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## 45th BSB dons new patch

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45th Sustainment Brigade Public Affairs

Soldiers of the 45th Sustainment Brigade proudly adopted a new unit patch, honoring the unit's transformation from a division support command to a sustainment brigade, during a ceremony at its brigade headquarters, June 16.

The 45th, previously a subordinate headquarters of U.S. Army, Pacific, officially became a sustainment brigade, Nov. 16, 2005.

To capture the unit's rich history, the

new patch was designed to embrace the 45th's future as a modular fighting force while honoring its heritage.

"What this ceremony symbolizes is the tangible changing of patches from the former Tropic Lightning patch to the new patch of a separate brigade," said Col. Michael T. McBride, commander, 45th Sustainment Bde. "We thought that it was important we make the switch before we deploy because this is an



enormous symbol in our transformation efforts as the first fully converted sustainment brigade in the Army to deploy," said McBride.

Although different in design, the new patch retains many of the colors and emblems of its predecessor.

"We retained the color scheme - red and gold - of the 25th Infantry Division to pay

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## Army restructures commands

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WASHINGTON - The Army is reorganizing its commands and specified headquarters to accelerate transformation efforts and increase the Army's responsiveness at home and abroad.

The new structure identifies three types of headquarters: Army Commands, Army Service Component Commands and Direct Reporting Units.

"Breaking the major Army commands out into three entities recognizes the roles and scopes of units' authorities and responsibilities," said Col. John Phelan of the Office of Institutional Army Adaptation. "This restructuring defines, aligns and assigns. It also gives functional experts the responsibility and authority to provide seamless support."

The three Army Commands are: U.S. Army Forces Command (designated by the secretary of the Army as both an Army Command under the direction of Headquarters, Department of the Army and the Army Service Component Command to U.S. Joint Forces Command), U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command and U.S. Army Materiel Command.

The nine Army Service Component Commands are comprised primarily of operational organizations serving as the Army component for a combatant commander. They are:

- U.S. Army Europe
- U.S. Army Central
- U.S. Army North
- U.S. Army South
- U.S. Army Pacific
- U.S. Army Special Operations Command

• Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command, and  
• U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Strategic Command and Eighth U.S. Army.

Each of the 11 Direct Reporting Units are comprised of one or more units with institutional or operating functions, providing broad general support to the Army in a normally single, unique discipline not available elsewhere in the Army. They are:

- U.S. Army Network Enterprise Technology Command/9th Signal Command (Army) (NETCOM/9th SC (A))
- U.S. Army Medical Command
- U.S. Army Intelligence and Security Command
- U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- U.S. Army Military District of Washington
- U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command
- U.S. Military Academy
- U.S. Army Reserve Command
- U.S. Army Acquisition Support Command and
- U.S. Army Installation Management Agency.

Realignment changes were necessitated by the Army's changing missions, said Lt. Col. Darrell Wilson, functional team leader for the realignment.

"In the global-basing strategy that's been put out, we're going to become, for the most part, a CONUS-based force that projects capability out to where it needs to

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Left to right — Outgoing Chief of Staff Col. James Boisselle expresses his appreciation for support given by commanders, staff and the community, as Maj. Gen. Benjamin Mixon, commanding general, 25th Infantry Division and U.S. Army, Hawaii, and incoming Chief of Staff Col. Gary Patton, look on during the Flying V ceremony at Schofield Barracks' Sills Field, June 16.

## 'Flying V' pays tribute to chief of staff

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Col. James C. Boisselle bid a fond aloha to Tropic Lightning Soldiers and leaders during his "Flying V" ceremony at Sills Field June 16.

Unique to the division, the Flying V ceremony consists of brigade commanders and colors down to battalion level, posted in a V-shaped formation. The observance is similar to the more familiar change of command ceremony with a tribute to incoming and outgoing senior officer division leadership.

Maj. Gen. Benjamin Mixon, the commanding general, 25th Infantry Division and U.S. Army, Hawaii, highlighted Boisselle's years of accomplishments with the division, first as G-3 and then as his chief of staff.

He described Boisselle's service as directly contributing to the success of the division in Afghanistan and Iraq, the division transformation and the current deployment preparations.

"Col. Boisselle has played a critical role in the accomplishments of this di-

vision," Mixon said. "Over the past three years, these units have felt his presence during our transformation."

During his tenure with the division, Boisselle served as the G-3, overseeing the hectic post-Sept. 11 period that led to the deployment of the division headquarters and its brigades to Iraq and Afghanistan.

He then assumed duties as the director of operations for Combined Joint Task Force 76 in Afghanistan. Upon redeployment, Boisselle was selected to remain with the division as chief of staff during what Mixon described as the most dramatic transformation of this division in its history.

Mixon said Boisselle provided "absolutely spot-on advice and moved the staff in support of these units [on the field] better than any other officer could have possibly done."

"What is most impressive and what I admire most about you as a leader is your calm, deliberate and focused way you have accomplished difficult tasks," Mixon explained. "Your leadership style

is one that we all can learn from."

Mixon concluded his remarks by saying, "I thank you from the bottom of my heart for all you have done for me as a commander of this great division and all that you have done for our Soldiers."

Taking the podium, Boisselle thanked those who contributed to his professional success and the success of the division in Iraq, Afghanistan and at home.

Boisselle professed that his past three years in Hawaii were among the best of his Army service.

"Everything seemed to come together here - a perfect location, tremendous command climate, the esprit that comes with a division that is operational deployed and performing its mission so well, a great installation and a great community," he said. "Most of all, we have been associated with the very best people we have ever known."

From commanders to staff, to company and platoon-level Soldiers, Boisselle expressed profound appreciation for

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## DoD addresses data loss on service members' pay statements

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Army News Service

WASHINGTON - The Department of Defense (DoD) is informing service members who could be affected by the May theft of personal data from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) through their monthly pay statements.

DoD is in the middle of an analysis to determine how many active duty, reserve and National Guard service members could be affected by the data loss, which occurred when a VA employee loaded personal data onto a laptop, which was then stolen from his home, according to Lt. Col. Jeremy Martin.

The VA initially reported that the data stolen included personal information on as many as 26.5 million veterans, and later updated the report to include as many as 1.1 million active duty service members, 430,000 National Guardsmen and 645,000 members of the reserves as possible victims.

Get more details at  
www.firstgov.gov or call  
toll-free, 1-800-333-4636.

These numbers are preliminary, as the DoD and VA are still working to determine what data was on the laptop. When the analysis is completed in

upcoming weeks, the Defense Finance and Accounting Service will inform service members who are determined to be vulnerable by putting a note on the bottom of their monthly leave and earnings statements, Martin said. The note will include phone numbers and Web sites that will provide more information on identity theft and what troops can do to protect themselves, he said.

The VA has set up a special Web site and a toll-free telephone number for those possibly affected by the data loss: www.firstgov.gov and (800) 333-4636. Each features up-to-date news and information on the data compromise.

The Web site provides steps on how to check credit reports, how to guard against identity theft, and who to call if an individual believes any fraudulent activity is occurring with his or her personal information.

Information relating to the defeat of identity theft is also available at the Military OneSource Web site: www.militaryonesource.com. (Editor's Note: Sgt. Sara Wood writes for the American Forces Press Service.)



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## Provost Marshal Officer

# Speeding, larcenies among crime statistics

*(Editor's Note: Information in this column is general in nature and a roll up of incidents as they are reported to the Military Police during the time frames stated.)*

**COL. JACQUELINE CUMBO**  
Provost Marshal, 25th Infantry Division

Crime data provided is to make Soldiers and family members aware of trends that may be developing in or around their community. The Provost Marshal Office (PMO) uses this data to direct patrol activities designed to apprehend offenders and eliminate these occurrences.

In our joint fight against crime, PMO asks that you use this information and take proactive measures to avoid being a victim. Report suspicious activity to the Military Police at Fort Shafter, 438-7114; at Schofield Barracks, 655-7114, or dial 911 for emergencies.

### Crime statistics recorded from May 16 to May 31

#### •At Fort Shafter and south areas

The Fort Shafter PMO reported a total of 12 cases during this period. They included four assault cases; three incidents occurred in Aliamau Military Reservation (AMR) with juveniles between the ages of seven years old to 18 years old. The fourth case was alcohol-related and involved two Soldiers, one of which was taken into custody.

One domestic assault occurred at Fort Shafter which resulted in the apprehension of a family member spouse.

Six larcenies were reported with four occurring at TAMC, one from AMR, and one at Fort Shafter. Each of the larcenies involved unsecured personal property which included purses, wallets,

luggage and bicycles.

Finally, a sailor was apprehended for Driving Under the Influence (DUI) of alcohol at Fort DeRussy with a blood alcohol count (BAC) of .158%.

#### • At Schofield Barracks

The Schofield Barracks (SB) PMO reported 24 cases during this period. They included two separate shoplifting cases at the PX where a Soldier was apprehended when he attempted to remove cigarettes and a pair of socks without paying for them. A second subject was not identified.

A total of eight larcenies occurred in the SB area: Seven of the larcenies took place on post while the other occurred at Wheeler Army Air Field. Items stolen included two X-boxes with games, a debit military star card, camouflage backpack, jewelry and other miscellaneous items. A Soldier was apprehended for one of the thefts.

Seven simple assaults were reported and resulted with the apprehension of six Soldiers and one family member. Seven domestic assaults were also reported resulting in the apprehension of five family members (one male and four female) and two Soldiers.

Finally, two Soldiers and a family member spouse were apprehended at Schofield Barracks for DUI.

### Hot Topic of the Week: Larceny on our installations

Our military installations are among the

safest communities in the nation. One could even say that we developed the first gated communities. As a result, we experience fewer crimes. However, this does not mean that we are immune to crime. In fact, we do experience crimes that normally involve the larceny of property.

Larceny is defined as the "unlawful taking and removing of another's personal property with the intent of permanently depriving the owner." Simply put, larceny is the act of stealing from another person. In most cases, larceny is a crime of opportunity.

If property is left within easy reach and is not being watched, it becomes a temptation and opportunity to a thief. Don't assume that because we live in a secure community that our belongings are safe and secure. Make use of storage areas and use locks to keep property from being stolen. By following this advice, you will remove the temptation and a thief's opportunity to steal your property.

### Firecracker Fourth of July Reminder:

The possession or use of fireworks on our installations and housing areas is prohibited. Violators will have their fireworks confiscated and disposed of. In addition, violators will be issued a citation and subjected to administrative action.

If you wish to purchase or use fireworks off post, you must acquire a fireworks permit from the City and County Fire department for \$25. The permit applies to "non-aerial common fireworks," also known as firecrackers. People who use sparklers and other novelties are not required to have permits.

Violations of the fireworks law can lead to fines of up to \$2,000 for misdemeanors,

and even felony charges.

### Traffic Safety

Traffic safety is a constant concern for everyone. Please be aware that what we do while operating a motor vehicle can result with dire consequences for ourselves and others.

PMO conducts seatbelt, safety inspection, registration and vehicle insurance checks. Make sure that all your documents are current. Help us to increase traffic safety by obeying the law.

### Traffic statistics recorded from May 1 to May 16

- Speeding - 28
- DUI - 4
- Stop sign violation - 5
- Seatbelt violation - 8
- Expired registration - 25
- Expired safety check - 43
- Driving without a license - 11
- Driving without insurance - 8
- Parking - 135
- Cell phone - 1

Hawaiian Island Police K-9 Competition - The MP Brigade is hosting the Hawaiian Island Police K-9 Competition from June 27 - 30 at the East Range on Schofield Barracks and at Wheeler Army Air Field.

This competition will showcase the capabilities of our police dogs and those of the other law enforcement agencies at locating narcotics, explosives, conducting patrol and tracking or locating lost persons.

For more information, contact Sgt. First Class Richard Brentson at 655-0773.

## LIGHTNING SPIRIT

# How do you define commitment?

**CHAPLAIN (CAPT.) JIM BURTON**  
1-14 Infantry Battalion

How do you define commitment?

Webster's II: New Riverside University Dictionary defines it as "a pledge to do something; the state of being bound emotionally or intellectually to an ideal or course of action."

Have you ever asked yourself to what are you pledged; to what ideals are you emotionally bound; to what intellectual course of action are you committed? The answers can define who you are and how you will act in a given situation.

Now, focus these questions on marriage.

I have been thinking quite a bit about marriage this month. My wife and I celebrated our twenty-first anniversary June 9. Counting the year that we spent dating and engaged, I have now spent over half my life with this wonderful woman. It amazes me that she has put up with my nonsense for that long! Seriously, though, we have lasted this long because of our commitment to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, then our commitment to each other.

We made a pledge to love, honor and obey each other until death do us part. It hasn't always been easy - yes, chaplains and their wives sometimes have arguments, too. But the commitment has always been to each other and our marriage. We are romantics in that we are emotionally bound to the idea that nothing will allow us to contemplate the idea of divorce. Standing on our commitment to each other has forced us to find solutions to the problems that have arisen.

June 30, I will have the honor and privilege to officiate a vows renewal ceremony for a couple celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. Wentworth "Lefty" and Betty Stone were married in the Soldier's Chapel June 30, 1956 while Lefty was an infantryman in my battalion. I jumped at the chance to participate in this ceremony and have enjoyed hearing stories about Hawaii and my battalion during the 1950s and 1960s. Hopefully, we are

able to recreate the loving memories that this couple has of this momentous occasion. Here is a couple that definitely understands the meaning of commitment.

Sadly, the commitment to marriage 'until death do us part' is not the norm anymore. Today's society has grasped the mistaken intellectual course of action that it is easier to divorce than to stay married. Some people think that things will be easier in their "next marriage."

Here are some statistics that I recently found: "40% of all marriages end in divorce; 60% of second marriages end in divorce; and, 75% of third marriages end in divorce." These are staggering statistics. Why are the divorce rates so high?

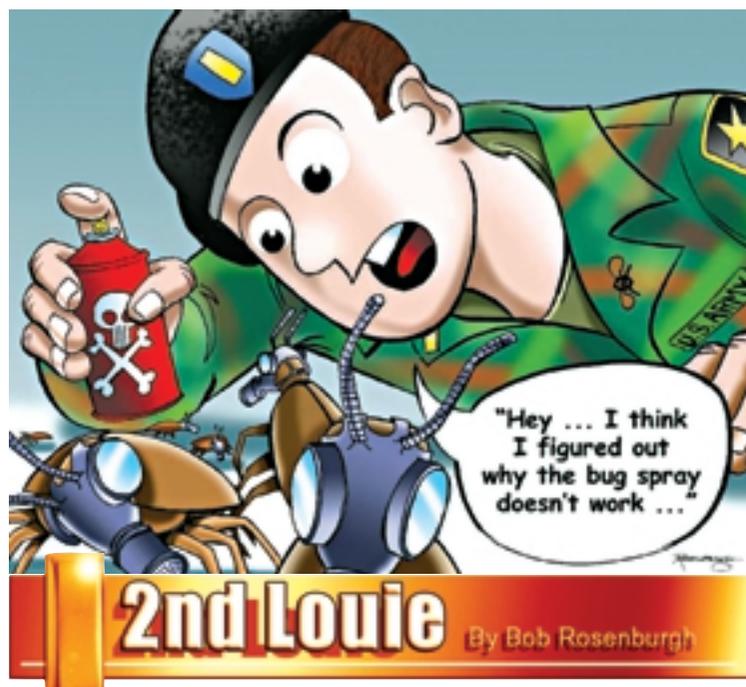
I believe that there is a lack of commitment.

So, how does a couple turn their marriage around? First, as a Christian chaplain, I will tell them that both the husband and the wife need a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. 2 Corinthians 6:14 reads, "Do not be mismatched with unbelievers. For what partnership is there between righteousness and lawlessness? Or what fellowship does light have with darkness?" (Holman Christian Standard Bible[HCSB]). Secondly, they need to focus on each other instead of their extended family. Genesis 2:24 states, "This is why a man leaves his father and mother and bonds with his wife, and they become one flesh." (HCSB). Lastly, both members of the couple need to adhere to Ephesians 5:33, "To sum up, each one of you is to love his wife as himself, and the wife is to respect her husband." (HCSB).

Commitments that last are done out of love because "Love bears all things, love believes all things, love hopes all things, love endures all things. Love never fails." (1 Corinthians 13:7-8a).

Commitment to your marriage will sustain you through any difficulty that you may encounter, as long as you commit to the emotional ideal that marriage is "until death do us part."

So, I ask you again, "How do you define commitment?"



# PMO - Did You Know?

## Driving Under the Influence Blood Alcohol Levels and Symptoms

*(Note: The Hawaii state blood alcohol contents limit is .08.)*

- .01 to .03** - Sobriety with slight changes.
- .03 to .09** - Euphoria, talkative, sociable, increased self-confidence, decreased inhibitions, attention, judgment and loss of fine motor skills.
- .09 to .18** - Excitement, emotional instability, loss of critical judgment, memory, comprehension, decreased sensory response, loss of gross motor skills.
- .18 to .27** - Confusion, decreased pain sense, exaggerated emotional states, staggering, dizziness.
- .27 to .35** - Stupor, approaching paralysis, vomiting, uncontrollable urination and defecation, unconsciousness.
- .35 to .45** - Coma, body temperature changes, decreased circulation and respiration, possible death.
- .45 and higher** - Death resulting from respiratory paralysis.



**31 days**  
since last fatal accident

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

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

# Voices of Lightning: What are you planning to do for summer vacation?



"I plan on going to Maui and going to the swimming pool."

**Marlowe Johnson**  
5 years old



"I plan on going to the swimming pool and visiting Turtle Bay."

**Ashley Fonte**  
12 years old



"I plan to hang out with my friends from the mainland and go to the Big Island."

**Marietta Corbin**  
11 years old



"I plan on learning how to write compositions."

**Aneasha Johnson**  
10 years old



"I plan on having a summer job working on computers."

**Mark Dalere**  
18 years old



Engineers use a behemoth backhoe and 20-ton dump trucks to fill a tank ditch at Camp Bucca, Iraq.

# 84th Engineers move earth to improve security

Schofield-based Soldiers relish DFAC, mission of latest project

Story and Photo by

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A Company, 84th Engineer Combat Battalion (Heavy)

CAMP BUCCA, IRAQ — More than 400 miles from Logistical Support Area Anaconda, the 84th Engineer Combat Battalion (Heavy), 130th Engineer Brigade, participated in a mission to improve force protection measures for the largest internment camp in the Multinational Corps-Iraq (MNC-I) area of operations.

Heavy equipment operators (dozers and scrapers), light equipment operators (graders and loaders) and mechanics from A Company took part in the mission. Also, three Soldiers from Headquarters Support Company (HSC) accompanied A Co.'s horizontal construction platoon as dump truck operators.

The Soldiers transported and emplaced massive amounts of earth to fill a tank ditch, known as a force protection obstacle. The barrier is designed to stop tanks and other vehicular traffic.

The entire project will require more than 168,000 cubic yards of fill, enough to fill a Roman coliseum. Yet, working on this project, Soldiers will get a change of scenery.

"Going on this mission gives the Soldiers a change in their daily routine, which makes the time move faster," said Sergeant 1st Class James Wilbanks, project noncommissioned officer in charge.

Several Soldiers shared similar sentiment about the mission, even though it will require them to work longer hours. Just the change in location makes the project worthwhile to them.

"Food is much better, than at Al Asad" where the rest of A Company 84th ECB (H) is currently stationed, added Pfc. Kevin Gorst,

equipment operator regarding the dining facility (DFAC).

Although every Soldier agrees the quality of food here at the Camp Bucca DFAC greatly surpasses their expectations of combat cuisine, they differ on what makes the mission a great assignment.

Temperatures soar up to 140 degrees in the daytime. Therefore, ground leadership implemented a plan to work reverse-cycle operations, at night. However, working at night presents different challenges to the team on the ground, too, but it offers a break from the debilitating heat.

"Working at night is difficult to adjust to, but is a lot better than working during the day!" emphasized Pfc. James Mackintosh, an equipment operator.

Equipment operator Pfc. Luis Montanez said, "The best thing about this mission is that we really feel like we are doing something."

# OBSB Changes Command

Story and Photo by

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17th Public Affairs Detachment

Army communities on Oahu received a new commander in a ceremony held at Sills Field, June 14. Lt. Col. Stephen P. Moniz relinquished command of the Oahu Base Support Battalion to Lt. Col. Mark C. Boussy.

Moniz, commander for the past two years, will be heading to Special Operations Command-Pacific (SOCPAC).

Boussy is coming from the U.S. Northern Command where he served in a number of staff positions to include the Strategy Branch, the command section and the Missile Defense Branch.

He also served in Operations Southern Watch and Iraqi Freedom as the executive officer for 1st Battalion, 7th Air Defense Artillery, 108th Air Defense Artillery Brigade (Patriot).

"This is a very difficult job, but I am sure that you'll agree there isn't a better place in the world to be a commander and part of a great command team," said Maj. Gen. Benjamin R. Mixon, commanding general, 25th Infantry Division and U.S. Army, Hawaii, during the change of command ceremony.

The OBSB commander has four primary areas of emphasis: Under his leadership, the Installation Troop Command provides customer service to Soldiers and family members. The Medical Retention Processing Unit facilitates the treatment and support of injured reserve component Soldiers who have been mobilized to support the Global War on Terrorism.

The Garrison Replacement Program manages replacement operations and in-processing providing Hawaii Army units with mission-ready Soldiers. The Oahu North and South community directors coordinate and integrate all operational support, while enforcing installation policies and procedures.

Boussy is confident that the existing support structures for base operations will continue to help Soldiers and local communities.

"Recently, we have seen a surge in attendance from family members at the town hall meetings," he said. "Those meetings, along with the rear detachment commanders and FRG leaders, are critical to the Soldiers and families."

"I look forward to joining this team of Soldiers, civilians, contractors and our Army Family Hous-



Lt. Col. Mark C. Boussy receives the battalion colors from Maj. Gen. Benjamin R. Mixon, 25th Infantry Division commander, during the Oahu Base Support Battalion change of command ceremony at Schofield Barracks' Sills Field, June 14.

ing partners who will provide the support to your families essential to the successful deployment of the 25th Infantry Division," he said.

With the new post exchange, additional housing and construction at Schofield Barracks, Boussy acknowledges the importance of camaraderie to keep a community close and enjoyable.

"My parents taught me about being a good neighbor. [They] ensured the schools we attended provided the education to succeed, and the neighborhood we lived in was safe," said Boussy. "These family values will serve me well in meeting the needs of this great community."

The new commander arrives at a busy time. The division is scheduled to deploy, which involves significant coordination and support from OBSB.

"After deploying numerous times throughout my career, I find it strange not being a part of the ongoing deployment," said Boussy. "What I have learned over the years is how important it is for the Soldiers to have the confidence and peace of mind that their families, back home on the island, are safe and cared for," he explained.

"This is a promise I make to you here today."

# Medal of Honor recipients to speak at LPD

Medal of Honor recipients Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Robert F. Foley and Master Sgt. (Ret.) John F. Baker Jr. will be giving a speech to Soldiers during a leader professional development seminar June 29 at 1 p.m. at the Sgt. Smith

Theater.

The 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment will be host-

ing the seminar. Foley and Baker are both former members of the 2-27th Battalion, "Wolfhounds." Lt. Col. Drew R. Meyerowich, 2-27th battalion commander will give a brief introduction followed by

speeches from Foley and Baker. There will be a question and answer session afterwards.

All valid military identification card holders are welcome. Seating is limited.

# Crisis response teams to embrace families facing trauma

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Managing Editor

Most would agree there is no best time to get unwelcome news about the death of a family member. Yet, at some point in everyone's life, a dreaded phone call or knock on the door comes.

For just this reason, the 25th Infantry Division is launching one of its newest initiatives: the crisis response team. CRTs will embrace families experiencing trauma - whether serious injury, death or other devastating circumstance. A recent directive asks commanders to recruit and screen more volunteers to serve on CRTs.

"The whole concept is to provide a team of trained and compassionate volunteers who provide immediate assistance to a family or spouse who has just been notified of a casualty," said Maricar Davis, Army Community Service (ACS) family advocacy specialist. Fort Campbell, Ky., and other mainland Army installations gave birth to crisis response teams, but overseas and locally, commands are fine-tuning parameters to meet the needs of their military families.

Most programs are multifaceted; a "care team" of commanders, volunteers, chaplains and ACS family advocacy specialists embrace the program to assist traumatized families.

At Schofield Barracks, Rhonda Mixon, wife of the 25th Infantry Division commanding general, encouraged division leaders to adopt CRT. Especially with pending deployments to combat zones, the program was needed in Hawaii.

"The vision for Crisis Response Teams," Mixon said, "was to provide a viable asset to the existing unit family support structure."

"The premise was to provide 'fine tuned training' to enable volunteers to deal with immediate trauma situations. Once a no-

tification is completed, the CRT will be on standby to enter the home as the notification team departs so the notified family will not be left alone," she added. "The unit FRG can then organize and mobilize their effort more productively."

"With more demand being placed upon the unit family support system during a deployment, it is even more important that volunteers are prepared," she said.

Mixon also reported that "Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Brainerd shared at one of the first training sessions, 'If you walk into a trauma incident unprepared, you will become a victim also and possibly victimize others.' The Division effort for this program is to provide support and the best possible-training to prepare FRG volunteers for the future," Mixon concluded.

When the division deploys this summer, rear detachment commanders will activate a CRT when needed. For example, if a Soldier is killed in action, the Casualty and Mortuary Affairs office, U.S. Army, Hawaii, will first provide initial notification to the family per casualty notification procedures. If the family requests support from a CRT, the rear detachment commander will assign a team of caregivers, to give immediate assistance within the first 48 to 72 hours after notification has been made, said Davis.

"We do have the family readiness groups," explained Davis, "but it [crisis response teams] gives FRGs time to mobilize and kick in, if necessary, or it may give family members time to arrive on island."

The first 48 hours are critical, Davis added. "It's the time when the family is in shock or just dealing with the news. If you can imagine," she said, "you've just received the news of a death, and you still have the small kids to take care of and maybe you have a dog. So the whole goal is for the

team to provide emotional support and basic assistance."

## Volunteers

At the core of the local CRT is the cadre of volunteers. Comprised of family members - in particular military spouses, these individuals may take care of children by ensuring a routine is maintained such as meals, homework and daily care. Volunteers may also provide minor housekeeping and meal preparation or shop for groceries, as well as give emotional support.

"[The CRT is] a way for the Army, the command, the units to show and underscore the fact that they do care about the family," said Davis, emphasizing CRTs are an asset of the rear detachment commander.

"Specific criteria outline that a volunteer be sensitive, compassionate, and able to handle the enormity of helping a family to go through a crisis," she added.

## Army Community Service

Currently, ACS has hosted almost a dozen sessions to train more than 120 volunteers. Each volunteer has completed an initial four-hour session covering diverse topics. ACS staff and chaplains provide primary training, and Soldier and Family Life consultants and public affairs representatives provide mental health and media briefings.

If desired, additional training is available during "Family Survival Night," the third Wednesday of each month, 5:30 p.m. at the Main Post Chapel, and plans are underway to provide a six-month refresher.

"It really takes a special type of individual [to volunteer], and I applaud them for being on call," said Davis. "It forces you to get in touch with your own emotions about death, and we talk about that in

the class."

ACS has extensively reviewed lessons learned from mainland CRTs. In particular, it will keep the number of volunteers on each care team small, with two to three volunteers. As well, CRTs will remain flexible: Care teams will be prepared for some overnight stays, and overseers will ensure the CRT takes care of itself.

"You will feel inadequate," said Davis, "but it's okay to feel that you don't have the answers. You are not expected to," she emphasized.

## Chaplains

Division chaplains have always been part of the casualty notification process - when a Soldier dies, both a casualty notification officer and a chaplain provide initial notification. Thereafter, a casualty assistance officer supports the family for as long as it takes to ensure myriad tasks are accomplished regarding funeral arrangements, claims and benefits.

Within CRTs, however, chaplains provide training alongside ACS family advocacy specialists. They ensure volunteers are equipped and prepared to handle the grief and mourning associated with death and other significant changes, setting up volunteers for success. Chaplains may also connect with families during follow-on pastoral care.

Key to all training, ACS staff and chaplains put volunteers in touch with their own experiences. Overall, primary trainers show volunteers the way to be themselves, let the traumatized family know that they care, and make sure they take care of themselves as they go through the emotionally draining process.





45th Special Troops Battalion Commander Lt. Col. Aimee Kominiak switches the patch for Sgt. 1st Class Jonathan Q. Goodman, from the old Tropic Lightning patch to the new 45th STB patch.

# Patch: Brigade's history adorns Soldiers' sleeves

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homage to the Tropic Lightning Division," McBride explained. "Because of our proud history, we also retained the lightning bolt in honor of the division, and to further display our loyalty in continuing to provide support for them." Along with the lightning bolt and color scheme, two other symbols were incorporated into the patch composition. The rose compass from the 8th Sustainment Command (Theater-Provisional) and the Southern Cross from US-ARPAC were added as an allusion to the unit's character. "We were given the freedom to create our own patch and worked with the Department of the Army, and Institute of Heraldry, to come up with what we felt was an accurate display of our loyalty to the past and our commitment to our future," McBride said. As the 45th prepares for deployment, the unit's new patch is a testament to its past and the start of its future. With a history dating back almost 50 years, its new insignia marks the completed journey from a division support command to a modular sustainment brigade. "I am incredibly proud of all the Soldiers, officers and noncommis-

sioned officers that made our transformation happen," said McBride. "Inactivating a division support command and activating a sustainment brigade was no easy task."

# Right to vote is worth fighting for

**CAPT. THOMAS BROWNLOW**  
5th Infantry Division G-1 Operations

Our Commander in Chief has been in office since 2004, so why are there so many posters telling me to vote all over post? In January 2006, the division scheduled a Voting Assistance Officer Workshop. Almost six months later, we are getting ready to deploy. We need to make sure we have all the materials needed to assist our Soldiers to vote

during this next year for state primaries and the general elections for the U.S. Senate, House of Representatives and our state governors. Each unit has or is designating a unit voting assistance officer, or VAO, to support its population. As well, a division directive was released to all units outlining procedures and information needed this election year. Posters have been placed at all unit locations to advertise and educate Soldiers about the

Army Voting Program. Further, monthly reports are capturing statistics on our voting populations and distribution of materials. We need to make every effort to deploy with proper quantities of materials to support our Soldiers, whether they plan to vote or not. If you're not sure when or who to contact regarding voting procedures in your state, contact your unit chain of command to determine your VAO.

## Frequently asked questions about absentee voting

*(Courtesy of DoD Federal Voting Assistance Program)*

### Can I vote absentee?

Generally, all U.S. citizens 18 years or older who are or will be residing outside the United States during an election period are eligible to vote absentee in any election.

### Where is my "legal" voting residence?

For voting purposes, your legal voting residence can be the state or territory where you last resided prior to entering military service, or the state or territory that you have since claimed as your legal residence. To claim a new legal residence, you must have simultaneous physical presence and the intent to return to that location as your primary residence. Military and family members may change their legal residence every time they change permanent duty stations, or they may retain their legal residence without change. Family members may have a different legal voting residence from the member. A legal officer should be consulted before legal residence is changed because there are usually other factors that should be considered besides voting.

### My family members are not in the military; can they also vote absentee?

The law entitles eligible family members of military personnel to vote absentee. Family members are considered to be in the same category of absentee voter as military members and generally should follow the same procedures.

### If I am required to have my Federal Postcard Application (FPCA) or ballot notarized, how do I do it?

Generally, election materials may be witnessed or sworn to before a notary, U.S. commissioned officer, embassy or consular officer, or other officials authorized to administer oaths.

### Must I submit a separate application for each election?

One FPCA will secure for the applicant both primary and general election ballots for federal offices for an entire calendar year.

### Do I have to be registered to vote absentee?

Registration requirements vary from state to state. States and territories allow the citizen to register and request an absentee ballot by submitting an FPCA during the election year.

### When should I receive my ballot?

Under normal circumstances, most states and territories begin mailing ballots to citizens 30-45 days before an election. If you have not received your ballot two weeks before the election, contact the Federal Voting Assistance Program's Ombudsman Service to assist in determining when your ballot was mailed. Always execute and return your absentee ballot regardless of when you receive it.

## 25 YEARS AGO

- **Abrams M1 tank gets new gun** – The German designed XM256 120mm gun replaced the 105mm gun on the basic Abrams main battle tank. The new gun offered better performance, was capable of using better ammunition, and has more potential for improvements. Testing for the new gun was estimated to cost \$2.5 million.
- **Beach-goers delight** – Hundreds turned out for the Open Sea Spectacular at Makaha Beach Park. The event featured contests in boogie boarding, surfing, sea trolling and included demonstrations in skydiving and hang-gliding.
- **Homebasing proposed** – The Army surveyed 10,000 Soldiers at Forces Command (FORSCOM) on the concept of homebasing. The survey asked Soldiers if they would prefer unit or base homebasing, where upon entry into the Army they would be assigned to a permanent unit and base or serve all stateside tours at the same base, respectively.
- In the Leisure section of the paper, Sacred Falls is touted as a place for "alii and commoners, too." A rockslide 18 years later on May 9 permanently closed the trail to hikers.
- The Army experienced a shortage of area intelligence officers (MOS 97C) and offered \$150 specialty pay as a recruiting incentive.

*(Editor's Note: Information gathered from Hawaii Army Weekly archives.)*

# 'Flying V': Lightning Five call sign passed to Patton

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the contributions, unwavering support and sacrifices that everyone associated with the division has made under difficult and often dangerous conditions.

Acknowledging that there were too many people to thank publicly, Boisselle said there were a few individuals and groups that he wanted to recognize for their support.

Of Maj. Gen. Mixon, and former 25th Infantry Division Commander, Maj. Gen. Eric T. Olson, Boisselle said, "I owe so much to the commanding generals I've worked for. Their leadership through some of the most challenging years this division has experienced was extraordinary to watch."

Boisselle said he appreciated Maj.



Christa B. Thomas | 25th Infantry Division Public Affairs

Col. Gary Patton, incoming division chief of staff, is greeted by Command Sgt. Maj. Jerry L. Taylor at the "Flying V" ceremony at Sills Field.

Gen. Olson for having the confidence to place him in several key positions and that he truly enjoyed working as Mixon's chief of staff.

With an abundance of "thank

yous" doled out, Boisselle ended his remarks with congratulations to incoming Chief of Staff Col. Gary Patton. Boisselle said he couldn't think of a better person to pick up the

Lightning Five call sign.

Boisselle added, "This division will always be in our thoughts and prayers. Our thoughts will always come back to the Leilehua plains, the trade winds of Hawaii, to the people we have known here and to the best division in the United States Army."

In an award ceremony prior to the Flying V, Mixon awarded Boisselle's wife, Joy, the National Infantry Association's Shield of Sparta and the Outstanding Civilian Service award.

The Boisselles depart the division for Boston, Mass. where he will complete a fellowship at Tufts University Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy in lieu of attending the U.S. Army War College in Carlisle Barracks, Penn.

# GWOT streamers push total to 178

ARMY NEWS SERVICE  
News Release

WASHINGTON – The Army began recognizing the heroic contributions of its units toward the global war on terror June 15 with the award of campaign participation credit to units that served and/or are serving in the theater of operations supporting the GWOT.

Three new streamers are being awarded to those units who qualify: one for service in Afghanistan, embroidered "AFGHANISTAN;" one for service in Iraq, embroidered "IRAQ;" and one for service in other such geographic regions as Kuwait, Qatar or the Horn of Africa, embroidered "GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM."

This brings the total number of campaign streamers displayed on the Department of Army flag to 178.

"The award of campaign participation credit and the three new award streamers to those units who qualify, that have supported or are supporting GWOT, is a way to recognize the tremendous contributions those units have made," said Col. William Johnson, chief of the Army's Military Awards Branch.

This is the first time since the Kosovo Defense Campaign in 1999 that the Army has awarded campaign participation credit and streamers to eligible units.

More than 616 unit awards have been processed for GWOT to date, and 497 have been approved. To receive campaign credit, eligible units must submit applications.

For eligibility criteria and application instructions, visit the Military Awards Branch Web site, or call (703) 325-8700.

# Restructures: Modular changes improve efficiency

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be projected," Wilson said. "We're becoming modular so we can quickly form up and tailor the right tools for the right job, making us a more agile, adaptable and flexible service."

The restructuring accomplishes four objectives:

- It recognizes the global role and multidisciplined functions of the Army Commands;

- It establishes the Army Service Component Commands as reporting directly to the Department while serving as the Army's single point of contact for a combatant command;

- It acknowledges Direct Reporting Units as functional proponents at the Department of the Army level; and

- It enables the Army to set the foundation for gaining better effectiveness and efficiencies by trans-

forming its business processes, while operationally focusing the theater Armies to combatant commands.

Lineage and heraldic honors will be preserved in the command names and their insignia.

"The chief of staff and the secretary of the Army said, 'We want to keep alive and link these folks to a patch that keeps the history of the field Army moving,'" Wilson said. "So, the

Third Army will become U.S. Army Central; it will be the same organization; they won't change their patch but officially they become U.S. Army Central."

# VA helps veterans fight obesity, diabetes

ARMY NEWS SERVICE  
News Release

FORT MONROE, Va. — The secretary of Veterans Affairs recently announced the launch of a national campaign to help veterans and their families tailor their diets and exercise programs toward a healthy lifestyle.

“Good nutrition and physical activity can help millions of Americans preserve the independence that would be threatened by diabetes and being overweight,” said the Honorable R. James Nicholson. “We want everyone to know that they can act now, before it is too late, and VA has the tools to help.”

The new health care assessment is part of a campaign called MOVE – Managing Obesity/Overweight for Veterans Everywhere – which is part of the Healthier U.S. Veterans program sponsored by the Departments of Veterans Affairs (VA) and Health and Human Services (HHS) to reduce obesity and diabetes, a disease often associated with being overweight.

The VA estimates that 70 percent of its patients are overweight, compared to 64 percent of the U.S. pop-

ulation. Diabetes also affects a greater percentage of veterans in VA's health care than the general U.S. population.

Patients enrolled in VA's health care program can complete an interactive online ques-

**On The WEB** Visit [www.va.gov/move](http://www.va.gov/move) for more info.

tionnaire about their health status, nutrition and exercise. Users then receive a custom report with health information and instructions for follow up with the staff of a VA medical center.

“Our prescription for America's veterans is simple,” said Dr. Jonathan B. Perlin, VA's under secretary for

health. “We want them to eat healthy, be active and get fit for life. Their service in uniform taught veterans what it takes to achieve a high level of fitness. We're

## Healthier US Veterans

helping them stay that way.”

People not enrolled in VA's health care program can also log onto the MOVE Web site and answer the 23 questions for an individualized report giving suggestions for changes in eating and exercise habits.

Nicholson said VA medical centers nationwide are starting an aggressive effort to counsel and follow up with patients who express interest in managing their weight.

## News Briefs

**Schofield Barracks Road Closure** — Wright-Smith Avenue between Benjamin Franklin Court and Nathan Hale Court will be closed June 26 to July 28. A new road intersection will be constructed for the Menoher Road extension. For more information, call 624-8201.

**CRT Meeting** — The Crisis Response Team will meet Friday, June 30, 3 p.m. at the Sgt. Smith Theatre. Topics varying from the role of CRT members,

how chaplains support CRT, and how to provide basic assistance will be covered. For information, call Capt. Brownlow at 655-4125.

**Patriots Celebration Dinner** — The Hawaii Foodbank will host the 11th annual Patriots Celebration dinner, June 30 at the Hilton Hawaiian Village to honor the Soldiers of the 25th Infantry Division. The social hour begins at 6 p.m., with dinner beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Keynote remarks will be given by Maj. Gen. Benjamin R. Mixon. Entertainment will include patriotic and 1940s-era tunes.

For information, contact Lara Grimm at 836-3600, ext. 223, or [lara@hawaiifoodbank.org](mailto:lara@hawaiifoodbank.org). Soldiers and spouses interested in attending the dinner for free should call 655-0760.

**RIMPAC 2006** — The Biennial Rim of the Pacific Exercise 2006 is June 23 through July 27. Nearly 18,000 U.S. and foreign military personnel are expected to participate in this major maritime exercise. Local residents should expect additional sea and air activity throughout the exercise. Belows Beach, normally open to the public Friday afternoon through Sunday evening will

be closed to public access July 21–26 for amphibious operations.

**Division Worship Service** — The division chaplain invites Soldiers, families, and community members to join the combined division worship service July 9, 6 p.m. at the Main Post Chapel, Schofield Barracks. The service will unite the faith community and the division's chaplains as we prepare for deployments. Child-care will be provided. A reception will follow the service on the chapel lanai. For more information, call 655-9303 or 655-2255.

**Volunteer Recognition** — The Quarterly Volunteer Recognition is scheduled for Friday, July 28, 2–2:30 p.m. in the Fernandez Hall Command Conference Room.

**Military Channel Documentary** — The Military Channel is calling on viewers to share their personal war diaries. If you've served in a combat zone, the Military Channel wants engaging footage of Soldiers and comrades. Selected videos will be featured in a new television series, “My War Diary” For information, visit [www.dsc.discovery.com](http://www.dsc.discovery.com).

# DoD Updates TRICARE Regs for Reservists

TRICARE MANAGEMENT ACTIVITY  
News Release

Reservists now have a longer enrollment period within the Department of Defense's health care system.

In a recent edition of the Federal Register, DoD made permanent previously-issued temporary regulations that extend the TRICARE enrollment period for reservists activated “in support of a contingency operations after Sept. 11, 2001.”

Prior to the temporary regulations issued in November 2003, reservists and their families were only eligible for Tricare benefits when activated for more than 30 consecutive days. Now, benefits begin up to 90 days prior to activation for those who receive delayed-effective-date orders. Coverage is also extended 180 days beyond active duty for those supporting contingency operations.

DoD also updated Tricare's dental regulations. Reservists' children are not automatically enrolled in Tricare's dental program until age four. Many reservists do not elect to enroll children younger than four.

Prior to Friday's regulations, if a reservist died without enrolling a child under the age of four in the dental program, that child was ineligible for the three-year survivor's dental benefit.

DoD is also temporarily opening military dental facilities to a limited number of children 12 years old and younger.

The enrollment period regulations can be found at <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20061800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2006/06-5042.htm>.

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# PAU HANA



## Boarders grab air at new AMR skate park



**SPC. STEPHEN PROCTOR**  
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FORT SHAFTER — Plastic wheels scraped against pavement and wood then suddenly whirled as skateboarders launched into the air on new ramps at the Aliamanu Military Reservation (AMR) skate park grand opening Saturday, June 17. More than 70 bikers, skateboarders, in-line skaters and onlookers attended the event.

"This used to be a flat in-line skate park," said Ann Wharton, the Army Hawaii Family Housing (AHFH) community director, "but the idea of a new skate park was brought up at a town hall meeting in December, and we got this new skate park built."

The park did not take long to build, especially with some help from the community.

"It took our housing technicians, along with help from the community, about three weeks to put this all together," said David Scruggs, the AMR Rim community manager. "Kids were out here every day filling sandbags and helping out to speed up the process."

Carl Williams, who has been skateboarding for just under a year, was at the site every day lending a hand.

"It seemed like it was going to take forever," he said, "but they told us the more help they got, the faster

it would be up, so I just came out every day.

"This new park is awesome," he said. "It's not too hard and not too easy... it's just all around good."

Other board-riding residents enjoyed different aspects of the new park.

"I like the table top, you can get really good air on it," said Brandon Mageary. Chad Sagaysay added, "The half pipe is really fast and the mini ramp and picnic table are fun to skate."

"I like the spine," Tremell Fails said, "It's fun to do grab tricks on."

Although it did not take long to build, most felt it is a quality skate park and the residents are really lucky to have access to it.

As part of the grand opening celebration, park administrators invited sponsored skaters and bikers from the community to perform a demonstration.

Chad Hiyakumoto, manager for A'ala Park Boards skateboarding team, and six other team members dazzled the audience and fellow skaters on every obstacle in the park. Between runs on the mini halfpipe, Hiyakumoto and his team offered tips to skaters.

"The asphalt is a little soft so you can't get as much speed, but they spaced the obstacles well," Hiyakumoto said of the park, pointing to other parks whose ramps are packed in too closely.

David "Zed" Escalera, a trick biker from Mililani Bike Werx, was one of two bikers at the park.

"This is one of the better parks I've ridden on Oahu," he said. "It's the only open-air, wood park I know of around here."

The skate park is open during daylight hours everyday.



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Above — Chris Awong lands a kickflip to backside 50-50 onto the box on the mini halfpipe during a BMX and skateboard demonstration at the AMR skatepark, Saturday.

Below — Aaron "Sunshine" Lee does a boneless to fakie on the AMR skate park mini halfpipe.



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David "Zed" Escalera of Mililani Bike Werx catches some air on the slanted quarterpipe at the new Aliamanu Military Reservation skate park grand opening demonstration, Saturday.

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Aaron "Sunshine" Lee busts a large frontside air above the slanted quarterpipe during a BMX and skateboard demonstration at the AMR skatepark, Saturday.



# June 23 / Today

**Fourth of July Picnic Sites** — Picnic sites for the "Fourth 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.

These areas are the only areas authorized for cooking on grills. Only a few spots are left, so reserve yours today.

Individuals may only sign up for a maximum of two spots. For more information, call 655-0111 or 655-0112.

**3D Fireworks** — Kaala Recreation Center is selling eye-opening, 3D fireworks glasses to enhance your fireworks viewing pleasure. Glasses cost \$1 and quantities are limited, so make your purchase early. For more information, call 655-0111.

**Summer Craft Sale** — Come to the Fort Shafter Arts and Crafts Center, June 23, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., and June 24, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., for the summer craft sale. Enjoy a great selection of quilts, woodcrafts, pottery, jewelry, stained glass, ceramics and more.

For more information, call 438-1071 or 438-1315.

## 24 / Saturday

**Parents Night Out** — Leave your kids with Child and Youth Services (CYS) at the Peterson 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 Child and Youth Services Registration Office no later than noon June 23. Reservations are first-come, first-serve. For more information, call 655-8313.

## 25 / Sunday

**SKIES Payment Plan** — SKIES Unlimited is offering a new payment program for families enrolling their children in the Schools of Knowledge, Inspiration, Exploration, and Skills classes. Families can now enroll their children for a full semester and pay month by month.

For details, call 655-8380 or 833-5393.



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# Eagles have landed

Brig. Gen. Frank Wiercinski offers advice after presenting Army Certificates to Ryan Ault, left, and Davis Holland June 15 for achieving Eagle Scout. To qualify for Eagle Scout, one must earn a minimum of 20 merit badges including swimming, hiking and completing a major service project.

## 27 / Tuesday

**Summer Reading** — Libraries invite students to "Read in the Wildest Places" during the 2006 Summer Reading Club. The program continues with the Balloon Monsoon Magic Show at the Fort Shafter library, June 27; at Sgt. Yano library, June 28; and at the Aliamanu library, June 29.

All programs start at 3 p.m. and are open to students in kindergarten through sixth grade. For more information, call 438-9521 (Fort Shafter), 655-8002 (Sgt Yano), or 833-4851 (Aliamanu).

## 29 / Thursday

**Summer Family Club Night** — Families are invited to the Tropics for music and dancing, games, karaoke, contests, and prizes, June 29 at 6 p.m. Cost for this event is \$6, which includes two slices of pizza and a fountain drink. For reservations or more information, call 655-8522.

## 30 / Friday

**Teen Field Trip** — The Aliamanu Military Reservation (AMR) teen center is hosting a trip to the Kunia Box Car track, June 30 at 8:30 a.m. Cost is \$5. Long pants and helmets are required. For more information, call 833-0920.

**Hawaiian Luau Lunch Buffet** — Taste a traditional Hawaiian style feast today from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Hale Ikena, Fort Shafter, or 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Nehelani, Schofield Barracks. Cost is \$9.95 per person.

Call 438-1974 or the Nehelani at 655-4466 for lunch buffet reservations or information.

**Steak Night** — Enjoy a sizzling grilled

steak with garlic mashed potatoes, rolls and vegetables at the Nehelani. Dinner will be served from 5 to 8 p.m.

Cost is \$11.95 for top sirloin and \$14.95 for Porterhouse. Children's pricing is available. For more information, call 655-4466.

**5 O'clock Shadow** — Don't miss this free, live performance by the band 5 O'clock Shadow at the Tropics, June 30. DJ music begins at 8 p.m., and the band performs 9 p.m. For more information, call 655-5697.

# July

## 4 / Tuesday

**Fourth of July Spectacular** — Mark your calendars for the Fourth of July Spectacular at Sills Fields, Schofield Barracks. Activities include a 5K run and children's one-mile run, children's activities, games, rides, a craft fair, live entertainment, food and beverage booths, and a spectacular fireworks display.

## 5 / Wednesday

**Make Your Own Ukulele** — Come to Schofield Barracks Arts and Crafts Center and learn how to make your own tenor ukulele. The 10-session class begins July 5 and meets weekly, 5:30 to 8 p.m.

A \$350 class fee includes all materials and parts. For more information, call 655-4202.

## 7 / Friday

**Farewell to the Troops** — Show your support for the troops at the Farewell to the Troops Deployment Luau, July 7 at the Nehelani. Gates will open at 3 p.m., and the luau excitement will begin immediately fol-

lowing the ceremony.

Enjoy live entertainment, hula show, door prizes and pupus.

Tickets purchased before July 7 are \$5; tickets are \$7 the day of the event.

Tickets for deploying Soldiers are free. Civilian and all-ranks military are welcome. All guests must be 18 years old and over. For more information, call 655-4466.

# Ongoing

**Kolekole Bar and Grill** — Get ready for the newest addition to the Nehelani, the Kolekole Bar and Grill. The bar and grill will feature a fresh new menu with complimentary pupus from 4 to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Enjoy darts, games, karaoke and more. Look for more details and special offers to follow. For more information, call 655-4466.

**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.

**SKIES Unlimited Volunteer Opportunities** — Do you have a special skill or talent and enjoy teaching children? Join the Child & Youth Services family as a child/youth instructor.

Schools of Knowledge, Inspiration, Exploration & Skills (SKIES) is looking for qualified, caring volunteer instructors for the School of Arts, School of Sports, School of Academics, and School of Life Skills. For more information, call 655-5525.

for more information.

# July

## 1 / Saturday

**Filipino Heritage** — The Plantation Days 2006 is scheduled for July 1, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., at Hawaii's Plantation Village, 94-095 Waipahu Street. Cost is \$7 for general admission, \$4 kamaaina and military with ID, and free for children under age 12.

This event highlights Filipino heritage with cultural foods, live entertainment and other activities of the plantation days. For more information, contact the Village at 677-0110 or visit [www.hawaiiplantationvillage.org](http://www.hawaiiplantationvillage.org).

## 2 / Sunday

**Carrier Tours** — A Navy carrier will be available for tours for DoD ID card holders at Pearl Harbor. Tour times are 1 p.m., 2 p.m., 3 p.m. and 4 p.m. Each ID card holder can reserve up to six tickets. Visitors must be at least 8 years old. Tickets are limited and will be given on a first-come, first-served basis. To reserve your tickets, call the RIMPAC Tour Hotline, 471-5521.

## 8 / Saturday

**A Hula Celebration** — The 5th annual Hula Ho'olauna Aloha 2006 is July 8 and 9 at Ala Moana Mall center stage, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. Some of Japan and Hawaii's top hula troupes are scheduled to perform such as special musical guests Ku'uipo Kumukahi, Na Kama and Na Hoa. For information, call 347-2012.

## 11 / Tuesday

**Military Spouse 101** — The Military Spouse 101 course, which is designed to introduce spouses to the military lifestyle, also serves as a refresher course for those who have been around awhile. The next class is July 11 and 13, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Schofield Barracks Army Community Service, and the Fort Shafter Outreach Center, July 13-14 from 4:30-8:30 p.m.

For more information on the Schofield class, call 655-4227 or Fort Shafter at 438-9286.

## 12 / Wednesday

**Career Exploration and Portable Careers** — Wondering if you should be doing something different? Could you find a career that would be more fulfilling? Come and learn about identifying your transferable

skills, defining a rewarding career path, and completing a self-assessment at upcoming workshops:

- July 12 at ACS, Fort Shafter, at 9:30-11:30 a.m. To register, call ACS at 438-9285.

- July 13, 9:30-11:30 a.m. at ACS, Schofield Barracks. To register, call ACS at 655-4227.

## 19 / Wednesday

**Theatre Auditions** — The audition team from Disney Entertainment Productions returns to hold another round of auditions for Disney's "Aladdin." Auditions are July 19, 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m.; and July 20, 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m. and 6:15-9 p.m. in the Ballet Hawaii Studios at Dole Cannery Mall.

Sign up both days beginning at 10:30 a.m. Auditioners should bring a photo and resume, and be prepared to sing 16 bars of a theater selection.

Casting is for males, ages 18 through 65, and for a young adult female to portray Princess Jasmine. For more information, or for specific appointments, call 732-7733 or visit [www.DisneyAuditions.com](http://www.DisneyAuditions.com).

## 24 / Monday

**Kailua School of Music** — The Kailua School of Music presents the second annual "Curtain Up" program for students 8-14 years old to study with three of Oahu's top teachers. The program will be held Monday through Friday, July 24-Aug. 4, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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

# 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 [community@hawaiiarmy-weekly.com](mailto:community@hawaiiarmy-weekly.com) at least two weeks in advance of your event or activity.

**ACS Volunteers** — Free child care at an hourly rate is provided for up to 20 hours per week for those who volunteer with ACS. What's more, volunteering offers job experience and flexible hours. For more information, call 655-4227.

**Kokua** — Fisher House at Tripler needs the following products: paper plates, plastic spoons and forks, styrofoam cups, paper napkins, paper towels, toilet paper, and HE

(high efficiency) liquid laundry detergent. If you are able to help, call Ave Porter at 433-1292 or 561-7423.

**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](mailto:johnstoor@hawaii.rr.com).

**Boy Scout Troop 24** — Incoming Boy Scouts or interested boys who have completed the 5th grade are invited to join our troop. Meetings are Mondays, 6:30 p.m. at the Scout Hut on Schofield Barracks.

Upcoming events include hiking Kolekole Pass, touring a guided missile destroyer and summer camp on Maui. For more information, call 683-0463 or e-mail [scouterulmen@hotmail.com](mailto:scouterulmen@hotmail.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 meets on Fridays at the Schofield Barracks' Main Post Chapel from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in Room D-9. On-site child care is available by reservation.

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

**Protestant Women of the Chapel** — A place to find laughter, hope and friends. Join our summer session on Tuesdays, July 11-August 15 at the Schofield Barracks' Main Post Chapel from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in Room D-9. Free on-site child care is available by reservation. For further information, call 206-8504.

**Work and Careers Web Site** — Need help in your job search process? Explore the Web sites [www.militarylifetoo.com](http://www.militarylifetoo.com) and [www.militaryspousejobsearch.org](http://www.militaryspousejobsearch.org) to learn about the Army spouse employment partnership. The site includes job

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## Aliamanu (AMR) Chapel

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

## Fort DeRussy Chapel

- Catholic Saturday, 5 p.m. - Mass in chapel (May - Aug.) Saturday, 6 p.m. - Mass on the beach
- Protestant Sunday, 9 a.m. - Worship service

## Fort Shafter Chapel 836-4599

- Contemporary Protestant Sunday, 9 a.m. - "The Wave" worship service

## Helemano (HMR) Chapel

- Contemporary Protestant Sunday, 10 a.m. - Worship service and children's church

## Main Post Chapel

- Catholic Sunday, 9 a.m. - CCD & RCIA Sunday, 10:30 a.m. - Mass
- Collective Protestant Sunday, 9 a.m. - Worship service Sunday, 10:30 a.m. - Sunday school
- Gospel Sunday, 10:30 a.m. - Sunday school Sunday, 12 p.m. - Worship service

## MPC Annex

- Chalice circle Tuesday, 7 p.m.
- Islamic prayers and study Friday, 1 p.m.
- Buddhist Every 4th Sunday, 1 p.m.

## Soldiers Chapel

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

## Tripler AMC Chapel

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

## Wheeler Chapel

- Catholic Saturday, 5 p.m. - Mass
- Collective Protestant Sunday, 10:30 a.m. - Worship service and children's church

Please call 655-9307 for more information on regularly scheduled activities, events and rehearsals.

# This Week at the MOVIES Sgt. Smith Theater



## Stick It (PG-13)

Friday, 7 p.m.  
Sunday, 7 p.m.



## Hoot (PG)

Saturday, 2 p.m.  
Thursday, 7 p.m.



## United 93 (PG)

Saturday, 7 p.m.  
Wednesday, 7 p.m.

The theater is closed Monday & Tuesday.



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## 24 / Saturday

**Hawaiian Scottish Festival and Highland Games** — Come to Kapiolani Park in Waikiki, June 24 and 25 for this free event. Start time for this free, annual event is 11 a.m. both days. Entertainment includes bag-piping, Celtic music, dancing and Highland Games.

For additional information or to find out how to participate, contact Vice Chieftain Daniel J. Peddie, at 255-8326.

## 30 / Friday

**Volunteer Recognition** — Nominations are being accepted by the Army Volunteer Corp coordinator for the quarterly recognition program. Deadline for award submission is June 30 for all community agency levels, and July 7 for all brigade-level nominations.

The Quarterly Volunteer Recognition ceremony is scheduled for Friday, July 28, from 2 - 2:30 p.m. in the Command Conference Room. Nomination forms are available at [www.mwrarmy-hawaii.com/acs/acsvolunteer.asp](http://www.mwrarmy-hawaii.com/acs/acsvolunteer.asp) or from the volunteer program manager at 655-4227 or [robin.rogerssherrord@us.army.mil](mailto:robin.rogerssherrord@us.army.mil).

**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](http://GoHawaii.com/photocontest). Call 924-0259



# Reading adventures lure readers to libraries

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The Sergeant Yano Library is widely known for the education center on its upper floors, but in the belly of the building lies other adventures yet to be discovered. The library offers an abundance of reading materials and several programs including the annual Summer Reading Program and a Video Story Time Program.

The Summer Reading Program, a children's reading program held through June and July, is designed to encourage reading among kindergarteners to sixth graders.

This year's theme for the program, "Read in the Wildest Places," encourages kids to read at least one book a week for five weeks. A variety of animal-themed prizes provide incentive for youngsters to join and participate, and the number of prizes received is proportional to the number of books they've read.

Also, for each week the program is running, a show will be held Tuesdays in the library.

"We want to promote reading while on summer vacation," said Bonnie Dong, the public service librarian for the Sgt. Yano Library. "This is somewhere the parents like to bring their children to the shows and then pick up their prizes."

Besides the fact that children get a reward for reading, they take something much more valuable away from it.

"Readers are usually good students," said Dong. "In the high-tech world we live in today, it's important still to start with the basics."

The reading program has become so popular in recent years that nearly 300 children sign up for the summer. With such a large number of children taking an interest in reading, it has begun to bring in younger siblings.

Ages three to five have also been welcomed to participate in the program.

"A few years ago, there was such an interest in the younger children, that now we



Above — Briar Faulkner reads a book from the children's selection of fiction at the Sgt. Yano Library June 9. The Sgt. Yano Library is participating in a five-week Summer Reading Program which encourages children from kindergarten to sixth grade to continue reading during summer vacation.

Left — Ronald McDonald kicked off the 2006 Summer Reading Program at the Sgt. Yano Library June 14 with a series of comedic tricks, exciting stories and wiley demonstrations.

have instituted a new program called "Read to Me," Dong said. "The rules for the program are for parents or an older sibling or friend to read to the younger kids for at least ten minutes a day."

Every Wednesday morning, the St. Yano

Library holds a story-time hour in which the three- to five-year-olds are also welcomed to participate.

"The children are so enthusiastic, and we like to involve them at an early age," said Dong.

Besides the Summer Reading Program, a more recent Sgt. Yano library addition is the recording studio. Here, deploying Soldiers can make a DVD or videotape of themselves reading to their youngsters.

"This allows kids to see mommy or daddy reading to them, just as they were there," said Dong.

The Summer Reading Program lasts through July 13.

For more information on the reading program or the Video Story Time Program, contact the Sgt. Yano Library at 655-8002, Ft. Shafter Library at 438-9521, or the AMR Library at 833-4851.

The small green case, which looks like just another hard case for equipment needed in the desert, contains a fully operational recording system complete with a video camera, a video screen and a deck to record DVDs or tapes.

"The first unit was designed on the first deployment," said Dong. "It was to be sent over to the troops fully equipped with DVDs and tapes as well as a series of books."

Not only can the parents make messages for the children they leave behind, but children also are invited to come in and make a message for their mother or father. There is no cost to use the system and materials are provided by the library free of charge.

So far, the program has been a success.

"The parents love it," Dong said. "The first deployment to Iraq and Afghanistan, around 70 to 80 people came in to record messages."

With the upcoming deployment on the horizon, the library's resources has are both useful and timeless. Precious moments can be explored and viewed anywhere now thanks to the technology the library offers to patrons.

In addition to reading, the program offers a Ronald McDonald Show, Bubble Show, a Balloon Monsoon and Bungie the Clown. There will be a Brenda Freitas-Obregon storyteller as well at Schofield July 5.

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search techniques and resume writing tips.

For additional help, contact your ACS employment readiness program manager at 655-4227.

**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 Sept. 2006 and run through May 2007 at Richardson Theatre, Fort Shafter. Call 438-4480 or view details at [www.squareone.org/ACT](http://www.squareone.org/ACT).

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

**Army Reserve Opportunities** — Are you an active, Guard, or Reserve Soldier who wants to continue your Army career but your job, school, or work schedule conflicts keep you from attending regular weekend drills? Or, are you planning to leave active duty and want to continue earning points towards your retirement? Consider joining points-only Reserve unit to continue your military career while maintaining your benefits. Drills are three evenings a month at Fort Shafter Flats. All ranks are eligible. Contact Maj. Pepper 655-6192 or Sgt. Maj. James Kahalehoe 228-3323.

# Independence Day parties held island-wide

## Bayfest 2006

Marine Corp Base Hawaii is the place to be July fourth weekend for a festival of fun and entertainment for everyone.

Bayfest is June 30 through July 4 and each day is packed with entertainment including concerts, contests, carnival rides, water sports and military static displays.

Chart-topping entertainers include Juvenile, Chris Cagle, Staind, Trick Pony, Molly Hatchet and .38 Special.

Other activities and events include the "build-your-own boat" Bathtub Regatta, BodySearch Fitness Challenge, a new car and custom car show, pizza-eating contests, and much more.

Tickets can be purchased at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com). Tickets are good for one day, one entry only. Doors open at 5 p.m. June 30 and July 3; and at noon July 1, 2, and 4. For a complete lineup of scheduled activities and entertainment, visit [www.bayfeshawaii.com](http://www.bayfeshawaii.com).

## July Fourth Block Party and Fireworks Spectacular

Celebrate the birth of our nation at the Pearl Harbor's biggest and best patriotic party of the year. Enjoy first-rate local and mainland entertainment, food and exciting activities with your friends and family throughout the day. Admission is free and so are many of the activities.

Watch Hawaii Championship Wrestling, have an autograph signed with "Dog, the Bounty Hunter and his posse," enjoy the music stylings of Grammy nominated Son Caribe, tour a Canadian navy ship and see Hawaii's tallest man present stilt-walking. At 6 p.m. watch the Lex Brodie's Car Show & Shine awards presentation and hear the Rolling Thunder Idle salute.

At 7:30 p.m., enjoy a triple shot of comedy starring Alonzo Bodden, winner of The Last Comic Standing 3; Bert Kreischer, host of Spike TV's "Fresh Baked Video Games" and semi-finalist on The Last Comic Standing 2 and headliner Jay Mohr,

**2006 4th OF JULY SPECTACULAR** FREE

**THE ARMY'S 35th ANNUAL BASH at Sills Field, Schofield Barracks**

**SEQUENCE OF PROGRAM**

- 8:00AM-9:00AM Live Registration for 5K Fun Run/ Packet Pick-up
- 9:00AM-9:30AM 5K Fun Run & Registration for Children's 1-Mile Fun Run
- 10:00AM Children's 1-Mile Fun Run
- 10:00AM-4:00PM Crafts and New Products Bazaar
- 10:00AM-7:00PM Games and Ride Along
- 10:00AM-7:00PM Stryker Display
- 10:00AM-7:00PM The Society of Creative Anachronism Exhibition
- 10:00AM-9:00PM Food Booths Open
- 12:00PM-4:00PM Oceanic Stage Entertainment

• 4:00PM Fog Retreat at Main Stage

• 4:05PM Society of Seven

• 5:30PM The Krush

• 7:00PM Tropic Lightning Band & "1812 Overture"

• 7:15PM "The Flags We Follow"

• 7:45PM Tropic Lightning Band mini Concert

• 8:15PM Fireworks

**Society Of Seven LV**

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## Food, Fun, Fireworks

Celebrate the birth of our nation with the biggest and best patriotic party of the year. Sills Field will bustle with free activities and entertainment for the whole family. Wheeler and Schofield residents are encouraged to walk to the event.

comedian and host of The Last Comic Standing.

The party starts at 2 p.m. at Naval Station Pearl Harbor near Bravo Pier. The big fireworks finale is 8:45 to 9:05 p.m.

## Food, Fun, and Fireworks at The Aloha Tower Marketplace

Come to the Aloha Tower Marketplace on Monday, July 3rd for a pre-Independence Day celebration starting at 5 p.m. The evening features free, live entertainment on multiple stages; a fashion show with top Hawaii models; the Pacific Fleet Band; Jemel Sumira; Kapena; strolling entertainers; face & hair painting; a balloon artist; and culminates in a dazzling fireworks finale at 9 p.m.

Tower restaurants will offer discounts, dining specials, VIP seating and more.

With every purchase of \$5 or more, customers can get a free pair of 3-D fireworks glasses to enhance their viewing experience.

For complete details, call 566-2337 or visit [www.alohatower.com](http://www.alohatower.com).

## Ala Moana Center Fourth of July Fireworks

The world's largest open-air mall will be exploding with activity in the annual July Fourth holiday observations. The live entertainment lineup, hosted by radio stations 105 KINE and KCCN FM100, includes performances from noon to 5 p.m. at Ala Moana's center stage. Scheduled to perform are H.olonape, Na Kama and Ike Pono.

A free concert begins at 6 p.m. at the mall level, makai parking deck near Sears. The concert showcase includes entertainment by the U.S. Navy Pacific Fleet Band, Dita Holifield & Red Handed, Rubber Soul, Any Hanaialii, and Brother Noland. The evening will ignite with explosive excitement at the State's largest July Fourth fireworks spectacular at 8:30 p.m. There is no cost to enjoy all this great entertainment. For more information, call 531-6087, extension 6.



## June

27 / Tuesday

**Golf for Food and Fun** — Back by popular demand, the "Golf for Food and Fun" event will be held every Tuesday at Nagorski Golf Course, Fort Shafter. Tee times will go from 2:30 to 5 p.m., and cost will be \$22 per person for riding and \$17 per person for walking, which includes 9-hole green fees, par 3 prizes, pupus for four people, a pitcher of beverages, a door prize entry, and the golf question of the week contest.

A minimum of three people are required per team. For more information, call 438-9587.



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## June

24 / Saturday

**Paws on the Path** — Want to be part of a hiking club for people and their dogs? Join the club for a hike on Manana Trail. Pets and people will hike up for about an hour and then turn around. Bring snacks and lots of water for people and dogs. For more information, contact Liza Souza at 356-2217 or go online to <http://calendar.gohawaii.com/>.

## July

10 / Monday

**American Youth Soccer Organization** — AYSO Region 188 (Hickam AFB/Pearl Harbor) Summer Camp begins July 10-14. Three sessions are available: Session I for 4-5 year olds, II for 6-10 year olds and III for 11-14+ year olds.

Costs, respectively, are \$69, \$79 and \$99. For more information, go to [www.aysoregion188.org](http://www.aysoregion188.org) or call 834-5439.