

## INSIDE Palm Circle Centennial

Join the festivities and celebrate Fort Shafter's centennial June 22, from 5 a.m.-5 p.m. Enjoy a variety of food booths and displays. A ceremony designating Fort Shafter as a National Historic site will be conducted from 11-11:45 a.m. on the Palm Circle Parade Field.

# Zedalis takes lead at IMCOM-Pacific

BY HOWARD SUGAI

Installation Management Command-Pacific Public Affairs

FORT SHAFTER — In welcome ceremonies held on Palm Circle here Tuesday, Debra D. Zedalis became the second Region Director, U.S. Army Installation Management Command-Pacific Region (IMCOM-Pacific).



Zedalis

Zedalis, a veteran of 30-plus years of government service with the Army, will be responsible for the management of all Army installations in the Pacific.

As director, Zedalis will manage a staff of approximately 150 military and civilian personnel and oversee millions of acres of Army land and square feet of facilities for Army installations throughout Alaska, Hawaii, Japan, Okinawa, and Kwajalein Atoll.

She will be responsible for providing support for approximately 104,580 Soldiers, family members and retirees, and 26,244 civilians, as well as oversight of an annual operating budget exceeding \$760 million.

Zedalis succeeds Stan Sokoloski, who retired earlier this year.

Brig. Gen. John A. Macdonald, deputy commanding general, IMCOM, Arlington, Va., officiated the welcome ceremony.

"The Soldiers and families in the Pacific area of responsibility are in good hands," Macdonald said in his remarks. "Ms. Zedalis is a dedicated civilian with a very successful track record of working progressively diverse and challenging assignments for the past 30 years.

"She is a founding member of the team who helped transform the Installation Management Command into what it is today,"



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Flags waved fiercely in the wind during the "Honors to the Nation" at the welcome ceremony for Debra Zedalis, incoming director, U.S. Army Installation Management Command-Pacific Region. Commander of Troops, Col. Howard Killian led the Soldiers at Tuesday's event.

Macdonald added.

Macdonald also expressed his appreciation to Lt. Gen. John M. Brown III, commanding general, U.S. Army, Pacific, for his "personal commitment in support of IMCOM-Pacific."

Brown was the special guest speaker at the ceremony.

"You have made a huge difference in the teamwork, accomplishments, partnership and forward movement of Installation Man-

agement Command across the Army and the Pacific," Macdonald said.

"There is simply no way our garrisons could have accomplished all they do without the support of our partners on the Army Pacific team. Very few organizations enjoy such a productive relationship, and the results show," Macdonald added.

In her remarks, Zedalis expressed her excitement at being the new Pacific Region director in Hawaii, to approximately 200 in-

ited guests, garrison commanders and IMCOM region personnel.

"It is now my great fortune to be able to live in paradise and to have the best job in IMCOM, to provide the finest service and support to our Soldiers and families assigned throughout the Pacific region," Zedalis said.

Because most of her experience has been

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## Lyman Gate

Schofield's Lyman Gate will reopen for 24/7 operation June 30 at 6 a.m. McNair Gate will resume operating from 5:30 a.m.-9:30 p.m. for registered vehicles, only, and exit of all vehicles. Foote Gate remains open 24/7 for registered vehicles, only, and exit of all vehicles. Macomb Gate will be closed until further notice.

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# Schofield opens federal fire station

Story and Photos by  
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The new Schofield Barracks Federal Fire Station — a project of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Honolulu District; U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii (USAG-HI); and the Federal Fire Department Hawaii — opened June 15 with a Hawaiian blessing and grand opening ceremonies.

"The opening of this facility marks another chapter in the history of the Federal Fire Department and U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii," said Deputy Fire Chief Gayland Enriques. "This building and its state-of-the-art facilities are templates for future federal firehouses."

"The construction and opening of this magnificent facility is clearly a handshake between the Navy and the Army to protect our Soldiers and their families," said USAG-HI Commander Col. Howard J. Killian. "Just knowing that this facility is here will help me, Schofield's Soldiers and their families sleep well at night."

The original Station #15 on Schofield traces its roots back to 1924 when a fire station was established, and a photograph of the station in 1927 was prominently displayed as part of the ceremonies.

The new Station #15, located at the corner of Road A and Waianae Avenue near Foote Gate, was built by Niking Corporation for \$5.105 million and is now fully operational.

Killian and Enriques uncoupled the ceremonial "maile fire hose," while Kahu and retired Federal Fire Department Captain Richard "Keke" Papa blessed the new station and its

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Honolulu District's Andrew Kohashi (left), chief, Army-Hawaii branch and project manager Tyler Miyamoto (right) examine the fire truck exhaust fume ventilation system.

# 2-35 INF loses five Soldiers

U.S. ARMY GARRISON, HAWAII  
News Release

The Department of Defense (DoD) has announced the deaths of five Soldiers supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Pfc. Casey S. Carriker, 20, of Hoquiam, Wash., died June 13 in Kirkuk, Iraq, from injuries sustained from a non-combat-related incident. He was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team (3IBCT), 25th Infantry Division (ID), Schofield Barracks. The incident is under investigation.

June 14, three more Soldiers died in Kirkuk, Iraq, of wounds suffered when an improvised explosive device (IED) detonated near their vehicle. The Soldiers were assigned to the 2nd Bn., 35th Inf. Regt., 3IBCT, 25th ID, Schofield Barracks.

Killed were Sgt. Derek T. Roberts, 24, of Gold River, Calif.; Spc. Val J. Borm, 21, of Sidney, Neb.; and Spc. Farid Elazzouzi, 26, of Paterson, N.J.

June 16, DoD announced the death of 1st Lt. Frank B. Walkup IV, 23, of Woodbury, Tenn., who died in Kirkuk, Iraq, from injuries sustained in Rashaad, Iraq, when an IED detonated near his position during dismantled operations.

Walkup was also assigned to the 2-35th, 3IBCT, 25th ID, Schofield Barracks.

To date, 25 Soldiers from the 25th ID, Schofield Barracks, have been killed since the division deployed in 2006.

# Special Troops Battalion becomes part of U.S. Army, Pacific

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U.S. Army, Pacific, Public Affairs

FORT SHAFTER — Lt. Gen. John M. Brown III, commander, U.S. Army, Pacific (USARPAC), activated the USARPAC Special Troops Battalion (STB) in a ceremony held at Palm Circle, here, June 15. With more than 200 onlookers, Brown passed the STB colors and command and control to Lt. Col. Erik Nordberg.

According to Brown, the activation of the STB is an important step in USARPAC's transformation to a warfighting command.

"We begin the physical part of transformation of this great headquarters," Brown said. "Today [we activate] the Special Troops Battalion, shortly the operational command post, followed

by the main command post, transforming this headquarters from a force providing headquarters to a warfighting headquarters for the [Pacific Command] commander."

"As Fort Shafter celebrates its Centennial this year, it is fitting that we open a new chapter in the history of the United States Army, Pacific," Nordberg added. "Activation of the Special Troops Battalion serves as USARPAC's first action as a Theater Army Mission Command to provide the commander of all U.S. forces in the Pacific an additional, fully-deployable combat command."

STB provides training, readiness, administrative, logistic, and command and control support to the USARPAC headquarters. The battalion has the capability to deploy, integrate and ex-

ecute critical support, Sustainment, and command and control functions in order to enable USARPAC full-spectrum operations.

"You and the Special Troops Battalion will lead the way," Brown said to the Soldiers assembled on historic Palm Circle's parade grounds. "You will go before the operational command post, and you'll establish the site...You'll establish force protection, you'll establish the logistics required, you'll go in with the communications teams. You will lead the way. You will be the spearhead of the operational command post, and you'll be responsible for its readiness."

Nordberg takes over the new battalion after most recently serving as the



Pfc. Nathan Porter | U.S. Army, Pacific, Public Affairs

Lt. Gen. John M. Brown III (left), commander, U.S. Army, Pacific, entrusts USARPAC Special Troops Battalion's colors to its commander, Lt. Col. Erik A. Nordberg.

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

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**221 days**  
since last fatal accident

Soldiers, remember to think safety in everything you do.

The two division training holidays will be awarded today and June 22 for 200 consecutive days with no accidental fatalities. Current as of 6/21/07.

# 30th Signal welcomes new leader

**BILL MCPHERSON**  
516th Signal Brigade

"It's great to join the 30th team," said Lt. Col. Joseph J. Dworaczyk to a crowd of about 250, as he assumed command of the 30th Signal Battalion from Lt. Col. Darryl S. Shaw, June 8, at Sills Field.

Dworaczyk also assumed the dual-hatted position as director, Directorate of Information Management (DOIM) for U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii.

Witnessing the ceremony were his parents, retired Col. and Mrs. Frank Dworaczyk of Austin, Texas; his wife, Rachel, and their daughters, Shannon, Hailee and Anna.

Following the passing of the battalion colors, the event's reviewing officer, Col. Edric A. Kirkman, commander, 516th Signal Brigade, praised Shaw for his accomplishments the past two years and welcomed Dworaczyk as the 516th's newest battalion commander.

"Darryl Shaw's far-reaching vision, innovation and leadership in both jobs have left a mark," Kirkman said in his remarks. "Under his leadership, the 30th Signal Battalion played key mission roles in last year's deployment of the 25th Infantry Division [ID] to Iraq, and 30th Soldiers and civilians deployed for numerous operations and exercises to Thailand, the Philippines, Japan Honduras, and Iraq."



John Thomas | 30th Signal Battalion

Lt. Col. Joseph J. Dworaczyk gives remarks during the 30th Signal change of command.

Kirkman said Shaw's top priorities for the past year were to bring the new Information Systems Facility (ISF) into full operational capability, complete secure network expansion for Schofield Barracks, and integrate deployable command and control teams into the battalion.

"Darryl achieved success in each of these priorities," Kirkman noted. "The ISF is now fully staffed and operational, and is a critical enabler for the 25th ID. The Secret Internet Protocol Router Network, called SIPRNET, expanded by 342 percent for the 25th ID headquarters and 133 percent for brigade headquarters."

The C2 SIPRNET team is fully integrated, trained and providing flawless C2 support to the warfighter and doing its job so well that, this spring, in worldwide competition, it won the Army's Deployment Excellence Award in the small unit category."

Kirkman praised Shaw and his wife, Pamela, for their focus on a "one-team" atmosphere throughout the 30th/DOIM organization, commending their leadership for the battalion's family readiness group and a variety of battalion-sponsored community service projects.

Kirkman welcomed Dworaczyk's command, saying, "You are no stranger to Hawaii communicators or to the 516th Signal Brigade, having just completed a tour as the chief operations officer for the Defense Information Systems Agency-Pacific, across the road at Wheeler Army Air Field."

Shaw's next assignment will be with the Joint Chiefs of Staff J-6 Directorate at the Pentagon.

Prior to the ceremony, Maj. Gen. William H. Brandenburg, deputy commanding general, U.S. Army, Pacific, and commander, 8th Theater Sustainment Command, presented Shaw the Meritorious Service Medal (3rd oak leaf cluster). He presented Pamela Shaw with the Signal Corps Regimental Association's Bronze Order of Wahatchee award.

# 8th MPs gain two engineer battalions

Story and Photo by  
**SPC. TYECHIA BOUNTHONG**  
8th MP Military Police Brigade Public Affairs

The Military Police Corps colors of green and gold flew in the wind in front of a field of red guidons, marking for the first time in history the 8th MP Brigade calls two engineer battalions part of its "Watchdog" family.

During an integration ceremony, June 13, at Sills Field, Schofield Barracks, the 84th and 29th Engineer Battalions were activated under the command of the Watchdog brigade.

The 84th Engineers was initially activated in the Regular Army, Jan. 1, 1938, and the 29th Eng. Bn., Oct. 20, 1917.

Col. Stanley Q. Tunstall, commander, 8th Theater Sustainment Command, and 8th TSC Command Sgt. Maj. Maria Wilkes, cased the units' colors, an act which made the deactivation of the units official.

As their final transition, Soldiers received the order, "Don your unit patches," from Jones. The battalions' Soldiers then replaced their shoulder sleeve insignia with the 8th MP Bde. patch.

"Let's give these fine Soldiers a round of applause, welcoming them into the Watchdog family," said Jones, addressing the crowd at the closing of the ceremony.



Soldiers from the engineer battalions don their new shoulder sleeve insignia during the transfer of authority ceremony, June 13, at Sills Field, Schofield Barracks.

# 'Warfighter' Battalion says aloha to Bisacre

Story and Photo by  
**SPC. TYECHIA BOUNTHONG**  
8th Military Police Brigade Public Affairs

Lt. Col. Doug Ingros bid farewell to the "Warfighter" Battalion as Lt. Col. Brian Bisacre assumed command of the 728th Military Police (MP) Battalion, during a change of command ceremony, June 13, at Sills Field, Schofield Barracks.

Col. Scott Jones, 8th MP Brigade commander, began the ceremony.

"I'm here to recognize the extraordinary job Doug [Ingros] and his Soldiers did," said Jones. "They have written an unbelievable chapter in the history of this unit."

"Absolutely no unit in the Army has worked harder, displayed greater professionalism, harbored a more selfless attitude, nor had greater sense of purpose and resolve than the Warfighters," said Ingros of the battalion.

"We welcome back [Lt. Col.] Brian Bisacre and his family to the Warfighter Battalion. This command team loves the 728th MP Battalion," said Jones.

Bisacre is from Wakesfield, Mass., and began his career in the MP Corps as an officer. His military education includes MP Officer Basic Course, MP Advanced Course, Combined Arms Service Staff School, Naval Command and Staff School, the Naval War



Above - Col. Scott Jones (center left), commander, 8th MP Brigade, gives Lt. Col. Brian Bisacre, commander, 728th MP Battalion, words of advice as he receives the guidon, in his first official act as battalion commander, during the change of command ceremony, June 13.

Right - (Left to right) Lt. Col. Doug Ingros, 728th MP Bn., outgoing commander; Col. Scott Jones, 8th MP Bde., commander; and Lt. Col. Brian Bisacre, 728th MP Bn., incoming commander, watch a field of Soldiers standing in formation before them.

College, Airborne and Air Assault schools, and the 82nd Jumpmaster Course. Bisacre has served in many MP units and positions.



"The Army could not have selected a better command team to lead and take care of these warriors and their families. ... Our Soldiers and I know that the Warfighter Battalion is in good hands," said Jones.



# Upcoming changes in command

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

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

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

The following ceremonies will be held at Sills Field, Schofield Barracks, unless otherwise noted.

•Saturday, June 23, 2 p.m., 29th Infantry Brigade Combat Team. Brig. Gen. Joseph J. Chaves passes command to Col. Bruce E. Oliveira.

•Wednesday, June 27, 10 a.m., U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii. Col. Howard J. Killian passes command to Col. Matthew Margotta. (POC is Ms. Bev Shintaku, 655-4356.)

•Wednesday, June 27, 1 p.m., 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team. Col. Stefan Banach passes command to Col. Todd B. McCaffrey.

•June 29, 10 a.m., 307th Integrated Theater Signal Battalion (ITSB). Lt. Col. Timothy W. Walrod passes command to Lt. Col. Maria B. Barrett.

•July 6, 10 a.m., 516th Signal Brigade. Col. Edric A. Kirkman passes command to Col. Bruce T. Crawford at Fort Shafter's historic Palm Circle, with reception and refreshments following at Palm Circle Gazebos.

•July 10, 10 a.m., 29th Engineer Battalion. Lt. Col. Christopher Benson passes command to Lt. Col. Scott Petersen at a reflagging ceremony at Fort Shafter's Palm Circle. (POC is Capt. Jeffrey Soderling, 655-9633.)

•July 31, 10 a.m., 45th Sustainment Brigade. Col. Michael T. McBride passes command to Col. Clay B. Hatcher.



# Voices of Lightning: What is the most pressing issue you'd like to change about the government?



"Immigration policies"

Sgt. Katherine Baker  
205th Military Intelligence Bn.  
Imagery Analyst



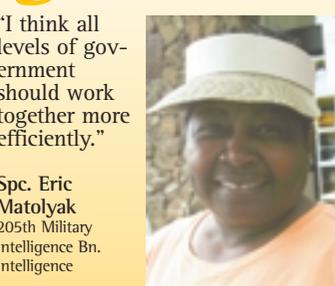
"Insurance"

Evette Bradley  
Family Member



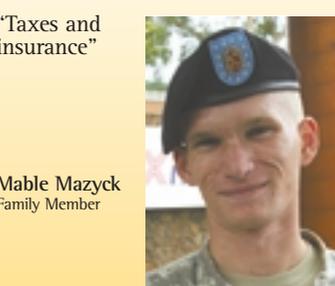
"I think all levels of government should work together more efficiently."

Spc. Eric Matolyak  
205th Military Intelligence Bn.  
Intelligence



"Taxes and insurance"

Mable Mazyck  
Family Member



"Education"

Spc. Greg Richards  
94th Army Air and Missile Defense Command  
Intelligence Analyst

# 2-6th Cavalry sleds missiles in desert heat

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Story and Photos by  
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25th Combat Aviation Brigade Public Affairs

KIRKUK, Iraq — As temperatures soar to nearly 100 degrees — with no sign of relief expected for months — battling the heat has become a never-ending mission for Soldiers here.

Sweat-drenched T-shirts, sunscreen and copious amounts of bottled water have become daily reminders of the summer heat.

Yet, Soldiers in this sweltering desert are excited about a new sled.

A sled is exactly what the welders of 2nd Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment, 25th Combat Aviation Brigade, at Forward Operating Base Warrior, here, have designed to make their battle buddies' jobs safer and easier.

“Lt. Col. James Barker, squadron commander of 2-6th Cav., originally wanted a sled device for the armament Soldiers to be able to move the Hellfire missiles from the pad storage to the aircraft,” said Staff Sgt. Kenneth Atkinson, squad ammunition manager, 2-6th Cav. He added, the inspiration for the sled came from E Troop’s motor pool welders, who designed it specifically for armament Soldiers.

“First we were throwing ideas around to the armament Soldiers to ensure it was ergonomic for them,” said Pvt. Joshua Chiodo, a welder with E Troop. “We were bugging them every day about it ... we wanted to make sure it wasn’t going to be a piece of equipment that would just sit there and not be used.”

Implemented in April, the Hellfire sled was primed with wheels off a swamp cooler and the inner component of the Hellfire case, proving to be



more efficient and safe for armoring OH-58 Kiowa helicopters.

“The first sled didn’t slide under the Kiowa smoothly,” Atkinson said. “The sled we use now is easier and more convenient because Soldiers are able to pull it to the bird and lift [the missile] three inches to slide it on the Kiowa.”

While three inches doesn’t seem like a long way to lift, for the Soldiers transporting the 100-pound missile, even a millimeter of error can cause grave damage to the missile.

“Hellfires cost about \$65,000 and are very fragile,” Atkinson said. “Even if the missile drops a few centimeters, it becomes inoperable and a costly mistake for the unit.”

Aside from being easier to move, the most important aspect of the sled is safety, according to Sgt. Timothy Wash-



ington, armament, D Troop, 2-6th Cav.

“Before we used the sled, we had to carry the missile, walk under the rotating blades, squat down low [to upload the missile],” said Spc. William Lank-

er, armament, D Troop, 2-6th Cav.

“With the sled we no longer have to do that ... We just roll it around to the aircraft, line it up and perfect, the missile is on,” Lankier added.

Left — Sgt. Timothy Washington and Spc. Jonathan Smart, both with D Troop, 2nd Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment, 25th Combat Aviation Brigade, at Forward Operating Base Warrior, load a Hellfire missile during a recent Kiowa mission. The Hellfire sled allows for safer and more efficient transport of the missile, as opposed to carrying it.



Above — Spc. Jonathan Smart, armament, D Troop, 2-6th Cav., wheels a Hellfire missile to its aircraft.

Above Left — Soldiers lift weapons used for the armament of a Kiowa. The Hellfire sled allows them to transport loads safer and faster.



Col. Patrick T. Stackpole (left), commander, 3rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team, and Rizgar Ali (right), chairman, Kirkuk Provincial Council, tour the Dibis Courthouse during its grand opening in Dibilis, Iraq, May 21.

## 3IBCT helps build courthouse

Story and Photo by  
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3rd Brigade Combat Team Public Affairs

KIRKUK, Iraq – The problem isn't competent professionals. Judges and lawyers here are well-educated, well-trained and experienced. The problem is a justice system that suffers from decades of neglected infrastructure and weakened public perception.

Soldiers of the 3rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team (3IBCT), and regional and local government leaders, participated in the grand opening of the Dibis Courthouse in Dibilis, Iraq, recently. All were optimistic that this new facility will address the problems of neglect and perception in this northern Iraqi town.

The courthouse compound includes a two-story building that contains a short-term holding cell, office and courtroom space for two judges, an office for judicial investigators, a room dedicated for visiting attorneys, rooms for approximately 24 judicial security force officers, and administrative space, said Maj. Gary Johnson, command judge advocate, 3IBCT, 25th Infantry Division.

"The building is really like any county courthouse you might find back in the states," said Johnson. "Judges will handle criminal and civil matters that run the gamut, from property law and domestic law issues to personal injury matters," he said. "However, it's a significant upgrade from where

legal matters were being handled."

According to Johnson, court was previously held in nothing more than a garage-like structure. The new compound addresses not only the local judiciary's physical needs, but also a less visible need – the need for citizens to better respect their justice system.

"This new building is symbolic. It conveys to the people that the 'rule of law' is important," said Johnson. His brigade and Iraqi colleagues agreed.

"Iraq has a foundation for the 'rule of law' as it's called. It has a codified judicial system, and a legislature and government based on that system," said Capt. Duane Kees, brigade judge advocate, 3IBCT. "We're trying to help Iraqi citizens have faith again in their laws by improving a legal system that can be trusted."

The courthouse symbolizes that new foundation for the citizens of Dibilis.

"The courthouse provides the ability to have trials where the people can see their system function, which will give them faith and confidence in the system," continued Kees. "Not only is it hard to trust in something that you cannot see, but you can lose some of the purposes of punishment like deterrence and retribution when you remove a defendant," he said.

For Kees, the courthouse also provides needed accountability.

"If defendants disappear, the people don't know whether the government handled the crime correctly. Now, in Dibilis, citizens will see their system work."

## Villagers get pure water

Story and Photo by  
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5th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

KIRKUK, Iraq – As the desert sun dries up the sparsely vegetated, dirt fields in northern Kirkuk, the residents of Shoraw village welcome a new source of revitalizing water.

Coalition forces, Kirkuk Provincial Council members, and Shoraw village leaders celebrated the ribbon cutting of a new water project opening, recently.

The Shoraw water project provides clean water to approximately 15,000 residents of Shoraw and neighboring villages. Not only does the project promote the local government's efforts toward improving the community quality of life, it symbolizes the strength and perseverance of the people in Kirkuk.

The more than \$800,000 water project included drilling six wells, a water collection tank, chlorination station, high lift pumps and an operator's building inside the compound. The system also provides a distribution network to a ground storage tank on the nearby ridge of Shoraw, nearly 70 miles north of Kirkuk Air Base.

"The Shoraw water project demonstrates the potential of all people in Kirkuk," said Lt. Col. Samuel Whitehurst, deputy commanding officer of 3rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division. "Terrible things happened to them under the old regime. Now, they work together to rebuild schools, a hospital and homes.

"What separates Kirkuk is the strength and diversity in this province," Whitehurst continued. "Kirkuk is a great example to the rest of Iraq, showing how Arabs, Turkomen and Kurds work together for the good of Kirkuk. What is unique is that all ethnic groups live together in one neighborhood peacefully."

After everyone leaves the finished project, the hard part will be maintaining the water system.

Shoraw village leaders have a plan that includes four shifts of workers to run the pumps around the clock. They have a backup generator, but they are also trying to tap into a main power grid.

The Shoraw village was destroyed during Saddam Hussein's regime. Now, the village has 3,000 homes, three schools and clean water.



Kirkuk Mayor Abdul Rahman Mustafa (center) takes the first drink of water at the recent opening of the Shoraw village water project. The project's goal is to provide clean water to the nearly 15,000 residents of Shoraw and neighboring villages. The village was destroyed many years ago, but now has 3,000 homes, three schools, clean water, a hospital and an electricity project in the works.

# Wolfhounds prep for deployment with realistic FTX

## CAPT. MARK A. WEBER

S-7, 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment

The "Wolfhounds" of the 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment, recently packed their rucksacks, loaded their Stryker vehicles, and headed to Schofield Barracks' Area X-Ray to train for their upcoming deployment.

The intent of training was to mount a battalion attack on an objective in a built-up area.

Though this mission is commonplace for the well-trained, experienced infantry Soldiers, the addition of a realistic but simulated "Iraqi" environment and employment of the Stryker vehicles significantly changed the complexity of the mission.

Nonetheless, the Wolfhounds overcame obstacles and demonstrated their ability to adapt and defeat every challenge.

Wasting no time, companies capitalized on every opportunity to refine their tactics, techniques and procedures and enforce standards and discipline.

Platoons ensured they followed up-to-date convoy and theater-movement techniques.

The battalion staff moved its equipment and established the Tactical Operations Center at X-Ray and continued to push out operational orders and coordinate combat enablers.

Each section learned about its role in battalion mission planning. The scenario also reinforced the importance of digital gunnery.

Most significantly, Soldiers became more familiar with their Stryker vehicles and the tactics and techniques needed to defeat an adaptive insurgency.



Pfc. Brian Pierce | 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment

Above – Elements of A Company, 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment, establish a blocking position while an adjacent unit conducts a raid during the field training exercise.

Left – Members of A Co., 1-27th, evacuate a mock casualty to the casualty collection point during the raid.

# Shelters provide protection from hurricanes

EILEEN GODINEZ

S-3, U.S. Army Garrison, Oahu

Though we live in paradise, with sunny skies and beautiful beaches, in an instant that can all change.

Hurricanes and tropical storms can be our worst enemies in the Hawaiian Islands.

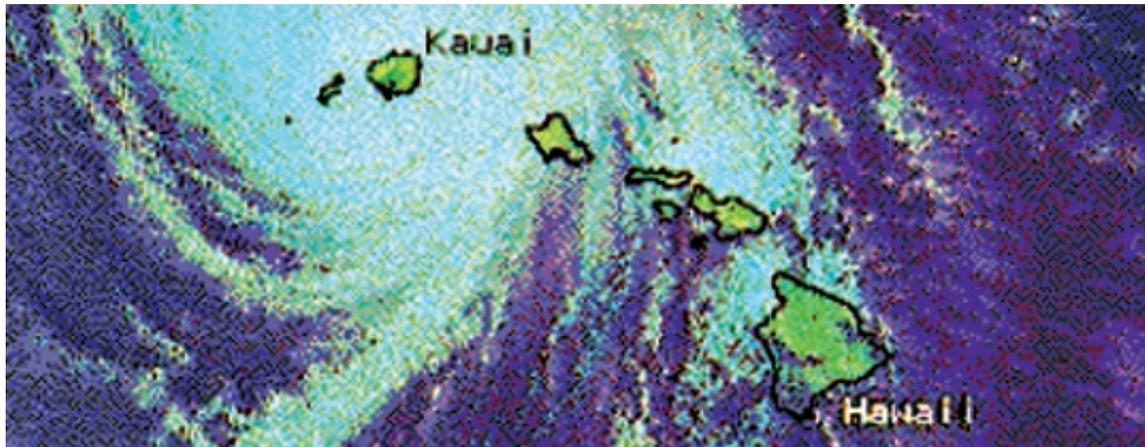
Hurricane season started June 1 and goes through Nov. 30, and now is the time to prepare yourself and your family. One of the keys to preparedness is knowing where your nearest shelter is located.

U.S. Army Garrison, Oahu, has identified specific facilities across its five Army installations to serve as shelters to protect you and your family. Take the time now to educate yourself about these locations.

As a resident of Army Hawaii Family Housing (AHFH), it is your responsibility to know where your nearest shelter is located. Being familiar with the shelter listing will help you identify which one is designated for your housing community.

However, in the event of a hurricane or tropical storm, do not evacuate until told to do so. Specific instructions and other information will be broadcast on HACN TV2 and through the AHFH Call-Max telephone system, as well as via Military Police.

If you have any questions regarding your assigned shelter, call the Oahu North Community director at 655-0497 or the Oahu South Community director at 438-6996.



## USAG-Oahu Shelters

*(Listed by community & shelter location)*

### Schofield Barracks

• **Canby Housing Community**

A Quad, Bldgs. 130 & 131  
Corner of Waianae Road & A Road  
B Quad, Bldgs. 155-158  
1240 Waianae Road  
C Quad, Bldgs. 355 & 357  
Corner of Waianae Road & Flagler Road  
D Quad, Bldg. 449  
Corner of Waianae Road & Baldwin Road

• **Hamilton Housing Community**

F Quad, Bldgs. 649 & 650  
Corner of Waianae Road & Lewis Street

• **Kalakaua Housing Community**

Bldg. 2086 & 2088  
Corner of Flagler Road & Aleshire

• **Porter Housing Community**

Bldg. 1492  
Corner of Hauula Street & Trimble Road

• **Sante Fe Housing Community**

I Quad, Bldgs. 745-747  
Corner of Williston Avenue & Bragg Street  
Bldg. 881  
Corner of Cadet Sheridan & Menoher Road

• **Solomon Housing Community**

Bldg. 2087 & 2089  
Corner of Flagler Road & Aleshire

### Wheeler Army Air Field

• **Bldg. 316**  
400 Block Latchum Road  
• **Bldg. 835**  
1735 Wright Avenue  
• **Bldg. 844**  
1055 Santos Dumont

### Helemano Military Reservation

• **Bldg. 173**  
100 Romeo Road  
• **Bldg. 300**

Romeo Road

• **Bldg. 441**

Andrade Road

### Fort Shafter

• **Bldg. 660**  
Bowling Alley  
• **Bldg. 665**  
Fitness Center

### Aliamanu Military Reservation

• **Bldg. 102**  
Education Center  
• **Bldg. 500**  
Richardson Theatre  
• **Bldg. 1292**  
Tunnel

### Tripler Army Medical Center

• **Bldg. 300**  
Fitness Center

# OBSB gets a name change

EILEEN GODINEZ

S-3, U.S. Army Garrison, Oahu

In an effort to standardize all garrison and sub-installations across the Army, the Installation Management Command (IMCOM) has renamed all installation Base Support Battalions to U.S. Army Garrisons.

U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii, is comprised of two sub-installation garrisons, one on Oahu (OBSB) and one on the Big Island (Pohakuloa Training Area). The sub-installation commands will now be known as USAG-Oahu and USAG-Pohakuloa.

The name change is also followed by the move of USAG-Oahu from Schofield Barracks to Fort Shafter.

The USAG-Oahu Headquarters, and its primary staff, will completely relocate in the fall 2007 time frame. In the meantime, the mission of USAG-Oahu has not changed, nor has the dedication of its staff to continue to serve all Army installations on Oahu.

US Army Garrison-Oahu coordinates and integrates base operations support for all organizations on Oahu Army installations and provides command and control to all military assigned and attached to USAG-HI.

# USARPAC names best missile defenders

Story and Photo by

**MAJ. RICHARD A. STEBBINS**  
94th Army Air & Missile Defense Command

FORT SHAFTER – The commanding general of U.S. Army Pacific, announced two missile defense command Soldiers as the winners of the Noncommissioned Officer and Soldier of the Year competition during the annual Army Birthday Ball in downtown Honolulu, June 9.

Sgt. Brian J. Yoder, an intelligence analyst for the 94th Army Air and Missile Defense Command (AAMDC), was named the NCO of the Year.

Spc. Jonathon W. Batton, a crew member in the communication relay group assigned to 1-1 Air Defense Artillery Battalion, now stationed in Okinawa, Japan, was named Soldier of the Year for the Pacific region.

"This is like a dream come true; it makes me feel good about myself ... about what I can accomplish ... about the different things the Army has taught me," said Yoder.

The 94th Soldiers beat their competitors who spanned across

the entire Pacific theater, including U.S. Army, Japan; Alaska; and the 9th Regional Readiness Command here in Hawaii.

"This is an impressive win for the 94th. To be named the best NCO and Soldier in all of USARPAC is truly something special," said 1st Sgt. William K. Maddox, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery first sergeant, 94th AAMDC.

The grueling two-day competition was held on Fort Shafter and included nine other competitors who represented the major commands within the Pacific region.

Winners were chosen based on their performance in events ranging from the Army Physical Fitness test, a day and night urban orienteering course, five different warrior tasks, a reflexive fire course, and an administrative board.

The tasks gauged the Soldiers' overall knowledge and ability to handle stress.

"I enjoy these types of competitions and what it can do for the esprit de corps of a unit," said Yoder.



Lt. Gen. John M. Brown III (left), U.S. Army Pacific Commanding General, congratulates Staff Sgt. Brian J. Yoder (center) and Spc. Jonathon W. Batton on winning NCO and Soldier of the Year for the Pacific theater.

"Physically, I was put to the test," said Batton. "Mentally, I definitely had a struggle because as soon as you are tired, you get to an obstacle, and you immediately have to react to fix or com-

plete it."

The winners will represent USARPAC in the All-Army NCO and Soldier of the Year competition, to be held in Washington, D.C., later this year.

## News Briefs

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

### 22 / Today

**Dental Program** — American Red Cross, in partnership with the Schofield Barracks Dental Clinic, is currently accepting applications for the 2007-2008 Volunteer Dental Assistant Training Program, which provides comprehensive training skills and knowledge to successfully compete for employment as a dental assistant.

To be eligible, volunteers must have a military ID, be at least 18 years of age, and have at least 12 months remaining on island from the program's beginning date. Applications will be accepted through July 2.

To pick up an application, call 655-4927 or send an e-mail to [redcross.schofield@schofield.army.mil](mailto:redcross.schofield@schofield.army.mil).

**TSP and Pre-Retirement Classes** — The Civilian Personnel

Accounting Center's Training Office will offer free Thrift Savings Plan and pre-retirement classes for employees on the following dates:

- Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS), July 26, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Deadline to register is June 26.
  - Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS), July 31, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Deadline is June 29.
  - TSP July 27, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Deadline is June 27.
  - TSP July 30, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Deadline is June 29.
- Register online at <https://www.atrrs.army.mil/channels/chrtas/default.asp> no later than the deadline or e-mail Laurie Dieckhoner, [laurie.dieckhoner@us.army.mil](mailto:laurie.dieckhoner@us.army.mil) for more information.

### 24 / Sunday

**Wheeler Service** — The community is invited to a special service, June 24, 9:30 a.m. at Wheeler Chapel. Gina Parsons will be ministering and providing powerful Christian worship for Soldiers and families alike.

Through powerful images and music, Parsons will lead a most

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# IMCOM: Zedalis is eager to begin work in Pacific

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with garrisons and installations in Europe, Zedalis considers herself an "avid student" and "...eager to learn about the cultural and geographic uniqueness that make the Pacific region so challenging and, at the same time, so special."

Zedalis also reaffirmed her passion and focus on supporting Soldiers and their families. "You have already heard me say, 'Soldiers and families' several times this morning, and you will hear me repeat it often. Our work must, in the end, result in a direct benefit, service sustainment and support to, and for, our Soldiers and families. It is an honor to serve the United States Army," Zedalis said.

Zedalis also took the opportunity to express her appreciation for the dedication and hard work of her predecessor, Sokoloski, the region's first director.

"I owe him a tremendous debt of gratitude," Zedalis said.

"I worked with Stan during the transition of installation management. I was the transition team chief for Europe, he, for the Pacific. Mr. Sokoloski established IMA-PARO and molded the command into the high-quality organization that it is today," Zedalis added.

In the same breath, Zedalis asked region personnel for, "...your continued hard work, dedication and support.

"I need your ideas, your enthusiasm and your continued commitment to excellence," Zedalis said.

In return, she pledged her utmost to take care of the IMCOM workforce.

"I have benefited from excellent leaders, exceptional co-workers, enhanced training and challenging assignments. I want you to have that same experience, and I look forward to celebrating your successes," Zedalis

said.

In July and August, Zedalis plans to visit each of the Pacific region installations and garrisons and meet with as many region personnel as possible.

Prior to this assignment, Zedalis was the deputy to the garrison commander at West Point, N.Y.

She began her federal service career as both a manpower and program analyst at Fort Knox, Ky.

In 1988, Zedalis moved to Germany, serving in successive assignments as chief, Management Division, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Resource Management, and chief, Installation Management Support Division, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel and Installation Management, culminating in her assignment as Chief of Staff, Installation Management Agency, Europe Region, in Heidelberg, Germany.

Zedalis holds a Bachelor of Arts in Man-

agerial Psychology from the University of Kentucky, a master's degree in Business Administration from Syracuse University, and a master's degree in Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College.

The U.S. Army Installation Management Command was initially established as the Installation Management Agency, or IMA, Oct. 1, 2002, as a field operating agency under the Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management.

On October 24, 2006, it was redesignated as U.S. Army Installation Command.

The main purpose of creating IMCOM was to support readiness and mission execution through the management of all Army installations, providing equitable services and facilities, while optimizing resources, sustaining the environment, and enhancing the overall well-being of the military community.

# Station: Fire station has debut

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firefighters.

The two-company satellite fire station includes three drive-through bays for six fire trucks. The station also features a state-of-the-art exhaust fume ventilation system that removes harmful carbon monoxide fumes from inside the truck bays.

At nearly 10,000 square feet in size, the spacious facility includes staff offices, a training room, a large kitchen, laundry, 11 on-site dormitory rooms for on-duty firefighters, a command and control center, an Emergency Medical Service, plus a multipurpose dayroom.

The facility will also be equipped with a state-of-the-art mobile decontamination station capable of decontaminating up to 700 people per hour.

"I want to thank the Corps of Engineers - specifically Cora Shimabukuro and Tyler Miyamoto - and our contractor Niking Corporation, for their diligence in making this firehouse a reality," said Enriques.

"This is a great new addition to our fire protection capabilities on Oahu," said District Chief Glenn Ka'auwai. "The Corps [of Engineers] built us a model facility that will only make our firefighters and their fire protection skills stronger and our response time faster."

"The historic opening of this magnificent firehouse clearly shows our District's continuing strong support and partnership with the Army Garrison," said Lt. Col. Charles



Fire trucks line the three-bay entrance to the new Hawaii Federal Fire Station #15 during the grand opening and Hawaiian Blessing held June 15 at Schofield Barracks.

H. Klinge, Honolulu District commander.

The Federal Fire Department Hawaii provides fire protection and emergency medical services to a total of 69,188 acres of military installations and facilities.

The consolidation of the Navy, Marine Corps and Army fire departments comprises 22.2 percent of Oahu's 380,000 acres. Currently, the department comprises 245 trained civilian personnel, 13 fire stations, 28 firefighting apparatus and 13 specialized response vehicles.

# STB: Nordberg introduces Army unit

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director of the U.S. Army Special Operations Command's High Value Target cell in Washington.

According to Nordberg, outstanding Soldiers are the reason the STB is ready to lead from the front.

"Last summer, we had 20 Soldiers assigned to the STB, no motor pool, no permanent headquarters, and a pretty wide-open mission statement," Nordberg said. "What we did have and what I've been blessed with are outstanding leaders. Without a lot of resources, these leaders and the Soldiers before you took some very basic guidance and vision and built what has become an outstanding unit, one that I'm extremely proud of."

During his closing, Nordberg thanked his family and those who have supported him throughout his career, but he also wanted to introduce the newest unit to those in attendance.

"The work of freedom is hard and inevitably requires the service of tough, competent warriors," Nordberg said. "In the Pacific, they are hereby known as Pacific Warriors. I'm honored to lead them, and I'm honored to introduce them to you. The newest Army unit in the Pacific, your Special Troops Battalion."

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significant, Spirit-filled hour of worship.

**Dental Program Brief** — Rick Melrose of United Concordia, a contractor for the Tricare Dental Program, will be on island June 24-30, and will be available to schedule briefings. To set up a brief, contact Rick Melrose at Rick.Melrose@ucci.com.

### 25 / Monday

**ACAP Briefings** — Soldiers separating from the Army must attend a mandatory Army Career Alumni Program pre-separation briefing at the ACAP Center, Building 690, Room 3H. Walk-ins are Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. The next session of briefings runs Monday-Thursday, June 25-28.

All ACAP events are held at the Aloha Building 690, Room 3H. Call 655-1028 to schedule an appointment.

### 29 / Friday

**"Extremists & Gangs"** — The Equal Opportunity Office, 9th Regional Readiness Command, presents Tom (T.J.) Leyden, a former neo-Nazi skinhead, during EO's next presentation, June 29 at 1 p.m. at Building 1554, Fort Shafter Flats.

Leyden will take participants on a tough but fulfilling journey — from a world of hate into a world of hope. For more details, call Master Sgt. Mendoza at 258-3696.

## July

### 3 / Tuesday

**Troops to Teachers** — Soldiers seeking careers in public education may attend a "Troops to Teachers" briefing, held the first Tuesday of every month at the Education Center, Building 560, Room 221, from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.



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"When work is finished."

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Below - Flight Commander Cadet, Sgt. Ashley Brizee, looks over the control of the glider plane used by the Civil Air Patrol.

Members of the Cadet Civil Air Patrol meet weekly to discuss principles of aviation using a glider aircraft as a visual tool. The cadet program is open to anyone between the ages of 12-18. Also, an adult program serves both military and civilians.

## CIVIL AIR PATROL TAKES FLIGHT

Story and Photos by  
**MOLLY HAYDEN**  
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**WHEELER ARMY AIR FIELD** - The first and third Wednesday of every month brings a small yet devoted group of aviation enthusiasts here for the meeting of the senior Civil Air Patrol (CAP).

Led by 1st Lt. Joe Kaapuna, the senior CAP meeting consists of explanations of the stages of flight and upcoming missions, as well as emphasis on the organization's main goals: cadets, aerospace education, and emergency services.

The CAP is a nationwide, nonprofit organization within the auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force. There are more than 56,000 members in eight geographic regions.

The Wheeler Composite Squadron currently has 70 members within their unit, with more than 470 members operating under the Hawaii wing on Oahu.

CAP pilots fly reconnaissance missions for homeland security, search and rescue and disaster relief, and even counter drug reconnaissance at the request of government or law enforcement agencies. They transport medical personnel and supplies, blood and live tissue. In times of disaster, they assess damage and transport emergency personnel from site to site.

The CAP's aircraft are hangared at strategic locations throughout the nation to be readily available when missions arise. Members maintain these aircraft at the highest levels of safety and efficiency and have access to specialists at CAP National Headquarters, Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, Ala., for maintenance, safety and training questions.

The CAP program also lends the opportunity to learn a variety of emergency service skills, including positions on ground teams and in the air, opportunities to learn public speaking, public affairs, financial management, opera-

tions management, logistics, as well as an entire training for those wishing to work with cadets.

Senior member 2nd Lt. Jill Dietmeyer, has been a CAP member for more than a year, recently stepping into the role of testing control officer of the cadet program.

"This program is one of the best kept secrets," said Dietmeyer. "It gives adults a chance to fly an aircraft and teaches young cadets skills and information they will need for their future."

The cadet program, which has meetings every Wednesday, teaches the principles of aviation and aerospace flight, including rocketry and physics through hands-on experiments. Military history, customs, drills and inspections are also learned.

Eighteen-year-old Cadet Sgt. Ashley Brizee, is the flight commander of the Cadet Squadron.

"The CAP program has taught me responsibility, fellowship and leadership skills," Brizee said. "Overall it helps you

become a better person."

Through experiences gained as CAP cadets, young people are given the chance to become tomorrow's aerospace leaders. The leadership skills, self-confidence and discipline cadet members gain through CAP prepare them to achieve goals they set for themselves in life.

Senior member Lt. Lea Dominici, deputy commander of cadets, has watched children mature and grow through this program over the past four years.

"It's amazing to see the cadets grow and learn from this program," Dominici said. "They are young children when they enter and young adults when they leave."

Carol Daul and her son Jeremiah are both active members of CAP. Jeremiah became interested in aviation through the influence of his father, Chaplain (Capt.) Kevin M. Daul, 45th Sustainment Brigade, Special Troops Battalion, who is currently serving in Iraq. Chaplain

Daul plans to join his family in the program upon his return to the island. Carol is grateful of the activities within the military ohana that promote family participation.

"I joined to become engaged in the activities my children are interested in," Carol said. "I want to be active and do what they do - show the support and interest."

Carol also sees the numerous opportunities available through the program.

"This is a great program and it's growing," Carol said. "Help is needed."

Any persons over the age of 18 interested in the program can become a senior member. A background check is required. Cadets can join between the ages of 12 and 18.

To join the CAP program, or for more information, contact the Hawaii wing headquarters at 836-3417. Volunteer opportunities are also available.

## Patriot Run raises money, awareness for homeless veterans

Story and Photos by  
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**EWA BEACH** - The American flag waved proudly as 460 race participants crossed the finish line at the 4th annual Iroquois Point Island Club Patriot Run/Walk here, Saturday.

Participants ran, walked, biked, rollerbladed and strode casually pushing strollers for the 5-kilometer run benefiting U.S. VETS - Hawaii, a home and resource center for homeless veterans.

The national organization provides housing and counseling for veterans. As well, each veteran is assigned to a caseworker to help him or her reintegrate into society. Job-training services are also provided.

Hawaii State Sen. Kymberly Pine, U.S. VETS director of development, whose husband is

currently serving in Iraq, congratulated participants at the finish line.

"We need to educate the community about the needs of veterans," Pine said. "It is more than raising money. It is to bring awareness to the issue and use preventative methods to help those returning from Iraq."

The event raised more than \$25,000 for the program.

U.S. VETS - Hawaii is the only program in the state that offers housing and full services to homeless veterans. The program opened in August 2002 on the decommissioned Barbers Point Naval Base. It's a collaboration between the nonprofit U.S. Veterans Initiative and the special needs housing developer, Cloudbreak Development, LLC.

Lt. Gov. James R. "Duke" Aiona Jr. participated in the race to show his support for U.S. VETS.

"This organization takes care of a population within the community that is in dire need of services," Aiona said. "They take care of our patriots who served for us in the past, and they do it out of the necessity of their hearts."

Army veteran Matt Anderson recently sought help with U.S. VETS after experiencing post-traumatic stress disorder. Anderson was active duty for four years, two of which he spent in Iraq serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"When I returned to the island, I wasn't the same," Anderson said. "I detached myself from my family, everyone. I didn't want to be around people."



Flags of all shapes and sizes waved Saturday as 460 participants raced in the 4th annual Iroquois Point Island Club Patriot Run/Walk in Ewa Beach. The event benefitted U.S. VETS - Hawaii.

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**Open a Book** — Register now at any post library for this year's Summer Reading Program, which runs through July 12. Children must read at least one book per week to receive a prize.

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

**28 / Thursday**

**Parachuting into Kindergarten** — This workshop helps parents prepare their preschoolers for their first school experience. Call Sgt. Yano Library at 655-8002, the Parent-to-Parent program at 684-9183, or visit schofieldparent2parent@yahoo.com.

**29 / Friday**

**Martinez Physical Fitness Center** — Water will be turned off from 9-11 a.m. to repair showers. Call 655-4804 for more information.

**July**

**4 / Wednesday**

**Fourth of July Spectacular** — Schofield Barracks at Sills Field is the best place to celebrate Independence Day. Admission will be free and open to the public. Fourth excitement will include games, rides, crafts, food booths, entertainment and a fireworks show at 8:15 p.m.

Activities will begin with a 5K Fun Run and a Children's 1-Mile Fun Run at 9 a.m.

Fun Run entry forms are available at all MWR fitness centers and online at [www.mwrarmyhawaii.com](http://www.mwrarmyhawaii.com). Busses will shuttle between Stoneman Field and Sills Field from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. For more information, call 656-0110.

**Picnic Sites** — Picnic sites for the "Fourth of July Spectacular" can be reserved now 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. Call 655-0111 or 655-0112.

**Blue Star Card Holders** — Visit the Fourth of July special VIP tent for discounted ride tickets, bag check, keiki crafts, and a shady area to rest. For more information, visit [http://www.mwrarmyhawaii.com/blue\\_star\\_card\\_program.htm](http://www.mwrarmyhawaii.com/blue_star_card_program.htm) or call 438-2911/656-0135.

**Teen Volunteers** — Aliamanu Recreational Teen Center will operate the carnival rides at the Fourth of July Spectacular. Learn customer service skills and make new friends. Call 833-0920 to sign up.

**Ongoing**

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

Children must be enrolled in Schools of Knowledge, Inspiration, Exploration and Skills (SKIES) or be a current member of CYS. Register at the CYS Office, 556 Heard St. Call SKIES at 655-9818 or CYS at 655-8380.

**Gymboree** — SKIESunlimited, in partnership with Army Hawaii Family Housing, is offering Gymboree to children 6 months-5 years old. These classes will help children build strong motor skills, social skills and self-esteem — all the ingredients they need to grow into confident, happy, successful people.

Classes are held the first four Wednesdays of each month. Call CYS at 655-9818.

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

**Hawaiian Luau Lunch Buffet** — Enjoy the "ono" taste of a traditional Hawaiian-style feast, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Hale Ikena, Fort Shafter, or 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Schofield Nehelani. Cost is \$9.95 per person. Call the Hale Ikena (438-1974) or the Nehelani (655-4466) for lunch buffet reservations or more information.

**New MWR Calendar Feature** — Visit the Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Web site, [www.mwrarmyhawaii.com](http://www.mwrarmyhawaii.com) and check out the new calendar feature, which allows users to view the calendar by day, week or month, in a list or tabular format.

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

**SKIES Driver Education** — Learn to drive with SKIES at Valentine's Driving School, Schofield Barracks. The session is taught by qualified instructors and includes 32 hours of classroom instruction and six hours of behind-the-wheel instruction.

The fee is \$295 and must be paid at the time of registration. Call 655-9818.

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

- Tuesday evenings (July 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31). Junior Keiki Tuesday is a fun-filled evening adventure for families with school-age children.
- Tuesdays from 6-8 p.m. Chess classes are held Uptown on the first floor fronting the American Savings Bank Convenience Center.

**23 / Saturday**

**Ala Moana Centerstage** — The Ala Moana Center kicks off summer with an assortment of dance and musical performances representing a variety of backgrounds and cultures to entertain shoppers in June:

- June 23, Halau 'Olapakuikala' i 'O Hokuaulani dance recital, 4-4:45 p.m.
- June 25, Hula Halau Kahula O Hawaii hula halau, noon-12:45 p.m. & 2-2:45 p.m.
- June 29, Colorado Honor Band Association's Summer Winds Tour Band, 2-2:30 p.m.
- June 29, Hawaii State Ballet, 7-7:45 p.m. For more details, call 955-9517.

**29 / Friday**

**BayFest** — Now in its 18th year, BayFest returns to Marine Corps Base Hawaii (MCBH), Kaneohe Bay, June 29-July 1 with headline Canadian rockers Three Days Grace, country starlet Gretchen Wilson, and legendary soloist Alan Jackson.

Mega family activities are scheduled, including Fernandez carnival rides, games, military displays, contests, a nightly fireworks show, and much more. Also, if you're interested in competition and contests, sign up for the BodySearch and/or Bathtub Regatta.

Anyone with a DoD ID card can purchase tickets through the Information, Tickets & Tours offices at MCBH K-Bay, Camp Smith, MWR Navy Region Hawaii, or MWR Army Hawaii. Two types of presale tickets will be sold at these locations: the \$20 concert/carnival ticket and a \$5 ticket, which does not include concert admission.

Tickets purchased are good for any day's admission, but for one-time admission. Re-

**2007 4th of July Spectacular**

**THE ARMY'S 36th ANNUAL BASH at Sills Field, Schofield Barracks**

**SEQUENCE OF PROGRAM ON WED, 4 JUL 07.**

- 8:00AM-9:00AM Late Registration for 5K Fun Run/ Pocket Pickup 5K Fun Run & Registration for Children's 1-Mile Fun Run
- 9:00AM-9:30AM Pony Rides
- 10:00AM-10:30AM Crafts and New Products Bazaar
- 10:00AM-6:30PM Bids and Inflatables
- 10:00AM-8:00PM Game Booths
- 10:00AM-5:00PM Food Booths Open
- 10:00AM-9:00PM Oceanic Stage Entertainment
- 2:00PM-4:00PM Flag Retreat
- 4:00PM DANVY COUCH
- 4:05PM DANVY COUCH
- 5:30PM OPIHI PICKERS
- 7:00PM National Guard Band & "1812 Overture"
- 7:15PM "The Flags We Follow" (Narrated by Jo Pruden & Shari Lynn)
- 7:45PM National Guard Band mini Concert
- 8:15PM Fireworks, with music by National Guard Band

**Special Appearance: JIN MAZDA**

**Special Appearance: OPIHI PICKERS**

**Special Appearance: DANVY COUCH**

**Special Appearance: OPIHI PICKERS**

**Special Appearance: MAZDA 3**

Courtesy of Army Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation

**Ono food, mega fun**

The U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii, community is invited to celebrate the biggest and "bestest ever" Fourth of July celebration at Schofield Barracks, July 4, at Sills Field. See next week's *Hawaii Army Weekly* for complete details about diverse events happening throughout Oahu.

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

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

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

**Family Child Care** — Individuals interested in caring for children in their home

should inquire with the CYS Family Child Care (FCC) Program. Benefits include free training, additional income and flexible hours.

Call the Aliamanu Military Reservation (AMR) Family Child Care (FCC) office at 837-0236, or the Schofield Barracks FCC at 655-8373.

**Information, Ticketing and Registration** — Looking for tickets to area attractions? ITR has your tickets to paradise when you visit offices located on Schofield Barracks and Fort Shafter.

A variety of tickets to luaus, cruises, whale watching adventures, Hawaiian Waters Adventure Park, Sea Life Park, movie tickets, interisland packages and much more is available.

Call the Schofield Barracks ITR (655-9971), the Fort Shafter ITR (438-1985), or log onto [www.mwrarmyhawaii.com](http://www.mwrarmyhawaii.com). Click "ITR Ticketing and Registration" for a full list of discounts at various attractions.

**Ongoing**

**Career Training Scholarships** — The non-profit Hire A Hero program is accepting applications to award 122 academic scholarships to the military community. These scholarships are available to active and transitioning military personnel, veterans, National Guard Members, Reservists and their spouses. Degree and diploma programs will be available in automotive technology, health sciences, skilled trades, business, information technology and hospitality services.

Three types of scholarships are available to those who qualify. The application process involves registering on the Hire A Hero Web site at [www.hireahero.com](http://www.hireahero.com) and uploading a written essay or short video. All applications are due on or before Aug. 17.

**Fort Shafter Thrift Shop** — Patrons, the thrift shop will remain open all summer (except June 26 & 29 and July 3 & 6). Hours are Tuesdays and Fridays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.; consignment hours are 9-10:30 a.m.

Families making a permanent change of station move should make an appointment to consign their household goods. Donations of gently used items are welcomed.

The Thrift Shop is always looking for volunteers, so if you have a military ID and are able to commit four hours per week, drop by Building 342, Pierce St., or call 842-1074.

**Playmorning** — Parents and caregivers looking for some fun, social interaction for their children should join Playmorning. This family interactive playgroup, hosted by the Armed Services YMCA, is designed for children up to age 5 and their parents or caregivers.

Playmorning features a variety of age-appropriate activities, crafts, stories, songs and more from 9-10:30 a.m. No preregistration is required. (Playmorning will not meet July 2-13, due to staff training.)

- Mondays at Wheeler ASYMCA
  - Tuesdays at Helemano Community Center & Iroquois Elementary School
  - Wednesdays at Wheeler & Iroquois
  - Thursdays at Helemano & Iroquois
  - Fridays at Wheeler & Iroquois
- Call the Armed Services YMCA at 624-5645.



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

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

**Fort DeRussy Chapel, 836-4599**

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

**Fort Shafter Chapel, 836-4599**

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

**Helemano (HMR) Chapel**

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

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

*(Note: During renovation, services normally held in the sanctuary will take place at the Wheeler Chapel.)*

- Catholic Sunday, 9 a.m. — CCD & RCIA
- Collective Protestant Sunday, 10:30 a.m. — Sunday School
- Gospel Sunday, 10:30 a.m. — Sunday School

**MPC Annex, Building 791**

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

**Soldier Chapel**

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

**Tripler AMC Chapel, 433-5727**

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

**Wheeler Chapel**

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



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**BayFest Open Mic** — Sharkey's is hosting competition preliminaries now at its Aiea location (99-016 Kamehameha Hwy., above Dixie Grill) for comedians who want a spot among the top 25 finalists in this year's Sharkey's Comedy Club Open Mic Stand Up Competition, new to BayFest 2007 at Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, July 1.

Aspiring comedians will get a shot at the spotlight with the opportunity to perform prior to country legend Alan Jackson's performance on the Lex Brodie Main Stage. If you're interested in testing your routine, call 531-4242, today.

**Flavors of Honolulu** — More than 1,000 volunteers are needed to help with this year's Flavors of Honolulu, formerly called Taste of Honolulu (scheduled June 29-30 & July 1) on the Frank Fasi Civic Grounds next to Honolulu Hale. Volunteer today at [abilitiesunlimitedhi.org](http://abilitiesunlimitedhi.org) to select your shifts and duty preferences, or call 532-2100.

All volunteers will receive a free commemorative T-shirt and three admission tickets for the event to give to family and friends.

**Pearlridge Center** — Pearlridge Center offers the following in June and July:

- Today-Aug. 5. "Robots: The Interactive Exhibition," a multimedia showcase, introduces young and old to the world of robotics through large-scale educational interactives and hands-on displays during mall hours. It's based on the movie "Robots" and combines learning, technology and fun.
- Tuesdays (July 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31), 10:30 a.m.-noon. Keiki Tuesday features kid-friendly entertainers like Chris da Clown, Aloha Clowns, Stevo the Clown and Mad Science of Hawaii who delight the whole

entry is not permitted, and concert admission tickets are \$25 at the gate. Get the full lineup of weekend events and other contests online at [www.bayfesthawaii.com](http://www.bayfesthawaii.com).

**Flavors of Honolulu** — Catch this multicultural festival featuring the finest of Honolulu's restaurants, entertainers, celebrity chefs, wine tastings, crafts, keiki rides and activities, a mini farmer's market and more for the entire family.

Don't miss out on this chance to taste all the "Flavors of Honolulu" at the Frank F. Fasi Civic Center Grounds, June 29, 5-10 p.m.; June 30, noon-10 p.m.; and July 1, noon-6 p.m.

Cost is free to active duty military with ID, \$6 for adults, free for seniors and children under 12. One hundred percent of funds raised by "Flavors of Honolulu" will remain in Hawaii to benefit individuals with disabilities.

Get advance tickets at 532-2115, or online at [www.abilitiesunlimitedhi.org](http://www.abilitiesunlimitedhi.org).

**July**

**6 / Friday**

**Employment Orientation** — Looking for a job in Hawaii? Attend an Army Community Service employment orientation and get employment information on federal, state, private sector and staffing agencies.

Reference materials, job listings, computers and more will be available for use. Upcoming workshops will be held on the following dates:

- July 6, 9-10:30 a.m., ACS, Schofield Barracks
  - July 9, 1-2:30 p.m., Fort Shafter Outreach Center
  - July 25, 10-11:30 a.m., Aliamanu Military Reservation (AMR) Chapel
- For information, call ACS, Schofield at 655-4227 or Fort Shafter, 438-9285. Register online at [www.mwrarmyhawaii.com](http://www.mwrarmyhawaii.com). For child care at AMR, call 833-5393.



**Spider-Man 3**

(PG-13)  
Friday, 7 p.m.  
Saturday, 2 p.m.  
Wednesday, 4 p.m.  
Thursday, 7 p.m.



**Georgia Rule**

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



**Lucky You**

(R)  
Sunday, 7 p.m.

No shows on Mondays or Tuesdays.

# DPW continues to control Coqui infestation at East Range

**JANE BEACHY**

Directorate of Public Works, Natural Resources Division

WAHIAWA — Oahu has a small tourism problem, literally. Though roughly the size of a quarter, coqui frogs have been making a large impact in the state in recent years.

The frogs were discovered here in 2001. Introduced into the area on greenhouse plants at a private residence, coqui quickly spread into neighboring yards, including Schofield Barracks' East Range. The infestation was the largest on Oahu.

## What threats do coqui pose?

Why are local environmentalists and communities so worried about the spread of coqui? Coqui can be troublesome pests for a variety of reasons, both ecological and economic. The largest issue is that these tiny frogs create a very big noise problem.

Calls can range between 90-100 decibels. High population densities of coqui mean numbers of nighttime calls are amplified — what in Puerto Rico is a charming evening serenade becomes a high vol-



Lori Oberhofer | U.S. Dept. of Agriculture

Left — The invasive coqui frog's small size is deceptive in comparison to the frog's large impact on Hawaii's delicate ecosystem.

spider populations.

Coqui could also compete with endangered native forest birds for food. In addition, the coqui would provide an excellent food source for other invasive species, such as rats and mongoose. With coqui as a ready and plentiful food source, the potential for other, more dangerous invasive species like the brown tree snake, is greatly increased.

## Back to East Range

Once discovered in Wahiawa, a joint task force was created to deal with the coqui infestation. Partners from the Department of Agriculture, Oahu Invasive Species Committee, Department of Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Natural Resources Division of DPW Environmental created the Coqui Working Group (CWG).

Over the past six years, the CWG directed control efforts in Wahiawa, working with both private residents and the

Army to eradicate the infestation. In 2005 and 2006, large-scale sprays of citric acid were highly effective in reducing frog numbers.

Sprays were conducted between April and September, during the coqui breeding season, when the frogs are easiest to locate.

The infestation is now estimated at 30-40 frogs, down from hundreds of frogs in 2001.

The CWG is very enthusiastic about the upcoming spray season. Control efforts began in mid-May and will continue through September. During this time, contract staff will be visiting the infestation site near Leilehua Gate on East Range several times a week. Nightly monitoring efforts will be coupled with canopy sprays and ground drenches.

## Coqui frog natural history

While coqui feed on the ground during the day, at night males climb 3-7 feet into trees and shrubbery, singing their classic two-tone call in hopes of attracting females.

Coqui are unique in that they do not

have a tadpole stage; this means that they do not require a body of water, such as a stream or puddle, to survive. Instead, females lay their clutches of eggs on moist leaf debris or moss. This independence from standing water means that coqui can spread easily through forested areas.

At home in Puerto Rico, females may lay six clutches per year, but in lab conditions in Hawaii, coqui have laid as many as 26 clutches per year.

## What can you do?

While eradication efforts at the East Range are going well, the Natural Resources Division is very concerned about the potential for new infestation sites. Coqui spread easily via infested nursery plants or plant matter. If you think you hear coqui, call the coqui hot line at 643-PEST (643-7378).

For more information and to hear the sounds of coqui, check out the following Web sites:

<http://www.hear.org/AlienSpeciesIn-Hawaii/species/frogs/>

<http://www.ctahr.hawaii.edu/coqui/index.asp>



## 22 / Today

**Fourth 5K Fun Run** — Fill out an entry form today at any Army fitness center for the Fourth of July 5K Fun Run. Race registration will begin at 6:30 a.m., July 4, and cost is \$27 with T-shirt/\$14 without, race day.

The 5K run will begin at 9 a.m., July 4, on the Sills Field side of Trimble Road, across from the commissary. Awards will be presented in male and female, first-third categories: for under 12, 13-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69 and over 70.

Keiki are invited to participate in the free children's 1-mile fun run. Registration begins at 9 a.m., July 4, and the run kicks off at 10 a.m. at the same start line as the 5K. All keiki finishers will receive a ribbon.

Entry forms are available at all MWR fitness centers and online at [www.mwrarmyhawaii.com](http://www.mwrarmyhawaii.com).

Call Michelle McQuery, 655-8789, for more details.

## 27 / Wednesday

**Basketball Tourney** — Entry deadline is today for the 2007 Army Hawaii 30 and Over Men's Basketball Tournament, which will be held at Schofield Barracks, Tripler Army Medical Center, and Fort Shafter, July 19-13.

All active duty Army within the geographical limits of Hawaii may enter one team.

Entries must be received by the Sports Office, Building 556, Kaala Community Activities Center, by 4 p.m., June 27. Call 655-0856.

## July

### 3 / Tuesday

**Flag Football & Cheerleading Registration** — Youth Sports Flag Football & Cheerleading Registration will be held July 3-31 and is open to youth born between 1993-2002. Cost is \$50 per person for Flag Football and \$60 per person for Cheerleading.

Practices begin Sept. 24, and the sea-

son will run Oct. 20-Dec. 15. Call 655-5314 or 833-5393.

## Ongoing

**Teen Fit** — Small group classes are available for teens 12-17 years old to learn the basics of proper strength training, cardio and stretching in a fun setting.

Certified personal trainer Kristy Osborn teaches Teen Fit classes once a week. The fee is \$35 per teen. For more information, contact Osborn at 381-5944, or sign up at the Health and Fitness Center.

**Well-Being T-Shirts** — Earn a Lifetime Sports & Recreation (LS&R) "Targeting Your Well-Being" T-shirt and hat, when you earn LS&R points by participating in award-winning activities and special events.

Pick up an LS&R brochure at any Community Recreation Division (CRD) facility and start earning points today.

Your first 20 points earns you a limited edition long-sleeve or standard T-shirt and your second 20 points an LS&R cap.

Completed cards can be turned in at the Schofield Barracks or Fort Shafter Health & Fitness Center; call 655-0110. Quantities are limited.

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

Call Mestre Kinha at 247-7890.

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

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

Each class is \$2, or a punch card is available for \$15. Call 655-1128.

**What's Up Gymnastics** — Schools of Knowledge, Inspiration, Exploration and Skills (SKIES) Unlimited is partnering with What's Up Gymnastics to offer a military discount program for all upcoming classes.



Courtesy of G-4 Food Service

## 'I want a big piece'

Sgt. Allen Barayuga, from the 70th Engineers, carves up a Steamship Round of beef for Soldiers and family members dining at Schofield Barracks' K-Quad Family Night Dinner, in celebration of the U.S. Army's 232nd birthday, June 14.



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## June

### 23 / Saturday

**Fall Youth Soccer** — AYSO Region 188 Hickam AFB/Pearl Harbor will be accepting registration applications in front of the Hickam BX-tra from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., June 23, July 21 & Aug. 4. Players 4-18 (born between Aug. 1, 2002-July 31, 1988) need to show proof of age.

The season will run from August-November. The early-bird registration fee is \$55 per player. Preregistration is also available online at [www.ayso.org](http://www.ayso.org) (specify Region 188).

E-mail questions to [reg@aysoregion188.org](mailto:reg@aysoregion188.org). Further, mark your calendars for AYSO

Soccer Camp, July 9-13 (location to be determined).

**Shooting Sports Fair** — The Hawaii Rifle Association, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the promotion of the shooting sports in Hawaii — through education and safety — is holding its annual fundraiser, a Shooting Sports Fair, June 23 from 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. and June 24 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., at the Kokohead Shooting Complex, located between Hanauma Bay and Sandy Beach.

This event has no entry fee and is open to all age groups. Call Gordon Oshiro at 271-8117 for more details.

### 24 / Sunday

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

-June 24, 6-miler, Kahana Valley, intermediate. Call coordinator Stuart Ball, 247-5380.

-June 30, 3-miler, Kaiwa Ridge, novice. Coordinator is Carole Moon, 395-8822.

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

Hikers meet at the Iolani Palace, unless

otherwise noted. Bring lunch and water on all hikes; wear sturdy shoes and clothing as extra caution may be required on some trails.

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

### 30 / Saturday

**Jackpot Rodeo** — The Hawaiian Women's Rodeo Association will host a Jackpot Rodeo today at the Kawailoa Ranch Arena in Haleiwa. Action will begin at 10 a.m. with open, 3D and keiki barrel racing followed by pole-bending.

Admission and parking are free. Call Lu Faborito at 668-9006 or visit the HWRA online at [www.rodeoohu.com](http://www.rodeoohu.com) for more details.

## Ongoing

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

# Patriot: Participants race to aid veterans

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Anderson experienced an array of emotions, including depression and unexplainable rage. He spent many nights alone, sleeping on the beach.

Knowing he was at the end of his rope, Anderson took the advice of a family member and called U.S. VETS.

The U.S. VETS program gave him the psychological care he needed, as well as the support and skills necessary to re-establish himself within the community and function normally.

"The program has really helped me understand myself and the issues I have to overcome," said Anderson.

As the race ended, tired runners lounged on the grass and perused the booths of many sponsors. Children bounced in inflatable castles and enjoyed hot dogs cooked on the grill.

Participants with the best times received awards within a variety of age groups.

The effervescent music of the Ka'ala Boys rejuvenated worn-out runners, inspiring some in the crowd to dance.

U.S. VETS is the nation's leader in providing services to homeless veterans. It has 11 sites across the country.

The Iroquois Point Island Club, Chevron, Store Secure Kapolei, Ko Olina Resort, Certified Management, the City of Kapolei, Waste Management, Gentry Homes, and Haseko sponsored the event.



Runner Mina Casay Pany nears the finish line at the 4th annual Iroquois Point Island Club Patriot Run/Walk. About 460 members of the military ohana participated in the run, raising more than \$25,000.



Jacob Valeriano takes a breather after crossing the finish line in first place. Valeriano has participated in the Patriot Run for the past two years to honor U.S. veterans.



Above — Kiran Polk (right) awards run participant Jessie Verive (left) with a medal. Children and adults raced side-by-side to raise money for U.S. VETS-Hawaii.

Left — Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps cadet Jaime Gutierrez explains the purposes of military equipment used in the Vietnam War. The Patriot Run/Walk was held to aid veterans in need.