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## USAG-HI, 2SBCT get new commanders

Margotta assumes command of garrison

**JOHN REESE**

U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii, Public Affairs

A change of command ceremony for the U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii, took place here June 27 on Sills Field.

Col. Matthew Margotta assumed command from Col. Howard J. Killian. Killian will move to the U.S. Army Installation Management Command, Pacific Region, (IMCOM-Pacific) where he will serve as deputy director.

Margotta comes to the garrison after serving as the executive officer, chief of staff, to the United Nations Command, Combined Forces Command, U.S. Forces Ko-



Master Sgt. Charles Owens | 1101st Garrison Support Unit

rea and Commanding General, Eighth United States Army, Republic of Korea.

"I pledge to you that I will do my utmost to provide the best in leadership, management, service-

2nd Stryker Brigade welcomes newest "Warrior" commander

**SGT. 1ST CLASS CHRISTINA BHATTI**

U.S. Army, Pacific, Public Affairs

After 25 months of what Maj. Gen. William H. Brandenburg, commander, 8th Theater Support Command, described as a "world class performance," Col. Stefan J. Banach, commander, 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, relinquished command to Col. Todd B. McCaffrey in a ceremony on Sills Field, June 27.

"I had a hard time taking the colors from (Col.) Banach," said Brandenburg about the ceremonial passing of the brigade's colors. "But it was no surprise that he did not want to let them go."

Brandenburg described Banach's tenure as a success, but filled with adversity. "He had a simple mission statement, but the mission was not easy to accomplish," he said.

Banach's mission was to transform the 2nd Brigade into the Army's fifth Stryker Brigade Combat Team.

Though Banach faced many challenges in his mission, he said his time in the Stryker Brigade was "the best in my military career."

"I am humbled to have been in these ranks the last two years," Banach said.

Banach spoke about his many accomplishments, as well as the officers, noncommissioned officers and Soldiers in the unit.

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A 3rd Brigade judge advocate fights to help an old but faltering judicial system get back on its feet in Kirkuk, Iraq

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Attend an ACS employment orientation and get information on federal, state, private sector and staffing agencies. Workshops are scheduled today and July 9 & 25.

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### Hikers unite!

Join the Hawaiian Trail & Mountain club on its next hiking adventure. Upcoming hikes will occur in Waianae & Aiea.

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### Peace powwow

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Sgt. 1st Class Jason Shepherd | U.S. Army, Pacific, Public Affairs

### Secretary's visit

Acting Secretary of the Army Pete Geren listens to questions from the audience during a town hall meeting Monday at the Schofield Barracks Nehelani Banquet and Conference Center. Geren answered numerous questions on deployments, quality of life issues, and Army programs during his hourlong visit.

## 25th CAB names Soldier, NCO of the Year

Story and Photo by **SPC. BRYANNA POULIN**  
25th Combat Aviation Brigade Public Affairs

TIKRIT, Iraq – Armed with detailed instructions, six Soldiers stood together as they prepared themselves for the Army Physical Fitness Test (APFT), an event that is quite familiar to Soldiers.

Beginning June 21, previous winners of noncommissioned officer (NCO) and Soldier trimester boards assembled to compete for the 25th Combat Aviation Brigade NCO/Soldier of the Year rotation board.

"Today's competition was comprised of each winner from one of the previous trimester boards," said Command Sgt. Maj. Roger Kingston, command sergeant major of 25th Combat Aviation Brigade. "These Soldiers have set themselves apart from their peers, proving that even in a deployed environment, they seek more responsibility."

The two-day competition kicked off with the APFT, an event that tests Soldiers' strength and endurance with push-ups, sit-ups and a two-mile run.

"The APFT is an overall evaluation of the complete Soldier," Kingston said. "The [test represents] the overall physical fitness of a Soldier and their physical ability ... the total warrior package."

Following the APFT was the M16 qualification, an event where Soldiers zeroed their assigned

### 25th CAB NCO/Soldier of the Year:

Staff Sgt. Terry C. Ruppe,  
2-6th Cav. Regt.

Spc. Kenneth A. Moore,  
2-25th Aviation Regt.

weapons and hit as many targets as possible out of 40 shots.

"The most difficult part of the range was firing in the kneeling position ... but I gave it my all," said Spc. Nathan C. Wishard, 1st Squadron, 82nd Reconnaissance Battalion.

"The range is the event that usually separates 1st and 2nd place," said Kingston. "Firing weapons is Soldiers' bread and butter ... it's a perishable skill that must be tested to determine the Soldier's overall efficiency."

The next part of the two-day event was common task testing (CIT), which consisted of an array of tasks from preparing a vehicle for a convoy to evaluating a casualty.

"Taken from the warrior task manual, the CIT portion plays a significant role for Soldiers in a combat environment, as it applies to the everyday life of deployed Soldiers," Kingston noted. "[These are] combat skills every Soldier should have and be proficient [in] as well."

Wrapping up day one, the two-

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## Army's medical hot line serves Soldiers and families in need

Story and Photo by **GERRY J. GILMORE**  
Army News Service

WASHINGTON – The Army's three-month-old "Wounded Soldier and Family Hot line," established March 19, has already fielded thousands of calls from Soldiers and concerned family members, officials said here, June 25.

The hot line was created by the Army's senior leadership in the wake of a series of news reports in February that revealed shortcomings in patient care at Walter Reed Army Medical Center here.

The hot line center is managed and operated by U.S. Army Human Resources Command, said Col. Edward Mason, the hot line's director.

"The Army cares about Soldiers and families, and we're going to take care of Soldiers and families," Mason said. "We're going to ensure that those Soldiers and family members have every single medical resource available in the United States Army."

Fifty-two percent of almost 1,000 issues generated by nearly 3,500 calls received by the hot line since its inception have involved medical issues, Mason said. The issues are broken down into medical, finance, legal and other categories, he said.

The Army's Wounded Soldier and Family Hot line can be accessed at (800) 984-8523.

"One phone call could have no issues, or one phone call could have five issues," Mason explained. The ones without issues usually are just requests for information, he added, such as phone numbers for other organizations.

Military veterans have raised 28 percent of the issues on the hot line, Mason said, noting the veterans have been happy to receive call-backs from U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs officials.

The hot line's purpose isn't to circumvent the chain of command, said call center



Vanessa Bradchulis, a customer care representative at the "Wounded Soldier and Family Hot Line" center in Alexandria, Va., often receives calls from fathers or mothers inquiring about the medical status of their wounded sons or daughters.

deputy director Col. Robert Clark. However, the hot line reflects the Army's determination to address and resolve Soldiers' medical issues as rapidly as possible, he said.

Some hot line calls come from frustrated people who need someone to listen to their concerns, Clark said, noting there are "individuals out there who maybe didn't get quite what they deserved. And, by calling us, we're going to make sure that they do," Clark emphasized. Providing follow-up on customers' inquiries is a key component of the hot line's mission, he said.

The hot line operation recently gained new office space in Alexandria, Va., and updated equipment, said call-center manager Jimmie Cotton.

"I love these facilities; there's a lot more open space," said Cotton, who has worked at the hot line operation since April. He said the Soldiers, government civilians and contractors who make up the center's 100-person

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# Hawaii's students have high standards

ARMY SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICE  
News Release

Testing has become a crucial tool in determining whether states are making academic progress. Under the 2002 No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB), all states must test students in grades three through eight, and once in high school, with the requirement that every student be proficient by 2014.

However, the law allows states to set their own standards, develop their own tests, and decide what test scores constitute proficiency. Proficiency can vary widely, and Hawaii is one of the more demanding states.

For example, the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) test requires that fourth graders who take the NAEP reading test score at least a 238 to be considered proficient. Each state defines proficiency at different rates, ranging from 234 in Massachusetts to 161 in Mississippi. Hawaii students have to score 205 – 11th highest out of 32 states surveyed.

For math, fourth graders have to score 249 on the NAEP test. Score equivalents range from a high of 278 in Wyoming to a low of 217 in North Carolina. Hawaii's requirement is 247 – the third toughest score out of 33 states counted.

Eighth graders who take the NAEP math test have to score a 299 to be considered proficient. Only three states – Missouri (311), South Carolina (305), and Massachusetts (301) – demand a higher standard. Hawaii's requires a score of 296 – fourth highest out of 36 states surveyed.

Out of 34 states, Hawaii's has the sixth toughest requirement for eighth grade reading analysis. Hawaii's requirement is 262; the NAEP requirement is 281.

Few states meet the national standard for proficiency. Some states and independent experts say it's not valid to compare scores on federal and state tests. Also, because state tests determine whether schools make adequate progress, teachers and students are far more focused on testing rather than on learning.

Hawaii teachers support the intent of the No Child Left Behind Act, to ensure that all children achieve in school. However, the Hawaii State Teachers' Association recommends a shift in NCLB focus from basing school accountability solely on test scores to developing a research based school accountability formula that considers a variety of measures such as: high school graduation and attendance rates, the percentage of students who participate in rigorous coursework, and increased creativity allowed for working with students with disabilities or those who use English as a second language. The association also encourages adding a reward system to recognize progress.

The No Child Left Behind Act is coming up for congressional reauthorization this year. It will be interesting to see if any key sections are significantly modified.

For a detailed history of Hawaii's results from NAEP testing, visit: <http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/> states.

*(Editor's Note: The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP, 2005), "No Child law still leaves behind many kids," Honolulu Advertiser, Island Voices, by Rodgers Takebayshi, May 14, 2007; and an article written by U.S. Education Secretary Margaret Spellings were sources for this article.)*

# Vigilance key to protecting identity

JESSE K. KALEIKINI  
Directorate of Emergency Services

Who's in your wallet? Though it's a scary thought, it may very well be thieves have their hands in there. A few years ago, identity theft was a relatively obscure crime, now it's one of the fastest growing crimes in America.

Identity theft can go initially undetected and cause severe financial damage. In many cases victims are not aware of the crime until they review their credit report, a credit card or bank statement, and notice transactions they didn't make. Other times, they are contacted by a debt collector.

Here are a few ways thieves can steal your identity and tips to help prevent it from happening. However, while these tips are designed to prevent identity theft, even the most scrupulous person incurs some risk.

**Dumpster diving.** Thieves rummage through trash looking for bills or other papers with your personal information.

**Prevention** – If a document has your social security, bank account, credit card, or any other identifying number on it, remember to shred it before you trash it.

**Skimming.** The process in which a device is used to copy the magnetic stripe encoding off of a card. An employee will swipe your card once at the point of sale terminal, and a second time in a card reader device designed to capture the electronic data on

your card.

**Prevention** – Don't let your credit card or debit card out of sight when you are conducting a transaction, and don't let it be swiped twice. As soon as the transaction is complete, remember to take your card and the transaction record with you. Check your transaction records against your financial statements regularly. Look for physical alterations on ATM or debit card machines. At ATM machines, a card reader is placed on either the ATM itself or the entrance door to the ATM. Hidden cameras are strategically placed to capture you entering your personal identification number (PIN).

**Shoulder surfing.** A "shoulder-surfing" identity thief can stand next you and memorize your confidential information as you enter your PIN number or write a check. They can also use cell phone cameras.

**Prevention** – When entering your PIN on an ATM or a debit card machine, use your hand or your body to prevent people from looking over your shoulder while you type. Change your PIN number frequently.

**Phishing.** The act of sending an e-mail to a user falsely claiming to be an established legitimate enterprise, in an attempt to scam the user into surrendering private information that will be used for identity theft.

**Prevention** – Install security and scanning software onto your

computer. Never disclose personal information in response to an email. When giving personal information over a Web site, check to make sure that



is secure. Look at the first part of the web address in your browser. It should read https:// (Hypertext Transfer Protocol Secure) and not http:// (Hyper Text Transfer Protocol). Do not use your name, date of birth, address, or any other personal information for passwords.

**Mail theft.** Mail, including bank and credit card statements, pre-approved credit offers, and new checks or tax information.

**Prevention** – Don't leave outgoing mail in an unsecured location. Deposit mail in U.S. Postal Service collection boxes. Don't leave mail in your mailbox overnight or on weekends. Have your mail held at the post office while you're out of town. Get a mailbox that locks.

**Pretexting.** The practice of getting your personal information under false pretenses. Pre-

texters sell your information to people who may use it to get credit in your name, to steal your assets, or to investigate or sue you.

**Prevention** – Don't give out your financial or personal information over the phone or Internet, unless you have initiated the contact or know for certain with whom you are dealing.

**Change of address.** When your mail is diverted to another location by completing a change of address form.

**Prevention** – Stay alert, if you fail to receive bills or other mail. Follow up with creditors if your bills don't arrive on time. A missing bill could mean an identity thief has taken over your account and changed your billing address to cover his tracks.

The best way to prevent identity theft is to monitor your accounts and bank statements each month, and check your credit report on a regular basis. If you check your credit report regularly, you may be able to limit the damage caused by identity theft.

Should you ever become a victim, contact your banks and credit card issuers, the three major credit bureaus; file a police report, and file a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission.



# Upcoming Changes in Command

The 25th Infantry Division and U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii community is invited to attend several changes of command ceremonies taking place this month.

The change of command ceremony is a time-honored tradition that formally symbolizes the continuity of authority when a command is passed from one commander to another.

Local ceremonies will be preceded by an awards ceremony, 30 minutes prior to the change of command ceremony. Point of contact for more details is Sgt. Maj. Robert Pittman, 655-0283 (unless otherwise noted). The following ceremonies will be held at

Sills Field, Schofield Barracks, unless otherwise noted.

- Today, 10 a.m., 516th Signal Brigade. Col Edric A. Kirkman passes command to Col. Bruce T. Crawford at Fort Shafter's historic Palm Circle, with reception and refreshments following at the Palm Circle Gazebo. (POC is Bill McPherson, 438-8264.)
- July 10, 10 a.m., 29th Engineer Battalion. Lt. Col. Christopher Benson passes command to Lt. Col. Scott Petersen at a re-flagging ceremony at Fort Shafter's Palm Circle. (POC is Capt. Jeffrey Soderling, 655-9633.)

- July 12, 10:30 a.m., United States Army Garrison, Pohakuloa. Lt. Col. Kimberly A. Rapacz passes command to Lt. Col. Warline S. Richardson at Pohakuloa Training Area, Building P-95. (POC is Robert Misajon, 969-2406.)
- July 18, 10 a.m., 94th Army Air and Missile Defense Command. Brig. Gen. John E. Seward passes command to Brig. Gen. Roger F. Mathews at Fort Shafter's historic Palm Circle. (POC is Capt. Jasmin Cho, 438-2847.)
- July 31, 10 a.m., 45th Sustainment Brigade. Col. Michael T. McBride passes command to Col. Clay B. Hatcher.

## LIGHTNING SPIRIT

# Some of the loudest messages come as silence

I dropped off my vehicle today for shipment to the mainland. One of the things that struck me while I was waiting was the level of sound in the processing center. At times, I could not hear the names that were called out because of the music that was blaring. It was a relief to get my processing done and leave.

Much of what we experience today is loud music, bright lights and chaos. Therefore, I would like to revisit an article that I wrote some time ago that pretty much encapsulates the call to quiet in our lives.

Once a fearless prophet, Elijah is cringing from dread of the brutal Queen, Jezebel. He runs away from Israel and returns to Mount Horeb (another name for Mount Sinai) in Egypt. He is looking for guidance from God. Elijah hides in a cave and waits for a manifestation like that shown to the Israelites under Moses.

A storm with thunder and lightning shakes the mountain. God does not appear in this violence. Instead, he makes his presence known in silence. He affects Elijah's conscience as a "tiny whispering sound" or "sound of sheer si-

lence." We need to find God in quiet meditation.

We live in a noisy, hustle-bustle world. The idea of silence is antithetical and alien to the modern lifestyle. This is the era of boomboxes, iPods and 75-decibel-plus sound volume.

We deal with stress in our lives by turning the volume up, putting on the headphones, and shutting out the world. This has become the norm, but at what cost?

In many families both parents work and very seldom get quality time together. Families seldom eat together any more. Many families exist on fast food, consumed in front of the TV. We don't take the time to listen, to communicate, or to get to know one another.

Families are internally alienated. We don't know how to communicate, and certainly we don't or never have known how to listen. If we can't communicate and listen at a human level, then how are we supposed to lis-

ten to God?

According to scripture, God acquired St. Paul's attention by knocking him off of a horse. St. Francis of Assisi, was likewise knocked off his horse and forced to live in silence in a hospital ward for almost a year. Elijah was apparently caught in a storm or earthquake that left no doubt in his mind that God was calling.

God's call remains, even amid the noise and chaos of our modern world. It is only after the storm – and once God has our attention – that the real dialogue can begin. The only way we can discern God's call in our life is to descend into that quiet space.

The great thinkers and fathers of the church went into the desert to get in touch with that "tiny whispering sound." We certainly can't think, and certainly can't communicate unless we make a concerted effort to find that quiet space.

The quiet time with God, is that time we need to refocus, recharge, and recommit ourselves. The tiny whispers are our call to greatness, to fulfillment, and to happiness. God is speaking, all we have to do is listen, really listen. Pax Et Bonum!

**CHAPLAIN (MAJ.) RICHARD J. BENDORF**  
U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii, Senior Catholic Priest



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## We want to hear from you...

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

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

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# 235 days since last fatal accident

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

A division training holiday will be awarded for the next 100 consecutive days with no accidental fatalities. Current as of 7/4/07.

# Voices of Lightning: What is your favorite July 4th moment?



"I always enjoy the barbecue and family time."

1st Lt. Juliana Beggerstaff  
29th Eng. Bn.  
Executive Officer



"Celebrating a day off of work."

Chloe Gibbs  
Family member



"A whole neighborhood coming together for a spontaneous shindig."

Sgt. Cianan Herring  
205th MI Bn.  
Interrogator



"The fireworks display at the Washington Monument."

Spc. Nebye Kahssai  
205th MI Bn.  
Training Staff



"My daughter crawling on the top of my head because she was scared of the fireworks."

Sgt. 1st Class Keith Roach  
8th TSC  
Operator

# Soldiers help to legitimize Iraq's legal system



**SPC. MIKE ALBERTS**

3rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team Public Affairs

KIRKUK, Iraq — Capt. Duane Kees unloaded chickens as a member of his high school's Future Farmers of America club. Growing up, he worked the sun-drenched oil fields of southern Arkansas. He's no stranger to rolling up his shirtsleeves to get a job done — a quality that is serving him well during his mission as a Soldier in northern Iraq.

A brigade judge advocate, 3rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team (3IBCT), 25th Infantry Division, Kees is currently working to instill integrity and legitimacy into a legal system weathered by decades of neglect and distrust here.

Kees was born in Little Rock, Ark., and raised in Pine Bluff, Ark. He is the prosecuting attorney on criminal and administrative matters for 3IBCT, and advises commanders at all levels on a variety of legal issues. While deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Kees is one of the brigade's legal experts in areas unique to a war zone.

"I'm constantly giving legal assistance to commanders and Soldiers on all variety of things out here," explained Kees. "At war, there is an operational aspect of our work that is unique to being deployed. We provide training, teaching and advice on things like the rules of engagement, es-

calation of force, and the law of armed conflict."

Perhaps most challenging for Kees, however, is his additional responsibility of bringing legitimacy to a dysfunctional legal system. Kees is one of dozens of attorneys country-wide who are involved in helping to improve Iraq's "rule of law."

"Iraq has a foundation for the 'rule of law' as it's called," said Kees. "It has a codified judicial system and a legislature and government based on that system. Yet, through the Saddam era, the country lost it, didn't abide by it and strayed from it when it was in their best interest to do so. We're trying to help Iraqi citizens have faith again in their laws by improving a legal system that can be trusted."

Kees works to provide more accountability in the region's detainee operations, evaluates infrastructure needs like courthouses and jails, and speaks with judges to offer operational recommendations. That said, Kees often works more by "feel" and instinct than he's accustomed.

"When I practiced law in Arkansas and Hawaii, there was always a book that provided guidance. Out here, there's no book on how to help bestow dignity to a people's legal system, a system that's foreign to me. Out here, at times it's like I'm playing chess in the dark," he said.

Although he might not know for certain whether he's making the right move on



Sgt. Maurice Smith | 3rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team Public Affairs

Capt. Duane Kees, left, brigade judge advocate, 3rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, instructs Soldiers on combat rules of engagement at Forward Operating Base, Warrior, Kirkuk, Iraq.

occasion, in those moments Kees relies on "gut instinct" and with confidence that he's been taught by the best and raised and educated well.

Growing up in Arkansas, Kees' parents emphasized learning. His mother holds two master's degrees and works as a librarian at Watson Chapel in Pine Bluff, Ark. His father is the superintendent of the White Hall School District, also in Pine

Bluff.

Kees himself excelled academically, first while a high schooler in small town Stevens, Ark., and later at the University of Arkansas, which he attended on an academic scholarship. From there, all it took was a little back-breaking work in the oil fields of southern Arkansas to push the future Army lawyer to law school, which Kees also attended in his home state, the

University of Arkansas School of Law.

Of course, Kees understands that the war on terror will not be resolved by his efforts or those of his legal colleagues, but legitimizing the rule of law in Iraq will be a cornerstone of a better future for Iraq's citizens.

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*Capt. Duane Kees  
Brigade Judge Advocate,  
3rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team*

"Often, a stable society comes down to the court system," Kees said. "Laws are no good if you can't enforce them. ... if you can't apply them. ... if you cannot interpret them. All that is accomplished by the rule of law," he said.

"If [citizens] don't view [their] court system as legitimate, you can have the most honorable judge. But if he is not seen as such, if the system isn't viewed as fair, you really don't have much."



Sgt. Liliana J. Soto, 209th Aviation Support Battalion, 25th Combat Aviation Brigade, fires her M16 weapon during a weapons qualification event in the 25th CAB's Soldier of the Year competition.

## CAB: Excellence rewarded

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groups of Soldiers took a written exam, covering areas such as communication, the Soldier's and NCO creeds, and the Operation Iraqi Freedom uniform, which was devised from the 25th CAB NCO handbook.

"The written exam concluded day one because it shows the Soldier is well-rounded," said Kingston. "In the Army, we have great garrison Soldiers and great

tactical Soldiers ... these Soldiers have to be excellent in both realms, with the focus right now being tactical."

To conclude the rotational board on day two, Soldiers appeared before a formal board of command sergeants major to test their military bearing and appearance.

"The board is the finale of the two day events," Kingston said. "It confirms day one and shows who the best Soldiers are."

## Hot line: Help is available

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staff work three shifts to provide around-the-clock service.

Vanessa Bradchulis, one of the hot line's customer care representatives, is a 30-year-old former Army medic and an Iraq war veteran. Bradchulis said she often receives calls from fathers or mothers inquiring about the medical status of their wounded sons or daughters.

"My medical experience has come in handy," said Bradchulis, a contractor at the center who served in Iraq in 2003. A Soldiers'

mother called her, she recalled, asking about her son, who'd been wounded in Iraq and was being treated at an Army hospital in Germany.

"She was trying to get in touch with the proper medical authorities," Bradchulis said, noting the mother just wanted to speak to a doctor to determine just how her son was doing.

"We put her in touch with the people who could find that out for her," Bradchulis said.

*(Editor's Note: Gerry J. Gilmore writes for the American Forces Press Service.)*

# News Briefs

Send calendar announcements to [community@hawaiiarmyweekly.com](mailto:community@hawaiiarmyweekly.com).

## July

**Gate Hours** — The following changes to Schofield barracks and Wheeler Army Airfield gate operations took effect June 30:

- Lyman Gate is open for general traffic. Commercial traffic and vehicles not registered on post must use this gate to enter Schofield Barracks.
- Commercial traffic and vehicles not registered on post that wish to enter Wheeler Army Air Field must use the Kawamura Gate.
- McNair and Kunia gates are open from 5:30 a.m.–9:30 p.m. for in and outbound traffic.
- Macomb Gate remains closed.
- Foote Gate remains open around the clock for inbound and outbound traffic.

**Traditional Healer Support Group** — Leimomi Stender-Jenkins, a Native Hawaiian Haku Hoo-ponopono, (traditional healer) and military parent, hosts a free support group for members of the armed services who have deployed to Iraq or Afghanistan and wish to share experiences and talk story.

The group meets at Leeward Community College Language Arts Building, Room 229 each Monday evening from 6–8 p.m. E-mail Stender-Jenkins at [lstenderjenkins@yahoo.com](mailto:lstenderjenkins@yahoo.com).

### 17 / Tuesday

**DAPS Open House** — Document Automation and Production Service (DAPS) will host an open house, Tuesday, July 17, 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. in Schofield Barracks Building 2038. DAPS will exhibit its extensive portfolio of document and digital transformation services. Contact Nanette Tamura at 473-4457 or e-mail [nanette.tamura@dla.mil](mailto:nanette.tamura@dla.mil).

### 18 / Wednesday

**Fort Shafter PX Market Meeting** — The next meeting for the Oahu South Community is scheduled July 18 from 10–11 a.m. at the Aloha Center, Fort Shafter, Building S-330, Conference Room #201.

The PX Market Meeting is held on a quarterly basis, so that all tenants on Fort Shafter can receive information and address their concerns. Call Mary Ann Scott at 438-6996 for more details.

**GSA Vendor Fair** — General Services Administration (GSA) is sponsoring a free training and vendor fair Wednesday, July 18 at Pearl Harbor Naval Station's The Banyans from 7:30 a.m.– 2:30 p.m. This event is free to all military and federal agencies. Forty vendors will exhibit items relating to information technology, furniture, tools and hardware and environmental services.

Contact Cynthia McKeague at 541-2770.

**Family Deployment Night** — Enjoy fellowship and fun at Family Deployment Night the third Wednesday of every month at 5:30 p.m., Schofield Barracks' Main Post Chapel. Also at the Main Post Chapel, the Spouse Support Group will begin its weekly meetings starting July 18, also at 5:30 p.m. Call Chaplain (Maj.) Scott Kennedy at 656-1384.

### 26 / Thursday

**Quarterly Retirement Ceremony** — Come say mahalo to warriors for their patriotic service at the Quarterly Retirement Ceremony, July 26, 2 p.m., at the Schofield Barracks Nehelani Banquet and Conference Center.

# USAG-HI: Margotta leads

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es, training and support that I and the members of the garrison team can," said Margotta, addressing the Soldiers and guests. "You deserve and should expect nothing less."

Margotta, an infantry officer with 23 years of service, is a 1984 graduate of the University of California, Santa Barbara. He is a graduate of Airborne School, Infantry Officer Advance Course, Ranger School, Joint Firepower Control Course, Training Development Course, Command and General Staff College and Senior Service College Fellowship at University of Texas-Austin.

Margotta's military decorations include the Bronze Star, Legion of Merit, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Saudi Arabia Kuwait Liberation Medal, Kuwait Liberation Medal, Combat Infantryman's Badge, Expert Infantryman's Badge, Parachutist Badge, Ranger Tab, German Para-

chute Wings, and Canadian Parachute Wings.

Margotta is married to the former Theresa Boroski of Copperas Cove, Texas, and they have two boys, Chad and Chance. Margotta enjoys golfing, coaching youth baseball, and is an avid sports fan.

"Col. Killian may best be known for his work in expertly guiding the command through challenging times when confronted with environmental and cultural issues," said Debra D. Zedalis, director, IMCOM-Pacific. "He was always at the forefront in effectively communicating the Army's sensitivity to local concerns."

"Any change of command is a bittersweet event. Three years is an awful long time, but it's also very brief," Killian said. "I leave here with mixed emotions. I've given this my full effort; hopefully I've done a good job by all the Soldiers and their families here in providing a quality of life that they deserve."



Sgt. Angela Gilmore | U.S. Army, Pacific, Public Affairs

Left to right — Col. Stefan J. Banach, former commander, 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, Maj. Gen. William H. Brandenburg, commander, 8th Theater Support Command and Col. Todd B. McCaffrey, commander, 2nd SBCT salute the colors at Sills Field during the 2nd SBCT change of command, June 27.

# Stryker: McCaffrey heads 'Warriors'

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He went on to thank his family and friends, as well as the family members of the unit, for their support and assured them he is leaving the unit in the "able hands of (Col.) McCaffrey."

Those able hands have commanded and been part of another Stryker unit and helped develop Stryker training. McCaffrey joins the 2nd Brigade Warriors from I Corps, Fort Lewis, Wash. He served as a special assistant to the

commanding general with focus on Stryker Brigade training and leader development initiatives. He also commanded the 1st Battalion, 5th Infantry Regiment (Stryker Brigade Combat Team), Fort Lewis, Wash., for 41 months.

"I am happy to be back in Hawaii, and I look forward to leading these Soldiers," McCaffrey said.

McCaffrey will lead the Warriors on their deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom later this year.

# PAU HANA

## POWWOW brings cultures together

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

HONOLULU — The soft beat of a drum and the smell of sage filled Kapiolani Park Saturday and Sunday for the annual Waikiki Beach powwow event hosted by the Native American group Sacred Island Soul. The event featured native dancing, audience participation dancing, singing, art and crafts, Native American food and drumming.

A powwow is a Native American tradition in which numerous cultures gather for a celebration.

The event began Saturday with the "grand entry" and the presentation of flags to honor all branches of the military ohana. Native American and Army veteran Kailliata Axe carried the American flag as other Native Americans followed. Drummers pounded on the drum and filled the air with a song as dancers entertained the crowd and spread the word of peace to those in attendance.

Master of ceremonies Edward Benton Benai, known as Bawdwaywidun Banaise in his own language, followed the grand entry with a prayer asking for guidance and protection of the military ohana currently serving in Iraq.

"I ask the creator to protect them," said Benai. "The flags are a reminder that we are all one nation."

Benai is a full-blooded Wisconsin Ojibway of the Fish Clan and a spiritual teacher of the Lac Courte Oreilles Band of the Ojibway Tribe.

Axe, a native Cherokee who is an active member of the Warrior Circle, a Native American group designed to promote the cultures and traditions of each tribe, often participates in the tradition of the powwow.

"It reminds me we are all a part of the same family," said Axe. "No matter where you are in the world, we are close and all near the heart and spirit of the creator."

Axe explained the tradition of the Native American powwow is intended to welcome all cultures with open arms and pray for those who have served us in the past.

"This is a chance to bring people together," said Axe. "We celebrate our differences."

Currently, three-quarters of Warrior Circle's 75 active members are part of the military ohana. Twenty-five percent of those members are serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"We ask the creator to protect them and let them know they are not alone," said Axe.

As the day continued, the Kong's Siu Lum Pa'i Kung Fu Association performed Chinese kung fu moves and the Hawaiian Native dancers from the Na Lei Nani O Waiialua School of dance entertained the crowd with a traditional Hawaiian hula. Sean Tiwanak provided ukulele music, and the crowd danced to the musical performance of Buckz Boyz.

Native American songs and dances resumed at the closing ceremony to end the day.

Sacred Island Soul, a nonprofit corporation whose mission is to serve the needs of Hawaii's homeless families and underprivileged children, hosted the Waikiki Beach powwow. Sacred Treasure and Giant Solar Angel Electric sponsored the event.

American Indian Powwow Association will host the 33rd annual Intertribal Powwow honoring our nation's veterans, Oct. 6 and 7 at Thomas Square, Honolulu. The event will start at 10 a.m. with celebrations lasting until 5 p.m., and feature American Indian arts and crafts, food, drumming and singing.



Dr. David Bevet performs a Native American dance during the powwow. Bevet wore the traditional Native American wardrobe in honor of his heritage.



Little Bird follows the elders in a Native American dance. Native Americans and other cultures danced and chanted to honor their cultures and promote peace during the powwow, June 30 and July 1.



Above — Kimo Carpenter performs a Native American dance during the opening ceremony of the powwow. The powwow celebrated cultural differences and brought all walks of life together.

Below, left — Kaniteli Guttenball of Lahaina, Maui, chisels wood to create a tiki statue. Native American arts and crafts filled the grounds of Kapiolani Park, June 30 and July 1.

Below, center — Hundreds of spectators gathered at Kapiolani Park to celebrate Native American traditions and culture during the two-day powwow event.





**6/Today**

**Summer Reading Program** — Register now at any post library for this year's Summer Reading Program, which runs through July 12. Children must read at least one book per week to receive a prize. Bungle the Clown will perform July 10 at Fort Shafter Library, July 11 at Sgt Yano Library and July 12 at Aliamanu Military Reservation (AMR) Library. All performances will occur at 3 p.m.

For more information and event schedules, call 655-8002 (Sgt. Yano), 438-9521 (Fort Shafter), or 833-4851 (AMR).

**Dress the Dog** — Buy six 1/2 or 1/4 pound hotdogs and get a free 1/4 lb. hot-dog compliments of MWR now through September. The deal is available on Fort Shafter at the Hale Ikena (438-1974) or Fort Shafter Bowling Center (438-6733), or on Schofield Barracks at the Kolekole Bar & Grill (655-4466).

**9/Monday**

**Baby Sign Language** — Free baby sign language classes will be held July 9-12 from 6-7 p.m., at the Porter Community Center, 1301 McCormack Road, Schofield Barracks. For information, call the Porter Community Center at 655-9818.

**10/Tuesday**

**Free Babysitting Classes** — Child and Youth Services (CYS) is offering babysitting classes for youths ages 11 1/2 years old and older, at Schofield Barracks July 10 and at Aliamanu Military Reservation (AMR) July 11, from 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Call CYS at 655-9818.

**13/Friday**

**Texas Hold 'Em Tournament** — Put on your best poker face and participate in a free Texas Hold 'Em Tournament at the Tropics at Schofield Barracks, July 13 from 6-10 p.m. Players must be seated by 5:45 p.m. For more information, call 655-5697. Only the first 120 people will have the opportunity to play.

**14/Saturday**

**Auto Show** — See unmodified and modified cars, trucks, SUV/4x4, motorcycles, & hoopy cars on display at the Auto Show July 14 at the Tropics Community Activity Center parking lot, at Schofield Barracks. Cost is \$20 per vehicle per class. For entry forms, call Spc. Murphy 655-6954. For the Tropics, call 655-0002.

**Blue Star Card Beach Trip** — Families



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**Patriots afoot**

More than 200 runners began the Fourth of July by participating in a 5K run near Schofield Barracks Sills Field. A children's one-mile fun run followed the 5K race. Members of the military ohana celebrated Independence Day with activities for the whole family, including rides, games, musical entertainment, arts and crafts and an array of tasty treats. The traditional fireworks display punctuated the evening while the National Guard Band provided musical accompaniment.

of deployed Soldiers are invited to a trip to the Hale Koa Hotel, in Waikiki, July 14, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Enjoy free transportation to the Hale Koa pool and beach and spend time with other Blue Star Card families. Bring a lunch or dine at one of the Hale Koa snack bars or restaurants. The bus will leave from the Kaala Recreation Center at 10 a.m.

Call 438-2911 or email sarah.r.horrigan@us.army.mil to sign up. The deadline to sign up is July 9.

**Hawaii Championship Wrestling** — Wrestling returns to the Tropics at Schofield Barracks Saturday, July 14, from 7-10 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m. Tickets cost is \$5 for ages 12 and over, \$3 for 11 and under, and free for 5 and under. Call 655-5697.

**20/Friday**

**Back 2 School Dance** — Aliamanu Military Reservation Teen Center is sponsoring a dance to kick off the new school year from 7-11:30 p.m. Call 833-0902.

**Ongoing**

**Little Ninja Classes** — Parents or guardians, bring your 3-5-year-olds to Child and Youth Services (CYS) so they can learn basic Tae Kwon Do skills. Children will improve motor and communication skills, learn to focus, and build confidence and socialization skills. Children must be enrolled in Schools of

Knowledge, Inspiration, Exploration and Skills (SKIES) or be a current member of CYS. Register at the CYS Office, 556 Heard St. Call SKIES at 655-9818 or CYS at 655-380.

**Gymboree** — SKIESUnlimited, in partnership with Army Hawaii Family Housing, is offering Gymboree to children 6 months-5 years old. These classes will help children build strong motor skills, social skills and self-esteem — all the ingredients they need to grow into confident, happy, successful people. Classes are held the first four Wednesdays of each month. Call CYS at 655-9818.

**Auto Detailing** — The Schofield Barracks Auto Skills Center is offering a new auto detailing service for a limited time. To make an appointment or to find out more information, call 655-9368.

**Hawaiian Luau Lunch Buffet** — Enjoy the "ono" taste of a traditional Hawaiian-style feast, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Hale Ikena, Fort Shafter, or 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Schofield Barracks Nehelani. Cost is \$9.95 per person.

Call the Hale Ikena (438-1974) or the Nehelani (655-4466) for lunch buffet reservations or more information.

**New MWR Calendar Feature** — Visit the Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Web site, www.mwrarmyhawaii.com, and check out the new calendar feature, which allows users to view the calendar

by day, week or month, in a list or tabular format.

Other features allow users to search for events, receive event reminders or notifications of event changes by e-mail or text message, as well as download event info, e-mail event information to friends, and import events to a calendar.

**SKIES Driver Education** — Learn to drive with SKIES at Valentine's Driving School, Schofield Barracks. The session is taught by qualified instructors and includes 32 hours of classroom instruction and six hours of behind-the-wheel instruction. The fee is \$295 and must be paid at the time of registration. Call 655-9818.

**"Paint It & Take It"** — Ceramic parties offer a unique way to celebrate get-togethers, coffees, children's birthday parties, showers or any occasion. Your arts and crafts center provides a varied selection of ceramic bisqueware to paint and take home. Call 655-6330 at Schofield Barracks or 438-1315 at Fort Shafter.

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

A minimum bid will be marked on each auto that is for sale. Call 655-9368 at Schofield Barracks or 438-9402 at Fort Shafter.

Ho'olauna Aloha. The weekend festival will feature a dance exhibition by local and Japanese halau at Ala Moana Center, July 7, 10 a.m.-6:30 p.m., followed by a hula competition between visiting Japanese halau at the Royal Hawaiian Hotel, July 8, noon-6 p.m.

The public is invited to attend the competition; however, seating is limited to participating halau and their friends and family. Admission is free.

For more, visit www.hoolauna.com or call 347-2012.

**10/Tuesday**

**Aquarium Concert** — The Waikiki Aquarium's popular "Ke Kani O Ke Kai" summer concert series continues with a joint performance by Brother Noland and Tony Conjugacion Tuesday, July 10.

The evening concert on the Aquarium lawn will also feature signature food items from Yama's Fish Market. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$10 for juniors ages 7-12, and free for children 6 and under (\$15/\$7 for Friends of Waikiki Aquarium "FOWA" members). Call 923-9741, option 3 or visit www.waquarium.org.

**Summer Worship Program** — The Protestant Women of the Chapel are hosting a summer program every Tuesday morning in July at the Schofield Barracks Main Post Chapel, Room 212, from 9-11:30 a.m. In addition, the PWOC offers a school-aged children's program and child care for Child Development Center (CDC) registered children under 4 years old. Call 206-8504.

**Pearlridge Center** — The following events happen at Pearlridge Center in July: •Today-Aug. 5. "Robots: The Interactive Exhibition," a multimedia showcase, introduces young and old to the world of robotics through large-scale educational interactives and hands-on displays during mall hours. It's based on the movie "Robots" and combines learning, technology and fun.

•Tuesdays (July 10, 17, 24 & 31), 10:30 a.m.-noon. Keiki Tuesday features kid-friendly entertainers like Chris da Clown, Aloha Clowns, Stevo the Clown and Mad Science of Hawaii who delight the whole

family at free celebrations at Uptown Center Court. Bring keiki for crafts, balloons, storytelling, face painting, silly songs and more.

•Tuesday evenings (July 10, 17, 24 & 31). Junior Keiki Tuesday is a fun-filled evening adventure for families with school-age children.

•Tuesdays from 6-8 p.m. Chess classes are held Uptown on the first floor fronting the American Savings Bank Convenience Center.

•July 9 & 23, 7:30-9:30 a.m. Mokichi Okada Association (MOA) Hawaii Health Activities aims to improve your mind and body through the practice of jorei (flower arranging) and the Japanese tea ceremony at Uptown, second floor in front of Chemistry.

**14/Saturday**

**Yard Sale Mania** — Great bargains and treasures galore can be found at Army Hawaii Family Housing's community-wide yard sale. Stroll through AHFH communities at Aliamanu, Ft. Shafter, Helemano, Red Hill, Schofield Barracks and Wheeler Saturday, July 14 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and enjoy fantastic finds for kids, teens and adults.

For more information, log on to www.ArmyHawaiiFamilyHousing.com and click on the Community Calendar for more details.

**17/Tuesday**

**Creating A Winning Resume** — Never written a resume and need professional advice on updating, formatting and editing one? Then create your winning resume at one of these free workshops:

•July 17, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Army Community Service, Schofield Barracks.

•July 19, from 9:30-11:30 a.m., at the Aloha Center, Fort Shafter Outreach Center. In addition to assistance with resume preparation, get help developing other job search tools like cover letters, networking cards and follow-up letters.

Register online at www.mwrarmyhawaii.com.

**21/Saturday**

**Ala Moana Centerstage** — The Ala Moana Center kicks off summer with an assortment of dance and musical performances representing a variety of backgrounds and cultures to entertain shoppers in July. Stop by to check out performances by Dolls Till Daylight, Black Square and the Opihi Pickers beginning at 11 a.m. on the centerstage, Saturday, July 21.

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**22/Sunday**

**Ukulele Festival** — World-renowned ukulele player and teacher, Roy Sakuma, brings his annual Ukulele Festival to Honolulu. This year's free festival will be held Sunday, July 22 at the Kapi'olani Park Bandstand from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Jake Shimabukuro and Manoa DNA will make special appearances. Other performers include ukulele master Ohta San, Nando Suan, and some very special surprise guests.

More than 800 musicians will perform at this event and 100 percent of the proceeds from Starbucks beverages sold at this event will benefit the Ukulele Festival Hawaii.

**August**

**7/Tuesday**

**National Night Out** — Army Hawaii Family Housing residents are invited to celebrate National Night Out at the Schofield Barracks Kalakaua Community Center at from 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Activities, exhibits and presentations for kids and adults will focus on safety in our communities. Admission is free. Call 275-3178/3179 or log on to www.ArmyHawaiiFamilyHousing.com and click on the community calendar for more details.

**18/Saturday**

**Square Dancing** — Square dance classes, hosted by the Paradise Shuffler will be held at the Manana Recreation Center in Pearl City beginning August 18. Classes, which are \$2 per person, are held from 6:30-7:30 p.m., and the first three nights are free. Casual attire welcomed Children ages 13 and up are welcome. Call Rita Melemai at 689-7645, 923-0446 or visit www.squaredancehawaii.org.



**Aliamanu (AMR) Chapel, 836-4599**

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

**Fort DeRussy Chapel, 836-4599**

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

**Fort Shafter Chapel, 836-4599**

- Contemporary Protestant Sunday, 9 a.m.—"The Wave" Worship

**Helemano (HMR) Chapel**

- Contemporary Protestant Sunday, 10 a.m. — Worship Service & Children's Church

**\*Main Post Chapel, 655-9307**

- \* (Note: During renovation, services normally held in the sanctuary will take place at the Wheeler Chapel.)
- Catholic Sunday, 9 a.m.—CCD & RCIA Collective Protestant Sunday, 10:30 a.m. — Sunday School
- Gospel Sunday, 10:30 a.m. — Sunday School

**MPC Annex, Building 791**

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

**Soldiers Chapel**

- Catholic Friday-Saturday, 12 p.m. — Adoration (24 hours)
- Protestant Sunday, 9:30 a.m. — Worship Service

**Tripler AMC Chapel, 433-5727**

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

**Wheeler Chapel**

- Catholic Saturday, 5 p.m.—Mass Sunday, 10:30 a.m.—Mass
- Collective Protestant Sunday, 9 a.m. — Worship Service
- Gospel Sunday, 12 p.m. — Worship Service



Send calendar announcements to community@hawaiiarmyweekly.com.

**6/Today**

**Employment Orientation** — Looking for a job in Hawaii? Attend an Army Community Service employment orientation and get employment information on federal, state, private sector and staffing agencies. Reference materials, job listings, computers and more will be available for use. Upcoming workshops will be held on the following dates:

- Today, 9-10:30 a.m., Schofield Barracks
  - July 9, 1-2:30 p.m., Fort Shafter Outreach Center
  - July 25, 10-11:30 a.m., Aliamanu Military Reservation (AMR) Chapel
- For more, call ACS, Schofield at 655-4227 or Fort Shafter, 438-9285. Register online at www.mwrarmy-hawaii.com. For child care at AMR, call 833-5393.

**Vacation Bible School** — Aliamanu Military Reservation (AMR) Chapel is now accepting registrations for their Avalanche Ranch Vacation Bible School (VBS). The school runs July 16-20, from 9-11:45 a.m. each day.

Avalanche Ranch VBS is perfect for children who have just moved to Hawaii because they meet friends right away and the entire family has a church home to help support them as they get settled in Hawaii.

Children ages 4-11 are eligible. To register, stop by the AMR Chapel and fill out a form. Call 833-8175 or 839-4319.

**7/Saturday**

**Hula Ho'olauna** — In celebration of "the legacy of hula," Japan and Hawaii will join together for the 6th Annual Hula



**Shrek the Third**

(PG)  
Friday, 7 p.m.  
Saturday, 2 p.m.  
Wednesday, 4 p.m.



**Bug**

(R)  
Saturday, 7 p.m.  
Wednesday, 7 p.m.



**Spider-Man 3**

(PG13)  
Sunday, 2 p.m.  
Thursday, 7 p.m.



Send community announcements to [community@hawaiiarmyweekly.com](mailto:community@hawaiiarmyweekly.com).

### 8 / Sunday

**Hike Oahu** — Come join the Hawaiian Trail & Mountain Club on its next hiking adventure. Hikes begin at 8 a.m.

—July 8, 6-miler, Waianae, intermediate. Meet at Waianae First Hawaiian Bank parking lot. Coordinator is Steve Rohrmayr, 696-4746.

—July 14, 5-miler, Aiea, intermediate. Coordinator is Phil Booth, 382-4709.

A \$2 donation is requested of nonmembers 18 and older. Children under 18 must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Hikers meet at the Iolani Palace, unless otherwise noted. Bring lunch and water on all hikes; wear sturdy shoes and clothing as extra caution may be required on some trails.

Hikers must keep all trails and lunch sites clear of clutter, and treat trees and plants with care and respect. Firearms, pets, radios and other audio devices are prohibited on all hikes. Visit <http://htmclub.org> for more details.

### 9 / Monday

**Fall Youth Soccer** — The American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO) Soccer Camp will be held July 9–13 at Pearl Harbor's Quick Field. Call Suzanna Rennie at 275-3028.

In addition, AYSO Region 188 Hickam AFB/Pearl Harbor will be accepting registration applications in front of the Hickam BX-tra from 10 a.m.–2 p.m., July 21 & Aug. 4. Players ages 4–18 (born between

Aug. 1, 2002–July 31, 1988) need to show proof of age.

The season will run from August–November. The early-bird registration fee is \$55 per player. Preregistration is also available online at [www.eayso.org](http://www.eayso.org) (specify Region 188). E-mail questions to [reg@aysoregion188.org](mailto:reg@aysoregion188.org).

## August

### 2 / Thursday

**Golf Tournament** — This year's sixth annual Sam Choy–Aloha Shoyu Big Man Golf Tournament benefit for the Alzheimer's Association, Aloha Chapter, is Thursday, Aug. 2, at the Pearl Country Club. Tee time is 12:30 p.m. Proceeds will benefit the Alzheimer's Association, celebrating twenty-five years of providing help and hope to Hawaii's individuals and families affected by Alzheimer's disease.

The team entry fee is \$500 and a portion of the fee is tax-deductible. All golfers win great prizes, and will be served an abundance of great food and beverages on the course. An awards buffet dinner will be held immediately after the tournament. To register, call 591-2771.

### SEE COMMUNITY SPORTS, B-4

Amber Mincey stretches her legs before for a run during track and field practice. See next week's *Hawaii Army Weekly* for full coverage of Tripler's Roadrunner Track & Field team.



### 6 / Today

#### 30 and Over Basketball

— A 30 and Over Basketball Tournament will be held from July 9–13 at Tripler Army Medical Center, Martinez and Fort Shafter fitness centers. Active Duty U.S. Army (company level, separate unit) Soldiers within the geographical limits of Hawaii are allowed to enter one team. The organization meeting will be held today at 1:30 p.m. at the Schofield Barracks Sgt. Yano Library, (Building 560) in the Main Conference Room.

#### Army Mini Sports Flag Football

— Child and Youth Services Youth Sports and Fitness present an opportunity for children born between 2002–2003, to gain the basic skills and understanding of flag football. The \$10 fee includes a child T-shirt. Parents are encouraged to participate. Register today through July 18. Program

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runs from July 25 – Sept. 14. Call the Bennett Youth Center Field at Schofield Barracks at 655-0883, or Aliamanu Military Recreation (AMR) football field, 836-1923.

#### Flag Football & Cheerleading Registration

— Youth Sports Flag Football & Cheerleading registration is now through July 31 and is open to youths born between 1993–2002. Cost is \$50 per person for flag football and \$60 per person for cheerleading. Practices begin Sept. 24, and the season will run Oct. 20–Dec. 15.

Call 655-5314 or 833-5393 for more information.

## Ongoing

**Brazilian Capoeira** — Develop the mind, body and spirit to include physical fitness, self-defense and self-discipline through Brazilian Capoeira. Classes are held Tuesdays from 5:30–7 p.m. at the Fort Shafter Physical Fitness Center. Call Mestre Kinha at 247-7890.

**Well-Being T-Shirts** — Earn a Lifetime Sports & Recreation (LS&R) "Targeting Your Well-Being" T-shirt and hat, when you earn LS&R points by participating in award-winning activities and special events. Pick up an LS&R brochure at any Community Recreation Division (CRD) facility and

start earning 1–5 points per activity.

Your first 20 points earns you a limited edition long-sleeve or standard T-shirt, and your second 20 points an LS&R cap. Completed cards can be turned in at the Schofield Barracks or Fort Shafter Health & Fitness Centers; call 655-0110. Quantities are limited.

#### Leilehua Golf Course Driving Range

— The golf driving range at the Leilehua Golf Course is open weekdays until 9:30 p.m. Call 655-4653.

#### Water Aerobics

— Come join this exciting workout at Richardson Pool. Classes are held Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m., and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5 p.m.–6 p.m.

Classes are \$2 each, or a punch card is available for \$15. Water aerobics provides a safe and effective exercise alternative that improves fitness levels with little stress on the joints. Call 655-1128.

#### Teen Fit

— Certified personal trainer Kristy Osborn teaches Teen Fit classes once a week for teens 12–17 years old. These small, group classes teach the basics of proper strength training, cardio and stretching in a fun setting. Fee is \$35 per teen. For more information, contact Osborn at 381-5944, or sign up at the Health and Fitness Center.

# Community Sports

From B-3

## Ongoing

**Take Off Pounds Sensibly** — The T.O.P.S support group meets every Thursday evening at the Armed Services YMCA. Join others to share weight loss tips, discuss concerns and provide encouragement to each other. Call Cheryl at 696-4423.

**Golfers Wanted** — Are you looking for a golf group? Military or civilian golfers interested in playing golf on Sunday mornings at Leilehua Golf Course should call 347-8038 or 375-3322. Tee time is usually before 8 a.m.

**Officials Wanted** — If you are a football or soccer official, or if you've ever thought about becoming one, call Larry Cravalho, officials development coordinator, at 780-4099 or 455-4575. Officials are needed (paid positions) prior to the intramural season, which starts the first week of September.

Games will be played weeknights at either Schofield Barracks or Fort Shafter. The youth season will start shortly after, with games played Saturday mornings at Schofield Barracks, or Helemano and Aliamanu Military reservations.

**Bike Hawaii** — Join Bike

Hawaii's professional nature guides and explore Oahu from the rainforest to the reef. Packages can include downhill biking, waterfall hiking, and sailing off Waikiki with exclusive access to a remote Hawaiian rainforest. Meals are included.

To schedule your adventure, call 734-4214, 877-682-7433, or go online at [www.bikehawaii.com](http://www.bikehawaii.com).

**Fleet Feet** — Faerber's Flyers women's running club invites women of all ages and skill levels to join them at the University of Hawaii track at Cooke Field. The club meets Wednesdays from 5:15-7 p.m. Cost is \$50 per year. Call 277-3609.

**Masters Swim Program** — Team Move hosts a master's swimming program Wednesdays from 7:30-8:30 a.m., and Saturdays from 7-8:15 a.m. in the Pearl City district park swimming pool.

These innovative group workouts are designed for beginning and advanced swimmers. Expert coaching is provided to improve upon form and technique. All ages are welcome. Cost is \$15 per month for Team Move members and \$25 per month for non-members.

The pool is located at 785 Hoomaemae St., Pearl City.

**Island Adventure Golf** — This Hawaiian Waters Adventure Park high-end miniature golf course features 18 holes of fun in the sun, nine 100-percent ADA-accessible holes, and a putting green, all for the entire family to enjoy.

A full round of 18 holes costs \$6.50 for military, youth 12 and under, and senior citizens. General admission is \$7.50. Special group rates are available at \$5.50 per person for groups of 12 or more.

For details, call 674-9283 or visit [www.hawaiianwaters.com](http://www.hawaiianwaters.com).

**Hawaiian Waters Adventure** — Hawaiian Waters Adventure Park will keep its guests cool this summer with the addition of two new features: a Giant Tiki and Tipping Tiki Cones. The Giant Tiki dumps more than 500 liters of water onto guests below, while Tipping Tiki Cones splashes water onto keiki for cool and exciting fun.

Hawaiian Waters Adventure Park features a variety of unique water rides and attractions for all ages, along with multiple dining options. Weekday admission is \$35.99 for adults and \$25.99 for children, with discounts available for military, kamaaina, groups and seniors.

Annual passes are available. Visit [www.hawaiianwaters.com](http://www.hawaiianwaters.com) or call 674-9283.

**Volksmarch** — Menehune Marchers are sponsoring a 10K Mililani Mauka volksmarch, or walk, June 10. This walk will start at the Mililani Mauka Community Park (corner of Kuaoa Street and Meheula Parkway) at 8 a.m. It should finish by noon.

Cost is \$3; call Carol at 626-3575.

Have an announcement? Send community announcements to [community@hawaiiarmyweekly.com](mailto:community@hawaiiarmyweekly.com).

# USARPAC names Tripler's mailroom 'Best in 2007'

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HONOLULU — Faces beamed with pride June 26 in the Tripler Army Medical Center mailroom when Commanding General Carla Hawley-Bowland accepted the 2007 U.S. Army, Pacific (USARPAC) Best Unit Mailroom award on behalf of the TAMC mailroom staff.

"The award is basically given to the best unit mailroom in two separate categories (small and large) in recognition of their commitment and excellence during the recent 2007 annual USARPAC Command Postal In-

spection," said Felix Mendiola, USARPAC postal program manager. "The meticulous attention to detail, actions and efforts performed by the TAMC mailroom staff exceeded above and beyond the standards and consistency of a superb mailroom," Mendiola said.

The Tripler mailroom also recently received the Best Mailroom of the Quarter award from the installation postal officer.

"Winning this award ... is a great honor for the mailroom team," said Rosemary Kyte, deputy chief, Information Management Division, TAMC. "The mailroom staff already knew what a great job they were doing

based on their performance on the tough USARPAC quarterly inspections. To pass [the inspections], [it] takes doing a lot of things right, every day, without ever letting up," Kyte emphasized.

Generated by an incident at Walter Reed Army Medical Center where mail for wounded warriors was found to be dated back as far as 2006, a staff visit by Larry Vann, postal program manager, Department of the Army, resulted in another example of the dedication of the Tripler mailroom staff.

Vann said Tripler's mailroom was the best he has seen, in comparison to other Army hospitals he has visited.



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Romeo Cordero holds the 2007 USARPAC Best Unit Mailroom Award presented to Commanding General Carla Hawley-Bowland June 26 in the Tripler Army Medical Center mailroom. Pictured from left to right are Lt. Col. Ralph Franco, Kenneth K. Gongob, Felix Mendiola, Milagros Myers, Maj. Gen. Hawley-Bowland, Cordero, Jazmin Contreras, Robin Moses, and Rosemary Kyte.