricket demonstrations.

"This is a fun and relaxing way of getting to know each other," said Dennis Palmer of Booz Allen Hamilton, a model simulation company located at Camp Smith. "Many times, people are better able to communicate in a relaxed atmosphere."

"Being out here, we are able to have more relaxed conversations while finding out more about one another."

"The game of cricket can sometimes last for several days," said Lt. Col. J. Kumer, India Army, Legal Branch. "Since we are on a time limit, we are playing a limited-over game."

In the limited-over game, each inning is limited to 15 overs, or runs.

At the end of the day, soldiers from around the world had learned a little history, visited new places and made new friends.

"Today has given us a chance to be together," said Kumer. "The hospitality that has been exercised by the U.S. Soldiers has been great. It has been a pleasure to talk and share views with each other."



Sam Lowe (green shirt), director of visitor operations and education programs, USS Missouri, tells the history of the 16-inch guns of the USS Missouri, July 17, and how they were used while the ship was commissioned with the U.S. Navy.



Soldiers from Nepal monitor troop locations while communicating with the operations cell during PKO-05 at Wheeler Army Air Field, July 19.

# Town Hall provides information and answers

## Child Care availability tops attendee concerns

Story and Photos  
by Joy Boisselle  
Staff Writer

The revamped Schofield Barracks Town Hall Meeting took place July 19 at Sgt. Smith Theater and will now take place quarterly.

Lt. Col. Stephen Moniz, commander, Oahu Base Support Battalion, rendered welcoming remarks and stressed the importance of community input via surveys to the Town Hall's evolving format.

Moniz said the evening's agenda was a direct result of information compiled from surveys collected during the previous Town Hall in April.

"This meeting requires a commitment of time, and we want to make them [town hall meetings] as productive as possible," he said. "We are continuously looking at what we want this town hall to be, where we want it to go ... we want to be responsive to your needs."

The following is a recap of the meeting highlights.

### Provost Marshal Update

Lt. Col. Tony Carr, Schofield Barracks provost marshal and commander of the 25th Military Police Battalion, presented a comparison of crime statistics from third quarter, fiscal year 2004, to third quarter, fiscal year 2005. The trend, according to statistics taken from military police journals, blotters and all reported crime, is an overall significant decrease in crime.

Statistics were compiled from Schofield Barracks, Mendocaca Park, Helemano Military Reservation and Wheeler Army Air Field.

House break-ins are down 67 percent, larcenies down by 75 percent, damage to private property down 50 percent and domestic assaults by 20 percent.

Carr said redeployment of Soldiers, and Soldier and family presence in housing areas, typically leads to a decrease in crimes against property.

### Family Housing

Eileen Godinez, Army Hawaii Family Housing (AHFH) representative, delivered a comprehensive brief on ongoing construction efforts and community events. She stressed that AHFH community events are free and part of the services offered to residents under privatization.

One upcoming AHFH-sponsored community event is a post-wide yard sale coming Aug 13. Godinez reminded residents of the Oceanic Time Warner Cable package offered at significant savings to military subscribers.

Finally, Godinez announced a Saturday recycling initiative under the "HI-5" program. Aug. 6 and 20 (Saturdays) from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., a recycling truck will be available to receive plastic, glass and aluminum in the 125th Finance Battalion parking lot across from the commissary.

This service is offered on a trial basis only. Godinez asked residents to support the initiative so that service could be continued on a permanent basis.

### Transformation

Lt. Col. Mike Webb, the division transformation officer, provided a synopsis of ongoing transformation activities. Webb pointed out that not only will the numbers of Soldiers and equipment increase, but the numbers of spouses and children as well.

Transformation projections are that nearly 2,000 Soldiers, 700 spouses and 1,000 children will join the Tropic Lightning Division in the coming months.

### Directorate of Community Activities

A listing of MWR events is available in the Discovery Magazine or online at <http://www.mwrarmyhawaii.com/>.

During the question and answer period, child care availability, already an area of command emphasis, was the focus of one attendee's concern.

Marla Menard, director of Child and Youth Services, cited staffing and a high staff turnover from the permanent changes of station of redeployed Soldiers and their families, as the main reasons for the lack of available child care. However, several initiatives and alternatives are being pursued to alleviate the problem.

Included fixes are using off-post facilities, hiring nannies, co-op babysitting, and active recruitment and advertisement of available positions.

The next Schofield Barracks Town Hall Meeting is Oct. 18 at 6:30 p.m. at the Sgt. Smith Theater.



Joan Ford, a child care provider at Petersen Child Development Center and a military spouse, shares some "sand time" with Yasmine Harrison, a child in the program's full-day preschool.

## Child Care Facts

### U.S. Army, Hawaii (USARHAW) centers

Five Child Development Centers (CDCs) serve children 6 weeks to school age, at Fort Shafter, Aliamanu Military Reservation (AMR), Schofield Barracks, Petersen and Helemano Military Reservation (HMR).

Four school-age centers serve kindergarten through sixth graders at Fort Shafter, AMR, the Bennett Youth Center and HMR. Plus, four middle school/teen centers serve Fort Shafter, AMR, Schofield and HMR.

### Child care and family care providers

At full staffing, there are 80 provider slots. As of July 1, there are 33 certified, 10 registered (getting ready to open) and 18 applicants.

### Total child care staffing requirements

Fully staffed requirements are 497; presently USARHAW staffs 377 with 120 vacant positions.

### Number of children in programs

There are 968 children in CDCs, 355 in school-age services, 120 in middle school/teen, 420 in family child care.

### Waiting lists by type program

As of July 15, 398 children are on waiting lists by program type: infants, 68; pre-toddler 1 and 2, 105; toddler, 70; preschool, 126; and school-age services, 29.

### Child care priority slotting

1) Single Soldiers assigned to 25ID (L) and USARHAW, or Tripler Army Medical Center.

2) Dual-military Soldiers assigned to 25ID (L) and USARHAW, or TAMC.

3) Single Department of Defense civilians assigned to 25ID (L) and USARHAW, or TAMC.

4) Siblings in the program or Army CYS employees employed six months

5) Active duty Soldiers with an employed spouse.

6) DoD civilians assigned to 25ID (L) and USARHAW with an employed spouse.

7) All other active duty Soldiers assigned to 25ID (L) and USARHAW, or TAMC.

8) All other branches of service with an employed spouse.

9) DoD civilians assigned to 25ID (L) and USARHAW with an unemployed spouse.

10) DoD contractors assigned to 25ID (L) and USARHAW with an employed spouse.

11) All other DoD civilians and contractors.

(From left to right) Spc. David Delp with the 25th Transportation Company, and Spc. Randy Mills and Spc. Bettina Shaw, both of the 40th Quartermaster Co., stand in front of their units prior to receiving Purple Heart medals July 20 at Hamilton Field on Schofield Barracks. The Purple Heart was awarded for injuries they sustained in Operation Iraqi Freedom.



# Schofield Soldiers earn Purple Hearts

Photo and Story by  
Spc Juan Jimenez  
Staff Writer

While deployed in Iraq, Spc. David Delp, Spc. Randy Mills and Spc. Bettina Shaw came face to face with death and survived.

Some people might say they just got lucky, others might say God sent them a guardian angel. Whatever people may think, however, these three are still here today to tell people their story.

Each of the Soldiers, all from 524th Corps Support Battalion, was awarded the Purple Heart medal from Maj. Gen. Stephen D. Tom, deputy commanding general of U.S. Army, Pacific, and Col. Stanley Q. Tunstall, commander of 45th Corps Support Group, in a ceremony held at Hamilton Field, Schofield Barracks, July 20.

The Purple Heart recipients were stationed in various locations in Iraq, where they were injured by mortar or rocket attacks.

Delp, a Soldier assigned to 40th Quartermaster Compa-

ny in Iraq, remembered the day an incoming mortar exploded near him last October at Forward Operating Base Kalsu.

"They [mortars] started dropping like rain, and we ran to what we thought was a bunker," he said. "By the time we noticed that the bunker was not hardened, it was too late and that's when [a mortar] hit close to us."

Delp was able to recover from shrapnel wounds in his left shoulder and right leg. Despite his injuries, he remained with his unit until redeployment.

"I'm glad that I'm here today ... what happened that day is something that I will remember for eternity," said Delp.

Shaw, also with the 40th QM Co., recalled her close encounter on Nov 5, 2004.

While in Camp Striker, Fallujah, assisting Marines in an operation before they invaded the city, the camp came under attack by motors and rocket fire.

Shaw was in a bunker with another Soldier when a rocket landed nearby.

"There was blood every-

where," said Shaw. "The blast was so powerful that it blew my contacts off."

The blast ruptured Shaw's eardrum and she also endured some shrapnel wounds.

"What went through my head was 'am I ever going to see my kids.' That's when I started to pray for me and for everyone that was outside the bunker," she said.

Shaw recovered, remained with her unit and came home to her two children.

Mills, also with the 40th QM Co., was working at FOB Kalsu when the area was hit with incoming mortars. He and another Soldier were moving an injured Soldier into a bunker when shrapnel hit Mills in his left leg.

He recovered and completed his mission at FOB Kalsu.

"Our country owns a debt that cannot be repaid," said Tunstall at the ceremony. "These soldiers risked their lives to build a democracy in Iraq, and in doing so, they did more in defending freedom ... they demonstrated the quality we seek in all Soldiers."

## Division lawyer receives national recognition

Sgt. Stephanie L. Carl  
17th Public Affairs Detachment

Each year, the American Bar Association recognizes up to six service members for their contributions to the legal community.

As a result of her exemplary performance as the Client Services chief for Combined Joint Task Force 76, Maj. Luisa Santiago received the Legal Assistance for Military Personnel Award, July 7.

Santiago, along with her joint team of paralegals, provided legal assistance to the more than 15,000 U.S. forces operating throughout Afghanistan from April 2004 to April 2005.

Additionally, she was the driving force that helped 17 service members become the first naturalized citizens to take the oath of citizenship on foreign soil.

"Watching them say the Pledge of Allegiance for the first time as Americans was unforgettable," said Santiago.

Her efforts in making it possible for the troops to become naturalized citizens is just one reason Santiago received the award.

"In Afghanistan, Maj. Santiago was easily doing the work of at least three people," said Maj. Suzanne Mitchem, who recommended Santiago for the award. "If someone needed help, she was the one who provided it."

But the LAMP award isn't just about accomplishing a task; it's about customer service, an area where Santiago excels.



Courtesy Photos

Maj. Luisa Santiago and her team of paralegals provide legal assistance in Afghanistan. Santiago received the LAMP award for her contributions to the legal community during her one-year deployment to Afghanistan.

"Military justice is a big part of what we do," said Mitchem, who served as the deputy staff judge advocate in Afghanistan, "but so is customer service."

For Santiago, customer service meant flying throughout the combined joint area of operations, bringing legal services to the service members on the frontlines.

"If it wasn't myself, it was one of my paralegals getting on a helicopter at least once a week to go to some [forward operating base]," she said. "We used to joke about racking up the frequent flyer miles."

Though Santiago doesn't believe what she accomplished during her year in Afghanistan was anything other than her duty,

she is still honored to have received the award.

"I believe in doing the very best to help the Soldiers, families and communities," said Santiago, who is now the chief of Client Services on Schofield Barracks. "The fact that what we accomplished [in Afghanistan] was noteworthy within the legal community is a great honor."

Santiago believes what she does as a military lawyer is a small contribution compared to the mission of those she serves.

"My job is priceless," she said. "But the Soldiers I serve are willing to give their life to protect this country and their leaders - for their sacrifice this is small."

# SMA gives his insights to Pacific Rim

Story and Photo by  
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WASHINGTON — In eight days, Sgt. Maj. of the Army Kenneth O. Preston traveled 17,998 miles along the Pacific Rim to posts in Alaska, Japan, Guam, American Samoa and Hawaii to spread the message first-hand on where the Army's headed and to get feedback from Soldiers and their families.

In packed gymnasiums, movie theaters and dining facilities, Preston spoke to Soldiers about their future in the Army during his tour of posts under U.S. Army Pacific Command, July 13 to 18.

## 'Arctic Wolves' get predeployment brief

Preston started off the briefings with an explanation of transformation. He said by the end of 2006, the Army will have grown from 33 to 43 brigades.

"Since November 1989, we've had 48 deployments requiring brigade-level tank-on-tank fights," he told Soldiers of 172nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team "Arctic Wolves" out of Fort Wainwright, Alaska. The unit deploys next month for Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"Now we're fighting a guerilla insurgency war in Iraq and Afghanistan. We're performing peacekeeping missions in Bosnia and Kosovo. We're providing humanitarian assistance by battling forest fires in the west coast and helping the various countries affected by the December tsunami.

"In this war, there is no specific threat like in the Cold War," Preston said. "We're battling terror. There's more than one enemy. So, we need to have the right tools in the tool box to meet full-spectrum operation. The Stryker brigades are one of those tools."

To transform the brigades into the "right tools," the unit must be reset from the legacy configuration



Sergeant Major of the Army Kenneth O. Preston talks to Soldiers of the 172nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, the "Arctic Wolves," on his visit to Fort Wainwright, Alaska, July 13. The BCT is deploying in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom next month.

of the Cold War to the modular force of tomorrow, Preston said.

## Guam Guard told of force "reset" plans

"By 2010 the Army will be transformed," Preston told Soldiers from the Guam National Guard. "We started the process four years ago. The funding for transformation was out of our own budget, so it took three years to grow two Stryker brigades.

"Now, when a unit returns from combat, they go through a reset process where they patch bullet holes, fix flat tires; that's the time to reset the unit to a modular force, not legacy force."

With transformation, the Army needs to grow by 30,000 Soldiers. The Army is achieving this goal three ways, Preston said. In 2003, the Army challenged its recruiters to enlist 72,000 Soldiers. After they

met the challenge, the Army raised the numbers the following year to 77,000. Meeting that demand, this year, the Army told the recruiters it wanted 80,000 Soldiers.

## Samoan Soldiers told of recruiting challenge

"It's a recruiting challenge," Preston told the Reserve Soldiers in American Samoa in his first visit to the island — the first American dignitary to visit the island since President Lyndon B. Johnson.

"February to May are the hardest months to recruit because it's springtime and there are many jobs that open, like construction. That's why you read in the Army Times that we didn't meet the mission for those months."

He said a common practice with recruiters to meet the mission on those months is to put a future Soldier into the Delayed Entry Pro-

gram and have them enter the Army during those spring months.

"But we took that away from them," Preston said. "We are giving bonuses to future Soldiers if they ship within 30 days. But I'm confident that by the end of the fiscal year, the recruiters will come through."

## Soldiers in Japan told of millennium might

The "Millennium Generation" feels an obligation to serve, Preston told Soldiers at Camp Zama, Japan.

"When you talk to these kids, nine out of 10 say they want to serve," Preston said at a Camp Zama briefing. "It's a good news story."

"This Millennium Generation grew up with the bombing of the USS Cole and September 11 [2001 bombings]. The characteristics of the Millennium Generation closely

match the Greatest Generation of World War II."

A challenge for both recruiters and future Soldiers, though, Preston said, is convincing parents that duty in Iraq is about a lot more than improvised explosive devices.

"They [parents] see the news on TV and think that's what it's all about," Preston said. "There's more to this war; we're helping communities, building futures for Iraqi kids and making friends."

## Preston: "Every Soldier a recruiter"

"This is where you come in," Preston told Soldiers at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. "All of you are recruiters. Tell the Army story when you come back on [rest and relaxation leave]. Tell the Army story. There's a lot more happening on the ground than the sensational stories the media put out."

## Retention at 104 percent

Retention is the second factor in growing the Army.

"This year's goal is to retain 64,000 Soldiers. Right now retention is at 104 percent for year-to-end mission," Preston told Soldiers at Fort Richardson, Alaska. "They're staying in because of good leadership. They believe in what they're doing and that they're making a difference."

He said the Reserve component is going to local areas and competing with the active duty recruiters for the same 33 percent of the American population that is eligible to join the military.

## 33 percent of youth are eligible

Preston said. "Only 33 out of 100 people are eligible to serve. The others have no education, criminal backgrounds, drug use or medical issues. We're not lowering our standards... We're looking for those who have the education and moral ethics to serve in our Army."

# Plans unveiled for BCTs

WASHINGTON — The Department of the Army announced today the locations for the active component modular Brigade Combat Teams. The modular design and their stationing are both critical to ensure the Army is properly postured to maintain the high degree of readiness needed to meet its strategic commitments, including ongoing operations in the Global War on Terror.

The decisions implementing the Defense Department's Integrated Global Presence and Basing Strategy recommendations allow the Army to return up to 50,000 Soldiers from overseas locations by the end of the decade.

This stationing of Brigade Combat Teams, or BCTs, allows the Army to continue its transformation to a campaign-quality

force with joint and expeditionary capabilities that meet the future demands of combatant commanders.

The Secretary of Defense approved an increase in the number of active, modular BCTs from 33 to 43 on Jan. 30, 2004.

"The Army Modular Force Initiative is the Army's most important transformational initiative for a reason — it involves the total redesign of the Operational Army into a standardized, stand alone, larger, more powerful, more flexible and more rapidly deployable force that will enable the Army to change the way it fights and the way it operates," said Dr. Francis J. Harvey, Secretary of the Army.

The Army selected locations for Modular Brigade Combat Teams (MBCTs) based on existing and

potential capacities, available training space and current locations of similar and supporting units. The Army preserves its historic heraldry and lineage in this design.

While the MBCTs follow historic division and brigade unit naming conventions, these units are of a completely different design than their predecessors.

The essence of this transformational design is a new force that can be deployed singularly or in groups — ready for employment in a variety of designs as self-contained modules over a dispersed area.

The Army modular force initiative involves the total redesign of the operational Army and moves the Army away from a division-centric structure to one built around the Army's new MBCT.



U.S. Army Graphic

## Posturing brigade combat teams

The Army is undergoing its largest restructuring since World War II, which will transition the Army to a modular force capable of providing increased combat power. The total number of brigades will increase from 33 to 43. The goal is to enable the Army to generate forces in a rotational manner, allowing active component Soldiers to spend at least two years at home following each deployed year. For more, visit <http://www.army.mil/modularforces/map.htm>.

## HRC

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said. "In the past we probably could afford to do that in reverse; we could do preference, professional development and then Army requirements. But today we're committed to the mission, which

requires Army requirements first."

A third significant change is how the Army is stabilizing the force. Hernandez said HRC is looking at every way it can to not move Soldiers and their families unless they have to.

Stabilizing the force has a lot of benefits, he said. It allows you to

not just have stability, but predictability.

"It allows you to build cohesive units, it increases your readiness and it provides great opportunities for Soldiers and their families to stay in a place longer if they choose to," he said.

Hernandez said Soldiers who

want to change duty stations will still be able to PCS if they choose.

The one thing Hernandez said he would tell people about HRC is that they are committed to their motto, which is "people always, mission first."

"I've talked a lot about Army requirements and the mission, and

I want everyone to understand that we are never going to walk away from our people-always approach," he said. "There's a human dimension in everything we do. We remain committed to those things that are important to serving our Soldiers and families."

Digital Collage by James Esteban

## Feature presentation

To stay current on news and events concerning the 25th Infantry Division (Light) and U.S. Army, Hawaii, be sure to tune in to the Hawaii Army Cable Network, TV-2, for the Hawaii Army Report, a biweekly television newscast covering the Army team in Hawaii. The show not only airs on HACN TV-2, but also on the national Pentagon Channel and Hawaii's Olelo — public access Channel 54, Saturday at 4 and 5:46 p.m. The HAR is produced by the 25th ID (L) and USARHAW Public Affairs Office and TV-2. See page B-2 for the rest of this week's TV-2 lineup.



Soldiers with 1st and 2nd Battalions, 27th Infantry Regiment, welcome orphans from Holy Family Home in Osaka, Japan, July 24 at Honolulu International Airport.

## Wolfhounds

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to visit the Sea Life Park, Hawaiian Waters Adventure Park, the zoo and various other activities," said Meyerowich.

"...The children are able to experience how life is here and learn about another culture and way of life," said Sgt. Wayne Pitrof, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Bn., 27th Inf. Rgt. "This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for them. Many of them have never experienced life in a family," he added. "This is a dream come true for them."

In attendance at the Welcome Ceremony was a couple who adopted a child from the Holy Family Home orphanage in 1988.

"We met O'Reilly in 1964 and became close friends," said Kent Keith, a freelance writer. "During a business trip to Japan, we decided to visit the orphanage that we had heard so much about. We had been told that not many children were available for adoption, but

wanted to go anyway.

"We spent a couple hours there, and on our way out we saw a little girl, about three years old, [who] we fell in love with. Her name was Kristina," he said. "She later became our daughter."

Without the friendship this couple developed with O'Reilly, they never would have learned about the orphanage or met the little girl who is now a college student.

"What these Soldiers do for these kids is amazing," said Kristina Keith, who lived at Holy Family Home orphanage 15 years ago. "Because of this program, these kids are able to experience what it's like to live with a family. They will remember this for the rest of their lives."

Throughout the Welcome Ceremony, O'Reilly's face showed an unwavering look of satisfaction.

"The life of a Soldier doesn't end when the battle is done," he said. "It is a Soldier's job to help and care for others in need. This is just one step to spread decency throughout the world."

## Bikers

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In the pre-light hours of my morning commute, an oncoming car inexplicably yet deliberately crossed the double-yellow and attacked me head-on.

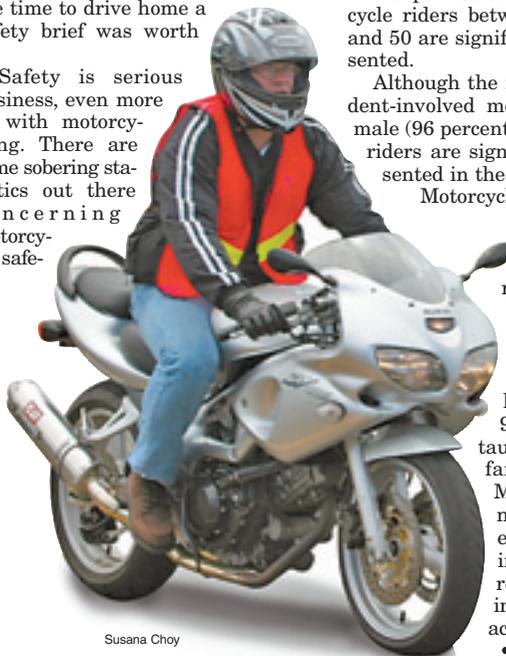
One can never be truly prepared for such an event. When I factor in the numerous iterations of the Motorcycle Safety Foundation courses I'd been obligated to take and the PPE I was wearing, I was about as well-equipped as one could hope.

I'll spare the details, but you should know it wasn't pretty. My bike was totaled, but I walked away.

Sure, I was a little bruised up, but I was wearing the compulsory PPE, and I even went the extra mile to wear an armored riding jacket. I lived through it, with no debilitating or disfiguring souvenirs.

Every minute of those safety classes was worth it. Every penny spent on that equipment was worth it. Every moment a leader took the time to drive home a safety brief was worth it.

Safety is serious business, even more so with motorcycling. There are some sobering statistics out there concerning motorcycle safety.



Susana Choy

Statistics quoted on DCMilitary.com reveal that nine Soldiers lost their lives in motorcycle accidents in the first two months of this fiscal year. Compare that with the entirety of 2004 in which 22 Soldiers were killed in motorcycle-related accidents.

That's a worrisome trend.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration continually compiles statistics on motorcycle accidents.

•Ninety-two percent of fatal motorcycle accidents involve drivers with less than five months and 500 miles riding experience. Thirty-nine percent of that percentage involved speeding. Those statistics should be blaring to leaders.

•Drunk driving on a motorcycle has a 37 percent higher fatality rate than automobiles, and almost half of the fatal accidents show alcohol involvement.

•Motorcycle riders between the ages of 16 and 24 are significantly over-represented in accidents; motorcycle riders between the ages of 30 and 50 are significantly under represented.

Although the majority of the accident-involved motorcycle riders are male (96 percent), female motorcycle riders are significantly over-represented in the accident data.

Motorcycle riders with previous, recent traffic citations and accidents are over represented in the accident data.

•Motorcycle riders involved in accidents are essentially without training; 92 percent were self-taught or learned from family or friends. Motorcycle rider training experience, however, reduces accident involvement and is related to reduced injuries in the event of accidents.

•More than half of the accident-involved motor-

cycle riders had less than five months experience on the accident motorcycle, although the total street riding experience was almost three years.

Injury severity increases with speed, alcohol involvement and motorcycle size.

•Approximately 50 percent of motorcycle riders in traffic were using safety helmets, but only 40 percent of the accident-involved motorcycle riders were wearing helmets at the time of the accident.

Voluntary safety helmet use by those accident-involved motorcycle riders was lowest for untrained, uneducated, young motorcycle riders on hot days and short trips.

The use of the safety helmet is the single critical factor in the prevention of reduction of head injury; the safety helmet which complies with FMVSS 218 is a significantly effective injury countermeasure.

Helmeted riders and passengers showed significantly lower head and neck injury for all types of injury, at all levels of injury severity.

•Sixty percent of the motorcyclists were not wearing safety helmets at the time of the accident. Of this group, 26 percent said they did not wear helmets because they were uncomfortable and inconvenient, and 53 percent simply had no expectation of accident involvement.

That last statistic is cataclysmically oxymoronic. It's a frightening description of the state of mind of many riders.

More than half of the survivors of motorcycle accidents didn't wear appropriate PPE because they didn't anticipate an unpredictable event. One-hundred percent of accidents are unexpected, by definition.

Motorcycling is inherently high-risk. Passenger cars, trucks, weather, road conditions and many other factors introduce unpredictable elements of danger to the activity. Proper training and PPE can help mitigate those risks. The numbers prove it. The survivors profess it.

Motorcycling can and should be an enjoyable and safe experience. Get the training. Wear the PPE.

## Troops honored in Honolulu



Photos by Sgt. Sean Kimmons

Rapper Snoop Dogg performs for about 8,000 service members and their families at the Waikiki Shell, Saturday.



Above – Sgt. 1st Class Shane Woods (left), shakes hands with “Planet of the Apes” star Estella Warren before Saturday’s show. Director Peter Berg stands in the middle.

Right – TV star Wanda Sykes (left) greets Spc. Satuala Amoa, a Fisher House resident who was wounded in Iraq.



## Waikiki Shell concert salutes military, raises awareness of Fisher House

Staff Sgt. Bradley Rhen  
Staff Writer

WAIKIKI — Sporting a red, white and blue football jersey that read “Support Our Troops” and clutching a diamond-encrusted microphone, rapper Snoop Dogg took the stage here Saturday much to the delight of thousands.

The concert, free for military and their families, lasted about an hour.

Snoop Dogg, backed by a live band and two DJs, performed many of his most popular songs, including “Nuthin’ But a G Thing,” “Gin and Juice” and “Drop it, Like it’s Hot.”

Following the concert, Snoop Dogg said he enjoyed being able to come to Hawaii and give something back to the troops.

“It’s a beautiful feeling to be appreciated and come out and give the troops something to smile about and something to dance to,” he said in a press release. “I’m down to do it again whenever, however, forever, all the time.”

Tickets were distributed to members of all four services on Oahu via Morale, Welfare and Recreation offices. About 8,000 service members and their families filled the seats at the Waikiki Shell, spilling over onto the lawn.

Sgt. Neemiah Marvin, a field

artillery meteorologist in Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, Division Artillery, said he’s been a Snoop Dogg fan for more than 10 years and was thrilled to have the opportunity to see him for free.

“It was a great concert,” the Gallup, N.M., native said. “And the fact that he did it for free to show his support for the troops made it even better.”

The concert, sponsored by Bodog, capped a weekend of events aimed at honoring service members and their families.

Just before Snoop Dogg took the stage, Bodog founder and CEO Calvin Ayre presented the Fisher House with a check for \$50,000.

The Fisher House Foundation program is a private-public partnership that supports America’s military in their time of need.

Because members of the military and their families are stationed worldwide and must often travel great distances for specialized medical care, Fisher House Foundation donates “comfort homes,” built on the grounds of major military and VA medical centers. These homes enable family members to be close to a loved one during the hospitalization for an unexpected illness, disease or injury.

On Saturday, before Snoop Dogg took the stage, comedians

Wanda Sykes, Colin Quinn and Paul Rodriguez, and rocker Bif Naked warmed up the crowd.

Quinn, who hosts “Tough Crowd with Colin Quinn” on Comedy Central, said he’s been to the Middle East several times to visit troops.

“Anytime somebody says troops stuff, I always say ‘yes,’” he said. “Look what you guys do for us. It’s 20,000 times more than we could ever do for you, so it’s the least we could do. You guys are really selfless and that transcends anything,” Quinn added.

Rodriguez, who served in the Air Force for six years, has been to Iraq and Afghanistan three times.

“I don’t think Americans really realize the sacrifices that service men are doing, so I kind of feel guilty, to tell you the truth, to come to Hawaii to spend a great time with [service members],” he said. “But if we can raise some money for the Fisher House Foundation, it’s a win-win situation.”

Sgt. Derek Pershing, a medic from the 58th Military Police Company at Schofield Barracks, said, “I know they have busy schedules and the fact they took the time to come out and spend time with Soldiers is a really good opportunity for everybody,” he said.



Above — Concert fans go crazy as Snoop Dogg hits the stage.

Left — A representative from Fisher House (far left) addresses the crowd after Bodog presents the organization with a \$50,000 donation.

### Fisher House Press Release

There is at least one Fisher House™ at every major military medical center to assist families in need and to ensure that they are provided with the comforts of home in a supportive environment. Annually, the Fisher

House™ program serves more than 8,500 families, and have made available more than two million days of lodging to family members since the program originated in 1990. Based on a comparison of fees at a Fisher House™ (the average charge is less than \$10 per family per day, with many locations offering rooms at no cost) with commercial lodging facilities in

the same area, it is estimated that families have saved more than \$60 million by staying at a Fisher House™ since the program began.

In addition to constructing new houses, Fisher House™ Foundation continues to support existing Fisher Houses™ and help individual military families in need. Families and friends of patients at any of the military’s hos-

pitals can now receive up-to-the-minute reports on a loved one by going to the patient’s own customized web page, thanks to new services provided through CaringBridge. We are also proud to administer and sponsor Scholarships for Military Children, the Hero Miles program, and co-sponsor the Newman’s Own Award.



**MWR Briefs**  
Serving America's Army in Hawaii

**JULY**

**29 / Today**

**Hawaiian Luau Lunch Buffet**

— Taste a traditional Hawaii style feast today from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 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 Hale Ikena at 438-1947 or the Nehelani at 655-4466 for reservations or information.

**Teen Social** — Teens, grades six to 12, are invited to attend this dance being held at the Schofield Barracks Teen Center tonight from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Proof of identification is required at the door.

Cost is \$3 for Child and Youth Services (CYS) members and \$4 for non-CYS members. For more information, call 655-0451.

**Pau Hana Friday** — Enjoy cool refreshments and the chef's choice, a \$2 pupu platter, this afternoon and every Friday, beginning at 4:30 p.m. at Mulligans and Hale Ikena on Fort Shafter. Call 438-1974 for more information.



**30 / Saturday**

**National Kids Day** — Parents and children can spend a day of meaningful time together at the "Floats and Flicks" event. A wide selection of exciting activities are planned and include water activities, games and crafts, bouncers, singing contests, face painting, balloon sculpting and the showing of the PG-rated movie "The Incredibles."

This event will run from 1 to 5 p.m. at Aliamanu Military Reservation Community Activity Center. Individuals who are not able to attend this July event can participate in a second event being held Saturday, Aug. 6, at the Helemano Military Reservation Physical Fitness Center. Call 655-8628/0110 for more details.

**31 / Sunday**

**Sunday Brunch** — Experience a delightful meal featuring brunch favorites along with numerous other choices at Reggie's on Schofield Barracks from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., or at Fort Shafter's Hale Ikena from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Community Calendar**

**JULY**

**30 / Saturday**

**Colgate Country Showdown** — Hickam Air Force Base will host the 24th Annual Colgate Country Showdown tomorrow at 7 p.m. at the Enlisted Club (doors open at 6 p.m.) and Sunday at 6 p.m. at the Officers' Club (doors open at 5 p.m.). Come cheer on your favorite performer at this "American-Idol" type event.

Amateur performers, solo and group, will compete to advance to the next level of competition in California. Food and refreshments will be available for purchase on both nights and prizes will be given away during the evening's entertainment.

More information is available at [www2.hickam.af.mil](http://www2.hickam.af.mil) in the "Hot Topics" section. The official contest web site is [www.colgatecountryshowdown.com](http://www.colgatecountryshowdown.com).

**Bishop Museum** — Curl up with your favorite cold-blooded reptiles at the Bishop Museum reptile family-fun sleepovers. These sleepovers, scheduled Saturday and Aug. 20, focus on the museum's exciting, interactive summer exhibit, "Reptiles: Real and Robotic."

The night also includes a planetarium show, hands-on reptile activities, explorations and storytelling in Hawaiian Hall.

Sleepovers start at 6:30 p.m. and end at 8 a.m. the next day. Admission is \$20 per person, and a continental breakfast will be served. Don't forget

Cost varies by location and children's pricing is available. Call Hale Ikena at 438-1947 or the Nehelani at 655-4466 for reservations or information.

**AUGUST**

**1 / Monday**

**Wine and Dine** — Enjoy a gourmet four-course dinner including soup and salad, appetizer, entrée and dessert. Each course will feature Pacific Rim cuisine and a selected wine.

This event is on Aug. 24 with reservations accepted from Aug. 1 to 19. Adult pricing is \$29. For more information or to reserve your space, call 655-0660.



**Military Idol Registration Extension** — This contest is open to active duty service members looking to become a star. The registration deadline has been extended and applications are being accepted at the Tropics through Aug. 1.

The multi-week singing competition combines aspects of the TV show "American Idol" with the talents of military members. The individual selected to be the top "Idol" here will advance to the national Army-wide competition.

Performances begin on Aug. 11. Call 655-8522 for more details.

**Military Idol Judges Wanted**

— Do you have an ear and an eye for talent? Judges are needed for the military idol competition that begins Aug. 11. Judges will need to be available for all performances.

Contact Margaret Millett at the Tropics, 655-0002, to find out how you can become the next Simon Cowell.

**2 / Tuesday**

**Preschool Story Time**

— Give your child an opportunity to love books. Story time sessions are being held at the Fort Shafter Library today, at the Sgt. Yano Library on Schofield Barracks tomorrow, and at the AMR Library on Thursday.

Start time for all sessions is 10 a.m. Call your nearest facility for more information.

**8 / Monday**

**Mongolian Barbecue**

— Select from a large variety of meats and

vegetables, and we'll grill them to personal preferences beginning at 5 p.m. today at the Nehelani, Schofield Barracks, with seating at Reggie's.

Cost is 65 cents per ounce, and reservations are recommended. Call 655-0660.

**10 / Wednesday**

**Parent's Night Out**

— Leave your kids in the competent hands of Child and Youth Services on Aug. 20, and enjoy a nice night out on the town. Children enrolled in Parent's Night Out must be registered with the office no later than noon today.

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

**11 / Thursday**

**Basic Wheel Throwing**

— Learn the techniques of managing a pottery wheel. This course consists of four sessions at a cost of \$35.

Sessions begin today at the Fort Shafter Arts and Crafts Center at 6 p.m. and continue each Wednesday. Call 438-1315/1071 for more information.

**12 / Friday**

**Teen Center Rewards Trip**

— Teens earning 30 hours of community service at the Schofield Barracks Teen Center qualify for a camping trip to Pihlilau Army Recreation Center, held today through Aug. 14.

Teens earn hours through participation in clubs, HOOAH, volunteering and much more. See Schofield Teen Center staff for more details or call 655-0451.

**ONGOING**

**RecTrac Registration**

— The Department of the Army has instituted a tracking system for Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) to better serve its customers, monitor usage and assist in obtaining funding to support programs.

To participate in MWR programs you will be required to complete a simple registration process. There will be no fees, and the process takes less than five minutes.

In lieu of using sign-in sheets, customers will only need to scan their ID cards each time they visit a facility or program. Scanners are designed to read the bar codes located on the back of the ID card of eligible patrons.

Programs affected include physical fitness centers; swimming pools; craft shops; recreation centers; outdoor recreation equipment checkout; Information, Ticketing and Registration; and access theater productions.

Support your MWR programs by registering today. For more information, call 656-0086.

**Family Child Care Providers**

— Individuals interested in caring for children in their home should inquire with Child and Youth Ser-

VICES Family Child Care (FCC) program. Benefits include free training, additional income and flexible hours.

For more information, call the AMR FCC office at 837-0236 or the Schofield Barracks FCC office at 655-8373.

**Army Community Theatre (ACT)**

— Tickets are now available for Richardson Theater's 63rd season featuring "Guys & Dolls," "Kismet," "Cats," and "Damn Yankees." Ticket prices range from \$8 to \$17, and season subscriptions and individual tickets can be purchased from the box office, open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., or at the ACT Web site at <http://www.squareone.org/ACT/tickets.html>. Call 438-4480 for more information.

**Homeschool Support Group**

— Homeschool students are invited to join biweekly group meetings where activities include arts and crafts, field trips, science experiments, computer classes and more.

Call 655-2263 to obtain a copy of the current calendar or learn more about registration.

**Karaoke at Waianae Beach Club**

— Sing along to popular music at this event held Mondays through Thursdays from 7 to 11:30 p.m., and Fridays from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Call 696-4778 for more information.

**Tropic Lightning**

— Enjoy a fast and hot lunch buffet, Monday through Friday, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Reggie's. Cost is \$8.95 per person. Call 655-4466 for more details.

**Tropics and Starbucks**

— Visit the Ono Isle at the Tropics and enjoy hot and cold Starbucks specialties such as lattes, cappuccinos, mochas, hot chocolate and much more. The Ono Isle serves delicious pastries, desserts and smoothies.

Visit the Tropics in Building 589 on Schofield Barracks. Call 655-0002 for more information.



**MWR Pet Kennel**

— The MWR Boarding Kennel located at the Halawa State Quarantine site is an outdoor facility open to cats and dogs only. The cost to board a dog is \$14, a second family dog in same kennel, \$10.

Cats are \$10 per day, a second family cat in the same kennel, \$5. Call 368-3456 for more information or reservations.

**20 / Saturday**

**Society of Military Widows (SMW) Aloha Chapter 25**

— Come join the Society's Aloha Chapter 25 for a luncheon at the Kapiolani Community College dining hall on Aug. 20 at 10:30 a.m. Attendees will enjoy an excellent buffet and informative program.

A national organization, SMW's main purpose is to benefit widows and widowers of members representing all branches of the uniformed services of the United States; give moral support and advice; provide a referral service; and in general, help the widows of career military members return to the mainstream of normal living.

Ongoing activities include monthly membership meetings, luncheons (usually on the third or fourth Saturday of the month and sometimes Sunday brunches) and many social events. This chapter also celebrates commemorative holidays dedicated to spouses and other brave and heroic U.S. veterans.

For further information and reservations, contact Virginia Frizell at 595-7600. Luncheon payments must be made no later than Aug. 15.

**ONGOING**

**Community Calendar Briefs**

— Do you have announcements of upcoming events you'd like to post in the Hawaii Army Weekly? E-mail [editor@hawaiiarmyweekly.com](mailto:editor@hawaiiarmyweekly.com).

**HACN TV2 Schedule**

**Morning**

- 6:00 Sign On
- 6:30 Welcome Home Redeployment Montage 6
- 6:35 Coqui Frog Invasion in Hawaii
- 6:55 Welcome Home Redeployment Montage 3
- 7:00 Bulletin Board
- 7:30 What's Down the Drain
- 7:38 White Face
- 7:53 Welcome Home Redeployment Montage 3
- 8:00 Hawaii Army Report
- 8:36 Army News Watch
- 9:00 Pentagon Channel
- 10:00 White Face
- 10:20 Welcome Home Redeployment Montage 6
- 10:26 Bulletin Board
- 11:00 Coqui Frog Invasion in Hawaii
- 11:21 Jake Shimabukuro
- 11:34 Maui
- 12:00 Hawaii Army Report
- 12:33 Pentagon Channel

**Afternoon**

- 2:00 After the Storm
- 2:23 Bulletin Board
- 2:53 Welcome Home Redeployment Montage 6
- 3:00 Shamu: The Sea Turtle Story
- 3:33 Coqui Frog Invasion in Hawaii
- 3:57 Welcome Home Redeployment Montage 2
- 4:00 Pentagon Channel

**Evening**

- 6:00 Hawaii Army Report
- 6:30 What's Down the Drain
- 6:38 Community Focus
- 6:53 Welcome Home Redeployment Montage 6
- 7:00 NFL: Turf Talk
- 7:53 Welcome Home Redeployment Montage 6
- 8:00 What's Down the Drain
- 8:09 Welcome Home Redeployment Montage 4
- 8:14 Welcome Home Redeployment Montage 5
- 8:24 Coqui Frog Invasion in Hawaii
- 8:50 Welcome Home Redeployment Montage 6
- 8:56 Welcome Home Redeployment Montage 1
- 9:03 White Face
- 9:32 Bulletin Board
- 10:03 Welcome Home Redeployment Montage 5
- 10:11 NFL: Throwbacks
- 11:01 Welcome Home Redeployment Montage 6
- 11:06 White Face
- 11:20 Welcome Home Redeployment Montage 5
- 11:27 Welcome Home Redeployment Montage 4
- 11:32 Coqui Frog Invasion in Hawaii
- 11:52 Welcome Home Redeployment Montage 3

**Overnight**

- Pentagon Channel

to bring a sleeping bag and a flashlight.

Reservations are required. For additional information about Bishop Museum education programming, call 848-4168. For general museum information, call 847-3511 or visit [www.bishopmuseum.org](http://www.bishopmuseum.org).

**AUGUST**

**2 / Tuesday**

**Chorus Auditions**

— The Honolulu Symphony Chorus will hold auditions for the fall concert season on Tuesday, Aug. 2. Experienced vocalists are welcome and encouraged to audition.

Rehearsals begin on Aug. 22, and are held on Monday evenings in the University of Hawaii's Music Department choral rehearsal room.

To schedule an audition or for membership information, contact Joseph McAlister, chorus manager, at 524-0815, extension 257, or e-mail [OahuChoral@aol.com](mailto:OahuChoral@aol.com).

**Protestant Women of the Chapel (PWOC)**

— The Schofield Barracks PWOC welcomes all military wives to its weekly Bible study and time of fellowship. A seven-week summer session called "Women of Faith" is currently underway at 9 a.m. in Room D-9 of the main post chapel and ends Aug. 2.

This fellowship is an opportunity to make new friends and participate in book and scrapbook clubs. Free, prearranged child care and a supervised home school room are provided. For more information, contact Effie at 624-8251.

**10 / Wednesday**

**ACS Resume Workshops**

— Learn how to write a masterpiece of

a resume. Army Community Service (ACS) will sponsor a "Resume Writing Workshop" on Wednesday, Aug. 10, at Fort Shafter, Building S330, and Thursday, Aug. 11, at Schofield Barracks, Building 2091. Both classes run from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

These workshops will provide participants with skills to create effective resumes for public and private sector jobs. For more information and to register, call 655-2400.

**19 / Friday**

**The American Legion National Job Fair**

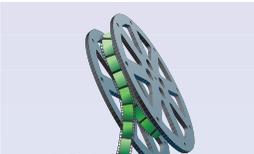
— The American Legion will sponsor a national job fair for active duty, reservists, National Guard, military spouses and America's veterans during their 87th National Convention. This event runs from Aug. 19 to 25 at the Hawaii Convention Center, Hall III, 1801 Kalakaua Avenue, Honolulu, Hawaii.

Many employers from the region and mainland will attend, and many have current job openings or expect to have openings in the near future. Come prepared by dressing appropriately for a job interview, by bringing copies of your updated resume, and by allowing time for completing applications.

The registration desk will be located in the main lobby of the convention center and registration is free to job seekers who have a valid military ID card or DD 214, report of separation. This event is cosponsored with the U.S. Department of Labor in cooperation with the Department of Defense Transition Assistance Program.

Dates and times to attend the fair are as follows:

- Aug. 19, 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.;
- Aug. 20, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.;
- Aug. 21, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.;



**This Week at the MOVIES**

**Sgt. Smith Theater**

*Today*  
Mr. & Mrs. Smith  
7 p.m. (PG-13)

*Saturday*  
The Adventures of Shark Boy and Lava Girl  
2 p.m. (PG)

*Saturday*  
The Honey Mooners  
7 p.m. (PG-13)

*Sunday*  
Mr. & Mrs. Smith  
7 p.m. (PG-13)

*Wednesday*  
The Honey Mooners  
7 p.m. (PG-13)

*Thursday*  
The Adventures of Shark Boy and Lava Girl  
7 p.m. (PG)

The theater is closed Monday & Tuesday.



Staff Sgt. Nevony F. Tuimalealiifano, a Soldier with the Medical Retention Processing Unit, works on an assignment for one of his classes in the Distance Learning Center at the Schofield Barracks Education Center.

## Center supports education

Story and Photo by  
Pvt. 2 Kyndal Hernandez  
Staff Writer

The Schofield Barracks Education Center has many opportunities for Soldiers and family members to continue their education.

Whether educational programs such as Soldier Leadership Development and GT Improvement programs, or just wanting to get started on a degree plan, the Education Center can provide Soldiers and family members the help and support needed.

One of the major services the center provides is tuition assistance.

"The tuition assistance program is really great," said Nora B. Navarro-Maghanoy, an education assistant at the center. "If Soldiers know about the tuition assistance program, they should take advantage of it."

Each active duty service member is entitled to \$4,500 of Army tuition assistance every year. The Army pays 100 percent of tuition costs and up to \$250 for lab fees per semester hour.

With tuition assistance, Soldiers can register in any classes offered through a nationally or regionally qualified school. However, tuition assistance is not offered for studies beyond a master's degree level.

Another program the education center offers to Soldiers is the eArmyU program. If Soldiers decide to enroll in eArmyU, they have two different options.

The first option is the TechPak option, which provides Soldiers with a laptop computer and all of the programs needed to complete their courses.

TechPak costs \$1,299 and fees are deducted from a Soldier's yearly tuition assistance balance of \$4,500. To register, Soldiers must sign a statement of understanding regarding the use of Army tuition assistance, and their unit commander also endorses the statement.

The TechPak option is only offered to enlisted Soldiers from pay grades E-4 through E-6 with less than 10 years of service who decide to reenlist.

If Soldiers do not meet the requirements for the TechPak option, they can choose to take eCourses, or course-by-course enrollment. The eCourses are offered to all enlisted service members who already have their own computers or have another way of getting access to a computer.

Enrollment in eCourses must be approved by an education counselor at the Education Center and by the Soldier's unit commander.

"The eCourse option is definitely the

better way to go," said Jessica Agrell, an eArmyU technician at the education center. "Even though Soldiers don't get a laptop of their own, they are still provided with all the same resources."

TechPak options may put a lot of pressure on Soldiers because they have to get a certain amount of credits completed in a certain amount of years, Agrell explained. With eCourses, there are no contracts and there is no time frame, she added.

"The Education Center provides a lot of opportunities for Soldiers to continue their education," said Spc. Jennifer Holliday. "They are really helpful, especially when we were deployed. They made sure we got the stuff we needed to finish our classes, and they were just really helpful."

Many other programs supporting Soldiers and their family members who want to further their education are available at the Education Center. Education counselors at Schofield Barracks can provide additional details at 655-0800.

All military installations on Oahu, at Hickam Air Force Base, Tripler Army Medical Center, Naval Station Pearl Harbor and Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, provide education centers.

## Kristi Yamaguchi set to visit Hawaii-based military commissaries

Nancy O'Neil  
Defense Commissary Agency

MCCLELLAN, Calif. — World-renowned ice skater Kristi Yamaguchi will visit commissaries in Hawaii on Aug. 8 and 9 to sign autographs and meet with shoppers.

Monday, Aug. 8, Yamaguchi will visit the Hickam Air Force Base commissary from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and the Pearl Harbor commissary from 3 to 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 9, she will visit the Kaneohe Bay commissary from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and the Schofield Barracks commissary from 3 to 6 p.m.

A major star in the world of figure skating, Yamaguchi's career is marked by numerous major championship titles and critically acclaimed performances.

She won the World Championships singles title in 1991 and 1992, and an Olympic gold medal in 1992.

After retiring her amateur status, she toured for 10 years with "Stars on Ice."

In 1996, Yamaguchi established the "Always Dream Foundation," whose mission is to encourage, support and embrace the hopes and dreams of children. The foundation supports organizations in California, Nevada and Hawaii that are dedicated to making a positive difference in the lives of children.

The Aloha Shoyu Company is a corporate sponsor of the Always Dream Foundation, and it is sponsoring Yamaguchi's visit to military commissaries.

Customers who purchase any Aloha Shoyu product during the skater's visit will receive a free autographed picture, or customers may bring one item of their own



Courtesy Photo

Kristi Yamaguchi gives her photographers a classic pose.

for Yamaguchi to sign.

The Defense Commissary Agency operates a worldwide chain of commissaries providing groceries to military personnel, retirees and their families in a safe and secure shopping environment.

Authorized patrons purchase items at cost, plus a five-percent surcharge, that covers the costs of building new commissaries and modernizing existing ones.

Shoppers save an average of 30 percent or more on their purchases at commissaries compared to commercial prices — savings worth about \$2,700 annually for a family of four.

A core military family support element, and a valued part of military pay and benefits, commissaries contribute to family readiness, enhance the quality of life for military and their families, and help recruit and retain the men and women to serve their country.

# Soldiers support Haleiwa Arts Festival

Story and Photo by  
Staff Sgt. Bradley Rhen  
Staff Writer

HALEIWA — Once again showing how the 25th Infantry Division (Light) is a good neighbor in the local community, Soldiers from Aviation Brigade volunteered to help with the Haleiwa Arts Festival held here last week.

More than 20 Soldiers helped set up in the days leading up to the festival, at July 23 and 24, and at the festival itself. Afterward several Soldiers returned to the park to help tear down and clean up.

Pfc. Justin Cate of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Aviation Brigade, volunteered Monday to help tear down tents and tables after the festival. Although the task at hand wasn't exactly what he would describe as "fun," he said it beat sitting in an office all day.

"Basically, I have an office job, which is why it's so good to be out here," he said, as a cool breeze blew in off Waialua Bay. "This is great; it's a lot better."

Pfc. Laura Bulford, a supply specialist with Company G, 58th Aviation Regiment, helped out a total of four days. She agreed with Cate, saying it was an easy job and beat sitting in her office.

"It was pretty laid back; it wasn't

hard labor," she said.

Joan Gosset, the festival coordinator, said she was thankful for all the Soldiers who helped out.

"They've all been fabulous. We couldn't have done it without them," she said. "What they did for us was absolutely fabulous, and I hope to God they can do it again next year."

Gossett said she had asked if it was at all possible to get two Soldiers to help on Saturday and Sunday during the actual festival; instead, she got four.

Soldiers impressed Thomas Cashman, a retired Army colonel and vice president of the festival council. He called them "self starters."

"They were very willing, they were very cheerful, they were glad to be here," he said. "Anything you asked of them, they did it."

"They really were a credit to the command and to the people up there," Cashman continued. "They were nice young men and women who worked very well and were very willing, and they seemed to enjoy it."

Now in its eighth year, the Haleiwa Arts Festival is designed to promote education and public awareness of arts and culture, with the emphasis on participation, for the betterment of the community.



Pfc. Erdulfo Cervantes (left), Company C, 2nd Battalion, 25th Aviation Regiment, and Pfc. Justin Cate, Headquarters and Headquarters Co., Avn. Bde., stack tables July 25 at Haleiwa Beach Park. Along with several other regiment Soldiers, they had donated their time to help at the Haleiwa Arts Festival.

## USE YOUR HEAD



## WEAR A HELMET



Courtesy of Soldiers magazine

## Photos wanted

*Soldiers* magazine is planning several special projects. However, the magazine needs photographs from amateur photographers to make these products as colorful and informative as possible.

Photos sent in must have been taken between August 2004 and August 2005. For images to be considered, they must arrive at *Soldiers* magazine no later than August 2005.

Send CDs and photo packages to *Soldiers* Magazine; 9325 Gunston Rd., Ste. S-108; Fort Belvoir, VA 22060-5581.

Contact special products editor Don Wagner at (703) 806-4504 (DSN 656) or by e-mail at [donald.wagner@belvoir.army.mil](mailto:donald.wagner@belvoir.army.mil).

# Army youth to compete in nationals

Story and Photo by  
Traci Milner  
*Morale, Welfare  
and Recreation*

HONOLULU — Andrea Hinkle appears to be an ordinary 11 year old who likes those stylish Bratz dolls, and enjoys braiding her friends' hair and participating in extracurricular activities. The reality is, though, she is no ordinary child.

She has accomplished something that no one else from the Army or other surrounding military communities has in recent years — seven to be exact.

Hinkle has managed to qualify for the 28th Hershey's Track and Field North American Games being held Aug. 4 through 7 in Hershey, Pa. There, she will represent the Hawaii region and compete in the 100-meter dash for girls ages 11 to 12.

Coach Joe Washington of Hawaii Roadrunners Club said Hinkle has an excellent opportunity to capture first place.

"..She qualified to go [at] 13.5 seconds, and last year's winner of the national competition [ran the race] at 13.8 seconds," the coach explained. "She's going in as 'top dog' already."



**Andrea Hinkle readies for a sprint in preparation for the 28th Hershey's Track and Field North American Games in Hershey, Pa., in August. Her dad, Sgt 1st Class Gregory Hinkle, is her biggest fan.**

Hinkle suffered a hairline fracture in her foot that prevented her from participating in athletic events for a full year. Washington said that he made Hinkle stop running during the recovery period and she wasn't too happy with his decision. Nonetheless, Hinkle credits all her coaches, family and friends as her motivators.

Proud father and assistant coach Sgt. 1st Class Gregory Hinkle is always about to boast about his daughter's accomplishments and to cheer her on. Coach Washington, on the other hand, lends tough motivation.

"If you do the best that you can, and believe that

you have done the best that you can, you are a winner no matter what place you take," Washington often emphasizes.

The Hershey's Track and Field Youth Program is the largest youth sports program of its kind in North America, and it has produced alumni including Olympic gold medalists Joanna Hayes and Justin Gatlin.

Should Hinkle win her event on Aug. 6, her twelfth birthday, she will have received a birthday gift beyond the reach of

most youth her age. Still, a first-place finish in the national sporting event will share the limelight with Hinkle's other achievements as a soccer, volleyball, basketball and saxophone player, as well as a community volunteer and honor roll student.

The future veterinarian said she is always looking for new experiences and challenge.

The Hawaii Roadrunners Club is a Child and Youth Services Program at Fort Shafter and Aliamanu Military Reservation.

Local  
Sports

JULY

29 / Today

**Aloha Stadium** — Watch top fighters compete tonight in the Fields K-1 World Grand Prix 2005, a mixed martial arts competition, at Aloha Stadium. K-1 fighters combine karate, kickboxing, tae kwon do and kung fu to pound their way to victory.

See Sumo legend Akebono square off against Korean K-1 champion Hong-man Choi and Renzo Gracie of the legendary Brazilian Jiu Jitsu family versus BJ Penn. Also featured is an eight-man super tournament of K-1's best.

Doors for this event open at 6:30 p.m. and the show will start at 8 p.m. Tickets range from \$35 to \$300, and are available on the Internet at [www.etickethawaii.com](http://www.etickethawaii.com) or call (800)-291-3999 for more information.

AUGUST

12 / Friday

**Hunter Education Classes** — The Hawaii Department of Land and

Natural Resources offers free outdoor recreation classes each month. Subjects covered include firearms and archery safety, survival and first aid, wildlife identification and conservation, rules and regulations, game care, and outdoor responsibility.

Attendance at all sessions is required for certification, and classes are held at the Nimitz Center and open to anyone 10 years of age and older.

Catch the next class on Aug. 12 from 5:45 to 10 p.m. and on Aug. 13 from 7:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. Picture identification is required to attend classes. For more information, call the Hunter Education Office at 587-0200.

20 / Saturday

**Schofield Junior Bowling League** — The fall season begins Aug. 20 at the Schofield Bowling Center. The league lasts 30 weeks and costs \$7 each session.

This league is open to bowlers under 22 years of age. All skill levels welcomed.

Costs include coaching for all levels, trophies, and Young American Bowling Alliance membership. Contact Phil Weyl at 623-3009 for registration information.



Spc. Juan Jimenez

## Eat dirt!

Walt Howell, a pitcher with 65th Engineer Battalion, tags out Thomas Rogers, a third baseman with the 725th Main Support Battalion, as he dives back to second base at Gimlet Field on Schofield Barracks, July 27. The engineers won the game, 15-7.

## Intramural Softball Standings

Unit	Wins	Loss	Pct.	Unit	Wins	Loss	Pct.
<b>East Division</b>				<b>South Division</b>			
407th MI	8	1	0.889	Co. A, 125th Sig.	7	2	0.778
HHC, 25th ID (L)	7	2	0.778	Trp. A, 3/4th Cav.	7	2	0.778
JAG	4	4	0.500	Co. C, 25th Avn.	7	3	0.700
40th QM	4	5	0.444	Co. D, 1st Bn., 25th Avn.	4	6	0.400
58th MP	3	5	0.375	Btry. C, 2nd Bn., 11th FA	2	6	0.250
HHC, 2nd Bde.	0	9	0.000	HHC, 125th Sig.	0	8	0.000
<b>West Division</b>				<b>Women's Division</b>			
Co. B, 65th Eng.	7	1	0.875	58th MP	8	0	1.000
Co. C, 725th MSB	7	1	0.875	3rd Bn., 7th FA	5	2	0.714
Co. B, 225th FSB	5	3	0.625	71st Chem.	5	3	0.625
556th PSB	3	5	0.375	TAMC	3	2	0.600
HQ & A, 725th MSB	2	6	0.250	225th FSB	1	8	0.111
HHC, 84th Eng.	0	8	0.000	205th MI	1	8	0.111
<b>North Division</b>				<b>Fort Shafter Division</b>			
HHC, 1st Bn., 14th Inf.	10	0	1.000	Med. Co. A, Tripler	11	0	1.000
Co. B, 1st Bn., 27th Inf.	7	3	0.700	HHD, 30th Sig.	9	1	0.900
Co. A, 1st Bn., 27th Inf.	4	6	0.400	39th MP	8	3	0.727
Btry. B, 3rd Bn., 7th FA.	4	6	0.400	29th Eng. Bn.	6	5	0.545
Co. C, 1st Bn., 27th Inf.	3	7	0.300	196th Inf.	3	6	0.333
Co. A, 1st Bn., 14th Inf.	2	8	0.200	9th RRC.	3	8	0.273
				USARPAC	2	10	0.167
				205th MI	1	10	0.091

(Standings are current as of July 22.)

## MWR Sports

JULY

**Muscle Moves** — This class is designed to tone your muscles using a variety of equipment, including bands, dumbbells, exercise balls and more. Classes are offered every Friday at the Schofield Barracks Health and Fitness Center at 11:45 a.m. Call 655-8007 for more details.

### 30 / Saturday

**Scuba Classes** — Scuba class provides individuals with an opportunity to earn their PADI certification during two weekends for \$175.

Instruction is held on Saturday and Sunday at various locations depending on class content and skills being taught. Call 655-0143 for more information.

## AUGUST

### 1 / Monday

**Step Classes** — A variety of step classes are offered at

the Schofield Barracks Health and Fitness Center, including the dynamic Multi-step Class held Mondays at 8:30 a.m., the Step and Ab Class held Mondays at 5 p.m., and the Step and Pump Class held Thursdays at 5 p.m. and Fridays at 8:30 a.m.

Classes are available to fit any individual's exercise regimen and goals, and they are held from Monday through Saturday. Call 655-8007 for more information.

### 2 / Tuesday

**Cardio Kickboxing** — Classes are on Tuesday and Thursday from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the Fort Shafter Gym. Cost is \$2 per class or \$11 for a 12-class punch card. Call 438-1152 for more information.

### 3 / Wednesday

**Hatha Yoga** — This traditional approach to yoga aids in relaxation and strengthening and lengthening muscles. Techniques can be modified based upon an individual's skill level.

Sessions will be held Wednesday at 5 p.m. and Saturdays at 8 a.m. at the Schofield Barracks Health and Fitness Center. Call 655-

8007 for more details.

### Cosmic Bowling

— Experience bowling with a twist. Lights are dimmed, upbeat music is turned on, and the room becomes illuminated in glowing lights.

This program runs every Wednesday at Wheeler Bowl. Cost is \$1.50 per game and \$1 for shoe rental. Call 656-1745 for more information.

### 6 / Saturday

**Hawaii Championship Wrestling** — The action is back at the Tropics. Pro wrestlers will face-off live from 7 to 10 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m.

Cost is \$5 for general admission, \$3 for 11-year-olds and under, and free for age 5 and under. Call 655-8522/0002 for more information.

### 4 / Thursday

**Group Cycling** — Participants can use stationary bikes and drills to workout during group cycling. With tension and resistance, individuals can simulate up and downhill climbs to provide challenging experiences.

Classes are every Thursday, as well as Tuesday and

Wednesday at various times. Call the Schofield Barracks Health and Fitness Center at 655-8007 for more details.

### 5 / Friday

**Na Koa Aina Golf Benefit** — This tournament will strive to make a difference in the lives of young Soldiers and their families. Interested participants must form a team of three, and submit an application by Aug. 5.

The tournament runs Aug. 12 with check-in starting at 9 a.m. Cost ranges from \$115 to \$135. Call 655-2400 for more information.



### 7 / Sunday

**Ladies Golf Clinic** — This free golf clinic will be held today at the Leilehua Golf Course located right outside the gate of Wheeler Army Air Field.

The clinic will last for one hour and will begin promptly

at 3:30 p.m.

All required equipment will be provided to participants and advance reservations are recommended. For more details or to reserve your space, call 655-4653.

### "5 Game, No Tap" Tournament

— Individuals are invited to participate in the "5 Game, No Tap" Tournament at the Schofield Bowling Center. Check-in starts at 1 p.m. and the cost is \$20. Call 655-0573 for more information.

### 9 / Tuesday

**Youth Flag Football Clinic** — Registration for the flag football clinic continues through Aug. 9. Beginners can learn about the sport and skilled players can work on their techniques.

Instruction—includes blocking, stance, receiving, flag grabbing and more. Clinic dates are Aug. 24 at the Aliamanu Military Reservation Field and Aug. 26 at the Bennett Youth Center Field located on Schofield Barracks.

Cost is \$12 and includes a T-shirt. Contact Army Youth Sports for more information.

**Youth Cheerleading and Flag Football** — The

cheerleading and flag football programs are open to youth born between 1989 and 2000. The season will run from Sept. 24 to Nov. 12, and registration ends Aug. 9.

Cost for cheerleading is \$60 per person, or \$20 if youth already have a uniform. Flag football is \$45 per person. Call your nearest Youth Sports Office for more details.

### 20 / Saturday

**Hawaii TV Bowling** — Join the finest local bowlers in this two-day tournament. Bowlers can compete in the Singles Event being held today or the Doubles Event being held on Sunday, Aug. 21. The latter event is a modified doubles event, which requires teams of either a regular bowler and a senior bowler or a regular bowler and a female bowler. Both events will be televised with a one-week delay on KWHE TV-14.

Cost is \$65 for advance registration or \$75 on the day of the tournament.

Individuals interested in participating can pick-up an application at Schofield Bowl or call 655-0573 for more information.