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## 25th ID Association

Soldiers who have served in the 25th Infantry Division (Light) or who were in a military unit attached to the division, are welcome to join the 25th Infantry Division Association. As well, family and friends of 25th veterans are eligible for associate membership. The Association provides various chapters across the United States, from California to New York. Some benefits of association membership are education scholarships and grants for members and their families. To apply visit [www.25thida.com](http://www.25thida.com).



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# Returning OEF forces receive praise

Spc. Cheryl Ransford  
17th Public Affairs Detachment

While families and friends looked on, nearly 4,000 25th Infantry Division (Light) Soldiers stood tall on Sills Field, June 10, to be welcomed home to Schofield Barracks from their yearlong deployment to Afghanistan.

With the division's largest combat mission since the Vietnam War complete, the Operation Enduring Free-

dom Recognition Ceremony was held to honor its recent accomplishments.

The 25th Inf. Div. (L) was formed on Oct. 1, 1941. Since its activation, the division has served with honor and heroism in many of the nation's conflicts.

With a combat history that includes World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War, the newest chapter of the division's history lies before us, written in the

sands of Iraq and Afghanistan, said narrator Master Sgt. Terry Anderson during the ceremony.

Soldiers of the Tropic Lightning Division struck at the enemies of freedom and liberty, he continued, while helping plant the seeds of democracy in lands once ruled by fear.

"It is a tremendous personal honor and privilege to be present among you," said Maj. Gen. Eric T. Olson, 25th

Inf. Div. (L) and USARHAW commander, as he addressed the Soldiers during the ceremony, "four thousand of the nation's finest — Soldiers who made significant contributions to the fabled story, hallowed history and legendary heritage to the Tropic Lightning Division during the conduct of Operation Enduring Freedom."

Throughout the ceremony, Soldiers and family members lined the perimeter of the

parade field to the point of standing room only. Each stood tall and proud of all they had accomplished during the previous year.

"You pursued and routed the remnants of the Taliban and al-Qaeda in Afghanistan, where terrorists plotted the mass murder of our countrymen, [to include the act of terror] that was executed the eleventh of

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## Olson speaks frankly

Aiko M. Brum  
Managing Editor

Transformation was the hot subject when company grade officers gathered at Sgt. Smith Theater at Schofield Barracks for officer professional development Monday.

Maj. Gen. Eric T. Olson, Tropic Lightning Division and U.S. Army Hawaii commanding general, hosted the session and emphasized his major concerns: the challenging, but exciting future ahead with transformation and the Army's recruiting and retention goals.

By show of hands, the commander gauged that the hundreds in attendance were a mix of mostly redeployed Soldiers, some new arrivals, some who are preparing to make permanent change of station (PCS) moves and others deciding whether to stay Army.

Olson said he was concerned that the Army and division set conditions for leaders to be successful.

"This is a very unique time in this division," Olson began. "There might be a bit of frustration because some things must be put into place.

"It's no secret that this division will go back to war," he continued; "it matters that you understand transformation."

With massive turnover impacting the division, the general emphasized that officers must realize their "vested interest" in micro and macro issues. He challenged them to help keep the experts the Army has already acquired and recruit "great Soldiers for the types of missions facing the years ahead."

"There are going to be competitive pushes ... getting units to war and transforming," Olson explained, emphasizing that the 25th Infantry Division (Light) will feel the competing effects of the Global War on Terrorism and transformation.

The main effort, the general explained, will usually be deploying units, but shades of gray

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# We remember



Stefanie Gardin

The War Memorial depicts a bronze statue of a 25th Infantry Division (Light) Soldier who served in the Global War on Terrorism as he honors his fallen comrade. Next year, this Soldier will be joined by three other Tropic Lightning Soldiers representing the division's sacrifices in World War II, Korea and Vietnam.

## War memorial pays everlasting tribute to fallen veterans of America's wars

Story by  
Sgt. Stephanie L. Carl  
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Under the bright Hawaii sun, Soldiers, veterans and family members gathered outside Fernandez Hall, June 10, to pay tribute to the 56 Soldiers of the 25th Infantry Division (Light) who made the ultimate sacrifice in the Global War on Terrorism, in Vietnam, Korea and World War II, as well as their comrades in arms who still mourn them today.

The group, which included Purple Heart recipients from Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom, as well as members of the Tropic Lightning Association, met outside the division headquarters to witness the unveiling of the 25th Inf. Div. (L) War Memorial, a bronze statue depicting a GWOT Soldier mourning for his fallen comrade as he stands before the boots, weapon and Kevlar that are used during memorial ceremonies.

The sculpture came to stand outside Fernandez Hall by way of the Tropic Lightning Association, whose members have dedicated themselves to raising funds to establish an appropriate memorial to recognize 25th Inf. Div. (L) Soldiers who have sacrificed to end terrorism and tyranny.

"We want to let them know that we appreciate and we will always remember the sacrifices that they have made," said Butch Sincock, a 25th Inf. Div. (L) combat veteran and Tropic Lightning Association executive director. "Sacrifice without remembrance is meaningless."

"It took a long time for us to get our memorial," said Tom Jones, a Korean War

See "Memorial," page A-9

## Aviators give 'thumbs up' to new barracks

Story and Photos by  
Joy Boisselle  
Staff Writer

WHEELER ARMY AIR FIELD — Soldiers and leaders of the 25th Aviation Brigade celebrated transformation of a different kind at

a ribbon-cutting ceremony opening the new Aviation Brigade Barracks Complex here, June 9.

According to Col. B. Shannon Davis, outgoing aviation brigade commander who presided over the event, the grand opening represented

new homes for Soldiers and a visible commitment of Army leadership at the highest level towards improving Soldier quality of life.

Part of a \$54 million dollar project, the barracks complex will be followed by more in the next several years.

"These barracks were completed while our Soldiers were in Afghanistan," Davis said, adding, "The promises made by the Chief of Staff of the Army are coming to fruition and they [Soldiers]

See "Barracks," page A-10

Hawaii Army Weekly wants to recognize Army Hawaii Soldiers, civilians and units that earned division level and higher awards this past year. Send us complete articles and digital photos no later than Tuesday; call 655-4816 for more.

Lightning Spirit

# 'Is this not the carpenter's son?'

Chaplain (Maj.)  
Glenn R. Scheib  
516th Signal Brigade

FORT SHAFTER — As a child, a teenager, and as an adult, people have often asked me: "Are you related to Carl Scheib, the great American League baseball player?" I always answered, "No," but I secretly wondered who he was.

According to Linda Schylanske (of *The Citizen Standard*, Valley View, Pa., June 1, 2005), Carl Alvin Scheib was born Jan. 1, 1927, in Gratz, Pa., 11 miles from my home. He played baseball, not only in high school, but also on a local American Legion team.

He was a hard-throwing pitcher, drafted by the Philadelphia Athletics directly out of high school, and he was the youngest player to appear in an American League game at 16 years, 8 months and 5 days in the second game of a Sept. 6, 1943, double-header.

Carl Scheib pitched in 25 games for the Athletics before being called to military duty in 1945.

While in the service, he played on baseball teams in Georgia and Germany and was on the U.S. Service Championship Team.

At the war's conclusion, Scheib's team became the European Theatre Operations champions.

Scheib left the Army in 1947, returned to the Athletics, then retired from baseball in 1957. He still lives in San Antonio, Texas, and periodically returns to Gratz — as its hero.

What impresses me about Carl Scheib is not that I may be distantly related to him, not that I too grew up playing baseball (as a catcher, not a pitcher), but that in the midst of his fame, he took a "time out" to serve his country in a combat zone.

Because of his service and because of the service of so many others from my home area, I still choose to wear the uniform of the U.S. Army today.

The more I learn about their sufferings and heroism, the prouder I am to be a Soldier.

Isn't this the carpenter's son? Isn't his mother's name Mary, and aren't his brothers James, Joseph, Simon and Judas?

— Matthew 13:55  
New International Version

If you take time to study Matthew 13:55, you'll discover that it was not with kindness or pride that Jesus' town-folk questioned his identity. They had watched him grow up, knew his father Joseph, his mother Mary, and his brothers and sisters.

Those who heard Jesus speak in the synagogue that day wondered where he got all of his wisdom. They knew that he never studied in a great religious school, yet claimed to be a prophet, even the Messiah.

They took offense at him because he claimed to be related to God.

Was he really Joseph's son? That question still begs to be answered by each one of us today.

It's been a long time since Carl Scheib retired from baseball, but his story has enriched my life, and there is a lesson we can all learn from it.

Within a few years, most Hawaii Soldiers who recently served in Iraq and Afghanistan will have PCSed [made a permanent change of station move] or left the Army. Our story will be a part of history books, which future Hawaii Soldiers will have to hear while standing in formation on parade fields.

Yet, I hope its telling prompts them to ask: "What was it like to serve our country in OIF [Operation Iraqi Freedom] and OEF [Operation Enduring Freedom]?" How did they feel while they were deployed? How do they feel now that they're a veteran?"

My prayer is that when others investigate our service, they will identify us as "patriots," and be inspired to walk in our footsteps, as America's faithful sons and daughters.

Lightning 7 transmission

# NCOs, 'Empower yourself, get out there,' Ashe says

Command Sgt. Maj.  
Franklin Ashe  
Command Sergeant Major,  
25th Infantry Division (Light)

Let's talk about standards. First of all, standards save lives on the battlefield. That's a proven fact.

Our high standards in the 25th Infantry Division (Light) kept casualties to a minimum in Iraq and Afghanistan. But are standards as important now that we're home, as they were downrange?



Ashe

Absolutely. The habits we develop here at home station, at home or in the barracks, and out in the field, will carry through to the fight.

Maintaining high standards is important because they become automatic. You won't take shortcuts and do things improperly that could get you or your fellow Soldiers injured or killed.

There are a few obvious infractions we all too often see on Schofield Barracks: speeding, trash and loud music.

Speeding on post is a big safety hazard. Sooner or later, someone will get killed or injured as a result of speeding. The few seconds you save by breaking the speed limit isn't worth it. Don't speed. Follow the posted limits and keep the speed down, especially in the housing areas.

Trash is also becoming an issue. Put your trash in garbage cans and pick up any litter that you see around post. It's a simple act that will improve our quality of life. Show your pride in yourself, your unit and your Army. Keep your areas clean.

Turn down the loud music. If you want to listen to your favorite CD at a high volume, do it in your room with headphones. A little consideration for others makes our installation a positive place to live and work. Also, Hawaii has a law on the books prohibiting loud music, and we have a policy against it. Keep the volume down.

If you're a Soldier, or you work for the Army, you have to remember that when you're out in public, you're not just representing yourself. Your conduct is a reflection on us all.

You need to conduct yourself in a professional manner whether you're in the barracks, downtown or back home on leave. You can still have fun, but you need to ensure that you portray the Army in a positive light. Americans see Soldiers as heroes. Don't disappoint them.

I know there is a lot of controversy right now with the BDUs and brown boot issue. Our Army is in transition, and those brown boots are a perfect example of that — we're changing. It's something we're not used to seeing, and it makes a lot of people uncomfortable, but I love it.

Flexibility is a trait shared by great noncommissioned officers. I want all NCOs to get into the mindset of being flexible. The published standard says we can wear the brown

boot.

The most important question you can ask yourself when you get into an environment where Soldiers are wearing several different kinds of uniforms, is "Can they fight?" If you can answer yes, then don't worry what type of boot they're wearing. As long as they can fight, we'll take care of the boots in due time.

The division will have a new edition of the "Blue Book" out soon. The new division standards book has been updated to include the Army Combat Uniform, a new unit history and other things that are pertinent to the here and now.

If you have any input, comments, or suggestions, contact the G-3 sergeant major or myself. Your input is valued.

The Blue Book is out there so you can help each other. If you are a leader, please read this book so you can make the right corrections on your Soldiers.

NCOs, we're here to enforce standards and to maintain discipline. That's what we do, first and foremost.

Don't allow the sergeants major and first sergeants to do your job as platoon sergeants and squad leaders. Make the corrections at your level and don't let them get to mine.

I would much rather be walking up to NCOs at the PX and Commissary, thanking them for the outstanding appearance of their troops rather than making the corrections myself.

Empower yourself. Get out there and do the right thing. I'm always on your flank.

Tropic Lightning.

# Army's new, updated FM-1 now out

Rey Guzman  
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The Army released a new Field Manual-1, Wednesday, providing an updated overview of the Army, its organization and employment.

The previous FM-1 had been released in June 2001, just four months before the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

"Sept. 11, 2001, changed forever the world in which we live," said Gen. Peter J. Schoomaker, Army chief of staff. "The change in the strategic environment has forced us to review how we do business — to better counter

those evolving threats."

The new FM-1 reflects the "depth and urgency" of the Army's involvement in the War on Terrorism, according to Schoomaker.

"FM-1 emphasizes transformation: the Warrior Ethos, a culture of innovation, and joint interdependence, rather than just joint interoperability," Schoomaker said. "In short, it contains a true operational concept about how the Army will operate across a spectrum of conflict both at home and abroad."

FM-1 establishes the fundamental principles of employing land power and the Army's operational concept, including Army forces in unified action. The field manual begins with a history of the Army, explains

how it is changing and where it is headed.

Schoomaker added that the new FM-1 will become a foundation for all future Army doctrine, and that Soldiers should understand and internalize its concepts.

"It provides a discussion about of how the Army's vision and strategies are nested in the national security, national defense and national military strategies," he said.

"It gives me great pride to be able to send this FM to the field during the week of our Army's 230th birthday," Schoomaker said. "We are reminded that warfare remains a human endeavor, and it is Soldiers — not equipment or weapons systems — who allow us to fulfill our solemn obligation to this great and free nation."

(Editor's Note: To view the new field manual online, along with an FM-1 video and slide briefing, see the special FM-1 Web page.)



The new Field Manual-1

# Voices of Lightning: "What's the best advice you remember from your father?"



"Don't regret the things you do."

Sgt. Mark Otis  
Co. C, 2nd Bn., 27th Inf. Rgt.  
Company armorer



"Never discuss religion and politics."

Spc. Cassey Sullivan  
Co. A, 1st Bn., 21st Inf. Rgt.  
Training room clerk



"Work hard at all you do."

Sgt. Santiago Cardenas  
HHC, 2nd Bn., 35th Inf. Rgt.  
Infantryman



"Stay in school. He barely graduated and showed me how important an education is."

Capt. Stephen Rhudy  
HSC, 84th Eng. Bn.  
Project officer



"Always be true to your word."

Spc. Keith Simpson  
HHC, 1st Bn., 27th Inf. Rgt.  
Infantryman

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While experiencing CTLT with Company B, 1st Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment, Cadet Eric Zellers endures a demonstration choke from Sgt. Don Runyan, Co. B, 1st Bn., 21st Inf. Rgt. alpha team leader, during unarmored combat training, June 10.



Cadet Eric Zellers (right) dominates in a pugil bout against 1st Lt. Jonathan Lacy, a platoon leader in Co. B, 1-21, during training June 7.

# West Point cadets face CTLT

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

Each year, cadets from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point venture into the "real" Army for Cadet Troop Leadership Training at various military installations throughout the United States.

This year, seven cadets had the great fortune of spending their 30 days of CTLT at Schofield Barracks in beautiful Hawaii.

CTLT is a requirement for graduation that most cadets complete during their junior or senior year; it helps them become familiar with the Army and troop leading troops in garrison and field environments.

"By coming out here and spending time with the Soldiers, the cadets are provided with realistic training and experience," said Capt. Evers Easterling, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Division Personnel Management section chief. "They are faced with real-life situations that they may come across in the future."

One example of this is Cadet Eric Zellers, who filled in as platoon leader for his sponsor, 1st Lt. Jonathan Lacy, Company B, 1st Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment.

"Filling in as the acting [platoon leader] has been a really good experience," said Zellers. "I feel like I am learning more by taking control. I have had more time to interact with [Soldiers]."

"The point of CTLT is to learn how to interact with the Soldiers and learn about the real Army, and I think so far I have been able to do that."

Maj. Gen. Eric T. Olson, 25th Infantry Division (Light) commanding general and former West Point commandant, addressed the cadets and their sponsors before CTLT began. The meeting emphasized the overall importance of CTLT, the knowledge base it provides, on the officer-NCO relationship that cadets would experience in the four weeks.

"Even by my third full day working with the guys, I could see a huge difference between West Point and the real Army," said Zellers. "I was seeing how NCOs and officers communicate and relate to each other."



Sgt. Nick Howard (top), Co. B, 1st Bn., 21st Inf. Rgt. fire team leader, demonstrates the nutcracker choke.

While the cadets are with the units, the NCOs try to show them things they can expect as second lieutenants, said Staff Sgt. Juan Vargas, Co. B, 1st Bn., 21st Inf. Rgt. When cadets leave CTLT, they should have enough information about what will be expected of them as platoon leaders.

"Many second lieutenants look to their NCOs for guidance," he said. "But don't get that confused with the decision-making process that officers must do. Officers can ask for advice from the NCOs, but they have to make their decisions based on what they feel is best for the unit as a whole — using what they have been taught while becoming an officer."

Olson also instructed cadets to enjoy their time in Hawaii and get to know the Soldiers around them. The Army is a lot smaller than it seems, he

said and cadets will most likely see the people they are working with now, later in their careers.

"It has been ten years since I went through CTLT," said Capt. Jamie Garcia, Co. C, 1st Bn., 21st Inf. Rgt., company commander. "Since then, I have seen an NCO who was an E-5, then as a platoon sergeant, and then again in Iraq as a first sergeant."

"You will see these people again. Build relationships and learn from them," Garcia told the cadets. "Many of the higher-ranking NCOs have been in the Army for a long time. Talk to them and ask questions. Use their experiences to improve yourself as an officer."

CTLT is also an important time for cadets to broaden their knowledge of the Army.

"This is the time to find out what branch you really want to be in," said Olson. "This is the time to find out about other branches and see what they are all about. Most cadets come to CTLT thinking they know what they want to do, but then change their choice of branch after CTLT because they were able to get out there and see what other people are doing."

In fact, 20 to 30 percent of all cadets change their choice of branch after completing CTLT, said Olson.

"When you leave here, all of you should have a better idea of what branch you want to be a part of and why you want that branch," he said.

Olson then instructed the sponsors to take the cadets around to other units, so they could talk to other officers and get to know more about several branches.

Throughout CTLT, each of the cadets was able to get to know the Soldiers around them and see the how a real chain of command works.

"At West Point we only interact with other officers so we don't get a chance to learn the role of the officer versus the role of the NCO — the lines sometimes get blurred," Zellers continued. "But here, we have a chance to see it in action and truly get an understanding of how it all comes together."

When CTLT ends at the beginning of July, cadets will meet with Olson again before heading back to school. They will review their experiences and find out what they learned about the Army, themselves and the Soldiers around them.

## West Point Cadets

For the past 200 years, the U.S. Military Academy at West Point (USMA) has been developing cadets in four critical areas: intellectual, physical, military and moral-ethical areas, during a four-year process called the "West Point Experience."

The United States Corps of Cadets comprises more than 4,000 men and women pursuing an undergraduate education and a commission in the U.S. Army. They are organized into 32 cadet companies, which are grouped into battalions (four companies each), regiments (two battalions each) and the Corps (four regiments).

Cadets fill the roles of a chain of command within the Cadet Corps. First-class (fourth-year) cadets fulfill roles as first captain (or Corps commander), regimental commanders, battalion commanders, company commanders and platoon leaders.

During the cadets' time at USMA, they are required to participate in the Cadet Professional Development (CPDT) Program, which provides cadets with summer training opportunities during the Military Science of Leadership II and Military Science of Leadership III summer months and winter and spring breaks.

CPDT is further broken into three programs: Cadet Practical Field Training, Cadet Troop Leadership Training and Drill Cadet Leadership Training.

While participating in these training programs, cadets are attached to military units at various installations throughout the United States. They can be identified by the rank on their collar and the insignia on their headgear.

Cadet rank, worn on the collar, is similar to a captain's rank insignia, but there are three subdivided bars rather than two. Also, the insignia on a cadet's headgear is the insignia for the academy.

Since cadets are in training to be commissioned as second lieutenants, they should receive the same courtesies as all commissioned officers.

*(Editor's Note: Information was compiled by Spc. Cheryl Ransford of the 17th Public Affairs Detachment.)*

# "Happy Birthday," Soldier

Department of the Army

Since its birth on 14 June 1775 — more than a year before the Declaration of Independence — the U.S. Army has played a vital role in the growth and development of our nation.

Soldiers have fought more than 10 wars — from the American Revolution, through the Cold War, the Gulf War, to the current Global War on Terrorism.

This 230th birthday is a recognition of the Army's history, traditions and service to the nation, a call to duty, 230 years of service to our nation.

June 14, [Soldiers] proudly [celebrated] the U.S. Army's 230th birthday. For 230 years, the Nation has entrusted the Army with preserving its peace and freedom, and defending its democracy.

Since 1775, American Soldiers have answered the call to duty.

They are imbued with the ideals of the Warrior Ethos and motivated by an unwavering belief that they will be victorious.

Our Soldiers have understood that our Constitution and the freedom it guarantees are worth fighting for. They sacrifice their personal comfort and safety to answer a higher calling: service in the cause of freedom, both at home and abroad.

America is at war, and the call to duty pierces the air once again. Our adversaries have declared war on our way of life, attacked our homeland and vowed to attack us again.

America is threatened, and it is our duty to serve. America's sons and daughters who are answering the call to duty are engaged in the noblest work of life, protecting our Nation and enabling others to live free.

Today, our Soldiers protect our national interests around the globe, serving in more than 120 countries.

Recently, in joint, combined environments, Soldiers helped to rescue two nations from oppression and liberated over 50 million people. Since then, more than one million Americans have served in Iraq and Afghanistan, and many are returning for a second or third time.

Our Soldiers understand that this is a struggle we must win. We are humbled by their sacrifices in the service of our Nation. Despite the hardships and the danger to life and limb, duty calls, and our Soldiers continue to answer.

Our Nation appreciates your courage, your sacrifice, and your selfless service.

This week the U.S. Postal Service is demonstrating support for our Soldiers with a special cancellation stamp that commemorates our Army's 230 years of service to the Nation. They are also assisting in the Freedom Team Salute, a program to send an Army birthday card to every Soldier.

We thank the U.S. Postal Service for [its] role in recognizing the service of our troops. They are joined by a host of organizations around the country celebrating the Army birthday.

To our Soldiers around the world, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your families on this 230th Army birthday. You are volunteers, doing your difficult duty against an enemy who does not value life, is afraid of liberty and desires to crush the individual pursuit of a democratic way of life.

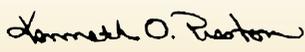
You are playing a crucial role in the War on Terrorism, and your dedication to this noble effort underscores your determined professionalism and tenacity.

We are proud to serve with you, as you place the mission, first, and live the Warrior Ethos.

You have made our Army the most respected institution in the United States and the pre-eminent land power on Earth.

Thank you for answering the call to duty.

God bless each and every one of you and your families, and God bless America.



Kenneth O. Preston  
Sergeant Major of the Army



Peter J. Schoomaker  
General, United States Army  
Chief of Staff



Francis J. Harvey  
Secretary of the Army

## News Briefs

**Women's Memorial** — The Women's Memorial at Arlington National Cemetery is gathering information and artifacts for a new exhibit on women serving in Iraq. Anyone interested in participating, should send an e-mail by today to Deborah Y. Parker, chief of Public Affairs, U.S. Army Intelligence and Security Command, at Deborah.Parker@inscom.army.mil. Call (703) 428-4553 or DSN 328-4553. Fax comments to (703) 428-4920.

**Fire Warden Training** — Schofield's Unit/Activity Fire Warden Training meeting is scheduled Monday from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Post Conference room, Building 584, across from Sgt. Smith Theater. Actual training will be completed on a Friday, and it's part of AR 420-1.

For more details, contact Patrick Allen, fire inspector, at 474-7789, or e-mail patrick.allen@navy.mil.

**General Officer Assignments** — The Department of Defense has announced the following general officer assignments: Maj. Gen. Charles H. Jacoby Jr., assistant division commander (support), 25th Infantry Division (Light), Schofield Barracks, will assume duties as the com-

manding general, U.S. Army Alaska/deputy commander, U.S. Alaskan Command, Fort Richardson, Alaska.

Brig. Gen. James T. Hirai, commanding general, U.S. Army Alaska/deputy commander, U.S. Alaskan Command, Fort Richardson, Alaska, will assume duties as deputy commanding general, U.S. Army Pacific, Fort Shafter, Hawaii.

**Legal Hours** — On Thursday, the Staff Judge Advocate Legal Offices located on Schofield Barracks, Fort Shafter and at the Schofield Barracks Tax Center will close from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. for an Article 6 inspection visit. No customer services will be available during this time frame.

**10-Miler Tryouts** — The last day of team tryouts for the 2005 U.S. Army Hawaii Army and Reserve Components 10-Miler is Friday, June 24, on Schofield Barracks. Runners should drink plenty of water, beforehand, and report at 4 a.m. at the AAFES Clothing and Sales Store. The race will start at 4:30 a.m.

The Army 10-Miler race will be held on Oct. 2 in Washington, D.C. All Army personnel are encouraged to compete. Categories are men's open, women's open, sergeants major, men's masters and Reserve Component mixed masters.

For more details, contact

Sgt. Maj. Arnold at 655-8721.

### OCS Selection Board

The next Department of the Army Officer Candidate Selection Board is scheduled to convene the week of Sept. 12; however, Soldiers who wish to be considered by this selection board should submit their applications through command channels to the Directorate of Human Resources, DA Boards Section, Building 750, Room 130 (located on Ayers Avenue), Schofield Barracks no later than July 1.

The Installation Structured Interview Panel will convene July 18 to interview qualified applicants. Specific interview dates, times and locations will be provided to each individual applicant. Eligibility criteria and application procedures are outlined in AR 350-51.

The education requirement to apply for OCS is a minimum of 90 semester hours, verified by the Education Center. For Soldiers who do not possess a baccalaureate degree, a Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT, 850 or higher) or American College Test (ACT, 19 or higher), not older than six years, is required. Also, Soldiers without a secret security clearance must provide a memorandum signed by the division security officer stating a secret security investigation has been received and initiated by Defense Security Service.

Applicants should ensure

they allow sufficient time, at least three to four weeks, to receive results prior to the packet submission deadline. Provide the original and three copies of your completed application packet; pick up packets in Room 130 of Building 750. For more information, call Ms. Nan Lucero at 655-4511.

**NSPS** — A video highlighting the design process of the National Security Personnel System — the new civilian personnel management system that goes live in July — is now available for viewing. The 17-minute video, entitled "NSPS: Towards a Mission-Centered Workforce," also includes commentary from several participants in current demonstration projects in the Department of Defense.

All civilians and military supervisors are encouraged to review the latest about NSPS. To access the video, go to <http://cpol.army.mil/library/general/nsps/>, and then click on the video title.

**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 Operations Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Noble Eagle.

For more information about the program, visit <http://www.army.mil/otf>.

## Weyand recalls Army's great history at ball

The following is a transcript of remarks made by Gen. Fred C. Weyand at the Army Ball held at Hilton Hawaiian Village, Thursday

Gen. Fred C. Weyand

WAIKIKI — "I know that everyone that talks to you tonight is going to express their pride in you, and I also take great pride in what you do for you, your country, and for me in particular.

And you also should take great pride in who you are and what you do.

You know this is a great Army; it's truly an "Army of One" in which every one of you is important.

Because of you, for the first time in their history, the people in the Middle East have a chance — and have taken that chance, at great risk — to decide on their own independence, on who's going to lead them, on a constitution that will guarantee their freedom from oppression and dictatorship.

And what you've done, or contributed to, is the same cause that, your predecessors, America's Soldiers did for us and for our country two hundred and thirty years ago.

You know, it's interesting that this Army birthday predates the birthday of our country by one year.

The Army and our Soldiers are the ones who fought and won the independence of our country, in 1775 and '76, and so we should take great pride in all of that, and we celebrate it tonight.

The sad note in all of this has to do with those who are not with us tonight, those who gave their lives for us, for our country and the cause of freedom.

So, while we wish happy birthday to the Army, to them we say we love you, we miss you, and God bless

you."

### Gen. Fred C. Weyand

Gen. Fred C. Weyand was born on Sept. 15, 1916, in California. He graduated from the University of California in 1939 and received an ROTC commission as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army in 1938.

During World War II he served in India, Burma and China. During the Korean War, he commanded the 1st Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment. Following that assignment, he taught tactics at the Infantry School, served as military assistant to the Secretary of the Army, and commanded a Battle Group in Berlin.



Weyand, 1969.

He was promoted to brigadier general in 1960. In '64 he assumed command of the 25th Infantry Division in Hawaii, and deployed the division to Vietnam 18 months later.

He commanded II Field Force Vietnam in '67 and '68; in '69 and '70, he was a principal in the Vietnam peace negotiations in Paris, returning to Saigon in mid-1970 to become Commander, U.S. Military Assistance Command, Vietnam.

Weyand became Chief of Staff of the Army in '74 and served in that position until his retirement in September '76. Since then he has lived in Honolulu, Hawaii.

His military honors and decorations include the Distinguished Service Cross, five Distinguished Service Medals, the Silver Star, two Legions of Merit and the Combat Infantryman Badge.

## Mayor extends hearty birthday wishes to Soldiers

The following is a transcript of remarks made by Mayor Mufi Hannemann at the Army Ball held at Hilton Hawaiian Village, Thursday

Mayor Mufi Hannemann  
City and County of Honolulu

WAIKIKI — "Aloha, I'm Mayor Mufi Hannemann, and on behalf of the people of the City and County of Honolulu, I'd like to wish a happy two hundred and thirtieth birthday to the United States Army.

You know we in Honolulu have been very privileged to have such a strong presence of men and women who are part of the U.S. Army in the Pacific. We applaud your efforts to make sure that Hawaii remains vigilant and strong right here in the middle of the Pacific.

We applaud your efforts to keep America strong. And we also applaud your efforts in being such a great neighbor ... civilians and military folks, working side by side, doing great things in our community.

I'd also like to say 'welcome home' to those men and women who have been defending our country overseas in Iraq and Afghanistan. And to those who did not make it back safely, we honor their sacrifice. And to those families who await their loved ones to return, we will remain steadfast with you in wishing them a safe return here.

So, once again, we want to say 'happy birthday,' have a great time United States Army, and we look forward for another two hundred and thirty years of being right here in the beautiful city of Honolulu, the state of Hawaii.

Mahalo, aloha, God bless you all."



Hannemann

# Celebrating 230 years



Staff Sgt. Carmen Burgess

As part of the Army's 230th birthday celebration in Washington, D.C., military leaders lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns.



Sgt. Reeba Critser

Amidst traffic, Gen. Richard A. Cody, vice chief of staff of the Army, re-enlists eight and gives an oath of reaffirmation to recruiters stationed in New York.



Brian P. Henretta

Three Soldiers from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Division Support Brigade, admire one of the two Army birthday cakes at Camp Taji Dining Facility Number One in Iraq.

Right – NASA astronaut and Army Col. Patrick Forrester talks to fans at Fenway Park before a Boston Red Sox game.



Courtesy Photo

Brig. Gen. James Hirai, U.S. Army, Alaska, commanding general, leads the Army Birthday Run formation at Fort Richardson.



Sarah Underhill

## Upcoming leadership changes

The 25th Infantry Division (Light) and U.S. Army, Hawaii, community is invited to attend the multitude of change of command ceremonies — a time-honored tradition that formally symbolizes the continuity of authority when a command is passed from one commander to another — taking place in June and July.

Each will be preceded by an awards ceremony, 15 minutes prior to the change of command, and all will be held at Sills Field, Schofield Barracks, unless noted otherwise.

(Editor's Note: Information listed is subject to change.)

- June 21, 2 p.m.  
125th Military Intelligence Battalion  
Lt. Col. James D. Lee will relinquish command to Lt. Col. Patricia Frost.
- June 22, 10 a.m.  
3rd Brigade  
Col. Richard Pedersen will relinquish command to Col. Patrick Stackpole.
- June 24, 10 a.m.  
2nd Battalion, 5th Infantry Regiment  
Lt. Col. Terry Sellers will relinquish command to Lt. Col. Malcolm Frost.
- June 24, 2 p.m.  
Defense Information Systems Agency, Pacific  
Col. Gilbert A. Griffin will relinquish command to Col. Charles D. Dean
- June 28, 9 a.m.  
516th Signal Brigade at Palm Circle, Fort Shafter  
Col. Brian J. Donahue will relinquish command to Col. Edric A. Kirkman.
- June 28, 10 a.m.  
725th Main Support Battalion  
Lt. Col. Derek S. Smith will relinquish command to Lt. Col. Aimee Kominiak.
- June 29, 10 a.m.  
25th Infantry Division (Light) and U.S. Army, Hawaii  
Maj. Gen. Eric T. Olson will relinquish command to Maj. Gen. Benjamin R. Mixon.
- June 30, 10 a.m.  
65th Engineer Battalion  
Lt. Col. Andrew V. Jasaitis will relinquish command to Lt. Col. Bryan Truesdell.
- July 6, 10 a.m.  
Fort Shafter, 29th Engineer Battalion  
Lt. Col. Steven Miles will relinquish command to Lt. Col. Christopher Benson.
- July 7, 10 a.m.  
225th Forward Support Battalion  
Lt. Col. Flem B. Walker Jr. will relinquish command to Lt. Col. Charles Gibson.
- July 8, 10 a.m.  
Pohakuloa Training Command  
Lt. Col. Fred S. Clarke will relinquish command to Lt. Col. Kimberly A. Rapacz at the PTA Headquarters Building.
- July 11, 10 a.m.  
Brig. Gen. Francis J. Wiercinski, incoming assistant division commander (support) will be honored in a Flying V ceremony.
- July 12, 10 a.m.  
125th Finance Battalion  
Lt. Col. Domenico Rossi will relinquish command to Lt. Col. Roosevelt Corpening.
- July 14, 10 a.m.  
84th Combat Engineer Battalion  
Lt. Col. Jeffrey Eckstein will relinquish command to Lt. Col. Richard Toy.

## Flowers assumes command

Staff Sgt. Erika Ruthman  
Joint POW/MIA

Accounting Command

HICKAM AIR FORCE BASE — Approximately 250 people attended the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command change of command ceremony here June 3.

U.S. Army Brig. Gen. Michael C. Flowers assumed command of JPAC from U.S. Army Maj. Gen. W. Montague Winfield.

During his tenure, Winfield implemented the merge of the Army Central Identification Laboratory and the Joint Task Force-Full Accounting, based on a Department of Defense decision in 2003.

JPAC is responsible for searching for, recovering, and identifying remains of service members who are missing from the nation's conflicts. The JPAC teams conduct missions throughout the world searching for service members from World War I to Vietnam.

Flowers comes to JPAC from NATO Kosovo Force, Pristina, Kosovo where he was the chief of staff, from July 2004 to June 2005. He also participated in multiple military operations, including Operation Urgent Fury, Grenada; Operations Desert Shield and Storm, Saudi Arabia; and Operations Restore and Uphold Democracy, Haiti.

# Ball takes command

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25th Infantry Division (Light)

The 25th Infantry Division (Light) Aviation Brigade began a new chapter in its history on Sills Field, Monday, as the brigade bid farewell to Col B. Shannon Davis and welcomed incoming commander Col. A. Thomas Ball Jr.

Maj. Gen. Eric T. Olson, commander, 25th Infantry Division (Light) and U.S. Army, Hawaii, who presided over the day's event, applauded Davis for his compassionate leadership.

"His unmitigated dedication resulted in an unprecedented degree of mission accomplishments," Olson said. "Successful leaders share a common set of attributes as being masters of their crafts and expert trainers. Great leaders care, and Shannon Davis is a leader who cares."

Davis relinquished his command after leading the brigade for the past two years to include its deployment to Afghanistan where he commanded Joint Task Force Wings during Operation Enduring Freedom V.

During his remarks, Davis took the time to acknowledge individual and group accomplishments of the brigade, including awards as the Army Aviator of the Year, Flight Surgeon of the Year, and Best Small Dining Facility of the Year.

"Many of these great accomplishments came to fruition in combat, and out



Col. A. Thomas Ball, Jr., incoming DIVARTY commander, walks with Col. B. Shannon Davis, outgoing DIVARTY commander, as they inspect the troops during their change of command ceremony June 13.

of great dedication and sacrifice," Davis said, "but I would be remiss if I only spoke of the accomplishments and not of the sacrifices ... of those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our great nation."

All paid respects for fallen aviators when they halted for a moment of silence.

"I have never met a more dynamic leader with such a genuine passion for Soldiers and the Army," Olson commented.

Col. Davis thanked Olson for his mentorship and guidance during his tenure with the brigade.

Davis turned and looked Olson straight in the eye. He said, "Sir, you have taught me more about leadership in two years than I have learned in the previous 26. I sincerely hope we might serve together again."



Lt. Col. John M. Lynch, Jr., the commander of troops presents the command at the beginning of the DIVARTY change of command ceremony.

Ball, who had previously served as the 1st Battalion, 25th Aviation Regiment commander, shared his enthusiasm in returning to the island with his family, to lead the brigade.

"Barbie and I truly feel like we have returned home to our ohana," Ball

emphasized. "There is no greater honor or challenge than to assume command of a combat unit at a time when our nation is at war."

The Davis' will move to Fort Carson, Colo., where he will serve as chief of staff for the 7th Infantry Division.



William R. Goodwin



William R. Goodwin

Above and Left — Saturday marked the largest mass re-enlistment held aboard the Mighty Mo.

# 103 reaffirm their Oath of Enlistment

Spc. Cheryl Ransford  
17th Public Affairs Detachment

PEARL HARBOR — The largest re-enlistment ceremony ever held aboard the USS Missouri took place Saturday here, with 103 service members reaffirming their commitment to the United States.

Of those re-enlisting, many were recent combat veterans from Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom, veterans who heard the calling to continue serving their country.

"We have done a number of re-enlistment ceremonies in the past — in fact 3,600 of them to be exact for over

**Taking the Oath**  
Army - 55  
Air Force - 34  
Navy - 14

66,000 military personnel and their guests," said Tim Guard, vice chairman and secretary of the USS Missouri Association.

The USS Missouri has seen many historic events, not the least of which was the formal surrender of Japan on Sept. 2, 1945, on the surrender deck of the ship, Guard said. But this ceremony was no less important than any other

that has been conducted in the past, he emphasized.

"The ceremonies bond those who served on the Missouri when she defended the nation in World War II, Korea and Desert Storm with those who face today's global challenges with the same outstanding professionalism and pride," Guard explained.

"It truly is a special day," said Lt. Gen. John M. Brown, U.S. Army, Pacific, commander, headquartered at Fort Shafter, Hawaii. "We get to conduct this ceremony in front of so many of our friends, our neighbors, our fellow citizens, and especially our family

members.

"Too often today, re-enlistments take place on the battlefield. They take place in lands far away. And far too often our family members do not have the opportunity to be present as we raise our hand and affirm an oath to our nation."

"I wanted to be a part of this ceremony because I re-enlisted downrange, but wanted my family to be a part of it," said Sgt. Phillip Boudreaux, 125th Finance Battalion, out-processing clerk. "This is a very honorable event. It lets me know that I am in the right place at the right time."



1st Lt. Lindsey Dane

Sgt. 1st Class William Willen (left), a Tripler Army Medical Center career counselor, presents the American flag to Sgt. Ryan Brodin, a crew chief in 2-14 Aviation.

# Army Pacific selects top Soldiers

Public Affairs Office  
25th Infantry Division (Light)  
and U.S. Army, Hawaii

**FORT SHAFTER** — Fourteen of the top Soldiers and noncommissioned officers from the U.S. Army, Pacific Command, competed last week to be named the best in the Pacific.

Active duty, reserve and National Guard Soldier and NCO of the Year contenders from Hawaii, Alaska, Japan and Guam units, tackled questions from senior enlisted board members in order to determine overall winners.

USARPAC's SOY and NCOY winners were then announced during an awards ceremony at Richardson Theater here, June 8.

Sgt. Louissa Balthazard of U.S. Army, Japan, and Spc. Eric Przybylski of U.S. Army, Alaska, won the active duty competition.

Sgt. Roy Gillogly of the 9th Regional Readiness Command and Pfc. Thanh Truc Thanh of the 9th Theater Support Command won the reserve component competition.

Staff Sgt. Kevin Dirige and Spc. Melaine Nesmith of the Guam National Guard won the National Guard competition.

"I'm very excited and kind of relieved," Nesmith said after the ceremony.



Sgt. Sean Kimmons

**Command Sgt. Maj. Mark L. Farley, command sergeant major of USARPAC, talks to the 14 Soldier of the Year and NCO of the Year competitors before the ceremony, June 8.**

Her toughest challenge during the competition, she said, was standing "front and center" before seven command sergeants major and other sergeants majors at the board responding to tough questions.

"It was very intimidating," Nesmith said, adding that the most nerve-racking part was at the beginning. "But once you answer that

first question, you start to calm down."

Balthazard and Przybylski will go on to represent USARPAC at the Department of the Army level in Washington, D.C., in September.

"We are truly honored to be here in the presence of these great Soldiers," Lt. Gen. John M. Brown III, commander of USARPAC,

said to the audience attending the ceremony.

Brown then went on to address the competitors.

"I am very proud of every one of you that competed, and I am supremely confident in the qualities of those who will go forward and represent all of us," he added. "Keep reaching for that excellence as you already demonstrated."

Command Sgt. Maj. Mark L. Farley, command sergeant major of USARPAC, ran the competition and talked about the importance of recognizing the command's best of the best.

"It shows that we have great Soldiers in our Army, and it's a chance for us to highlight how good we really are," Farley said. "It's a tough competition, so they should be proud of themselves because all 14 of them are winners."

All six winners received \$1,600 in cash and savings bonds, an NCO mounted sword, a gold watch, leather bags, a statuette of an eagle, free luau tickets, a gift bag and a medallion from community sponsors.

Brown and Farley also presented each competitor with a coin and certificate of appreciation.

Rounding out the field were eight other contenders: Staff Sgt. Le Que Pride and Sgt. Jaclyn Kloiber of the 25th Infantry Division (Light) and U.S. Army, Hawaii; Staff Sgt. Keny Connolly and Spc. Tyson Drew of the Alaska Army National Guard; Staff Sgt. Adam Smith of the 9th Theater Support Command; Staff Sgt. Kris Kennedy of U.S. Army, Alaska; Spc. Matthew Ross of U.S. Army, Japan; and Spc. Christopher Worland of the 9th Regional Readiness Command.



Sgt. Louissa Balthazard  
**Best Active Duty Category**



Staff Sgt. Kevin Dirige  
**Best in National Guard Category**



Sgt. Roy Gillogly  
**Best in Reserve Component Category**



Spc. Melaine Nesmith  
**Best in National Guard Category**



Spc. Eric Przybylski  
**Best in Active Duty Category**



Pfc. Thanh Truc Thanh  
**Best in Reserve Component Category**

# Jacobs is best in world of finance

Sgt. Sean Kimmons  
Editor

A specialist with the 125th Finance Battalion recently captured Soldier of the Year honors at this year's Finance Regimental competition in Fort Bragg, N.C.

Spc. Victoria Jacobs, finance and accounting clerk with the 125th Finance Bn., was humble about the announcement and emphasized her accomplishment was a team effort.

"It took a lot of people to get to where I am," Jacobs said. "Yes, I did the board and won the competition, but I had a lot of good mentors that helped me get that far."

Jacobs, a 25-year-old Green Bay, Wis., native who joined the Army in August 2003, has been a "go to" Soldier for her finance shop.

"She's a stellar performer," said Sgt. Kevin Funcheon, noncommissioned officer in charge of the Special Actions section, 125th Finance Bn. "If something needs to be done, she does it," he added.

Jacobs began her way to the regimental competition by first winning at battalion-level in December and then at Pacific-level in February, where she went up against Soldiers from Alaska and Fort Lewis, Wash.

Studying and mock boards

became the norm for Jacobs during this long process, which in return helped her get by the overwhelming experience of fielding questions from nine command sergeants major at the regimental board.

"You kind of get the deer in the headlights look," she said about being in front of the high-ranking enlisted leaders. "... But you have to prevent yourself from looking like that because it's all about confidence in your abilities."

Jacobs hopes to go to the sergeant board this July. With the skills she has honed in the past six months, it should be no surprise if she receives a perfect score.



Spc. Juan Jimenez

**Spc. Victoria Jacobs (left), a 125th Finance Bn. Soldier who recently won the Finance Regimental Soldier of the Year competition, processes Staff Sgt. Rene Castro, a 2nd Brigade S-3 NCO.**

# MI field is looking for warrant officers

Sgt Tricia O. Ortiz  
U.S. Army Intelligence and  
Security Command

FORT BELVOIR, Va. — There has never been a better time to submit your packet for the U.S. Army military intelligence warrant officer program, says Chief Warrant Officer Eddie Mallard, command chief warrant officer, U.S. Army Intelligence and Security Command.

The Army is expanding the number of warrant officer applications it's accepting in all military intelligence fields.

"This opportunity is a great way to advance your career and earn the prestige of being called a U.S. Army MI warrant officer," said Mallard. "Only two percent of U.S. Army Soldiers are in the warrant officer program. This makes the warrant program a small elite corps and the commanders' trusted advisors.

"The Army teaches specialized technical training to this trusted cadre, and that let's them serve not just as advisors, but as mentors to junior officers and Soldiers as well as the voice of experience to the command," he continued.

Mallard added there are other advantages to becoming a warrant officer such as increased basic pay, faster promotions, an extended career path and challenging assignments.

"I personally decided to become a warrant officer because of the respect and leadership that professional senior warrants command, and then, there are the promotion advantages," explained Mallard.

Various training and job opportunities are offered by the MI field for qualified service members who have an MI background and want to become an Army intelligence warrant officer. The ideal candidate must have five to eight years of service, with four years of operational experience in the MI field. Candidates must also have a GT score of 110 or higher and should not have reached the age of 46.

Soldiers interested in applying to become an intelligence warrant officer, should contact Mallard at (703) 428-4655 or e-mail eddie.mallard@us.army.mil. For additional information about the warrant officer program, go to [www.usarec.army.mil/warrant](http://www.usarec.army.mil/warrant).



Sgt. Stephanie L. Carl

## DIVARTY saying 'Farewell'

(At far left) Sgt. Maj. Eugene R. Brewer (left), acting Division Artillery command sergeant major; Maj. Gregory D. Gadson (center), commander of troops; and Col. Gary H. Cheek, Division Artillery commander, inspect the 25th Field Artillery Detachment

during the Division Artillery inactivation ceremony at Sills Field Wednesday. After more than 60 years of providing fire support to the 25th Infantry Division (Light), DIVART is the first brigade-sized element to be affected by the 25th's transformation.



Lt. Col. Timothy M. Ryan, 25th Inf. Div. (L) adjutant, moves to his position on Sills Field during the sounding of Adjutant's Call to open the OEF Recognition Ceremony, June 10.

## OEF

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September 2001, and other horrific crimes that they were unable to execute because of your service," said Olson. "You accomplished much to help the Afghan people forge a new and brighter future. Each and every one of you stands as an example on giving to a cause larger than self.

"One day Americans will read about you," Olson told the Soldiers, "about how in the early part of the twenty-first century, you Soldiers freed some twenty-five million people in Afghanistan from the grip of one of the most horrific and tyrannical regimes ever known to man.

"They will learn about you who gave citizens a chance for a representative government in Afghanistan for the first time in more than 5,000 years," Olson continued.

As the face of war changes, Soldiers help to rewrite the rules of warfare, earning their place in history, he explained. Combined Task Force Thunder [in Regional Command East in Afghanistan] completed this portion of the story when the final group of Soldiers returned to Hawaii, June 5.

"You Soldiers have written another chapter, another story in the Tropic Lightning history," said Olson.

## Memorial

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veteran and co-chairman of the Tropic Lightning Association's fundraising committee. "We had to pay for it ourselves. We wanted to make sure these kids today wouldn't have to do the same thing. They truly deserve this memorial."

"More than twenty years after the end of the Vietnam combat operations, the veterans of that war and those who sacrificed their lives in service to our nation in Vietnam were honored by the now-famous Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C.," said Sincock. "More than forty years after the end of combat operations in Korea, the veterans of that war and those who sacrificed their lives in service to their nation were honored with the dedication of the Korean War Memorial in Washington, D.C.

"Last year, almost sixty years since the end of World War II, the veterans who served their nation in that war and those who paid the ultimate sacrifice for saving the world from the forces of evil, were honored with a long-overdue dedication of the National World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C.

"Twenty years, forty years, sixty years – lessons learned," Sincock continued. "It took too long, and we aren't going to let that happen again. That's why we stand here today to dedicate this memorial.

"The boys of World War II, Korea and Vietnam are determined to see that our young men and women of Iraq and Afghanistan are honored now — not decades from now."

The memorial was an especially important undertaking for Dave Garrod, also a Korean War veteran and the co-chairman of the Tropic Lightning

Association's fund-raising committee.

"When Tom and I were out here this past December to meet the artist, Lynn Weiler Liverton, and discuss the concept of the monument with Maj. Tony San Nicholas, the word came back to the rear that an aircraft accident had taken the life of three 3rd Squadron, 4th Cavalry Soldiers," said Garrod, adding that the news really hit hard, having served in the unit from 1967 through 1968. "It really put an emphasis on the importance of the project for me.

"At the ceremony we were honored to meet Jeanette McMahan and Mrs. Travis Grogan, which then put faces on the families of the Soldiers that the Monument was built for," Garrod added. "This was confirmation to me that the monument project was the right thing at the right time to help with the healing for those spouses and family members who lost a loved one."

For Liverton, designing and sculpting the monument provided insight into the world of today's Soldiers.

"I knew nothing about the Army when I started this project," she said. "I had to learn as I went. The Soldiers are now individuals to me. Each individual is fighting that battle; each individual is sacrificing something.

"There are so many levels of sacrifice that the Soldiers give to this effort, and it's really noble what they do, and courageous. I'm just amazed.

"I want the Soldiers who see this to know that they're doing a good job and that the nation recognizes their valor and that there has been a great sacrifice," she explained.

Liverton has also been commissioned by the association to create three other sculptures that will depict 25th Inf. Div. (L) Soldiers from other wars — World War II, Korea and Vietnam.



Butch Sincock (left), Tropic Lightning Association executive director, and Olson untie the maile lei signifying the opening of the War Memorial outside the division headquarters.

"The aging Soldiers of times past and many of you here today have raised over \$76,000 toward this memorial," said Sincock. "That's a beginning, but we have a long way to go. We need to raise approximately \$350,000 more, and when we do, the Soldier we unveil here today will not stand alone.

"Each will wear the uniform of his war and carry the infantry weapon of his war, and each will proudly wear the Tropic Lightning patch on his shoulder.

"They will stand by the Soldier we unveil today, for in every sense, today's Soldier does not stand alone."

## Barracks

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see that today.”

An added benefit to the brigade, according to Maj. Gregory Baker, executive officer, will be the consolidation of all aviation Soldiers at WAAF.

“Unlike the infantry brigades, we have aviation brigade Soldiers at Schofield Barracks and Wheeler,” explained Baker. “By 2007, we should have the entire brigade on Wheeler, so Soldiers can live and work in the same area.”

Gone are yesterday’s barracks — from open bay with 40 Soldiers or more during World War II to the 1970’s and 80’s dormitory-style barracks. And, unlike previous barracks designs, Soldier input weighed heavily on the final design plan.

Exterior amenities include a quadrangle structure similar to Schofield’s barracks; however, the comparison stops there. While three of the buildings are living quarters for Soldiers, the fourth is a Soldier Community Center aimed at replacing yesteryear’s “dayroom.”

Also, in true tropical style, the buildings feature open-arched entrances with exterior stairs to upper floors. In addition, while older barracks featured four washers/dryers per building, the new complex has four washers/dryers per floor.

The interior design is where the new barracks complex truly shines. Distinguishing each exterior room door are two doorbells, one for each occupant. Once



**Spc. Kurt Price enjoys a little private time in his new room at the recently opened aviation barracks complex.**

inside, each two-man room features a common kitchen area and shared full bath.

The private bedrooms have separate doors and walk-in closets. Each room is carpeted and fully furnished with individual air conditioning controls. Wired for phone, cable, and Internet too, the single Soldier has nearly every amenity offered to his married counterpart.

“Just like a motel room” is how Pfc. Reginald Johnson describes his room at the new complex. “In the old bar-

racks, it was one big room with no separation, and we shared a bathroom with four people,” Johnson said.

“I like this a lot better because you have so much more privacy. You can watch TV without fighting over the programs, and you can have company without impacting on anybody else,” Pvt. Evan Christopher said.

Asked if having new facilities serve as an incentive to stay Army, Christopher said, “Having these new barracks means a lot to young Sol-

diers. I think the Army sees that young Soldiers have come quite a ways from previous Soldiers. We are more responsible and able to take care of ourselves.”

According to Col. Davis, first impressions are lasting ones.

“This is the beginning, a Soldier’s first impression of the Army. ...We ask them to do our nation’s hardest business ... go to war. ...The least we can do is provide them with a nice place to live, work and Soldier.”

## Olson

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may exist. The Army wants “to create ways to be more deployable vice cycles of repetitive deployments — for more predictability and stability,” he said, regarding transformation to modular units.

“Since World War II, no other officer has been better trained, from basic training to sustained combat training,” Olson said. “That’s huge.”

As well, many company grades officers are highly skilled leaders, which may challenge leadership opportunities, according to Olson.

“Some of you junior officers will have more expertise, more skill sets than the officers leading you,” Olson said. “The key for senior leaders is to listen ... that’s part of our environment that we must be aware of. If we don’t offer you challenging opportunities that are commensurate to you, we will lose you.”

Life cycle units, modular equipment, fewer long-term deployments, and family roles and concerns in deployments will shape the future, Olson added, suggesting that some goals may be ideals at present.

He told the officers that they should trust their Army as it works to provide more stability for Soldiers and their families. Now more than ever

before, he said, the Army is trying to include families in the deployment process, as well as the assignments and career patterns of dual-military couples.

Wrapping his formal comments, Olson expressed his enormous gratitude to the officers for the success of their missions in Afghanistan and Iraq.

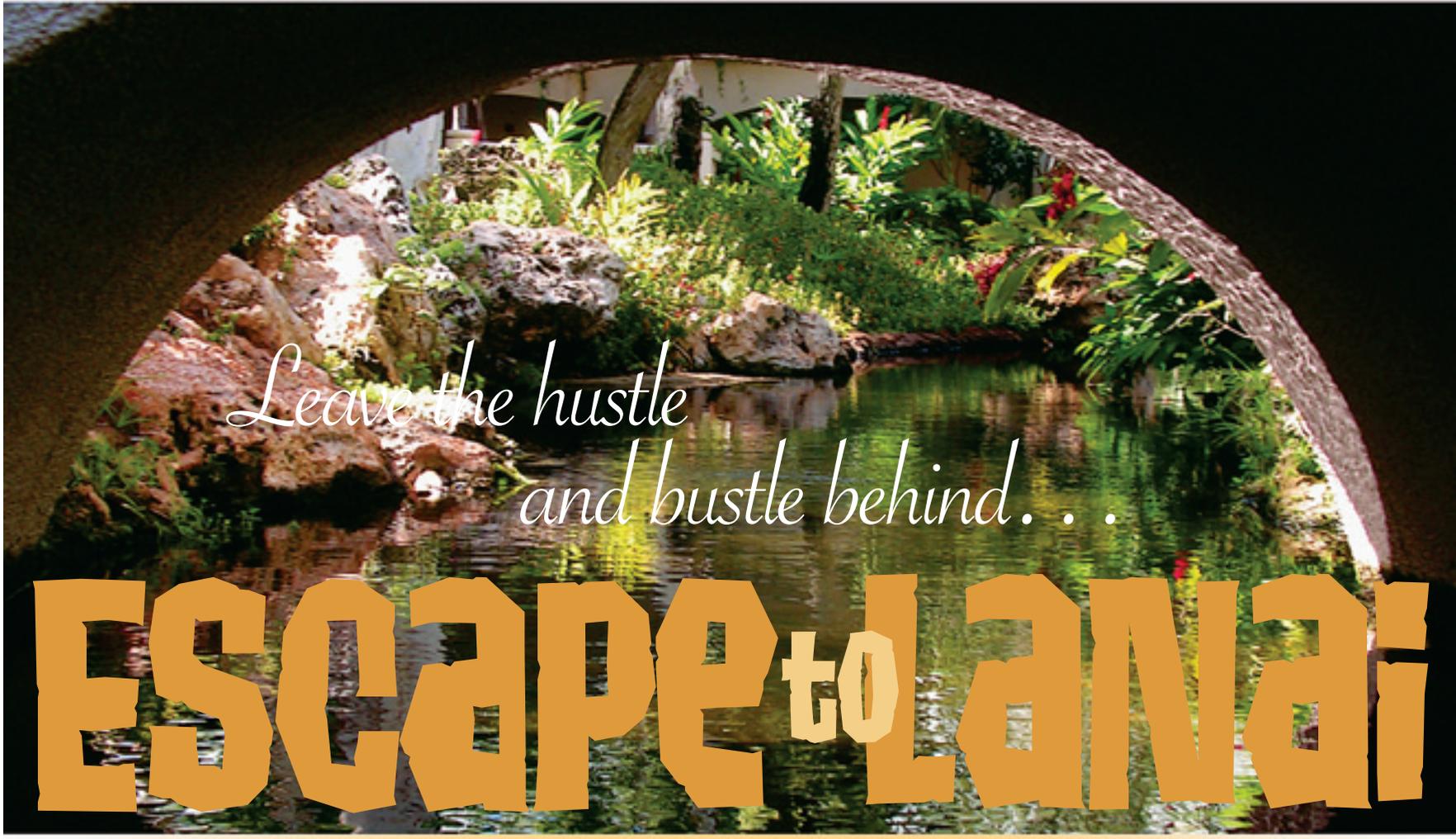
“The success of those missions was built on the backs of junior leaders [company grade officers and noncommissioned officers],” he said.

The professional development training ended with a question and answer period. Officers queried the general about the PCS and return policy, opportunities for officers in functional areas, the branch detail program, and infrastructure and facility improvements, among other issues.

“Two things,” said Olson before dismissing the audience. “We need to recognize who you are as junior officers in the U.S. Army ... to serve at a time when the nation really needs you.”

“You volunteered to defend the United States, [but] you are a small fraction of the population in America,” he continued.

“There are a lot of issues out there, but trust your Army and trust your leaders ... that we are going to come out of this time that much more capable.”



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and bustle behind...*

# ESCAPE to LANAI



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LANAI CITY, HAWAII — If traffic, highways, crowds and noise are not your idea of paradise, then Lanai, Hawaii's "Most Secluded Island," is the vacation spot for you. Home to nearly 3,000 residents, Lanai is a true escape from the ordinary.

Once known as the "Pineapple Isle," Lanai was the largest single pineapple plantation in the world. Today, production is at less than 100 acres, and the major source of income is tourism.

Just 13 miles wide and 18 miles long (with 47 miles of coastline), the island — while more laid-back and slower-paced — offers many of the same amenities of its larger neighboring islands.

Almost the entire population of Lanai lives in the island's single "city" here, which resembles the Hawaiian version of any mainland small-town U.S.A. Small shops face Dole Park, and most "roll up their sidewalks" on Sundays — one exception is the Blue Ginger Café where locals gather to talk story.

The International Food and Clothing Center, fashioned after an old-time general store, is open on Sundays, too.

There, local residents can shop for a half-gallon of milk for \$3.49, quite a large selection of "slippuh's" and a solitary television set.

Lanai has few paved roads, and the single rental car agency only offers Jeep Wranglers for this reason.

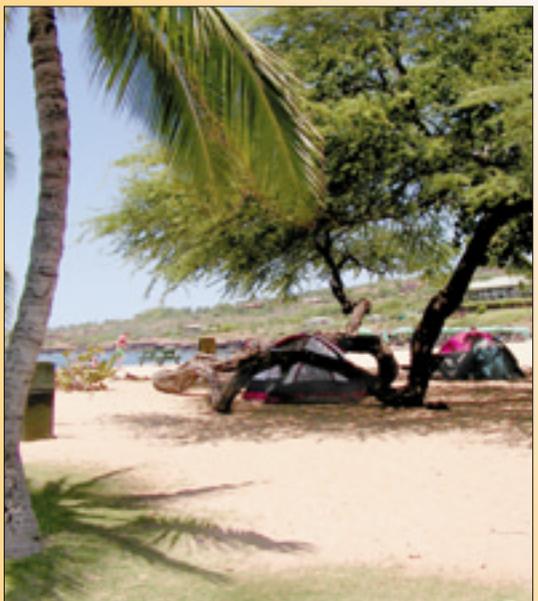
There is one gas station as well, and it is decorated with memorabilia, local items and souvenirs.

A gallon of gas in Lanai costs \$3.59 — an entire dollar more than on Oahu. But, with so little area to drive on, residents don't seem too upset with the pricing.

What Lanai lacks in malls, discos and coffee shops, it more than makes up for in outdoor adventure and pure relaxation.

**Attractions**

Just up the road from the quaint shopping area, visitors can learn how to shoot a shotgun and then try their new skills at the 12-sta-



Travelers to Lanai can camp on the beach or stay at a 5-star resort. The campers share the same immaculate beach as the resort guests.

tion sporting clay's course. For the hunter, every Saturday is deer hunting season. Axis deer (brought to the islands from India in the mid-1800s) challenge even the best hunters. Today, there are more than 8,000 Axis deer on Lanai.

Not far from Lanai City is the Munro Trail, which climbs from the city's 1,600-foot elevation through stands of Norfolk pines and up to the highest point on the island, Lanaihale ("house of Lanai") at 3,370 feet.

On a clear day, five other islands are visible, along with much of Lanai. One of the areas visible is Maunalei Gulch, where island defenders were unable to stop the advance of King Kamehameha I's warriors in his quest to unite the Hawaiian Islands in the late 18th and early 19th centuries.

Another popular tourist spot is the Garden of the Gods, a lunar-looking collection of natural red lava rock formations located on the northwestern part of the island. The rocks appear to change color throughout the day as the sunlight hits them from different angles.

Island residents who built shrines to the gods at this spot once considered this location a sacred spot.

Snorkeling here is said to be the best in Hawaii. Hulopo'e Bay and tide pools attract their fair share of visitors. But, at any given time, the bay is far less crowded than Oahu's Haunauma Bay, with fewer than a dozen

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Top — The view from under a secluded bridge at one of the island's resort hotels is breathtakingly peaceful.

Top Left — A general store sits on the square in Lanai City.

Middle Left — The view is stunning from Manele Bay to Hulopo'e Bay.

Bottom Left — Michael Chang, an Army major with the Pacific Command on Oahu, enjoys spending time at the stables at Ko'ele before an afternoon ride.



**JUNE 17 / Today**

**Picnic Sites for Fourth of July**— Morale, Welfare and Recreation is accepting reservations for picnic sites at Kaala Community Activities Center, Room 101. Cost is \$60 for a 20-by-20 foot area on the perimeter of Sills Field.

These areas are the only areas where cooking on grills will be authorized during the Fourth of July extravaganza. Call 655-0112 or 655-0110 to reserve your site today.

**18 / Saturday**

**Parent's Night Out** — Leave your kids in the competent hands of Child and Youth Services and then delight in a night out on the town. Reservations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis at the Resource and Referral Office.

Children enrolled in Parent's Night Out must be registered with the office no later than Wednesday at noon, prior to this event, each month. Call 655-8313 for more information.

**Yu-Gi-Oh Tournament**

— Join the duels for Yu-Gi-Oh bragging rights at the Tropics when registration gets underway at 1 p.m.

Cost for this tournament is \$6 and includes Yu-Gi-Oh merchandise. Prizes will be awarded, and play will begin at 2 p.m. Call 655-0002 for more details.

**19 / Sunday**

**Father's Day Brunch** — Take dad out for a delicious Sunday brunch at the Hale

Ikena on Fort Shafter from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., or to the Nehelani on Schofield Barracks from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Enjoy a variety of breakfast, main entrée and dessert selections. Call the Hale Ikena at 438-1974 or the Nehelani at 655-4466 to make reservations.



**Father's Day Buffet**

— Bring dad to the beautiful Waianae Beach Club from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. for a wonderful breakfast buffet, or treat dad to a scrumptious dinner buffet anytime from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Call 696-4778 for more information.

**21 / Tuesday**

**Balloon Monsoon** — Part of the Summer Reading program, Balloon Monsoon begins today at your nearest library. Children will enjoy watching Balloon Monsoon on the following dates beginning at 3 p.m.: Fort Shafter on June 21; Schofield, June 22; and Aliamanu, June 23. Call your closest library for more details.

**Youth Summer Games**

— Youth are invited to play a variety of games and win prizes at the Tropics beginning at 6 p.m.

Cost is \$5 for two slices of

pizza and a drink. Call 655-0002 for more information.

**Pre-School Story Time**

— Encourage youngsters to love reading. This program will introduce children to the world of imagination at the Fort Shafter library at 10 a.m. Subsequent sessions will be held on June 28 at Fort Shafter and June 22 and 29 at the Sgt. Yano library located at Schofield Barracks.

**22 / Wednesday**

**Summer Youth Art** — Children will participate in fun activities such as creating animal door hangers, painting puzzles and making shrink art. Sessions will be held at the Schofield Barracks Arts and Crafts Center from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on June 22, 23 and 29. Cost is \$12 per class session. Call 655-4202 for more information.

**23 / Thursday**

**Arts and Crafts Sale** — The annual arts and crafts at the Fort Shafter Arts and Crafts Center, Building 339, features quilts, woodcrafts, pottery, jewelry, stained glass, ceramics and much more.

Arrive anytime between 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., June 23 through 24, and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on June 25. Call 438-1071 for more details.

**24 / Friday**

**Hawaiian Luau Lunch Buffet** — Taste a traditional Hawaiian style feast from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Hale Ikena at Fort Shafter, or at the Nehelani on Schofield Barracks. Cost is \$9.95 per person.

Call the Nehelani 655-4466 or the Hale Ikena at 438-1974 for reservations or more information.

www.Hawaii deltas.net.

**Square Dancing**

— The Hawaii Federation of Square Dance Clubs invites all members of the military to join in on the fun of Community Square Dancing, tomorrow and June 25 at the Manana Community Park, Waimano Home Road, Pearl City from 7 to 9 p.m. Also register for a new 10-week class beginning July 2.

New square dancers are introduced to the basic fun moves of folk dance; no experience is required. Singles, couples and families with teens are welcome.

Admission is free, and casual attire is OK. "Even real men can square dance." Call David Lemon at 456-8465 for more details.

**Taiko Festivities**

— The exciting sounds of Japanese Taiko drums will kick off "Rhythm of the Islands," a festival featuring percussion instruments from Hawaii's plantation cultures starting at 10 a.m. tomorrow at Hawaii's Plantation.

Festivities will include greeting newly crowned Miss Hawaii 2005 and performances by the Honbushin International Drummers, the St. Louis High School Philippine Heritage Club (on Filipino kulintang gongs) and other cultural groups.

Plentiful food vendors will be available, and festival admission is free with ample on-site parking.

The plantation village will remain open for regular touring. Admission rates for guided tours of the historic village range from \$4 youth (ages 4-11), \$7 kamaaina and military with ID, \$10 seniors (62-plus), and \$13 adults. For more information, visit hawaiiplantationvillage.org.

**19 / Sunday**

**The Wave** — All are invited to attend "Crave the Wave," an exciting worship service that meets each Sunday at 10 a.m. at the Fort Shafter dining facility.

**27 / Monday**

**Seafood Bucket for Two** — Seafood lovers can dig into a bucket containing a variety of seafood including shrimp, crabs, clams and mussels, as well as selected side dishes and a pitcher of beverage at Reggie's.

Stop by between 5 and 8 p.m. and enjoy this dinner for two at only \$19.95.

**ONGOING**

**Children's Music Classes** — SKIES Unlimited is offering music, piano, vocal training, flute, recorder, guitar and ukulele classes during its summer session.

Classes are offered at the Bennett and Aliamanu Youth Center. Call SKIES Unlimited for age requirements in classes, as well as for costs and times, at 655-2413.

**Youth Sponsorship**

— Are you interested in being a youth sponsor, assisting in planning hail and farewell socials, and assembling welcome packets and more to welcome new youth to Hawaii? If so, become a youth sponsor today by calling 655-2263.

**Armed Forces Vacation Club**

— Take advantage of the Armed Forces Vacation Club, a space-available program that offers Defense Department-affiliated personnel and their relatives the opportunity to take affordable condominium vacations at resorts around the world for only \$259 per unit, per week (seven nights).

Complete details and reservations can be made online at www.afvclub.com.

**Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers**

— Want to get involved in the community and don't know how? Join BOSS on one of its many volunteer outings.

Come fellowship and enjoy some coffee or soda. For more details, call Chaplain (Capt.) James Lester at 438-1816.

**Reef by Day**

— From hermit crabs to rice corals to sharks, the Waikiki Aquarium invites residents and visitors to get up-close and personal with Hawaii's underwater world with a full slate of summer activities and programs.

Catch "Exploring the Reef by Day," Sunday from 8 to 10:30 a.m., and spend the morning discovering sea slugs, collector crabs, spaghetti worms and other animals the low tide could reveal.

Minimum age for this tour is 5 years; youngsters must be accompanied by an adult. Pre-registration required and admission costs \$10 for adults, \$8 for keiki.

**20 / Monday**

**First Aid Class** — The American Red Cross Schofield Barracks Service Center is holding a class for

BOSS works with many groups within the community such as Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Honolulu, Bowl Games of Hawaii, and the PGA. Volunteers are always needed and welcome; call 655-8169 for more information.

**Personal Trainers**

— Do you want to lose body fat, tone and build muscle? Want to improve your cardiovascular fitness, increase flexibility and understand what nutrition means to your body?

Personal trainers are available at the Health and Fitness Center on Schofield Barracks, and they can develop an individualized program to help you reach your goals.

Get started today; call 655-8007.

**Sunday Brunch at Reggie's**

— Enjoy a delicious brunch buffet featuring French toast, eggs and waffles, along with a variety of hot lunch entrees every Sunday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Cost is \$12.95 for adults, and children's prices are available. Call 655-4466 for more information.

**Dollar Days at Wheeler Bowl**

— Play for \$1 a game and \$1 shoe rental, Mondays through Fridays from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Wheeler Army Air Field bowling alley. For more information, call 656-1745.

**Fast Gifts**

— A new inventory of affordable island crafts is available at the Schofield Barracks Arts and Crafts Center. Colorful wood and woven mirrors, floral and fish designs, ukulele towel racks, recipe boxes, pineapple cutting boards and more are on display. For more details, call 655-4202.

Standard First Aid/Adult CPR, plus Child and Infant CPR. The class will run on June 20, 22 and 23 from 6 to 9:30 p.m.

Cost is \$39 and includes the study book; call 655-4927 to register.

**21 / Tuesday**

**Protestant Women of the Chapel** — 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" will run beginning June 21 through Aug. 2 at 9 a.m. in Room D-9 of the main post chapel.

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

Free Computer Training — Army Community Service offers free introductory word



**Job Search** — Visit, browse and apply for federal jobs that are available in Hawaii at www.nafjobs.com.

**Tropic Lightning**

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

**Pau Hana Friday**

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

**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 will continue to serve delicious pastries, desserts and smoothies.

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

**Automotive Resale Lot**

— Place your vehicle in the resale lot on Schofield Barracks for \$7 a week; however, you must have a government ID card, state registration, a license plate sticker, a state safety inspection and sticker, proof of Hawaii "No Fault" insurance, a base decal number and a power of attorney — if you are not the registered owner of the vehicle available for sale.

Call 655-9368 or visit the MWR Automotive Center on Schofield Barracks for more information.

processing computer training for spouses seeking employment. Training is conducted on five consecutive Tuesdays from 8:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Spaces are limited, so don't delay in calling 655-2400 to register.

**25 / Saturday**

**Certified Babysitters** — Do you want to be an American Red Cross certified babysitter? The Red Cross is holding a babysitter's training class on June 25 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cost is \$35 and includes the study book; however, minimum spaces available.

Call the Schofield Barracks Red Cross office at 655-4927 to register.

**Community Calendar**

**JUNE 17 / Today**

**ACS Volunteers** — The Army Community Service seeks volunteers for the following positions: ACS volunteer manager, relocation/lending closet clerk, financial readiness clerk, Army Family Team Building instructors, and master trainers.

Training is also available for anyone interested in volunteering as an AFTB Instructor.

For more information, contact Cathie Henderson, volunteer coordinator, at hendersonca@schofield.army.mil or 655-2398.



**Battleship Missouri**

— The Battleship Missouri Memorial will offer completely free admission to all active duty, reserve and retired U.S. Army personnel. Also, Army family members will enjoy 50-percent admission throughout the month of June, in honor of the U.S. Army's 230th birthday, observed this past Tuesday.

The Army Birthday Special includes 10-percent off retail purchases at the memorial's Victory Store, which recently

introduced a new inventory of World War II 60th anniversary commemorative items ranging from coins to T-shirts.

Regular admission to the Battleship Missouri Memorial is \$16 per adult and \$8 per child ages 4-12. Military and kamaaina (local residents) rates are \$10 per adult and \$5 per child.

With the Army birthday special, immediate family members of Army personnel with ID cards will enjoy \$5 per adult and \$2.50 per child admission rates.

Guided tours are additional. For more information, call 973-2494 or visit the memorial's Web site at www.ussmissouri.org.

**18 / Saturday**

**DEFY** — Military or DoD youth ages 9 to 12, junior mentors in ages 13 to 18, and adult mentors are wanted and encouraged to participate in the Drug Education for Youth, or DEFY, program.

DEFY is all about creating positive experiences so that kids will choose healthy alternatives instead of substance abuse and gang involvement.

The year-round, multi-phase program is at no cost to parents and guardians (except those receiving commuted rations). Interested personnel should sign up at the Schofield Barracks Post Exchange, tomorrow or June 25 between 9 and 11 a.m., or at the Schofield Commissary, Sunday or June 26 between 9 and 11 a.m.

**Delta Sigma Theta**

— The Hawaii Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., will host a Step Show and Party for its annual scholarship fund-raiser Saturday at the Banyans on Pearl Harbor. Come out and see which Greek will take home bragging rights as the best steppers.

Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. until midnight; tickets cost \$25. Contact Tenia Just-Bourgeois at 271-1534, or visit the Web site at



**Today**  
The Interpreter  
7 p.m. (PG-13)

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

**Sunday**  
The Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy  
7 p.m. (PG)

**Wednesday**  
The Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy  
7 p.m. (PG)

**Thursday**  
The Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy  
7 p.m. (PG)

The theater is closed Monday & Tuesday.

HACN TV2 Schedule	
Morning	Evening
6:00 Sign On	6:00 Hawaii Army Report
6:30 Gallery of Heroes	6:30 What's Down the Drain
7:00 Bulletin Board	6:38 Community Focus
7:30 What's Down the Drain	6:53 Welcome Home
7:43 Welcome Home	Redeployment Montage 5
7:49 Welcome Home	7:00 NFL: Man's Greatest Adventure
7:49 Welcome Home	8:00 What's Down the Drain
8:00 Hawaii Army Report	8:07 Safety Video
8:33 Army News Watch	8:11 Welcome Home
9:00 Pentagon Channel	Redeployment Montage 4
10:00 Welcome Home	8:17 Welcome Home
10:08 Maui the Magic Isle	Redeployment Montage 5
10:30 Bulletin Board	8:22 Oahu Aloha Begins
11:04 Gallery of Heroes	8:30 NSPS What to Expect
11:37 Hawaii: Hidden Beauty	9:43 Welcome Home
11:55 Welcome Home	Redeployment Montage 5
Redeployment Montage 4	9:49 Dash and Grab
12:00 Hawaii Army Report	10:00 NFL: 100 Greatest Tackles
12:33 Pentagon Channel	10:48 What's Down the Drain
	10:55 Welcome Home
	Redeployment Montage 3
<b>Afternoon</b>	11:00 Bulletin Board
2:00 After the Storm	11:46 Welcome Home
2:23 Bulletin Board	Redeployment Montage 5
2:54 NSPS What to Expect	
4:00 Pentagon Channel	<b>Overnight</b>
	Pentagon Channel

# Vicki Olson reflects, advises on 33 years

Joy Boisselle  
Staff Writer

Societies identify leaders in many ways. Perhaps the most common identification is through titles bestowed like president, commanding officer or squad leader.

Some leaders, however, are identified solely by their deeds and actions.

Such is the case with Victoria W. Olson, wife of Maj. Gen. Eric T. Olson, commanding general, 25th Infantry Division (Light), and U.S. Army, Hawaii. On June 18, the Olsons will celebrate 33 years of marriage — for Vicki, 33 years as an Army spouse.

Her military story began in 1969, when, by chance, a friend's picture of her on his desk at West Point caught another cadet's eye — young plebe Eric T. Olson.

They exchanged letters for three months before a meeting took place.

## The early years

The two dated for three years and married shortly after 2nd Lt. Olson's graduation from West Point. The date was June 18, 1972.

A humble beginning, their first assignment at Fort Benning bestowed a furnished trailer, with one air conditioner, that measured a whopping 10 feet by 55 feet.

Since then, the Olsons have traveled the globe and experienced more than 15 assignment moves and a staggering five deployments, including the most recent deployment of the 25th Infantry Division (Light) to Afghanistan and Iraq.

## Many roles

Through it all, Vicki has

weathered the changes and challenges of military life. Those who know her characterize her as a strong selfless leader who always has others' welfare as her number one priority.

She arguably can be called the division's top volunteer. For the past three years, she served, not only as the division's official hostess for military functions, but also as a leader in both the military and civilian communities.

She served with numerous organizations; in some she functioned as a leader, in others as advisor or member. A few of those organizations were the Hui O Na Wahine, the Post Exchange and Commissary councils, the Hawaii Family Action Plan council, the Joint Venture Education Forum, the Child and Youth Services council, the United Services Organization board, and still more.

Perhaps, her most important role was as the division family readiness group leader during the division's yearlong deployment.

As the Olsons prepare to move on to their next military adventure, Vicki Olson sat for an interview where she discussed her life as a military spouse, the changes over the years and the past three years with the division.



**Q: How was your first assignment with the Army and how did you cope?**

What helped was we were both new, and we were learning the military together. We always talked, which I think is very important for married couples to do.

Talk not only about what



Courtesy of Olson Family

**Maj. Gen. Eric T. Olson, his wife, Vicki, and family dogs Bouncer and Sunny pose for an official photo at West Point, where Olson served as the commandant of cadets prior to his being the Tropic Lightning commander.**

the service member's career means, but talk about and be interested in each other's goals and aspirations.

**Q: You were around for the beginning of the family support group. What do you remember from that time?**

I first became involved in family support when we were in Europe in the late eighties. We had many isolated young families living on the economy, and I became aware of what military families do for each other and how important that support is.

When Desert Storm started, Rick was in battalion command in Georgia, and I think the turning point for family readiness programs started then.

It was apparent that families needed a support system and that they made a huge difference during the deployment.

We [Army leadership and military spouses] were basically inventing family support at that time.

Today, the Army has acknowledged the importance of the family and the impact it has on Soldier readiness. There are a slew of formalized programs, like AFTB [Army Family Team Building], FRG [Family Readiness Group] and AFAP [Army Family Action Plan], but we are still not there yet.

Child care is still an issue, especially with dual-military couples.

**Q: Based on what you learned as a family readiness group leader, what advice can you give those in family readiness group leadership roles today?**

You must be consistent, have regular meetings, and give out reliable information. If you give accurate information, the spouses will come to rely on you for information.

And, the best way to show your appreciation for what other volunteers are stepping up to do really takes a minor effort.

Be a visible presence, show up to events, be a supporter. Let them know you know what they are doing. It makes all the difference in how a unit pulls together.

Finally, you can never say "thank you" enough.

**Q: Are there expected roles for military spouses?**

Absolutely not. I don't want to peg people to a role they may not be comfortable fitting. But, it is important, no matter what level your military spouse may be, that you be a member of the community.

It is natural that younger, less-experienced spouses will look for role models and for people who have succeeded in what is a challenging life.

As the spouse of a non-commissioned officer or officer, people will look to you for direction, and you may not be comfortable with that. But, you can make a difference by being there, by being supportive, and by just being an example.

**Q: How did the 25th ID (L) do during the deployment, specifically family readiness groups and support programs? How critical were FRG efforts to the success of the Soldier on the battlefield?**

We did great. We had many unique programs that

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 Schofield Barracks  
 June 21, 6:30 a.m.**

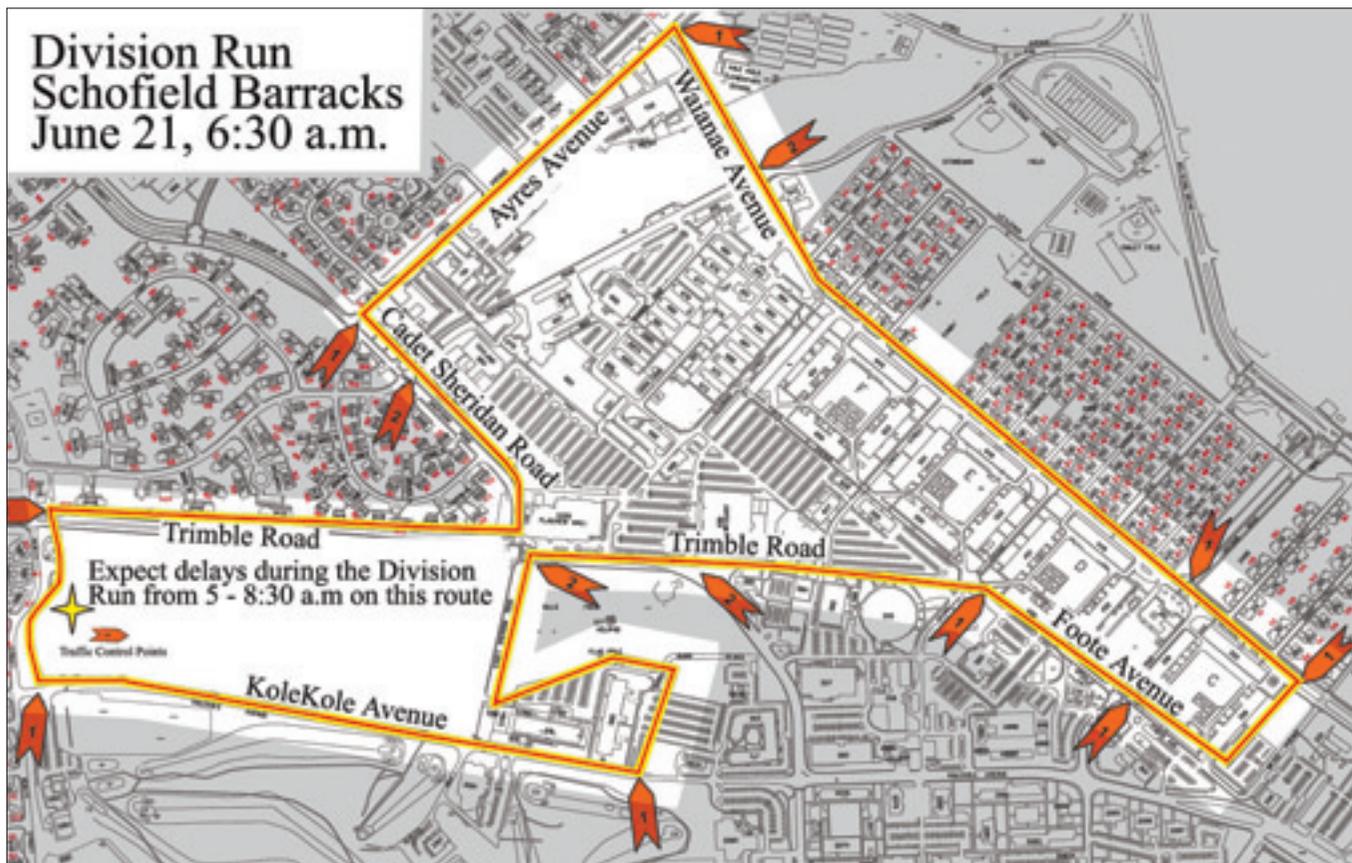


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# Division Run to farewell Olson

The Tropic Lightning community should plan to use alternate routes and parking locations when the 25th Infantry Division (Light) amasses for its farewell Division Run on June 21 from 5 to 8:30 a.m.

During the hours of the run — and anytime when passing troops in formation while driving — motorists must pass the formation at 10 mph.

All Soldiers, family members and civilians

aboard Schofield Barracks are heartily encouraged to cheer runners along the route.

This Division Run will honor the leadership of Maj. Gen. Eric T. Olson as he departs the division and U.S. Army, Hawaii, for his next assignment as deputy commander of U.S. Pacific Command at Camp H.M. Smith.

### Other road closures

Due to ongoing Army Hawaii Family Hous-

ing construction efforts, the following roads will be closed to traffic, as specified:

- McCornack Road — from Cadet Sheridan Road to Hewitt Street — will be closed beginning June 22 through December 2006.

- Kolekole Avenue — from Cadet Sheridan Road to Hewitt Street — will be closed beginning June 22 through June 2007.

For more information about road closures, contact Albert Matute at 748-8200.

**You Drink.  
 You Drive.**



**You Lose.**

In 2003, about 38 percent of all drivers involved in fatal crashes in the 21- to 24-year-old age group had consumed some alcohol.

— National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

## Lana'i

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snorkelers at any given time.

This area is also the preferred habitat of Hawaii's largest pod of spinner dolphins. Often, they entertain themselves and visitors by swimming with snorkelers and other swimmers.

Cliff diving is another popular tourist attraction. Southeast Lanai's Kaunolu Point is said to be the birthplace of the modern sport of cliff diving, begun by Hawaiian warriors leaping into the ocean from an 80-foot ledge as proof of their courage.

Each August, the Cliff Diving World Championships are held at the point and aired on network television.

For scuba diving enthusiasts, don't miss the breathtaking Cathedrals of Lanai, which have been hailed by avid divers as one of the best dive spots in the world.

Not all attractions involve water sports either. Most tourists come to Lanai to

completely escape everything or to golf at two of the Hawaii's most spectacular golf courses.

Don't golf? Then try horseback riding, another popular activity on the island.

Ever since horses were introduced to the island of Hawaii in 1803, horseback riding has been a popular

activity, and the island of Lanai is no exception.

Horseback riding here takes visitors high onto ridgelines where they can overlook windswept plains and dry land forests.

### Accommodations

Two luxury resorts and

one small historic hotel are available to meet visitor's needs. At the luxury hotels, guests truly learn how to slow down and appreciate the pampered life, as well as the beauty and natural surroundings of the island.

One resort is up-country on the cooler, wooded highlands, and the other resort

is ocean-side. Each offers the best of both worlds.

A shuttle carries guests between the two resorts every half hour, so renting a car is not always a necessity. But, if you do drive, there is not a single stop light on the entire island.

If camping is your thing, permits are available to

camp right on the beach by contacting the Lanai Company, Inc. Permits are free and issued for up to three days for non-residents.

No matter what you like to do — or if doing nothing at all is your ideal vacation — then, Lanai is the ultimate vacation destination to truly escape to.



**Thanks to this sign, visitors know they are in the heart of Lana'i City. The island of Lana'i is secluded, quiet and perfect for rest and relaxation.**

## Vicki

From B-3

were not done anywhere else.

We had the Blue Star Card, we had Tripler doctors go to schools to assist with child issues, we had Behavioral Health Liaisons from Tripler assigned to FRGs, and we started a bereavement group in conjunction with the veterans center of Honolulu.

The Hui O Na Wahine [the women's club] was extremely important because it provided a forum where spouses, regardless of who they were married to, could share fellowship with other spouses.

The FRGs were indispensable to the success of the deployment. People stepped up to the plate and not just a few ... hundreds of people chipped in.

The FRGs supported the chain of command, gave accurate information and provided moral support.

FRGs allowed the deployed Soldiers to focus on the mission, take care of themselves and the unit, and do what he or she needed to do. I think it is an enormous comfort to the Soldier to know families are taking care of each other here.

### **Q: What will you miss the most as you depart?**

### **And, what advice can you give spouses here in Hawaii?**

I will miss the people, and I think we were fortunate to be here during a unique time in Tropic Lightning history. Serving for three years is rare, but we wouldn't have changed it for the world.

We loved every minute of it. For Rick to be able to deploy with the Soldiers was truly a gift.

The best advice I can give is to be involved; you will get more out of it than you will ever give.

### **Q: How would you like to be remembered?**

I hope that people will see me as a source of support and that I was approachable. And, I hope they understand how important they were to us.



**JUNE  
20 / Monday**

**Sports Night** — Every Monday evening from 4 to 9 p.m., watch satellite sports, ESPN and more, while enjoying a special sports bar menu at Reggie's. Call 655-4466 for more information.

**25 / Saturday**

**Hawaii Championship Wrestling** — Action is back at the Tropics, so be there when the doors open at 6 p.m.

Pro wrestlers will face-off live from 7 to 10 p.m., and cost is \$5 for general admission, \$3 for those 11 years and under, and free for those under 5. Call 655-5697 for more information.

**ONGOING**

**BMX Track** — Boys and girls of all ages, plus adults, are invited to join the fun at

the BMX track located at Wheeler Army Air Field. Practice hours will go from Mondays through Thursdays at 5 to 7 p.m., and races will take place every Saturday beginning around 5:30 p.m.

The yearly membership fee is \$45; however, participate in competitions for only \$9.

Visit [www.wheelerbmx.com](http://www.wheelerbmx.com) for more details.

**Richardson Pool** —

The following programs are offered at Richardson Pool: Summer Learn to Swim, spring board diving, Learn to Swim, and a Tropic Water Exercise class. Call the pool at 655-9698 for more information on programs offered.

**Run/Walk/Swim Club**

— Record each mile you run, walk or swim and win incentive prizes in the 100-mile run/walk and 50-mile swim clubs. Runners will receive a pair of Thorlo running socks, and swimmers will receive goggles.

Stop by any Army Physical Fitness Center or swim-

ming pool to pick up a log sheet.

**Cardio Kickboxing** —

A new cardio kickboxing class is now available at the Fort Shafter Physical Fitness Center. This class is offered every Tuesday and Thursday from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., and its cost is \$2 per class.

Get a 12-class punch card for \$11. Call 438-1152 for more information.



**Summer Learn to Swim Program** —

Learn to Swim takes participants level by level from their first step into the water to relative ease and proficiency with standard swimming skills. Registration for all levels is currently being accepted at Richardson Pool, Schofield

Barracks, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Cost is \$40 for nine, 45-minute classes, and registration is first come, first served. Call 655-9698 to confirm your spot.

Also, the Tripler, Helemano and Aliamanu pools will hold Level I and other courses. Registration at these locations will begin in June. Call the pool nearest to you for more information.

**Golf for Food and Fun**

— Get a team together any Tuesday from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. at Nagorski Golf Course on Fort Shafter, and then play golf for only \$15 per person.

Cost includes a nine-hole green fee, a foursome platter of pupus, a pitcher of beverage, a lucky door prize entry and a chance to win other prizes.

Call 438-9587 for more information.

**Intramural Bowling** —

MWR is seeking teams from units, sections or directorates in the Fort Shafter area for intramural bowling. Call 438-6733 if you're interested.



**JUNE  
17 / Today**

**Ahi Fever Fishing Tournament** — Five active duty Army fishing enthusiasts are wanted to participate in the Ahi Fever Fishing Tournament this weekend. No fishing skills are necessary.

Ahi Fever is the largest fishing tournament in Hawaii with 200 boats scheduled to participate, at no cost to participants.

Contact Richard Bautista at 655-4804, or come by the Martinez Physical Fitness Center and inquire.

**23 / Thursday**

**Inline Hockey** — The

Mililani Inline Hockey Association will be conducting Fall 2005 (Aug. 27 to Nov. 19) registration for new and experienced players, June 23-24 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Mililani Star Market. Registration is open to youth from 5 to 18.

Fees are \$85 for new players and \$80 for returning players. For more information, call 621-9184 or 622-4106, or check out <http://leagueline-up.com/miha>.

**JULY**

**2 / Saturday**

**Ewa Beach Patriot Run**

— It's official; this run is now an annual event, and organizers are inviting all to the Annual Patriot Run, to be held July 2 at 8:30 a.m.

This event will honor all men and women of the armed forces — past and present — and bring the community

together to celebrate being American. As well, the other goal is to promote healthy active lifestyles in the community.

The run/walk will be a one or three-mile course around the Ocean Pointe community. Other activities planned include jump roping and relay racing contests for keiki, and free health screenings for those who are young at heart. Additionally, raffles will net great prizes, food and T-shirts to commemorate the event.

This event is free, but T-shirts must be purchased for \$10. Make checks out to Hale Pono Boys and Girls Club of Ewa Beach.

**9 / Saturday**

**Annual School/Sports Physical Day** — The Schofield Barracks Family Practice Clinic will hold its annual School Physical Day

Saturday, July 9.

If you have children who are new to Hawaii or are changing schools this year, this day might be a very important one for you.

To schedule an appointment call 433-2778, extension 141. Appointments are for Tri-West Prime members only.

In preparation for your appointment, be sure to bring your Tri-West cards, shot records, military ID cards and medical records, along with any forms your child's school may want filled out and returned.

Call 433-8153 for additional information.

# Last chance fast approaches to try for 10-miler team

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Hawaii's runners are preparing for the 21st annual Army Ten-Miler race that will be held in Washington, D.C., on Oct. 2. The Ten-Miler is America's largest 10-mile race; it's produced by the U.S. Army Military District of Washington.

One more try-out for the Hawaii team will be held June 24. Previous tryouts were held June 1 and 10.

"We are encouraging people to come out and race," said Sgt. Maj. Raymond Arnold, team captain of the Hawaii Team. "Running as a part of the team really offers a sense of camaraderie, and they can qualify in one of five categories."

The five categories are Men's Open, Women's Open, Masters, CSM/SGM and U.S. Army Hawaii Reserve.

June 3, six runners showed up to try and qualify for a place on the team.

They met before 4 a.m.; the race began promptly at 4:30 a.m.

The fastest runner was Spc. Alan Dillon of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment. Dillon logged a time of 1:05:26.

For Dillon and many of the athletes vying for a spot on the team, running is a self-described addiction.

"I'm addicted to running because of the feeling I get when I run," Dillon said. "I love it."

For most athletes participating in the race, running itself is motivation enough, but as Dillon pointed out, "I'd really like to get a chance to go to Washington, D.C."

Those who are training for this year's Army Ten-Miler will see many 10-mile races between now and race day in Washington, when Oct. 2, rain or shine, the race will begin at 8 a.m.

The D.C. race starts and finishes at the Pentagon, passing such national treasures as the Lincoln Memorial and the Capitol Building, as it makes its way through our nation's capital.

Race Director Jim Vandak promises another 10-mile race steeped in the Army's tradition of excellence.

Vandak says the race traditionally is a sell-out.

"We expect to reach our 20,000 cap in July or August again this year, so I urge runners and teams to register early."

Runners trying out June 24 should assemble at the AAFES Clothing and Sales Store on Schofield Barracks well prior to the race start time at 4:30 a.m.

For more race day or team tryout information, contact team captain Sgt. Maj. Arnold at [arnoldr1@schofield.army.mil](mailto:arnoldr1@schofield.army.mil).