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New homes open for junior enlisted

ANN WHARTON
Army Hawaii Family Housing

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS – Army Hawaii Family Housing (AHFH), the 50-year partnership created between the Department of the Army and Actus Lend Lease, unveiled the first of more than 5,300 homes to be built at U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii (USAG-HI) at a ceremony, Wednesday.

Turnover of new homes to service members and their families began Thursday.

The \$2.33 billion project calls for the construction of 5,388 new homes, the renovation and restoration of 2,506 existing homes, and for nine new community centers during the 10-year development period.

AHFH ushered in the new era in military home development that will provide a better quality of

life for service members and their families.

According to the office of the under secretary of defense, Soldier retention is 15 percent higher for those stationed on installations with superior housing and community life.

The new AHFH homes will rival those found in the private sector both aesthetically and environmentally. They are plantation-style homes, which range in size from 1,600 to 3,000 square feet, and they will have at least three bedrooms and a lanai.

Spc. Aaron Compton, D. Co., 2-25 Avn. Bde., and Rachel Lawton direct furniture movers, Thursday. Neighbor, Sidney Bell (2nd from left), looks on.



Christa B. Thomas | 25th Infantry Division Public Affairs

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Pvt.2 Nicole R. Goodrich | 17th Public Affairs Detachment

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DoD works to reduce suicides

DONNA MILES
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – Suicide rates within the military are about half those in the general military-aged population, but the Defense Department is reaching out to its members to help further reduce the incidence of suicide within the ranks, a top military doctor said.

The suicide rate for military members during 2005 was 11 per 100,000, Dr. David Tornberg, deputy assistant secretary of defense for clinical and program policy, told American Forces Press Service. That compares to about 19.5 per 100,000, the national average for Americans in the 20- to 44-year age group. And experts say this rate may actually be 40 or 50 percent higher than reported, Tornberg said.

"We have substantially fewer suicides in the services," he said. Yet in-depth investigations into



Tornberg

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Company offers identity protection tips

SAMANTHA L. QUIGLEY
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – It doesn't take much information for a determined identity thief to succeed, a certified financial planner with USAA Financial Planning Services told American Forces Press Service May 25.

The identity theft issue is at the forefront for millions of veterans who learned last week that computer equipment containing their personal information was stolen from the home of a Veterans Affairs Department analyst.

A little personal information that can be easy to find on the Internet – name, date of birth and address, for example – can make stealing someone's identity relatively easy, June Walbert said.

"Clearly our personal information is up for grabs," she said. "We have to face the fact that we live in the information age."

Walbert suggests exercising due

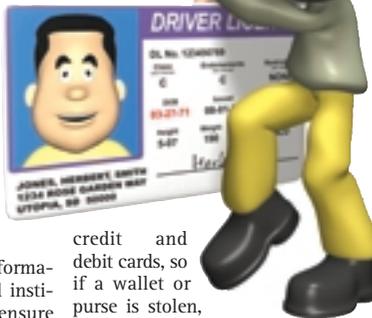
caution. Tearing up paper financial statements may be good enough unless a persistent identity thief takes the time to fit them back together like a puzzle.

Cross-shredding financial documents is the best way to make sure information doesn't end up in the wrong hands. Electing to receive financial and credit card statements via the Internet is an even better option, Walbert said. Using Internet transactions, she said, is actually safer than receiving the paper statements in an unsecured mailbox.

"[Security of personal information] is something financial institutions work on daily to ensure that there's not some new trick of the trade out there that's going to enable people to access their customers' identification number and balances," she said. "Financial institutions are extremely diligent

about it, because they know the risk that is out there."

She also suggests making a photocopy of all



credit and debit cards, so if a wallet or purse is stolen, what was stolen doesn't become a guessing game. The copies provide a record of card numbers as well as phone numbers

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Hurricane threat real despite mild forecast

DONNA KLAPAKIS
Staff Writer

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS – As of yesterday, hurricane season officially arrived in Hawaii.

According to the forecast released May 22 by the Central Pacific Hurricane Center in Honolulu, the 2006 season should be mild in the Pacific, but Hawaii residents should still take certain precautions.

In fact, the center's director Jim Wayman said he is worried that a mild forecast may lead people not to go to the trouble to do their yearly preparations.

The commander of the unit in charge of disaster preparedness, the Oahu Base Support Battalion, Lt. Col. Stephen Moniz, agrees. "Hurricane preparedness is not something to take lightly. It's a threat every year. Gulf Coast residents were not expecting something like Katrina. We manage the shelters; we had an evacuation drill at the end of May, manned them, and evacuated residents to the shelter at Fort Shafter," said Moniz.

"Residents need to know where they're supposed to go and that information is available in the hurricane newsletters," he added. The newsletter is available on the 25th Infantry Division Web site at <http://www.25id.army.mil/> Evacuation information and shelters

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Lightning Six Sends

Education town hall meeting provides forum for parents

The education town hall meeting, which occurred May 23 at Sergeant Smith Theater was an informative and lively discussion about one of the most important issues for our community: our children's education.

The number of parents in attendance was small compared to the student population; however, the parents present brought up many issues that I am committed to work for improvement.

It was unfortunate that a private organization attempted to use this parent's forum to push its agenda by attempting to dominate the meeting. As the commander, I had to step in and stop the misuse of this meeting. I trust all who were there understood why this was necessary.

I believe it was important to provide parents a chance to present issues up for discussion as opposed to one group promoting its agenda.

Patricia Hamamoto, the superintendent of Hawaii Public Schools, was the primary speaker. She was accompanied by members of her staff and several of the principals from our local schools.

Contact Kristina Noriega-Artis, installation school liaison, at 655-9818 or kristina.m.noriegaartis@us.army.mil.

Her presentation covered many details concerning school funding, their mission and their vision for the future. It also pointed out the difficult work ahead to raise standardized test scores and increase teacher national certification.

The issues associated with improving Hawaii schools and those that our military

children attend are complex. The timelines presented for improvement are too long. I believe we can do more now, and my intentions are to continue to work toward improving these areas of concern.

Parents brought up many important issues. I will place priority on working three issues along with the broader priority of improving our children's education. Those three issues are educational needs of special needs children, gifted and talented programs, and increasing the numbers of available textbooks.

In my view, this last issue is particularly important. As I have written many times before, parental involvement is crucial to a child's education. It is difficult for a child to learn and a parent to assist if textbooks remain in the classroom.

Joint Venture Education Forum (JVEF) has funded more than \$4 million in textbooks for military-impacted schools. We must continue to work to solve this seemingly simple problem.

The first step is to identify those schools and classrooms that are still short textbooks and then provide information to JVEF to gain its assistance.

The other two issues are more complex, and in the case of special needs education, matters of federal and state law are involved.

Each child requires individual attention, and advocacy is essential. My staff will research current advocate programs and available parental assistance.

The Department of Education (DoE) has created community children's councils. Two of the councils are set up for military families. More information can be obtained by calling 586-5370 (Ivaley Sinclair).

Family advocacy representatives are available at the Schofield Barracks Army Community Service office (655-4778, Floyd Davison). Additionally, JVEF has funded \$500,000 to help Tripler Army Medical Center's Dr. Thomas Gallagher (Thomas.Gallagher@amedd.army.mil) provide services to

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— Maj. Gen. Benjamin R. Mixon

military families.

I know of and heard at our meeting heart-breaking stories of parents' struggles to have their special needs child receive proper educational help. This issue will be a top priority for this command.

Gifted and talented programs present another challenge. I believe this is an area that the JVEF can address and possibly provide financial assistance. Currently, it is allocating up to \$100,000 to help schools institute open enrollment gifted programs.

Parents should work with and pressure schools to address this issue for their child.

It is interesting that state law (Chapter 51) mandates programs for the gifted but does not provide funding. Even though parents may not be residents of Hawaii, you can still contact state government officials to express your concern.

It is important that parents stay engaged in their child's education with the teacher and the school administration. Issues that re-



quire assistance should be brought to the attention of our school liaison personnel who are on the installation staff (Kristina Noriega-Artis, 655-9818).

I firmly believe, to improve the system we must work with local and state educators and, ultimately, hold them accountable. Additionally, state governmental officials must adequately resource the Department of Education and require educators to improve our Hawaii education system as a whole.

I believe — with parents' help and partnering with the Hawaii DoE our local administrators, teachers and organizations like Joint Venture Education Forum — we can make progress for our military-impacted schools.

Benjamin R. Mixon

Benjamin R. Mixon
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LIGHTNING SPIRIT

How do two build a strong, healthy relationship?

A marriage is held together with five foundations

CHAPLAIN (MAJ.) NORMAN W. JONES
Fort Shafter Community Family Life Chaplain

Have you ever wondered what keeps skyscrapers from toppling over even when winds are over 100 miles per hour? In addition to the ingenious architectural and engineering design, I believe that the main reason why a tall building can withstand adverse weather is because of the depth, breadth and solid setting of its foundation.

In Matthew 7:24-27, Jesus, who was a master storyteller, told the story of two men who built their houses on two different foundations. The wise man built his house on a solid foundation, and when a storm came, his house was able to withstand the forces of the wind, rain and flood.

On the other hand, the foolish man built his house on sandy soil, and when the storm came, his house collapsed and fell apart with a great crash.

Jesus told the story to illustrate the truth about how we should build our lives. Those

who choose to ignore Jesus' words and live by their own philosophy are like the foolish man, while those who choose to live by His sayings are like the wise man.

The same principle can be applied to a marital relationship. If it does not have a solid foundation, chances are the marriage will collapse when the storms of life come crashing against it. On the other hand, if a marriage relationship is built on a solid foundation, chances are it will be able to withstand whatever storm or adversities that it encounters.

So how does a couple build a strong and healthy relationship? Well, it starts with the originator, designer and creator of marriage.

And who is that? Well, God is the one who instituted marriage. He performed the first wedding on earth in the Garden of Eden. Adam and Eve became the first married couple that walked the face of the earth. And it was God who ordained the marriage and blessed the couple and told them to be fruitful and multiply (Genesis 1:27; 2:18-25).

Since God is the creator of marriage, it makes sense that he knows how it works. He

Marriage scriptures

Romans 7

Romans 12:3-21

I Corinthians 7:13

Ephesians 4:25-32

Ephesians 5:22-33

Colossians 3:18-19

I Peter 3

knows what it takes to have a happy and fulfilled marriage between a man and a woman. And he has left a manual called the Bible that tells us how we can build a strong marital foundation. So if you want your marriage relationship to be strong the Bible that tells us how we can build a strong marital foundation. So if you want your marriage relationship to be strong and healthy, follow God's manual for marriage.

A second way to build a strong and healthy marital foundation is to keep the lines of communication open. Share your feelings and concerns with each other. Validate each other's feelings and concerns by acknowledging them as important to your partner.

Everyone has the right to feel sad, glad, disappointed, angry, upset, hurt or unhappy. What your partner shares might not make sense to you, but it is very meaningful and powerful when you show empathy, concern and warm consideration to his or her feelings.

The goal is not to solve the why and how of the feelings, but to recognize, acknowledge and understand your partner.

Effective communication involves active listening, which means eye contact, verbal and nonverbal feedback, and not interrupting your partner while he or she is talking.

After hearing what your partner says, rephrase what you heard to let your partner know you are listening and you are trying to understand him or her. For example: "Did I hear you say you feel hurt when I come home and don't want to talk to you?" You might not agree with what your partner said, but rephrasing shows you are listening and trying to understand what has been said.

Another element of effective communication is using "I statements" rather than "You statements." For example: "I feel an-



gry" versus "You make me so mad." These you statements communicate accusation and blame that may cause the other person to become defensive and argumentative. However, effective communication involves sharing feelings, listening and trying to understand each other.

A third building block is showing respect for each other. Respect means I honor and value my partner in such a way that I will not call him or her any derogatory names. I will not belittle my partner or make my partner feel unimportant, unworthy or less than me. Respect means that I will treat my partner with dignity and care.

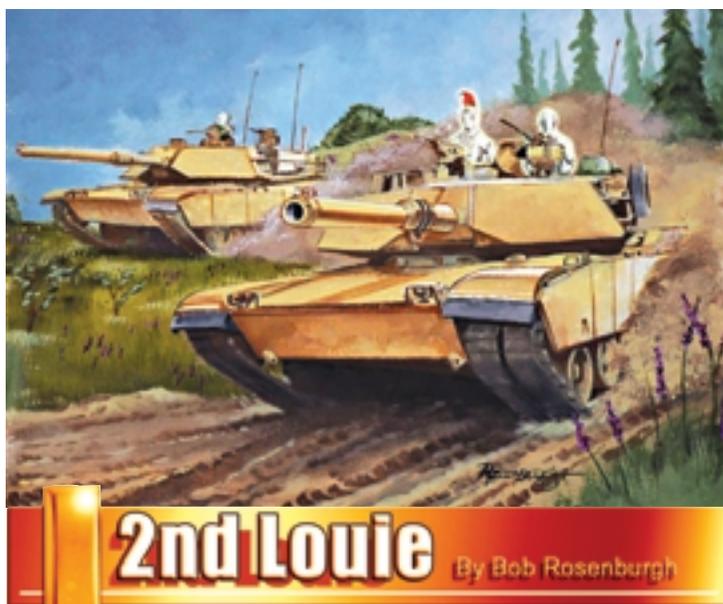
Another strong foundational ingredient is working together as a team to solve solvable problems. Make it a win-win situation. Define and discuss the problem together at an appropriate time and place — not while on a date.

Brainstorm multiple solutions. Write down every suggestion or solution without negative comments. Choose the best option that both of you can live with. Try the option to see if it works. Then re-evaluate your option a few weeks or days later, to see how well it is working. If it's working, keep doing it. If it's not, try another option.

Last but not least, a strong marital foundation is built on intimacy. Intimacy means closeness, friendship, caring, showing appreciation, making compliments, showing affection and, of course, great sex.

Keep the relationship intimate by dating each other, spending time together, accomplishing fun things together, doing special and meaningful things for each other, unexpectedly, and by showing lots of affection.

Building a strong marital foundation takes hard work, but the payoff is that you and your partner will be able to enjoy a long, lasting and fulfilled marriage. You will be able to weather the storms of life.



Voices of Lightning: What more can be done to promote safety?



"Making sure equipment is functioning properly."

2nd Lt Robert Riley
HHT, 3-4th Cav.
Regt., Fire Support Officer



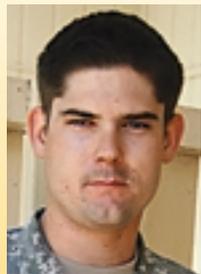
"Make sure all my Soldiers live the Tropic Lightning pledge."

Sgt. Raymond Hibbert
HHT, 3-4th Cav.
Regt., Section Leader



"Make sure everybody is doing the right thing."

Capt. Benson Asis
209th ASB, Rear Det. Commander



"Provide discipline and corrective action for unsafe Soldiers."

Sgt. Timothy Persons
HHC, 25th Special Troops Bn., Wheeled Vehicle Mechanic



"Being aware of your surroundings at all times and traveling with a buddy."

Pfc. Kevin Dorrell
HHC, 2-27th Inf., Combat Medic

NCOs get taste of battle command

Story and Photo by
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25th Infantry Division Public Affairs

WHEELER ARMY AIR FIELD — Senior non-commissioned officers with the 25th Infantry Division (ID) got a taste of battle during the Battle Staff Noncommissioned Officer Course here at Wheeler this month.

The course celebrated its completion May 26 with a ceremony in the division conference room on Schofield Barracks.

The monthlong class prepared senior NCOs for command-level planning and execution of combat operations. Among the students in the course were several NCOs from the 45th Sustainment Brigade, which is slated to be the first unit from the 25th ID to deploy this summer.

The course trained the Soldiers in tasks such as battle tracking, convoy operations, graphics and map overlays, operation orders, and movement orders.

"I've always learned through experience in other S-3 shops," said Sgt. 1st Class Scott H. Brown, S-3 noncommissioned officer in charge (NCOIC) for Special Troops Battalion, 45th Sustainment Brigade. "And now actually being in this course I have a direct feel, and I am gaining good knowledge and experience of how to fine-tune what I've been doing."

The capstone event for the class is a two-day training exercise in which students organize into command elements of a brigade combat team (BCT) for a simulated conflict. Using sophisticated video conferencing technology and combat simulation software, the different elements of the BCT coordinate to achieve mission objectives.



Master Sgt. Micheal D. Sutterfield, S-3 noncommissioned officer in charge for Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, 25th Aviation Regiment, discusses the day's accomplishments during an after action review. Sutterfield and other senior NCOs attended the Battle Staff NCO Course at Wheeler Army Air Field in May.

"The Battle Staff NCO course is designed to train NCOs on the battle staff functions, so they can further help their commanders in their day-to-day operations and ... plan battles and complete missions as required," said Master Sgt. Michael D. Sutterfield, battalion S-3 NCOIC for Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, 25th Aviation Regiment. "It will enhance my operation's ability inside of my battalion."

Using video conferencing, the students at WAAF worked with teams in several locations throughout the continental United States. Using maps and intelligence on enemy activity, the brigade formulated a plan of action. Orders were fed into the simulation software, which then determined the results of each ac-

tion.

The exercises helped to test and solidify the NCOs' battle staff abilities.

"Mapping and overlay was one of my weak areas," said Master Sgt. Shonda S. Hall, brigade S-4 for 45th Sustainment Brigade. "The course gave me a little more confidence."

As deployment approaches, the senior enlisted Soldiers found the training to be helpful, and it left them confident in their abilities to accomplish their mission.

"I'm definitely looking forward to go [on deployment]," Hall said. "And this class ... helped me. It gave me a broader picture. I recommend it for all NCOs, E-6 and above."

"I'm excited to go," Brown said. "I'm very well prepared."

Suicides: Mental health resources made available

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every military death and extensive publicity associated with military suicides often give the American public the opposite impression, he acknowledged. In fact, the suicide rate within the military has remained "remarkably steady" during the past decade, through peacetime and war, Tornberg said.

And while there's no indication that combat deployments increase the likelihood of suicide, Tornberg said it's clear that they add yet another stressor to the troops.

"There's a precipitating reason for every suicide. And in general, it is a response to some life event that has dire consequences to the individual at the time," Tornberg said. "During high-stress situations such as deployments, relationship, financial and other problems may worsen."

Another contributing factor may be the ready availability of weapons.

DoD has long recognized military service as a high-stress occupation, and offers a full array of programs to help service members cope with that stress.

"Ours is high-stress work, and we recognize that and have really robust programs in place for addressing this issue," Tornberg said. "The way we see it, one single loss of life is a problem."

The key is making mental health services more available, removing the stigma often associated with seeking care, and teaching troops to recognize when they or a fellow service member may need help.

Each of the services has its own suicide prevention program tailored to its force. But despite subtle differences, all the programs make mental health support and suicide prevention available to service members before, during and after deployment. Medical screenings that include mental health factors, given before and after deployments, help identify people in distress. During deployments, mental health support teams and chaplains provide support. Unit leaders are trained to recognize telltale signs and steer their troops to the services they need.

Service members often form the

first line of defense, looking out for each other. When they're concerned that a buddy's in trouble, Tornberg advises the direct approach.

"If you see someone undergoing difficulties in this area, ask them if they are considering taking their life and encourage them to seek counseling and assistance," he said.

If that doesn't work, Tornberg urges people to go to their unit leaders, chaplains or mental health professionals with their concerns.

"If there's a concern about suicide, we encourage them not to keep that confidential until after the fact," he said.

If you or someone you know is contemplating suicide, call the Soldier and Family

Assistance Center (SAFAC) available 24 hours / 7 days a week, at 655-6600, or call the Chaplain's office at 655-9307, or after duty call 655-8766.

Much of DoD's suicide-prevention effort is directed at educating service members to recognize when they need help and where to go to get it.

"We strive to train our service members about risk factors for suicide and the warning signs and to encourage them to seek help if they're in a stressful situation," Tornberg said.

Troops returning from deployments go through a reintegration process that includes briefings about difficulties they may encounter re-entering society and communicating with their families and friends. They receive warnings about the dangers of abusing alcohol, a factor often associated with suicide.

With the wide availability of mental health services, one of DoD's big challenges is getting people to take advantage of them.

Although there's less resistance now than in the past to seeking help, "we can't ignore the fact that, broadly in society, there's still a stigma associated with mental health concerns and seeking help," Tornberg said. "And we are working actively through our leadership to try to break those barriers down."

Homes: Soldiers get efficient housing

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"Turning over the first homes to our families is truly a momentous event for all of us at AHFH," said Mark Menhinnitt, president of Actus Lend Lease.

Another major improvement featured in the new housing is energy efficiency.

AHFH boasts the world's largest solar-powered community, providing approximately 30 percent of the communities' electrical needs through photovoltaic panels, in addition to completing the largest government privatization project to date in the United States.

"The energy-efficiency process that's being built into this effort. It will be the largest solar-powered community in the world using photovoltaic panels," said William Armbruster, deputy assistant secretary of the Army for privatization and partnerships and one of the guest speakers at Wednesday's dedication ceremony.

Plans call for the installation of seven megawatts



The new homes feature an island kitchen, ceramic stovetop, refrigerator with ice/water dispenser, walk-in closets, enclosed garage and generous living space.

of photovoltaic (solar) paneling on these homes and incorporating solar water heaters and other efficiency improvements.

"We got the housing our military deserves and we're going to take pressure off our rental market out in the civilian section, so it's going to be a winner for everybody," said Rep. Neil Abercrombie.

10 days since last fatal accident



As of 5/31/06

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

Remember, a division training holiday will be awarded for the first 100 consecutive days with no accidental fatalities.

**BE SAFE.
TROPIC LIGHTNING!**

News Briefs

Send military news announcements to community@hawaiiarmyweekly.com.

Schofield Town Hall Meeting

A town hall meeting will be held Tuesday, June 6, at 6:30 p.m. in the Sgt. Smith Theater, Schofield Barracks. Topics include G-3 deployment update, youth summer programs, provost marshal update, and blood drives.

Oahu South Town Hall

The Oahu Base Support Battalion will hold a town hall meeting for the Oahu South Community, Wednesday, June 7, at 6:30 p.m. in the Aliamanu Military Reservation Chapel.

The following topics will be briefed: provost marshal update, housing update, disaster preparedness, shuttle bus service, AAFES, MWR events, Army Community Services, transforming Army business, and chapel services.

The town hall meeting is a proactive forum designed to assemble directors and agency chiefs to provide information on Fort Shafter community matters. For more information, call 438-6147.

U.S. Army Birthday Ball

Celebrate the Army's 231st Birthday at the Hilton Hawaiian Village, June 3 from 6 p.m. to midnight. The cost is \$55 per person. Ticket information is available through units.

Borrowed Library Materials

Deploying Soldiers are asked to return all borrowed materials to the Sgt. Yano Library, Schofield Barracks, before departure. For information call 655-8002.

Central Issue

Because of mandatory training for personnel, the Schofield Barracks Central Issue Facility will have a slow-down in service June 5-9. Normal operations will resume June 12. For more information, call Al Warren, 655-9876, or Kealii Kahanu, 284-1457.

Deployment Expos

Deployment Expos will be held at Nehelani, Schofield Barracks, to prepare Soldiers and families for deployment. All Soldiers, spouses and significant others are invited to attend this day of training.

- June 5 and 26: 3rd Infantry Bde. Combat Team.

- June 12: Combat Aviation Bde.

The Nehelani will open to Soldiers from 8-9 a.m. Briefings and Army Community Service-led classes will be held from 9-11:30 a.m.

Commissary Closure

The Schofield Barracks commissary will close at 2 p.m. Monday, June 19, and reopen for regular business Thursday, June 22, at 9 a.m.

Army Reserve Opportunities

Soldiers, are you are looking to continue an Army career, but your schedule conflicts with attending weekend drills? Are you leaving active duty, but want to continue earning points toward retirement?

Anyone who answered "yes," should look at joining a local, points-only Army Reserve unit and continue your military career while maintaining commissary, PX and Servicemen Group Life Insurance benefits.

Drills are three evenings a month at Fort Shafter Flats. All ranks and any MOS are eligible. Contact Maj. Bob Pepper, 655-6192, or Sgt. Maj. Jesus Kahalehoe at 228-3323 for more information.

CLEP

College level preparatory exams are now available free to active duty, Reserve and National Guard, and for only \$75 for others. Family members of Reserve, National Guard, and Coast Guard may take the tests free, but they must pay a \$20 admin fee.

Tests are scheduled three times a day on the following schedule:

- Hickam AFB, Mondays and Wednesdays
- Pearl Harbor, Tuesdays and Thursdays;
- Marine Corps Base Hawaii (MCBH), Fridays.

For more information, call Hickam AFB, 422-1032; Pearl Harbor, 422-0079; or MCBH, 254-4133.



James Hatashima

Praising engineers

LANAI, Hawaii — Chief of Engineers Lt. Gen. Carl A. Strock (center) listens as Honolulu District Kaunalapau Harbor project engineer Glenn Kusaka (second from right) gives a brief about a \$21.2 million breakwater project on Lanai, May 23.

"This is the most important Lanai project in 20 years," said Maui County Council Chair Riki Hokama.

"I know first-hand how difficult it's been. I was at Kaunalapau in January [2006] when the supply barge didn't make its weekly run. There were no eggs or milk and store shelves were empty, and Lanai's fuel supply was down to 10 days," explained deputy Barry Fukunaga with the State of Hawaii Department of Transportation, Harbors Division.

According to Hokama, the residents of Lanai have patiently waited since 1982's Hurricane Iwa for improvements to the original breakwater, which was built in the 1920s. Subsequent severe storms, including 1992's Hurricane Iniki, caused successive damage and deterioration of the protective structure.

Both hurricanes passed south of Lanai, generating intense westerly waves that slammed into the breakwater.

(Editor's Note: Also pictured are Hawaii Adjutant General Maj. Gen. Robert Lee, second from left, and Brig. Gen. John Peabody, commander, Pacific Ocean Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, third from left.)

Four-legged forces, Soldiers fight terrorism together

25 YEARS AGO

June 4, 1981

- The Army Uniform Board meets to discuss uniform changes for enlisted personnel. Included are the black belt buckle, single-size chevrons for both male/female Soldiers and a maternity work uniform.

- The new buckle will cost 35-45 cents versus 21 cents, but it "would last longer," according to officials.

- Another decision still to be considered was whether or not to add a black braid for female officers' slacks.

- The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) recommends stopping dual pay during annual training for Army Reservists who are also federal employees.

- OMB projected that it would save \$40 million annually by making this change.

- Complaints are lodged about food stamp costs as the price of a gallon of milk "leaps" from \$1.35 to \$1.60.

- The Joint Optical Information Network (JOIN) films a recruiting video at numerous installations throughout Hawaii. The film is designed to chronicle different military occupational specialties throughout the Army and "sought realism and tried to avoid the criticism of previous films that showed the Army in Hawaii ... enjoying the high-life of Honolulu." *(Editor's Note: Information gathered from HAW archives.)*

Of the 2,253 pedestrian fatalities in alcohol-related crashes, 79 percent involved pedestrians who had consumed alcohol.

— National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS – Imagine warehouses filled with marijuana and crystal methamphetamine, and a junkyard with explosives hidden in cars, all on Schofield Barracks.

That scenario may paint Schofield Barracks as a drug-smuggling hotspot. Quite the opposite, it is the training ground of the 13th Military Police Detachment K-9 unit, where dogs are trained to find narcotics and explosives.

The dogs spend up to 60 days training at the Department of Defense Military Working Dog Center on Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas, before being sent to their home duty station.

Once the dogs are at their duty station, they are given a handler who further trains them on real-life scenarios such as searching for drugs and explosives in various places.

Dogs have more sensitive olfactory (smell) receptors that can sense odors at concentrations nearly 100 million times lower than humans can, making them ideal for detecting drugs and ordnance.

"We allow them to get used to a scent such as marijuana or TNT," said Virgil Curry, explosive detector dog handler, 13th MP Det. "After the scent is known, they then sit and receive a treat. The dog associates the scent with sitting and then receiving a prize."

"We then put the substance or the source in one of four boxes," said Curry. "We allow the dogs to sniff the boxes to see if they could find which one carries the source. The dog should sit upon finding the box and then receives treat. If the dog fails to find the source, we let the dog continue sniffing until he finds what he is looking for."

The military police dogs are not only trained to do garrison work, but also to perform in a combat zone.

"War dog" training began in 1942 by the Army Quartermaster Corps. Fifteen K9 "platoons" served overseas in World War II - seven in Europe and eight in the Pacific. By 1951, the responsibility for training was given to the Military Police Corps.

When the 25th Infantry Division de-



Ani, a military working dog, and her handler, Sgt. AmberMarie Kirby, search a warehouse for narcotics during a training mission on Schofield Barracks. Military working dogs are trained to find narcotics and explosives using their heightened sense of smell.

ployed last year in support of Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom, six dogs deployed to help our troops fight.

The dogs were used to help detect improvised explosive devices, big weapons caches and various drugs. They were also on patrol with various units.

"These dogs are Soldiers like we are," said Sgt. Craig Lawyer, patrol/explosive detector dog handler, 13th MP Det. "They are all really good, experienced dogs. I've been working with military dogs for three and a half years and I love it."

Even though they look vicious, people shouldn't be afraid when they see a military working dog approach them, Curry said. They only attack what they think is aggressive.

Military dogs' lives are not all work, they are also allowed to play and have a little fun.

"Some of the Soldiers go to the kennel on their off-time to play with their dog," said Curry. "When you take the dogs off their leashes, they go from work mode to play mode."

Though work and play may seem like the perfect life for these determined Soldiers, like their human counterparts, they eventually have to retire and move on.

Before November 2000, when a working dog was considered to be past its prime, there were two options - return the canine to DoD dog school to train new handlers or be euthanized.

A law passed in November 2000 allowed

for the adoption of these retired, four-legged military members by law enforcement agencies, their former handlers and other people qualified to give the dog a new leash on life.

These dogs are so motivated and so determined with their work that most of them usually work until they can't work anymore, said Curry.

"My last dog worked until the veterinarian said he had to retire," said Curry. "So I adopted him and took him home. Six months later he died."

The handlers are so attached to the dogs, it really hurts to see them pass away, he said.

"At least we know that they have worked full lives," he said.

Prayer breakfast calls for spiritual aid

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25th Infantry Division Public Affairs

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS – Leaders, community members and spouses joined together May 24 at a prayer breakfast to discuss ways to spiritually support 25th Infantry Division Soldiers during the upcoming deployment.

“Units have prayer breakfasts, but this is probably the first to gather civic leaders and local clergy,” said Lt. Col. Kenneth Stice, 25th ID chaplain.

The audience included clergy, pastors, ministers from different churches and organizations, local representatives, military spouses, family readiness group leaders, and commanders and noncommissioned officers.

“We need and want your prayers, Stice said.

Many of those in the audience want to support our deploying Soldiers and family members with concern and prayer so that our brave Soldiers can concentrate on the mission and know things are taken care of back home, said Stice.

After reading a passage, the guest speaker, Maj. Gen. Benjamin Mixon, commanding general of the 25th ID and U.S. Army Hawaii, explained the significance of putting on the full armor of God.

This can mean more than being protected from sin and from being protected while deployed, Mixon said.

Supporting our families is really where the trenches are, said Mixon.

“Together we will not only survive this deployment, we will thrive in this deployment,” he said.

Mixon said he firmly believed that spiritual fitness can save a Soldier and carry them through the most difficult times.

Spiritual fitness doesn’t necessarily have to be religion, said Mixon.

Mixon asked everyone in the audience to pray for Soldiers, for spouses to have strength, for children, chaplains here and deployed, the rear detachment, local community members, the people of Iraq and finally the senior leaders of our government to have wisdom and insight.

The Schofield Barracks Community Chaplain will be hosting a monthly prayer service in which community members are invited to participate. Those meetings will be held on the first Tuesday of every month from 11:30 to 12:30 p.m. at the Main Post Chapel.



Soldiers and civilians watch a video presentation of the Warrior Ethos during the prayer breakfast held at the Nehelani Conference Center, May 24.

Throughout the deployment every Soldier in the division will be prayed for, by name, at the monthly prayer service, Stice added.

Other than sending prayers for Soldiers and their families, the audience was encouraged to participate in upcoming events as a way to support the troops.

The 35th annual 4th of July Spectacular at Sills Field on Schofield Barracks is one of the upcoming events. The day, which will begin at 8 a.m. and conclude with fireworks around 8:15 p.m., will be full of activities for the entire family.

Another event is the division’s deployment ceremony scheduled for July 7, where the colors will be cased and depart the historic formation for the upcoming

mission in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

In addition, a conference that will teach civilian churches how to care for military families will be held Aug. 10 from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Helemano Reservation Chapel. Conference topics will include the effects of deployment and combat stress on families, and identifying and helping families in crisis.

For more information on attending the prayer service, contact Chaplain Lt. Col. Joel Lytle at 655-9307 or e-mail at joel.a.lytle@us.army.mil.

For more information on attending the conference call Staff Sgt. Naomi Rankins at 655-1201 or e-mail at naomi.rankins@hawaii.army.mil.



2nd Lt. Phillip Madden’s face shows pure delight as he bounces on a hopping ball.

Cavalry spurs excitement at elementary field day

Story and Photo by
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EWA BEACH – What do Stetson hats, spurs and Soldiers have in common with an elementary school? The end of year track and field events known as Field Day at Iroquois Point Elementary School.

The 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team’s B Troop, 5th Squadron, 14th Cavalry Regiment, conducted a field day competition for the children of Iroquois Point Elementary, May 25.

“When we said we were planning on doing the field day, they [5/14th Cav.] just gave us a list of the games they wanted to play, and we provided the equipment and the kids,” Heidi Armstrong, vice principal of Iroquois Point Elementary, said.

Children squealed as they completed and conquered the events. The field day was the first time in two years the school has participated in the games because no school-military partnerships were available due to deployment of 25th Infantry Division Soldiers to Afghanistan and Iraq in prior years.

Since the 5/14th was activated earlier this year, the unit has made every effort to support its partnered school with activities such as painting and area clean up to moving teachers’

classrooms into new buildings.

“Anything that we ask our [educational] partner to do, they’re more than willing to help out,” said the vice principal.

Armstrong explained that B Troop coordinated the field day.

“The kids love it,” said Armstrong. “They like the hats [Stetsons], and because we have a large population of military kids, it’s always comforting to the kids to work closely with Soldiers.”

“Every event we planned has a team element to it,” said 2nd Lt. Phillip Madden, platoon leader of B Troop and the officer in charge of the field day. “We felt that it was important that they [the children] come together and work together.”

Kids participated in water relays, three-legged races, running relays and water balloon tosses. At times, observers were hard-pressed to tell who was having the most fun, the children or the Cavalry troops.

“It’s important for the kids to interact with the Soldiers in small groups like this, so that they don’t get a negative impression at such an early age,” said Madden. “They [Soldiers] get to interact with the kids, and the kids really respond to Soldiers in uniform.”

Identity: Credit reports provide peace of mind

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for the credit companies. They should, however, be kept in a secure place, like a lock box.

The USAA Educational Foundation has some additional suggestions for preventing identity theft, including memorizing a Social Security card instead of carrying the card in a wallet or purse. This holds true for personal identification numbers, as well, Walbert said, adding that each card should have a unique personal identification number.

Personal information should not be provided over the phone, by e-mail or the Internet unless the recipient is a known and trusted source. Also, before entering personal information via a Web site, users should make sure the site uses encryption technology. A site that is encrypted may display a yellow padlock symbol in the browser's status bar or a pop-up window that indicates encryption is being used.

When it comes to banking, the foundation suggests not having unnecessary personal information printed on checks. Also, depositing checks at the bank is much safer than leaving them at home in an unsecured mailbox for the postal service to collect.

Doing business with responsible companies that take steps to protect their customers from identity theft is also a good idea, foundation officials said.

Monitoring financial statements and credit reports is also recommended. If these items are checked for unauthorized activity, any fraud or identity theft can be quickly handled.

In the recent case of Veterans Affairs' loss of the personal information for 26.5 million veterans,

extra precautions should be taken, Walbert said. She offered suggestions to maximize the options Veterans Affairs has offered veterans for reporting suspicious activity.

"What they need to do is call the credit reporting agency and put a fraud alert on their account," she said. This asks the credit agencies to double-check any inquiries into the credit report and history. There is no charge for this service.

"As a result of that, you get a free credit report by putting that fraud alert on your credit report," Walbert said.

The agency receiving the request for the fraud alert should share that information with its sister agencies, but Walbert said making this request of all three credit agencies is good practice. It also generates a free credit report from each agency. She added that veterans should remember that the information on each report can vary because not all debtors report to all credit agencies.

"Just make sure it's all yours, and use it as your baseline," she said.

"They additionally can get that annual credit report that is by virtue of the Fair Credit Reporting Act," Walbert said. "They can get one from each of the three agencies as a result of that act. So do the fraud alert now, then strategically use those other three reports."

She also encouraged veterans affected by the Veterans Affairs loss of information to go online daily and check their credit and debit card activity. If any of the activity can't be attributed to the cardholder, veterans should call the financial institution immediately, Walbert said.

"The bottom line here is a good offense is the best defense," she said.

Hurricane: Disaster preparedness begins at home

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for each area of Schofield Barracks and Fort Shafter is available there.

As Max Mayfield, director of the National Hurricane Center, and now known as "the man who tried to save New Orleans," said, "Preparation through education is less costly than learning through tragedy."

The most important thing that each family can do is have a plan and review it each season so that it is fresh in their minds.

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) National Hurricane Center recommends the following discussion be involved in the planning:

1. Families should discuss the types of hazards involved in a hurricane, such as wind, storm surge and flooding, and note which may affect their home and work.
2. Know where to go both in the house and in the community for evacuation in case of each of the above hazards.

3. Have a meeting place in case the family becomes separated. Make sure all members know of escape routes from the house and through the neighborhood.

4. Families should plan what they will do with their pets in case of evacuation, and have a good supply of food on hand in case they have to leave them.

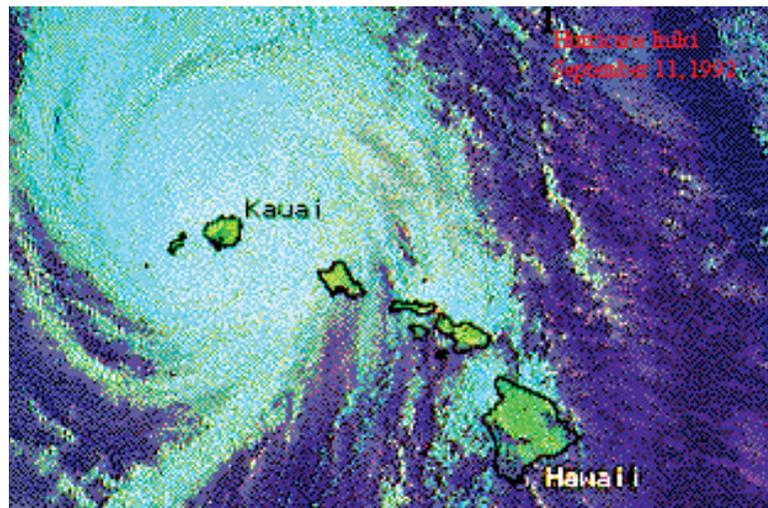
5. Children should know how to dial 911 and

On The WEB <http://www.25id.army.mil/>

other emergency numbers, including a number of a family member or friend outside of the state.

6. Residents should take first-aid and disaster preparedness classes.

7. Residents should make sure they have either a NOAA weather radio or a multiband radio that is capable of receiving the local channel. The frequency on Oahu is KBA99 at 162.550 megahertz. The transmitter



NOAA | Central Pacific Hurricane Center

The most powerful hurricane in Hawaiian Island recorded history, Hurricane Iniki caused more than \$1.8 billion in damage and destroyed 1,400 houses. Although it struck Kauai Sept. 11, 1992 as Category 4 storm, the state's level of preparedness limited the death toll to six.

is on Mount Kaala, and the output is 1000 watts.

8. Residents should make sure they have a portable storm kit that is easy to assemble. Items that should be contained in the kit are listed below:

- Water - at least one gallon daily per person for three to seven days
- Food - at least enough for seven days. Non-perishable packaged or canned food, juices and snack foods. Specific food for infants and elderly. Also, a non-electric can opener or "Swiss Army" knife, cooking tools, fuel, matches, paper plates and plastic utensils.
- Clothing - seasonal, including rain gear and sturdy shoes. Also blankets and pillows.
- Health - first aid kit, medicines, prescription drugs and special items for babies and the elderly.

- Wealth - cash (with some small bills) as banks and ATMs may not be open or available for extended periods.

- Electronic - A battery-operated radio, NOAA weather radio, flashlight, extra batteries and a tool set.

- Fuel - fill all vehicle tanks.

- Important documents - in a waterproof container or watertight resealable plastic bag - insurance, medical records, bank account numbers, Social Security card, passport, drivers license, etc.

- Also, check the Web for information on house retrofitting (http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/HAW2/english/retrofit/secure_home.shtml) and flood insurance at (<http://floodalert.fema.gov>).

(Editor's Note: Information for this article was compiled from the NOAA, 25th ID and wikipedia.org Web sites.)

Memorial Day

Honoring sacrifices made

Garrison, Tropic Lightning remember fallen comrades

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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Many took the time to give meaning to their Memorial Day holiday, Monday, by attending ceremonies paying honor to veterans of all wars.

At Schofield, a respectable crowd gathered out of a sense of duty, said many, to remember the sacrifices of fallen patriots, young and old alike, who gave so much for the nation. Others came to express their gratitude, they said, that their loved ones returned home to live out full lives before going to their final resting place within the confines of the Post Cemetery.

"For over 230 years, from the earliest days of the American Revolution to the current global war on terrorism, our Soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines have always been willing to fight, and in many cases die, for our freedom and the way of life we enjoy," said Col. Howard J. Killian, commander of U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii (USAG-HI) and guest speaker at the ceremony. "In the words of Abraham Lincoln," he continued, "any nation that does not honor its heroes will not long endure."

"By honoring the nation's war dead, we preserve their memory and thus their service and sacrifice," he said, then stressed that service in the military is a "noble calling."

Honor and gratitude were familiar themes throughout the sunny day, filled with occasional wisps of wind.

Nancy Fuinaka visited her brother George Sato, as she does every Memorial Day. She recalled, nodding, many fond memories and explained that the Vietnam veteran, born in nearby Wahiawa, always said he wanted to rest at the Schofield cemetery.

Likewise, Toshiko Panos, proudly commemorated her husband's 26 years in the Air Force. Long after retiring from Barbers Point, she said, he died of cancer at age 70. She visits him each week to talk and leave fresh blossoms.

For the past four years, the Military Order of the Purple Heart has joined with USAG-HI for the Memorial Day remembrance. Donald Cook, finance officer for the order and a retired Army first sergeant, hopes to get more veterans organizations involved in the Schofield ceremony, though "most go to the big ones," he said.

Cook completed basic training, as an infantryman, at Schofield Barracks during the Korean War. He switched into the quartermaster field, after 11 years in the in-

fantry, then retired at Schofield in January 1973.

"They're our Soldiers out here [at the Post Cemetery] too," he said, explaining he wants those buried on post to receive the same honors enjoyed by service members resting at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl and at the Hawaiian State Veterans Cemetery in Kaneohe.

"Freedom and liberty have always come with a price," Chaplain (Capt.) Roger Rodriguez of the 225th Brigade Support Battalion said, during a prayer.

Soon after, Killian said, "The youth of our nation continue to fight and die for a cause much larger than themselves."

Regarding their families, he added, "[They are] also answering the call by demonstrating their unwavering support of their loved ones."

Killian asked the audience to pause for a moment of silence.

"Many will go to war and, sadly, some will not return," he said afterward. "Medals and awards are given to some, but a simple 'thank you' is deserved by all who serve, and have served, our country."



Col. Howard J. Killian, commander, USAG-HI, gives remarks during the Memorial Day ceremony at the Schofield Barracks Post Cemetery, Monday.



Veterans who are members of the Military Order of the Purple Heart remember their comrades with a wreath presentation.

The firing squad then rendered a 21-rifle salute, the color guard raised and lowered the national ensign to half-staff, and the bugler played a sobering, but reflective "Taps," that ended the solemn Memorial Day tribute.



25th ID Association honors Tropic Lightning brick by brick

Story and Photo by
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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Since its dedication in June 2005, the 25th Infantry Division Memorial has been a popular backdrop for official gatherings and is still a work in progress.

The Memorial, adjacent Fernandez Hall, stands as a timeless tribute to Tropic Lightning Soldiers who served and sacrificed in World War II, Korea, Vietnam and Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

Currently, a life-size, 500-pound statue of a modern Soldier stands on a 17-foot circular base and gazes at the boots, rifle and helmet of a fallen comrade. When the Memorial is complete, three more generations of 25th ID Soldiers will stand behind him showing comfort and empathy.

Butch Sincock, executive di-

rector of the 25th Infantry Division Association, wrote in an e-mail interview that \$450,000 is needed to complete the Memorial.

"As of May 23, we have raised \$229,077. An anonymous donor has been matching our other donations dollar for dollar since March of this year," Sincock wrote. "He has pledged to match individual donations up to \$5,000 each. That has given us a great boost enabling all donors to effectively double the value of their donations."

The association is augmenting funds by selling history lessons etched in brick.

A courtyard adjacent the monument will be erected using 3,200 engraved brick pavers.

The pavers are available in 4x8 inches containing up to three lines of type for \$100 or 8x8 inches containing up to six

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ceremony Sept. 2006. As new orders are processed, we will replace blank bricks with engraved ones."

Sincock said veterans of one troop of the 3rd Squadron, 4th Cavalry have purchased a commemorative brick for each of over 100 of their Vietnam Soldiers killed in action.

"Other veterans groups and individuals are stepping forward daily with new orders as a tribute to the living and to memorialize our fallen," he said.

The 25th Infantry Division Association, the nonprofit veterans organization formed in 1949, is the primary sponsor of the Memorial. The association will hold their 57th annual reunion in Hawaii in September 2006.

For more information on the reunion, making a donation or ordering a brick paver, contact the 25th Infantry Division Association, P.O. Box 7, Flourtown, PA 19031-0007, or visit www.25thida.com

lines of type for \$250.

"We have sold 619 bricks and blocks for the courtyard," Sincock said. "They will be installed before the Memorial rededication





June

2/Today

Mongolian Barbecue — Come from 5 to 8 p.m. for Mongolian barbecue, cooked outside in front of Nehelani with seating in air-conditioned Reggie's. Select your favorites from a large variety of meats and vegetables, and Reggie's staff will grill them to your liking.

Cost is 65 cents per ounce, and reservations are recommended. For more information, call 655-4466.

July 4th Picnic Sites — Picnic sites for the "4th of July Spectacular" can be reserved for \$60 at the Leisure Activities office, Kaala Community Activities Center. The 20- by 25-foot sites will be located on the perimeter of Sills Field, the only areas authorized for cooking on grills.

For more information, call 655-0111 or 655-0112.

3/Saturday

NAF Sale — NAF will hold a golf cart sale June 3 at Leilehua Golf Course and June 4 at Nagorski Golf Course. Sale begins at 9 a.m. and will be held through noon, or until all carts are sold.

Cart prices are marked from \$200 to \$800 and will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis. Cash, check or credit card will be accepted. For more information, call 438-3492.

5/Monday

Summer Reading Club — Registration and packet pick up is June 5 at Sgt. Yano, Fort Shafter, or Aliamanu libraries. Students in kindergarten through sixth grade are encouraged to participate by reading at least one book a week and attending special weekly in-library programs.

The theme for this year's summer reading club is "Read in the Wildest Places," and the program will run from June 13 to July 13.

Special weekly programs include Ronald McDonald, Bubble Show, Balloon Monsoon, Brenda Freitas-Obrigon and Bungie the Clown. All activities are free.

For more information, call 438-9521 (Fort Shafter), 655-8002 (Sgt. Yano)



Jeremy S. Buddemeier | 25th Infantry Division Public Affairs

Glowing spirits of Aloha

Lanterns dot the horizon in the lagoon near Magic Island, Ala Moana Beach Park as part of the 8th annual Lantern Floating Memorial Day ceremony Monday evening. Nearly 30,000 people attended the ceremony, which included Shinnyo-en taiko drums, a Hawaiian blessing and a procession of eight double-hulled canoes that released 700 lanterns into the lagoon. In addition, more than 400 people placed lanterns in the water. The lanterns symbolized the Aloha spirit, gratitude for ancestors and a wish for lasting world peace.

or 833-4851 (Aliamanu).

Read to Me — Children up to 5 years old are encouraged to participate in the Army library "Read to Me" summer program (listed above). Kids who participate will receive a reading log at the beginning of the program to record their progress, and children will receive stickers for their accomplishments at weekly story times.

Story times will be held at 10 a.m., Tuesdays, at Fort Shafter Library; Wednesdays at Sgt. Yano library; and Thursdays at Aliamanu library. Registration and packet pick-up for the "Read to Me" program begins June 5 at all libraries.

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

7/Wednesday

July 4th Fundraising — Units and family readiness groups interested in fundraising at the "4th of July Spectacular" should attend a meeting June 7 at 9 a.m. at the Kaala Community Activities Center, Building 556, Room 101, Schofield Barracks. For more information, call 655-0111.

9/Friday

Seafood Bucket for Two — Seafood lovers can dig into a variety of seafood, in-

cluding shrimp, crab, clams and mussels at Reggie's, tonight from 5 to 8 p.m. Enjoy great food and live music by Jazz Di Nova.

Cost is \$24.95 for two and includes a pitcher of your favorite beverage. For reservations or more information, call 655-4466.

10/Saturday

Yu-Gi-Oh — Get ready to duel at the Tropics. Registration for the Yu-Gi-Oh tournament starts at noon, and matches will start at 1 p.m. Cost is \$6 and includes a pack of the latest Yu-Gi-Oh cards.

Prizes will be awarded, and all ages are welcome. Call 655-8522 for more details.

Parents Night Out — Leave your kids with Child and Youth Services (CYS) at the Aliamanu Military Reservation (AMR) Child Development Center on Parents Night Out, Saturday, and then enjoy a nice night out on the town.

Children enrolled in Parents Night Out must be registered with the Central Enrollment Registration Office no later than noon June 9. Reservations are first-come, first served. For more information, call 655-8313.

12/Monday

Teen Summer Blowout — Teens are invited to participate in the three-week

summer blowout at the AMR teen center. These action packed three weeks include hiking, a Hawaiian Adventures Water Park day trip, a teen social, and a trip to the state fair. For more information, call 833-0290.

13/Tuesday

Summer Reading Club Kick-Off — Army libraries invite students to "Read in the Wildest Places" during the 2006 Summer Reading Club. The program kicks off with a visit from Ronald McDonald at the Fort Shafter library, June 12; Sgt. Yano library, June 14; and the Aliamanu library, June 15. All programs are at 3 p.m. and are open to students in kindergarten through sixth grade.

14/Wednesday

Kids Club Summer Crafts and Games — Kids are invited to the Tropics, June 14 at 2 p.m., for lots of summer fun. Participants need to preregister at the Tropics no later than June 13. Cost is \$3. Call 655-8522 for more details.

22/Thursday

High School Leadership Program — SKIES Unlimited, in partnership with Army Community Services and Army Family Team Building, is introducing a new leadership program for high school students. Classes on leadership, listening skills, college applications and scholarships, problem solving, teamwork, and teen employment will be offered throughout the year.

Teens will also have the opportunity to perform community and Army volunteer work, including at the annual Hawaii Army Family Action Planning Conference.

The program begins June 22 at Schofield Barracks. For more information or to apply, call 655-9818 or email sandy.sailsbury@hawaii.army.mil.

Ongoing

Borrowed Library Materials — Deploying Soldiers are asked to return all borrowed materials to the Sgt. Yano Library, Schofield Barracks, prior to departure. For information or questions, call 655-8002.

MWR Happenings — To find out more information about MWR activities, programs and facilities, pick-up a copy of the Discovery magazine available at the Schofield Barracks Commissary, Fort Shafter Post Exchange, Aliamanu Shopette, Tripler mauka entrance, any MWR facility, or visit the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Web site at www.mwrrmy.hawaii.com.

Community Calendar

Send calendar announcements to community@hawaiiarmyweekly.com.

June

2/Today

50th State Fair — Come check out the carnival at the 50th State Fair on the grounds of the Aloha Stadium parking lot. Ono food, games, rides and booths abound.

Hours of operation are Fridays, 6 p.m. to midnight, and Saturday and Sunday, noon to midnight.

The fair continues the next three weekends (from Friday through Sunday), ending June 18. Tickets are \$3 general, \$2 children 4-11, and free for children under 3.

Call 682-5767 for more information.

Speak Out for Military Youth (SOMK) — The Hawaii SOMK team is looking for interested youths, ages 14-18, to participate during the upcoming July 2006 - June 2007 year and to participate in National SOMK training in Washington, DC, from July 16-19, travel expenses paid.

For more information and an application, call Claire M. Nakatsuka at 956-7196.

3/Saturday

Hawaii's Plantation Village — The village presents "Relive The Plantation Days - 2006," a celebration of Okinawan heritage, Saturday, June 3, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information on this free event, contact the village at 677-0110 or visit the Web site at www.hawaiiplantationvillage.org.

4/Sunday

Pet Blessing Festival — Come celebrate all creatures at the annual Pet Blessing Festival held in observance of "Pet Appreciation

Week" at Hawaii Kotohira Jinsha. Leashed or caged pets are welcome for a Shinto blessing any time on Sunday, June 4, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Reservations are not required, and free parking will be plentiful on Olomea Street and in the shrine "barking" lot. For more information, call Bob Harada at 383-9383.

8/Thursday

Employment Workshop — Interested in federal employment? Workshops will be held June 8 at Army Community Service (ACS), Schofield Barracks, and Wednesday, June 14 at the Fort Shafter ACS, both from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. To register, call ACS at 438-9285 (Fort Shafter) or 655-4227 (Schofield Barracks).

10/Saturday

Hawaiian Waters Adventure Park — The Kulcha Klash music festival will be held at the park June 10, from 7 p.m. to 3 a.m. Presale tickets are available at \$18; tickets the week of the event are \$20, at the door, \$25.

For more information, call 674-WAVE (674-9283), extension 102.

12/Monday

Vacation Bible School — Children 4 years old through the sixth grade are invited to Vacation Bible School (non-denominational) at Schofield Barracks, June 12-16 from 9 a.m. to noon. Call 655-6645 or 655-4461 for more information.

15/Thursday

Bishop Museum — Join Bishop Museum for its "2006 Moonlight Mele on the Lawn" concert series. Three concerts will feature traditional Hawaiian music and contemporary titles from Na Hoku Hanohano (Hawaii's version of the Grammy) award winners.

•Thursday, June 15, listen to the delightful sounds of Na Palapalai and Aaron J. Sala.

•Wednesday, July 26, catch ukulele virtuoso Jake Shimabukuro when he wows the crowd with his

lightning-fast fingers and revolutionary playing techniques.

•Tuesday, Aug. 15, the Makaha Sons will wrap the concert series. Doors open at 6 p.m. to the public and at 5:30 p.m. to Bishop Museum members. Tickets are \$15 general admission; \$10 for museum members, and Bank of Hawaii customers and employees; and \$5 for children 4 to 12.

For more information, call 847-3511 or visit www.bishopmuseum.org.

17/Saturday

Pearlridge Mall — The Royal Hawaiian Band will perform at the Uptown Center Court Saturday, June 17, from 11 a.m. to noon. Hawaii Music Works will follow from 1 to 2 p.m.

30/Friday

Photo Contest — The Hawaii Visitors and Convention Bureau (HVCB) is inviting Hawaii residents to submit photographs of island life for display in its online "My Hawaii Photo Gallery." HVCB's My Hawaii photo contest runs through June 30, after which photos will be judged and the top three winners, along with other selected images, displayed online at HVCB's popular GoHawaii.com travel Web site.

Prizes include roundtrip tickets for two to any mainland U.S. city served by Hawaiian (Las Vegas, Los Angeles, San Francisco, San Diego, Sacramento, San Jose, Seattle, Portland and Phoenix), roundtrip tickets for two between any interisland city served by Hawaiian (Lihue, Honolulu, Kahului, Kona and Hilo), and a one-year membership in Hawaiian's Premier Club program.

A complete set of contest rules and information is available online at GoHawaii.com/photocontest. Call 924-0259 for more information.

July

24/Monday

Kailua School of Music — The Kailua School of Music presents the second annual "Curtain Up" program for students ages eight to 14 to study with three of Oahu's top teachers.

This two-week course, entitled "Get the Part—How to Audition for the Musical Theatre," is headed by award-winning actor, singer, cabaret star and teacher Shari Lynn. The program will be held Monday through Friday, July 24 - Aug. 4, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Instruction will include how to write a resume, how to get a good headshot, how to choose and memorize monologues and songs, and how to perform for others.

Enrollment is limited, and cost is \$350 per student. Call 261-6142 for more information and to sign up.

August

26/Saturday

Oahu Arts Center — The Oahu Arts Center announces its third annual "A Night of the Arts," an evening of food, live entertainment, art activities, and a silent auction to raise funds to build a community arts education center and performing venue. This event takes place Saturday, Aug. 26, from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Mililani Golf Course.

Costs are \$50 per person and \$25 for children 12 and under. Call 848-7632 for more information or visit www.oahuartscenter.org.

Ongoing

Community Calendar Briefs — Do you have announcements of upcoming events, sports or activities you'd like to post in the Hawaii Army Weekly? If so, e-mail your information to editor@hawaiiarmyweekly.com at

least two weeks in advance of your event or activity.

Cub Scout Pack 183 — Join the Webelos at Wheeler Army Air Field for fun and learning the Boy Scout way. The pack meets every Monday night at 7 p.m. at the Camp Stover Community Center.

Boys, grades 1-5, or ages 6-10 are eligible to join. For more information, call 624-2722, 457-5816, or e-mail at johnstoor@hawaii.rr.com.

Kindergarten Registration — Wheeler Elementary School is accepting kindergarten registration for the 2006-2007 school year. Children who are 5 years old by Dec. 31 are eligible. Parents may pick up a registration packet at the school office. For more information, call 622-6400.

Catholic Women of the Chapel — Join the CWOC for fellowship and sharing of the Catholic faith. CWOC meet on Fridays at the Schofield Barracks Main Post Chapel from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in Room D9. On-site child care is available by reservation.

For child care reservations, call 624-6025. For further information, call 206-8367.

Work and Careers Web Site — Need help in your job search process? Explore the Web sites <http://www.myarmylifetoo.com> and <http://www.militaryspousejobsearch.org> to learn about the Army spouse employment partnership. The site includes job search techniques and resume writing tips. For additional help, contact your ACS employment readiness program manager at 655-4227.

Hawaii Theatre — Docent-led tours of the renovated historic Honolulu theater include a demonstration on the 1922 Robert Morton Theatre Organ every Tuesday at 11 a.m. Costs is \$5. Call 528-0506 for tour availability.

SEE CALENDAR, B-5

HACN TV2 Schedule

5:00	Army Emergency Relief
5:01	Lightning Rumble 4
5:05	Safety message CG Brown
6:00	Sign on Tape
6:24	Army Emergency Relief
6:26	Lightning Rumble 4
6:30	Bulletin Board
7:00	Safety message CG Brown
7:05	Army Emergency Relief
7:06	I Give My Heart to You
7:11	Pentagon Channel
8:00	Safety message CG Brown
8:04	Hawaii Army Report
8:33	Army Emergency Relief
8:34	Lightning Rumble 4
8:38	Bulletin Board
9:08	CG Mixon Deployment Message
9:13	I Give My Heart to You
9:19	Pentagon Channel
10:00	Army Emergency Relief
10:01	Lightning Rumble 4
10:06	Pentagon Channel
11:00	Safety message CG Brown
11:05	Army Emergency Relief
11:06	Lightning Rumble 4
11:10	CG Mixon Deployment Message
11:15	Pentagon Channel
12:00	Safety message CG Brown
12:04	Hawaii Army Report
12:33	Lightning Rumble 4
12:37	CG Mixon Deployment Message
12:42	Bulletin Board
1:12	Army Emergency Relief
1:13	Pentagon Channel
2:00	CG Mixon Deployment Message
2:05	Lightning Rumble 4
3:00	Safety message CG Brown
3:04	Lightning Rumble 4
3:09	Army Emergency Relief
3:10	Pentagon Channel
4:00	Safety message CG Brown
4:04	Army Emergency Relief
4:05	Lightning Rumble 4
4:10	Bulletin Board
4:40	I Give My Heart to You
4:45	Pentagon Channel
5:00	Safety message CG Brown
5:04	Army Emergency Relief
5:06	Lightning Rumble 4
5:10	Pentagon Channel
6:00	Safety message CG Brown
6:04	Hawaii Army Report
6:33	Lightning Rumble 4
6:37	Community Focus
6:43	I Give My Heart to You
6:48	Deployment Message CG
6:53	Honor to Serve
7:01	Army Emergency Relief
7:02	Bulletin Board
7:32	Lightning Rumble 4
7:37	Pentagon Channel
8:00	Safety message CG Brown
8:04	Army Emergency Relief
8:06	Bulletin Board
8:36	CG Mixon Deployment Message
8:40	Lightning Rumble 4
8:45	Pentagon Channel
9:00	Safety message CG Brown
9:04	Army Emergency Relief
9:06	Bulletin Board
9:36	CG Mixon Deployment Message
9:41	Lightning Rumble 4
9:45	Pentagon Channel
10:00	Safety message CG Brown
10:04	Army Emergency Relief
10:06	Bulletin Board
10:36	CG Mixon Deployment Message
10:41	Lightning Rumble 4
10:45	Pentagon Channel
11:00	Safety message CG Brown
11:04	Deployment message CG Mixon
11:10	Bulletin Board
11:40	Lightning Rumble 4
11:44	Army Emergency Relief
11:45	I Give My Heart to You
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Overnight
Pentagon Channel

Because of hardware failure Tv2 Programming may be interrupted during daily scheduled programming and replaced with Pentagon Channel and/or Bulletin Board.

This Week at the MOVIES Sgt. Smith Theater



Benchwarmers

(PG-13)
Friday, 7 p.m.
Sunday, 7 p.m.
Thursday, 7 p.m.



Phat Girlz

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

The theater is closed Monday & Tuesday.

BOSS seeks out commissary awareness

BOSS helps Soldiers to enjoy single life

Story and Photos by
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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Soldiers displayed smiles all around when they got the chance to exchange their normal physical training session for one that involved playing with eggs, throwing fruit, and tracking down food items during the 2006 Commissary Awareness event held at the commissary, May 23.

The month of May marks Commissary Awareness Month, so the Defense Commissary Agency and the Better Opportunity for Single Soldiers (BOSS) program team up to inform Soldiers of their available food options and benefits at the commissary.

"This was a way for single Soldiers to have fun and learn about what the post commissary has to offer," said Command Sgt. Maj. Edmond Murrell, U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii. "Also, it was a way to get the Soldiers together for some fun and break the monotony of regular PT in the mornings."

A dunking booth kicked off events, and BOSS Soldiers lined up to get dunked as well as to sink their fellow Soldiers.

"Talk about a morale booster," said Spc. El-lison Murray, the Headquarters and Headquarters Company BOSS representative. "The best part was the dunking booth because I could talk trash to the other Soldiers as they threw rotten fruit at the target trying to dunk me."

While resting their throwing arms, Soldiers moved over to conduct some cardio via the Egg Passing Shopping Cart Relay. Soldiers were pushed BOSS counterparts around a track in a shopping cart while holding an egg under their chin. Contestants were required to then pass the egg off to their teammates without using their hands or breaking the egg.

A banana eating contest was underway at another location. There, Soldiers competed to



Above — Soldiers dash off to find various food items during the Commissary Sweep competition during the 2006 Commissary Awareness activities held at the Schofield Barracks Commissary May 23.



Left — Soldiers sign up to participate in the 2006 Commissary Awareness activities held at the Schofield Barracks Commissary May 23.

see who could eat the most bananas in less than one minute.

"I've never tried anything like this before, but I was able to eat four bananas the fastest, and I walked away with a Madden 2006 game," said Pvt.2 Greg Henneberry of Company B, 225th Brigade Support Battalion.

Teams flexed their brains and brawn by answering food trivia questions and then hunted

down those particular items in the Commissary Sweep challenge.

"I didn't think that I would be running around as much, but it was still great fun," said Spc. Kristen Bheaux from the 66th Engineer Company.

The BOSS Commissary Awareness Month event ended with raffle drawings. Soldiers won an assortment of prizes such as Playstation and X-box games, CD players and gift certificates.

PFC. TEIRNEY M. HUMBERSON
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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — The Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers (BOSS) program is inviting single Soldiers to join them to get out of the barracks and experience what Hawaii has to offer firsthand.

BOSS, an Army-wide program geared toward developing single Soldiers' leadership skills and community relations, is first and foremost a plan to get singles to mingle — with each other, that is.

"This is a program to get the single Soldiers out of the barracks," said Sgt. Anthony Roy, BOSS representative for U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii (USAG-HI).

"It's to develop junior enlisted Soldiers into well-rounded leaders, foster community relations and to boost unit morale and cohesion."

A BOSS Appreciation Day is held quarterly during pay day activities at the Waianae Army Recreation Center.

"Last time close to 800 single Soldiers showed up," said Sgt. Christina Johnson, another BOSS representative for USAG-HI. "The food and drinks are free; there is a DJ [disc jockey] and the rental equipment for the water sports is free."

BOSS isn't about just fun and games, though. Throughout the year, it enlists the help of single Soldiers to support events and happenings in and around the community.

"Through the year, we have several volunteering events like Big Brother and Big Sister in October," said Johnson. "We also have the Single Soldiers Christmas dinner in December."

Not only do BOSS Soldiers serve as big brothers and sisters for local children, but at various times during the year, single Soldiers also help out with the Pro Bowl, the men's and ladies professional golfers associations, and the National Football League (NFL), to name a few.

"We've logged 14,488 volunteer hours," emphasized Johnson.

BOSS hosts trips, too. Single Soldiers vote on the place they want to go, and BOSS raises funds to either pay in full or offset costs.

"In 2003 we went to Maui, in 2004 Las Vegas, and [in] 2005, we went to Disneyland in California," said Johnson.

"It's a better opportunity," said Roy. "We're focusing on the Soldiers' quality of life."



A single snorkelling Soldier explores the underwater world of a coral reef.

225th BSB serves duty as role models to scouts

Story and Photo by
BOB MCELROY
Pohakuloa Training Area PAO

POHAKULOA TRAINING AREA, Hawaii – Soldiers supporting the 2-11th Field Artillery here helped another group of folks Saturday: about 70 Girl Scouts from all over the Big Island who were camping out at the Kilohana Girl Scout Camp near PTA.

Led by 1st Lt. Melinda Wallace, the nine female Soldiers from 225th Brigade Support Battalion spent several hours teaching Girl Scouts how to read a map, apply camouflage paint, put on a field dressing, use a field ambulance and litter, and eat a meal ready to eat. The girls also tried on Kevlar helmets and protective vests then learned some radio procedures.

According to Rosemary Schatzlein, a member of the Friends of Kilohana, a four-person committee that manages the campsite, the idea of asking for Soldiers to participate was born when she learned that PTA commander Lt. Col. Kimberly A. Rapacz and her daughter would be participating in the weekend campout.

Schatzlein said that among the subjects they hoped to teach during the weekend was survival and they thought whom better to teach survival than Soldiers, she mused. She asked Rapacz and the idea took off from there.

Rapacz said that she planned to ask 2-11th Field Artillery Regiment for Soldier support and then decided it would be appropriate to ask for a contingent composed entirely of female Soldiers. The females, she reasoned, would be great role models and mentors for the Girl Scouts and Brownies who were camping at Kilohana.

Wallace and her Soldiers set up



From left, Combat Medics Pfc. Kacey Thomas and Carrie Howard of C Company, 225th Brigade Support Battalion showed Girl Scouts and Brownies how to move an injured patient on a litter Saturday at the Kilohana Girl Scout Camp on the Big Island. Thomas, Howard and eight other Soldiers spent several hours with the scouts teaching them military skills and mentoring them.

round-robin stations where the girls could meet and talk with two to three Soldiers, and learn something of the skills Soldiers must know to be effective. Soon after the Soldiers began their training, the campsite was full of Girl Scouts with “cammy” on their

faces, Kevlars on their heads and MREs in their hands.

One of the most popular stations was the ambulance where the girls could blast the siren and warning horn. When one of the girls pressed the button, the noise split the quiet of the

camp and elicited squeals of delight from them.

When all of the girls had run through the stations, they gathered in the lodge to thank the Soldiers for their support. Rapacz handed each Soldier a PTA commander’s coin, while the Girl Scouts and their adult leaders gave them a sustained ovation.

The day was not done, however, for the Soldiers provided a color guard to lower and fold the American flag to the sound of the Girl Scouts singing the lyrics to “Taps.”

Their day done, the 225th Soldiers said goodbye to the girls. Many of the scouts embraced the Soldiers and thanked them for their visit.

Schatzlein was as impressed with the Soldiers as were the Girl Scouts.

“There’s no doubt that they’re all smart and excellent role models,” she said. “They’re so courteous and polite. I’m especially pleased that they’re all women. It’s pretty exciting.”

For the 225th Soldiers who spent the afternoon with the Girl Scouts, the experience was memorable, especially the hugs, the smiles and the admiration they said they received.

Spc. Lora Rosalee, a combat medic in C Company, 225th BSB, said that she liked being a role model.

“I like being a female role model in the military, so the girls can see that it’s not all about killing. We do things to help people too,” Rosalee said. “It’s nice to see young females look up to us; it made us proud.”

Spc. Shawndaisha Thomas, of A Co., 225th BSB, offered her feelings at the end of her time with the Girl Scouts.

“They lit up my day,” she said with a broad smile.

AAFES rewards high-achieving military students

ARMY & AIR FORCE EXCHANGE SERVICE
News Release

DALLAS – Children of military families often face unique educational challenges, not the least of which include moving from one location to another every two to three years and dealing with deployed mothers or fathers (sometimes both) who are called to serve in harm’s way. There are currently more than 1.2 million kids of military parents who experience this lifestyle.

The Army & Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) regularly recognizes outstanding students with exceptional academic achievement through its “you made the grade” program.

Initiated in February 2000, this program is designed to recognize military students for above-average academic achievement. Qualifying students receive a coupon booklet that includes free admission to a movie, a free magazine and a free slice of Anthony’s pizza with drink, as well as other coupons.

“AAFES recognizes the value of education and is pleased to provide students an incentive for diligent studying and success,” said AAFES Hawaii general manager Glenn Schubert. “‘You made the grade’ is an incentive for students to not only stay in school, but to excel as well.”

Each booklet also contains an entry form for a quarterly savings bond drawing in which three winners are randomly awarded savings bonds in \$2,000, \$3,000 or \$5,000 denominations. To receive the booklet, students must present a valid military ID card and proof of an overall “B” or better average to their local PX.

Students may receive one “you made the grade” coupon package for every grade report they receive, but may enter the savings bond drawing only once per calendar quarter. Military families are encouraged to contact their local AAFES general manager for more information.

Calendar

From B-2

Financial Health — Want to find the road to healthy finances? Contact ACS, located in Building 2091, across the street from Richardson swimming pool. Classes include checkbook maintenance, money management, credit management, the Thrift

Savings Plan, car buying, mutual fund investing, college funding, and AER/Command Referral. Instructors also assist with zero percent interest Army Emergency Relief loans.

To attend a class or schedule a one-on-one appointment with a financial counselor, call 655-4ACS (4227). All services are free and help is only a phone call away.

Fort Shafter Newcomers Orientation Tour — The Fort Shafter ACS presents a newcomers' orientation tour every other Tuesday. The tour helps familiarize new Soldiers and family members with many aspects of Hawaiian culture, customs, language, surrounding communities, the Hale Koa Hotel and various points of interest on the island. Registration is required and seating is limited.

Tour time is 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Lunch is not provided, but you can bring your lunch or purchase it at the Hale Koa. Call the Fort Shafter ACS at 438-9285 for registration or questions.

Army Community Theatre — Army Community Theatre's 2006-2007 season tickets are on sale now. Shows include "Sweeney Todd," "Annie," "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," and "Grease." Season tickets are priced at \$60 and \$75 for adults and \$45 and \$50 for children for the four-show musical series.

The season will begin in September 2006 and run through May 2007 at Richardson Theatre, Fort Shafter. Call 438-4480 or view details at www.squareone.org/ACT.

Oahu offers free premieres, renowned artists

Story and Photos by
DONNA KLAPAKIS
Staff Writer

WAIKIKI — Waikiki is expensive, no getting around it. But not everything costs money, even here. Waikiki also has a few opportunities for Soldiers without a dime in their pockets.

Sunset on the Beach, sponsored by the City and County of Honolulu, provides free movies, shown on a 30-foot screen assembled on the beach between Kuhio Beach Park and Queen's Beach. Anyone who is willing to sit under the stars and watch a movie while listening to the surf roll in, is welcome.

Kiosks selling food and drink open, and entertainment begins Saturdays and Sundays at 4 p.m.

Jake Shimabukuro, who is famous throughout Hawaii and Japan for his new sound on the ukulele, played a 45-minute set Saturday. His compact disc "Dragon" debuted at No. 15 on the Japanese general album charts when it went on sale last year — the highest instrumental debut by an album, according to the Associated Press.

Shimabukuro's set included his now-famous version of George Harrison's "While My Guitar Gently Weeps," and the theme he wrote and performed for "Beyond the Break." He ended his set with "The Star Spangled Banner," in honor of Memorial Day.

As a special treat, "Beyond the Break," a television program that will debut on the N Network, Oceanic Cable channel 477, today at 2:30 p.m., held its world premiere Saturday.

The storyline is about the interactions of an ex-surfing champion with four young women, three of whom he is chaperon-



Above — A crowd is already forming at the Wall and Kuhio BeachPark in Waikiki at 5:30 p.m. Saturday. Local bands lead in with sets from 4 p.m., and the movie shows at sunset. This view is looking diamondhead from the healing stones by the Waikiki police substation.

Left — Ukulele wizard Jake Shimabukuro plays for the crowd at Sunset on the Beach Saturday.

ing and working with for a surf sponsor. The fourth young woman is a superior surfer, but is unable to obtain sponsorship because of her past misdeeds.

The cast of "Beyond the Break" met for a get-together with the press before show time. All members said they were excited about the debut of their new television show, and look-

ing forward to coming back to Hawaii to film another season.

Tiffany Hines, who is from Cincinnati, plays Birdie Scott in the show. She is a new actress who got the part after her first audition for any acting role. She said she had since played the part of one of the prom girls on the season finale of the popular show "Grey's Anatomy."

Hines, who gave her age at "over 18," said she was disappointed to wrap up the 20 episodes they filmed from September to December last year, because she hated to leave her friends here.

Matt Dearborn, who writes and directs the series, described the show as soap-opera style serial, in that the storyline is on-going.

Kelli McCarty, Miss USA 1991, who plays Ronnie, completed a USO tour at the end of

the first Gulf War. She said she toured 13 countries in what seemed like 14 days.

"Seeing the men and women, and what they do for us changed my perspective on service and the United States forever," McCarty said. "... Their hearts were bigger than anything I'd met in my life."

"Beyond the Break's" first season was filmed at Waianae High School and Makaha, employing the students there for extras in the movie. High school students put together a short film about their work with the cast and crew called "Behind the Break," which showed before the feature.

Judging from the crowd reaction, and the popularity of other movies and shows that have premiered at Sunset on the Beach — "The Ride" and "Lost" — "Beyond the Break" is in good company.



June

2 / Today

101 Days of Summer — Students (kindergarten through twelfth grade) are invited to the Fort Shafter and Schofield bowling centers from May 27 – Sept. 4 to bowl their way through the “101 Days of Summer.” Participating students can receive one free game of bowling for each paid game each day of summer, and free games can be played any day of the week from opening until 5 p.m.

Grand prizes include a trip for four to an “Aly & AJ” concert and a private movie screening of “How to Eat Fried Worms” for one lucky winner and 100 guests.

Other prizes include a portable DVD player, iPod shuffle, video games and prizes from the Schofield and Fort Shafter bowling centers.

For more information, call 655-0573 (Schofield Bowling Center) or 438-6733 (Fort Shafter Bowling Center).

3 / Saturday

Ladies Golf Clinic — Ladies, do you want to brush up on your golfing skills? A free golf clinic will be held June 7 at the Leilehua Golf Course located right outside the Wheeler Army Air Field front gate.

The clinic will last for one hour and will begin at 2:30 p.m. All required equipment will be provided to participants, and advance reservations are recommended.

For more details or to reserve your space, call 655-4653.

4 / Sunday

“5 Game, No Tap” Tournament — A “5 Game, No Tap” tournament will be held at the Schofield bowling center June 4. Check-in is at 1 p.m. and the cost is \$20. Call 655-0573 for more information.

12 / Monday

Summer Junior Golf Program — Registration is ongoing for the 2006 Summer Junior Golf program to be held June 12 – July 24. The program is open to active duty, retired and civilian family members with a golf association membership. Junior golfers must be 7 years old by June 12 and may not be older than 17 by July 24.

Separate sessions will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays for beginner, intermediate



Christa B. Thomas | 25th Infantry Division Public Affairs

Lion dance

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Members of Au’s Shaolin Arts (ASA) Inc. perform a traditional lion dance as part of the Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month celebrations at the Tropics, May 25.

ASA demonstrated movements in two styles of Shaolin Kung Fu taught in their studio: Hung Gar and Choy Li Fut Kung Fu.

The lion dance originated in China more than 1500 years ago and has many fabled beginnings. Lion dancing, like martial arts, requires hours of practice and effort. Performers must be trained in traditional kung fu and learn agile and “cat-like” moves.

and advanced players. For more information, call 655-4653.

28 / Wednesday

Summer Soccer Clinic — Youth born between 1990 and 2001 are invited to register for a summer soccer clinic, conducted by Hawaii Pacific University soccer coach Mark Kane. The cost is \$12 and includes a T-shirt.

Registration is open now through June 14 at your nearest Army youth center. The clinic will be held at Aliamanu Military Reservation (AMR) field, June 28 from 4 to 6 p.m. and at Watts Field, Schofield Barracks, June 29, 4 to 6 p.m.

For more information, call 836-1923 (AMR),

438-9336 (Fort Shafter), 655-6465 (Schofield Barracks), or 655-0883 (Helemano Military Reservation).

Ongoing

Hatha Yoga — Relish the traditional approach to yoga that aids relaxation, and strengthening and lengthening muscles. Techniques can be modified based upon an individual’s skill level.

Sessions will be held Wednesday at 5 p.m. and Saturdays at 8 a.m. at the Schofield Barracks Heath and Fitness Center. Call 655-8007 for more details.



Send community announcements to community@hawaiiarmyweekly.com.

June

4 / Saturday

10k Volksmarch — The Menehune Marchers is sponsoring a 10K volksmarch June 4 at Kamananui Valley. The start point will be at Moananalua Valley Neighborhood Park at Ala Alolani Street. The walk is free and walkers may start anytime between 8 a.m. and noon. Call 947-3359 or visit www.ava.org/clubs/menehunemarchers/ for more details.

15 / Thursday

American Youth Soccer Organization — AYSO Soccer 188 (Hickam AFB/Pearl Harbor) will accept preregistration for the Fall 2006 soccer season from now through June 15. Youth, born between Aug. 1, 1987 and July 31, 2002, are eligible to participate.

Practice begins in August and the season runs from September–November. Cost is \$55.

Volunteer coaches, assistant coaches, referees and board members are needed too.

For more information, go to www.soccer.org and logon to e-AYSO or call 834-5439.

17 / Saturday

Waimea Valley Audubon Center — A sanctioned 5K and 10K volksmarch (walk) will be held June 17 at the Waimea Valley Audubon Center. Walkers can start anytime between 9 a.m. and noon. A nominal entrance and vehicle parking fee will apply. Call 626-3575 for more information.

July

10 / Monday

2006 Relay for Life — “Relay

For Life” is a team event that increases cancer awareness in the community. Families, schools, companies, hospitals and other community groups will create teams of 8 to 15 people who will take turns walking around a track all night to raise money to find a cure.

The next Relay for Life will be held at the athletic field, Kapolei High School, July 10 from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m.

Relays are ongoing throughout the month at various locations.

For more information, contact Bur-gandie Oneke at 486-8420.

Ongoing

Bike Hawaii — Join Bike Hawaii’s professional nature guides and explore Oahu from the rainforest to the reef. Packages can include downhill biking, waterfall hiking and sailing off Waikiki with exclusive access to a remote Hawaiian rainforest.

Delicious meals are included. For more information or to schedule your adventure, call (877) 682-7433, 734-4214, or surf online at www.bikehawaii.com.

Happy Trails Hawaii — “Giddy up” through the North Shore area on horseback with Happy Trails Hawaii and enjoy a supervised trail ride. For more information, call 638-RIDE (7433) or visit the trails Website at <http://www.happytrails-hawaii.com/>.

Honolulu Marathon Clinic — Looking to run a marathon? Join the free Honolulu Marathon Clinic, led by Dr. Jack Scaff and his staff. The clinic meets Sundays at 7:30 a.m. in Kapiolani Park, at 3833 Paki Ave.

This clinic stresses slow, recreational running for beginners and walkers. Its focus is to train runners to finish the Honolulu Marathon in December.

No headsets are allowed when running with the group, so leave your tunes at home. For more information, call 655-4692.