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Jeremy S. Buddemeier | 25th Infantry Division Public Affairs

Getting ready to rumble

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Spc. Jeremy Black (right) gives Pfc. Cody Johnson a taste of his right hook during sparring practice at Martinez Physical Fitness Center, Tuesday afternoon. Both from C Company, 1-14th Infantry, the boxers are training for the Lightning Rumble IV boxing and combatives competition, which will be held April 10-13 at Schofield Barracks.

Leaders anticipate housing shortages

JANINE LIND
Property Management Director,
Army Hawaii Family Housing

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — To best serve all our customers, it is important that everyone understands the Army Hawaii Family Housing (AHFH) housing assignment policy.

With the upcoming deployment and new Soldiers arriving this summer in Hawaii, AHFH will do its best to accommodate families. However, over the next few months, the current outlook indicates a shortage of housing in the North Region, which includes Schofield Barracks, Wheeler Army Air Field and Helemano Military Reservation.

To alleviate this issue, service members with duty stations at Schofield Barracks may be offered housing in our South Region, which includes Aliamanu Military Reservation (AMR), Tripler and Fort Shafter.

The April 4 Town Hall meeting at Schofield Barracks will address housing issues.

All south communities are within a 30-minute drive to Schofield Barracks, which is an acceptable commute time for personnel traveling to work, according to the Joint Federal Travel Regulation (JFTR).

Should a service member decline a home offered in the South Region, their authorization for temporary housing allowance (TLA) will stop at midnight the day before the home would have been available. Service members will then be responsible for their cost of temporary accommodations until they find a permanent home off-post or accept a home on-post.

Basic allowance for housing (BAH), which is available upon in-processing in Hawaii, may assist service members with their expenses.

Army Pacific to require CAC logon

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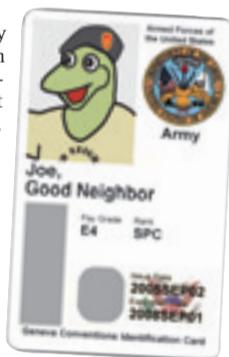
FORT SHAFTER — All 20,000 Army Pacific users of unclassified e-mail and the Non-secure Internet Protocol Router Network (NIPRNET) will soon need to use their common access card (CAC) to log on to the Pacific LandWarNet, according to U.S. Army Pacific (USARPAC) network operations officials.

This security initiative, known as CAC Cryptographic Logon (CCL), was mandated by the Department of Defense's Joint Task Force-Global Network Operations for all services to comply with by summer. The Army's chief information officer at G-6 directed that Army networks comply by June 30.

The USARPAC deputy commanding general, in coordination with the Installation Management Agency-Pacific Director, mandated that Army Pacific's initiative be completed by June 15.

In addition, by April 15, all users will digitally sign all official e-mail, and then digitally encrypt e-mail containing sensitive but unclassified information (for example, "for official use only" information or information protected by the Privacy Act of 1974).

The initial mandate applies only to individuals who possess the CAC (active and reserve component service members, Department of



the Army civilians, contractors and others). Procedures for other users, including retirees, family members, multi-role individuals and remote access users are being developed for later implementation.

Installation Directorates of Initial use Management (DOIMs) will be managing this project for units in Alaska, Hawaii, Japan and Okinawa, explained Maj. Kelly Knitter, chief operations officer for

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Web-based ICE allows users to give feedback

Service providers tailor improvements to customer needs

KATHY PRICE
Morale, Welfare and Recreation

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Interactive Customer Evaluation, or ICE, is a Web-based customer evaluation program that gives leaders instantaneous feedback.

The program allows customers to express their opinions and suggestions for improvement. To do so, customers simply log onto the Internet and type

in <http://ice.disa.mil> and then complete one of the comment cards.

Input is welcome about any service, facility or program on the installation. Major areas include administration, communications, dining, education, facility management, health, housing, operational support, recreation, safety and security, shopping, travel and transportation.

The ICE program was implemented for the Army in Hawaii in March 2002. Since then, more than 42,596 customer

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Women's History Month punctuated by first woman JAG general

Salute to military women event caps month's celebrations

DONNA KLAPAKIS
Staff Writer

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — The Tropics ballroom held an event that attracted a full crowd composed of 90 percent men, last week. The occasion was not a sports night or a visit by the Dallas Cowboys cheerlead-



Pietsch

ers; it was the 25th Infantry Division's celebration of Women's History Month.

Hosted by Combat Aviation Brigade (CAB) in conjunction with the Equal Opportunity Office, the March 23 function headlined Brig. Gen. Coral Wong Pietsch, U.S. Army Reserve, the first Asian-American woman general in the Army, and the first woman general in the 230-year history of the U.S. Judge Advocates General Corps.

Pietsch began her speech by describing the scope of the war on terror and changes to the American military and the American way of life that have happened since Sept. 11, 2001.

"... Something is happening that has not happened before in our history. For the first time in American history, a substantial number of American military participating in this war are women, in part because the front lines of this war can be anywhere, in part because women themselves want to contribute, in part because women feel that they have as much a right and an obligation

as their brothers to serve this Nation."

Pietsch quoted Lt. Dawn Halfaker, who lost her right arm to a rocket-propelled grenade attack in Iraq. "Women in combat is not really an issue," she said. "It is happening."

Pietsch emphasized that she only wanted to make sure that women are also recognized for their achievements.

"My purpose is not to idealize women or to minimize the contributions of our brothers. On the contrary, learning about

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We want to hear from you...

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

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

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Provost Marshal Corner

Incidents include domestic abuse, thievery

(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 from March 1-15

Fort Shafter and south areas

The Fort Shafter PMO reported a total of 16 cases during this period. They included four domestic assault cases, two of which took place at Aliamano Military Reservation (AMR), one at Fort Shafter and one that occurred off-post in Waipahu, which was reported while the victim was at Tripler Army Medical Center (TAMC). These cases resulted in the apprehension of three service members and one family member spouse.

Three instances of damage to privately owned vehicles (POVs) were reported at AMR; damage consisted of scratches and dents.

One incident of indecent exposure took place at Fort DeRussy where an intoxicated service member was apprehended after running naked across the Saratoga parking lot.

There were four cases of harassment reported: two at Fort Shafter and one each at AMR and TAMC. These cases resulted from one harassing phone call and various verbal disputes involving family member spouses and juveniles.

Fort DeRussy recorded one incident where a subject male failed to pay a parking fee. He tailgated another vehicle that was exiting the Saratoga parking lot and then fled the area. He was apprehended later.

Five cases of driving under the influence

of alcohol were reported off-post, resulting in the apprehension of five Soldiers.

Pohakuloa Training Area, Hawaii

Two cases of larceny of private property were reported. An unsecured personal cell phone was stolen in AMR; while at Pohakuloa training Area (PTA), a personal digital camera with two memory cards was stolen from a service member's assault pack located inside a tactical vehicle.

PTA also logged one case of larceny of government property. A radio-mounting base was stolen from inside a tactical vehicle while it was parked inside a motor pool.



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Schofield Barracks

The Schofield Barracks PMO reported a total of 32 cases during this period. They included five separate shoplifting crimes from the Schofield exchange. Four Soldiers and one family member were apprehended after trying to remove the following items: a USB memory stick, a plastic bottle, sunglasses, lip liner, mascara, lip gloss, nail lacquer, two computer video games and one pair of boots.

A total of 21 larcenies occurred in the Schofield Barracks area: 12 from Schofield Barracks proper, two from Wheeler Army Air Field and seven on Helemano Military Reservation (HMR).

Five of the larcenies on Schofield Barracks took place in housing, one in other areas and six in troop areas. Items stolen were car DVD systems and DVDs, compact disc players, speaker systems, bicycles, a camcorder, cash, a credit card, checks, CDs and computer systems.

Three larcenies were of unsecured property. In these cases, two Soldiers were apprehended, one after he stole another Soldier's unsecured credit card and made more than \$800 in purchases. The other Soldier was apprehended after he stole, forged and cashed checks from the unsecured checkbook of another Soldier. In addition, two civilians were apprehended after they entered a quarters

and removed a checkbook.

Six cases of damage to private property were reported, five at Schofield Barracks and one at HMR. All were to privately owned vehicles.

One Soldier was apprehended for DUI during the time frame. His blood alcohol content was three times over the legal limit.

Hot Topic of the Week

Nationwide, the crime of identity theft is on the increase. It can become a significant problem for our military community by aiding someone with nefarious intentions who is unauthorized access to our installations.

Victims of ID theft are people whose identity has been fraudulently assumed by another with the intent to obtain credit, goods or services without the victim's consent. No financial loss is necessary.

ID theft includes the criminal assumption of someone's name, address, credit card information, driver's license, social security number and other personal data. Criminals use this information to impersonate their victims, spending as much money as they can, in as short a time frame as possible, before moving on to impersonate someone else.

Victims are often left with a bad credit report and must spend months and even years regaining their financial health. In the meantime, victims have difficulty writing checks, obtaining loans, renting apartments and even getting hired.

Stealing wallets used to be the best way identity thieves could obtain credit card numbers and other pieces of identification. Now, more sophisticated means are commonly used:

- Accessing your credit reports fraudulently, by posing as an employer, loan officer or landlord and then ordering a copy;
- Stealing mail from your mailbox to obtain newly issued credit cards, bank and credit card statements, preapproved credit offers, or tax information; and
- Dumpster-diving in your trash containers for discarded credit card and loan applications.

You can protect yourself by following

crime prevention techniques that will be in my next PMO Corner, April 14.

Safety and Prevention Tips

Beware! A sow with piglets was spotted in the tall grass around 136 Kikaweo, Schofield Barracks, and at the front gate of HMR housing. Sows are very territorial and protective of their young, so do not try to feed or pet them.

If you spot these sows, immediately leave the area and call 655-5555. Also, if you see anyone tampering with animal control traps, also call 655-5555 or 655-7114 to report these incidents.

Lost and Found

The following items were found and are as yet unclaimed at PMO. If you believe the items listed are yours, report to the evidence custodian at the Schofield Barracks PMO with a full description of the items to claim them.

Items include a dagger, two silver axes, a sword, a gold ring, a golf bag, a wallet with currency, a keychain, pictures, keys, a pistol, a debit card, four cell phones, a fishing pole, two gun replicas and a bicycle.

Traffic Statistics

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.

Here is a count of some of the traffic citations that were written on post:

- Expired registration, 40
- Expired safety, 52
- Driving without a driver's license, 11
- Driving without insurance, 27
- Speeding, 59
- DUI-alcohol related, 1
- Seatbelt violations, 6
- Parking violations, 69
- Stop sign violations, 4

PMO is stepping up enforcement of seatbelt, safety inspection, registration and vehicle insurance checks. Make sure that yours are all current.

Help us to increase traffic safety by obeying the law.

LIGHTNING SPIRIT

How do you like your coffee? Lukewarm?

CHAPLAIN (CAPT.) TIM O'DONALD

2nd Battalion, 25th Aviation Regiment, Chaplain

"I like my coffee on the cold side of warm."

This statement may sound like a new country music hit to you, but this is an actual comment someone recently said to me in an offhand way, to sum up his view of the perfect cup of joe.

Isn't the statement also a befitting description of how we like our life? Something about extremes makes us uncomfortable. This age is the age of the moderate.

But what exactly is a moderate anyway?

On the surface it appears to be a very tenable position to hold. It is the preferred stance of academia. It demonstrates a thoughtful approach that is neither too radical nor too offensive to people.

It is the well thought-out non-commitment of a scholar as he milks his chin in deep thought and expresses in big words, "I am taking the middle of the road position on this issue."

Nevertheless, a moderate in actuality is someone who will not commit to a position one way or another, for fear of either offending someone else or having to stand upon and defend his or her position. With this stance, he or she can blend into any environment. You see, the moderate position is ... comfortable.

Allow me to illustrate the fruitless-

ness of this position.

Have you ever noticed that the drivers who drive slower than you on the highway don't know how to drive, and those who drive faster than you are idiots? That is what the moderate position is like.

It is not a logically defensible position to hold for this simple reason. The person who holds a moderate position is in charge of determining where on the spectrum they fit. Therefore, it is very easy to slide the scale, one way or the other, to ensure that he or she is in the middle.

As people of faith, we need to be careful not to fall into the trap of being a spiritual chameleon. One of the sternest warnings that Christ gave to a church was to avoid this behavior.

"I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot: I wish that you were either cold or hot. But, because you are lukewarm, I will spew you out of my mouth" (Revelation 3: 15).

What does this verse mean? Simply that people of faith should choose sides and stop straddling the fence.

The church at Laodicea mentioned above was a moderate church. As issues arose in the early church, the Laodiceans were the group that espoused acceptance. They were the church that would warn about going too far on an issue while at the



same

time cautioning against too firm a commitment to another.

God told them unequivocally to "choose sides." Commit to one way of life or the other, but commit, God says.

Your physical dexterity aside, if you straddle any fence long enough, you will get splinters.

In this age of relativism and political correctness, it is the call of people of faith to stand upon what they believe. You may lose cool points with the world at large, and be frowned upon by the sensitivity police, but you will be modeling what it means to "take up your cross and follow Him" (Matthew 16:24).

The next time you "wake up and smell the coffee" on an issue, ask yourself this question: "Is this coffee on the cold side of warm?"

Getting it straight:

News briefs, page A-3 of the March 24th *Hawaii Army Weekly*, reported that the Fort Shafter main gate will close for an exercise April 13. The gate will now remain open.



2 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.

Be safe. Tropic Lightning!

Did you know?

- Unit commanders may conduct counseling or a driving improvement interview with any person who accrues more than six but less than 12 points within 12 months.
- An active-duty Soldier may be referred to an alcohol or drug treatment facility in all cases in which alcohol or other drugs are considered a contributing factor in a traffic citation, incident or accident?
- Six points are assessed against driving privileges for blood alcohol content between .05 and .08 percent.

Voices of Lightning:

What woman has made the biggest impact on your life and why?



"Rosa Parks. If she had given up her seat we would not be equal."

Pfc. Xanthin Santes Luptak
66th Engineers
Combat Engineer



"My mom. She has given me a lot of morals and encouraged me to live my dreams."

Julie Moore
Family Member



"Grandmother. Southern Baptist who said never get a tattoo."

Robert Hartsfield
Retired Chief
Warrant Officer



"My Mother, she taught me to do the right thing."

Spc. Deontra Turner
HHC, 2nd Brigade
Infantry



"Mother. She raised four kids, and we turned out well."

Carolyne Kasprzak
Family Member

Iraqi culture awareness preps Soldiers for deployment

Deploying Soldiers study Iraqi history, geography

Story and Photo by
SPC. DANIEL BEARL
Staff Writer

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS – Marhaba. Es-salam alaikum. Sabah al-khair. Ahlan wa sahlan.

For many Soldiers, the above phrases may seem incomprehensible, but Soldiers going through Iraqi language and Cultural Awareness classes at the Education Center here will recognize them as polite Arabic greetings.

The five-day course places Soldiers in a classroom headed by a native Iraqi who instructs them on useful Arabic phrases and pronunciation, as well as Iraqi customs and history.

The class is intended to be an intensive crash course to prepare Soldiers for possible encounters when deployed to Iraq. Soldiers in the class are taught the Iraqi dialect, a slang dialect with words and phrases reaching back thousands of years, Dr. Kashami Alrakabi, one of the instructors, explained to students in one of his classes.

The language instruction begins the Arabic alphabet. In the classroom, students practice the pronunciation of each



Ali Abueisa, an Arabic and culture instructor, lectures a class on common Arabic commands used in Iraq. Abueisa is one of many native Arabic speakers who has been brought to Schofield Barracks to prepare Soldiers for Iraq's culture and language.

letter individually before moving on to actual phases.

To compliment the practice, instructors provide phrase books and audio compact discs from the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center.

Soldiers in the class then receive common greetings for everyday conversation and probable responses. The Soldiers practice dialogue by pairing up and conversing with one another.

Beyond this method, Soldiers are taught how to say numbers, tell time, ask about things, conduct a search and even haggle over prices.

When learning to conduct searches of people, vehicles and homes, Soldiers get up and role-play scenarios in front of the rest of the class to practice and demonstrate the proper dialogue involved.

Besides language, course instructors give students a well of information on Iraq's long history, starting with the city of Ur on the banks of the Euphrates and the origins of Western civilization through the 20th Century and into the 21st.

Additionally, Soldiers are receiving instruction on the country's regions and tribes, its varied religions, and other important cultural considerations.

Soldiers and families can help maintain operational security

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Staff Writer

The words "operational security" may bring images of secretive intelligence officers carefully guarding crucial information from the enemy, but protecting mission-critical data is a task that falls on every Soldier.

Soldiers and their families should practice operational security every day, in garrison, on deployment and at home, said Maj. Alex V. Pham, 25th Infantry Division's operational security officer.

It is especially important for Soldiers' families to learn and understand operational security measures. Spouses and children are particularly vulnerable to unwittingly giving away mission-damaging information while Soldiers are on deployment, Pham said.

Soldiers and their families should avoid disclosing information about their units' numbers, locations and movements to outside individuals.

Even unclassified information, such as flight itineraries, can be damaging if they fall into the wrong hands.

Enemies seeking to gather intelligence about U.S. Army loca-

tions and movements can take small bits of seemingly unimportant information and piece them together to create a larger picture that compromises U.S. Army operations, Pham said.

One dangerous area is the Internet.

E-mails can be intercepted and read by third parties, possibly causing a violation of security.

Web logs, or blogs, also pose a security threat, said Pham.

The major problem posed by blogs is that anyone can read them, Pham said. Also, anonymous Internet users may pose as a service member and contact Soldiers who run blogs seeking to gain their trust and information about their units' operations.

The 25th ID is working on specific operational security guidelines for Soldiers in theater and at home, and every Soldier should receive operational security training before deploying, Pham said.

Additional operational security information can be found at <http://25id.pac.army.mil/C1/OPSEC/default.aspx>.

(Editor's Note: More on Soldiers' use of e-mail in theater will be provided in future issues of the Hawaii Army Weekly.)

Critical Information

Critical information is not classified, but can still jeopardize an operation if it falls into the wrong hands.

Critical information includes:

- Details of deployment and re-deployment operations and schedules

- Details of future operations including units, locations, timelines and activities

- Movement of key personnel
- Force protection measures
- Rules of engagement

- Details of combat equipment capabilities and vulnerabilities

- Information about improvised explosive devices and countermeasures

- Details of information system vulnerabilities

- Information on tactics, techniques and procedures used in theater

- Discussion of success and failure of past operations including terrorist activities

- Photos of casualties both friendly and adversary



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Earning the Combat Action Badge

Three Soldiers in 125th Finance Battalion are awarded the Combat Action Badge by Brig. Gen. Francis J. Wiercinski (left), assistant 25th Infantry Division commander (support), at Schofield Barracks, March 24.

Spc. Mia Pacheco (right), Sgt. Miriam Cruz and Sgt. 1st Class Jack Buchanan of Detachment A were awarded the badge for enduring numerous close counter rocket attacks at Forward Operating Base Salerno, Afghanistan from June 2004 to March 2005.

The in/out processing section of the battalion also earned a Certificate of Achievement for obtaining a "commendable" evaluation on a recent compliance review conducted by the Defense Finance and Accounting Service.

Upon receiving the award, Command Sgt. Maj. Josie B. Rossi of the 125th Finance said the efforts of the entire section ensured all military personnel received their active duty pay entitlements accurately and in a timely fashion.

Legal chief offers advice for deploying Soldiers

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Assistant Editor

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS – The Office of Legal Assistance can help advise deploying Soldiers and their families on powers of attorney, wills and notaries.

Power of Attorney

A power of attorney is a legal document that gives one person the ability to act on behalf of another person. There are two types of powers of attorney: general and special.

General: Gives a person vague permissions to buy or sell, obtain credit, move, realign finances, and more. General powers of attorney are vague and should only be granted to a trustworthy individual like a wife or husband because potential for abuse exists.

For example, if a Soldier gave a general power of attorney to a friend to take care of his or her car, that friend could sell the Soldier's car and the Soldier would not have legal recourse since he or she gave the person the power, legally, to act in his or her stead.

Special: Gives a person permission to act in another person's stead for a specified reason. Example: Sgt. Green will deploy this year and realizes his car will need to be reregistered for his wife to legally drive it. Since the car is in his

name, his wife cannot register it for him. He gives her specific power of attorney to reregister the car for him.

Other types of special powers of attorney: As a separate precaution, Soldiers may also grant a friend or neighbor a "temporary guardianship" status. The temporary guardianship status allows the friend or neighbor to decide medical care or educational needs for a child in the event that something happens to the non-deployed parent.

When deciding whether a person needs to issue a general or specific power of attorney, consider the following:

Step 1

Identify the issues when the power of attorney might be necessary.

Step 2

Decide on the type.

General: For wives, husbands or a very trustworthy individual.

Special: Any other trustworthy individual.

The Bottom Line

Having a trustworthy representative is key in either case. If a general power of attorney is not required, do not grant someone that privilege.

Soldiers will have the ability to grant powers of attorney when they are deployed, if necessary. However, plan ahead and allow ample time for the documents to reach Hawaii from the Middle East.

Wills

A will is a legal document that provides direction to the court of how a person's assets should be distributed after he or she dies. Soldiers will probably need a will if they are:

- Married or divorced
- Have children
- Own a home or real estate.

In contrast, a will might not be necessary for single Soldiers who don't have many possessions and intend to give everything to their parents when they die.

“Not everyone needs a will.”

*Capt. Troy Wallace,
Chief of Legal Assistance*

The Army will ship all the person's possessions to the next-of-kin, so having a will that directs those same actions might be redundant. In the end, it is a personal decision to have a will or not.

Benefits of having a will

The benefits of having a will are numerous. Wills allow individuals to do the following:

- Decide how assets will be distributed
- Appoint a guardian for children and executor of the will, rather than letting the state decide
- Give property or SGLI benefits to children under age 18 (rather than requiring a lawyer to create a separate trust for the assets until the child is an adult, which can be costly)

Soldiers should note that Service Member's Group Life Insurance (SGLI) is not controlled by a person's will. So, Soldiers should ensure their beneficiaries are updated prior to deployment.

In addition, if Soldiers are newly married or divorced, they will want to update the following:

- Emergency data card
- Will
- Power of Attorney
- SGLI

Living Wills

A living will is not the same as a regular will. A living will applies to personnel whose injuries place them

No appointment is necessary. Most services can be completed on a walk-in basis. Soldiers should bring their military ID and the full names of persons they intend to place in their will or to whom they wish to grant power of attorney. Call 655-8607 or 8608 for more information.

in a persistent vegetative state or whose condition has no reasonable hope of recovery.

A living will is a person's advanced permission to remove life support services if those services are only going to prolong the dying process.

A living will can be set up concurrently with a regular will.

Notaries

A notary is used with most legal and official documents; it makes a bill of sale more authentic and more robust in legal proceedings.

The Office of Legal Assistance provides services for: active duty, reservists on active duty, retirees and family members.

ICE: Positive input to providers makes a difference, improves morale

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comment cards have been received with an overall customer satisfaction rating of 90 percent.

According to Sandy Kawahara, ICE program administrator, "Installation service providers and managers are listening to customer input and use the feedback to continuously review and improve their services. The goal is satisfied customers," she said. "And everyone wants to do a good job."

"Meeting or exceeding customer expectations is a critical element in being successful," Kawahara emphasized.

A secondary benefit of the ICE program is its impact on staff morale.

"The majority of comments are extremely positive and this, in turn, has a positive effect on the workforce," said Kawahara.

Customers can also use the system to recognize individuals that provided exceptional customer service. Comments have been received from the workforce about the Defense Commissary Agency, Veterinary Services and the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers program, to name a few.

Sample ICE comments

DECA: "ICE is working for DECA. The direct communication from the customers to us is

making our job easier. ... ICE makes it easier to communicate with and respond to customers and is effective ..."

Veterinary Services: "ICE comments have helped us keep focused on customer service and allows us to know what our clients like/dislike. It can be frustrating when there are things that you cannot fix, but at least it gives us a way to communicate with the client."

Child Youth Services, Family Child Care: "ICE comments have encouraged us to be more aware of the customers and to provide the best customer service possible at all times."

BOSS: "[The ICE program is] positive. It keeps the management on top of taking care of employees and customers."

Improvements made possible by ICE

- The Fort Shafter Physical Fitness Center has installed a new pegboard in the basketball court area for upper body strength training.
- The Schofield Barracks Vet Clinic will continue its Tuesday walk-in clinic for people who cannot get an appointment. New procedures were implemented to never turn off phones and check answering machine messages and respond to customers daily.

• New shower curtains have been installed at Richardson Pool, Schofield Barracks.

• The MP Battalion has added more guards to all gates to ensure a smoother flow of traffic while still maintaining security requirements.

• Two handicap parking stalls and a third stall have been relocated to flat areas at the Nagorski Golf Course. Previous handicap stalls were on a hill so steep that it was impossible to keep a driver's door open when exiting vehicles.

• The Tripler Army Medical Center Library now boasts an after-hours book drop by the library entrance.

• Tropic Lightning Museum installed directional signage, so visitors have an easier time finding the museum.

• Army Community Service has made adjustments to training and presentations such as providing more information pertaining to single Soldiers, being available on weekends, and keeping briefings to under one hour.

Army, Hawaii, patrons and employees are asked to spread the word to their coworkers, friends and family members about using the ICE program. All are invited to tell the command how it is doing.

If you have any questions concerning ICE, call 656-0078.



Donna Klapakis | 25th Infantry Division Public Affairs

First salute

First Lt. Barbara L. Pennicooke returns salutes for the first time as an officer after her commissioning ceremony held at 25th Infantry Division Headquarters on Schofield Barracks March 23.

Medical program extends health care through Pacific

USS Juneau, Tripler team complete string of medical projects in Balikatan '06

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JOLO, Philippines — U.S. Army and Navy teams completed the final medical civil action projects (MEDCAP) on the island of Jolo, Republic of the Philippines, March 2 as part of Exercise Balikatan 06.

Twenty-four members of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) joined 27 U.S. medical personnel to conduct seven civil assistance projects in three different locations on the island: Panamao, Jolo City and Maimbung. The joint efforts were able to help more than 11,000 Filipinos — more than 1,500 per day — and 504 animals.

The MEDCAPs were part of a wide sweeping civil military operation (CMO) effort during Exercise Balikatan 2006. Civil engineers of all services simultaneously worked on engineering civil assistance project (ENCAP) to build four three-room elementary schools in Jolo; one in Jolo City, two in Panamao and one in Maimbung. Several of the schools celebrated their grand openings on the final day of MEDCAP.

"It was very rewarding to be able to provide treatment to the people of Jolo in a multitude of areas and be able to truly help these people," said Army Col. David Crudo, Balikatan MEDCAP planner and officer-in-charge of the medical team. "The Filipino people not only appreciated the care we gave but just our presence and the goodness of our demeanor."

Crudo, a pediatric endocrinologist at Tripler Army Medical Center, has participated in 10 other projects of this type in the Balikatan series.

During the project, the U.S. medical team was embarked on the USS Juneau (LPD 10) of the Forward Deployed Amphibious Ready Group (ARG) and launched from its platform into the project sites each day courtesy of aviation elements of



Maj. Roger Kaneshiro

Navy Lt. Toni Bowden of the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, Joint Task Force Balikatan performs dental work on a Filipino patient in Maimbung, Republic of the Philippines. Bowden was part of a joint effort that helped more than 11,000 Filipinos and 504 animals.

the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), Joint Task Force (JTF) Balikatan.

The U.S. medical team was composed predominantly of Army doctors, dentists and veterinarians of Tripler Army Medical Center in Hawaii; Guam National Guard; and Navy personnel from the 31st MEU.

"The most rewarding part is the 'thank you' that you get from each patient and

the smiles — even if they're toothless," said Navy Lt. Toni Bowden, a dentist for the MEU's Service Support Group (MSSG) 31. Bowden has previously participated in a similar MEDCAP with the 31st MEU at St. Juliana, Crow Valley, and in Camp O'Donnell, in October. In addition, she was sent to the Operation Unified Assistance (OUA) in Sumatra, Indonesia, to aid vic-

tims of the tsunami there.

"It's a great feeling to know that you can improve the overall health of someone and visibly see that in the happiness they show afterward."

Lt. Col. Lance Cordoni, Army pediatrician from Tripler, recalled one particular family of four, two boys and two girls, whose laughter was almost a remedy in it-

self for the minor ailments they had. Cordoni took a picture with the family before they left, a picture he plans to treasure.

"Even though your time with the patients is relatively short, the bonds you gain with them feel as if they're everlasting," said Cordoni.

The name Exercise Balikatan derives from the Filipino word balikatan, which means, "shouldering the load to together." This was clearly visible during the MEDCAP projects as the U.S. and AFP worked side by side to help patients.

That sharing, said Crudo, was a major factor in helping the number of patients the doctors were able to see.

"My sincerest thanks to my medical counterparts from the United States," said Lt. Col. Yashinda R. Apolinar, part of the medical corps of the Philippine Air Force in Pasay City. "It was an honor to serve next to them in serving my countrymen."

The U.S. medical team expressed additional gratitude to the shipboard sailors and Marines involved in the there-and-back airlifts. In turn, sailors and Marines aboard Juneau felt glad to have been able to contribute to the civil assistance projects. In particular, air department sailors rose before dawn to man the chocks and chains, while staying long past sunset to secure the helicopters.

"It was hard, but I love my job, especially when we're doing these types of meaningful missions," said Aviation Petty Officer 3rd Class Pablo J. Rodriguez, a USS Juneau crewmember.

USS Juneau (LPD 10), commanded by Capt. Ronald Horton, is part of the Forward Deployed Amphibious Ready Group, operating out of Sasebo, Japan, and is the Navy's only forward-deployed amphibious transport dock. The forward-deployed ARG is part of Task Force 76, headquartered at White Beach Naval Facility, in Okinawa, Japan. It has an operating detachment in Sasebo, Japan.

Senior leaders retreat to Waikiki on Army's dollar

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WAIKIKI – Fifteen couples did it for the first time at the Sheraton Waikiki last weekend – on the Army's tab. And while the Army has been supporting this type of activity since 1987, this weekend was different.

Thirty senior leaders and their partners participated in a Strong Bonds Marriage Retreat, specifically tailored for E-7 and above, on March 16-17.

It was the first retreat of its kind for U.S. Army, Hawaii (USARHAW), and possibly Army-wide, Division Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Ken Stice said.

Senior couples offered each other advice and wrestled with issues such as preparing for retirement, adapting to the empty nest and other life-cycle challenges.

"We try to create an environment to allow success for couples – we're more like guides than instructors," Stice said, referring to himself and Deputy Division Chaplain (Maj.) Lance Sneath.

After the chaplains introduced various topics throughout the two-day retreat, couples were sent on "missions" to delve further into issues that affected them most, or just to enjoy the Sheraton's lush, manicured gardens and views of Waikiki.

"[The retreat] gave us time away from the day-to-day ... to recharge our batteries," said Shauna Smith, family readiness group leader and wife of 1st Sgt. Chris Smith, A Company, 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment.

The Smiths, who have been married for more than 10 years and have a weekly "date night," were reluctant to participate in previous retreats. "I didn't want to take another Soldier's spot," 1st Sgt. Smith said. "And then if I did [participate], others would have the perception that something is wrong."

Sgt. 1st Class Lee Wright of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Division



Courtesy Photo

As part of three separate retreats sponsored by U.S. Army, Hawaii, (USARHAW) last weekend, about 50 couples took time out of their busy schedules to reconnect with their mates, improve communication and relax. A single Soldier retreat is scheduled for April.

G-3 (operations and training), and his wife Lynn, who have been married for 23 years and have four grandchildren, also didn't want to attend initially. Sgt. 1st Class Wright said the retreat gave couples "tools to work with, like testing out equipment, and couples could tell the Army what can be used and improved."

"The retreat allowed us to interact with other couples and see where we're not," Lynn Wright said. "My eyes are open."

Lynn Wright's aren't the only eyes that are open. Through numerous studies, the Department of the Army has witnessed the benefits of marriage retreats and is con-

tinuing to invest in its families.

This year alone, USARHAW received \$194,000 for marriage retreats, more than double last year's \$94,000 allotment. In the next five years, the Army will dedicate nearly \$22 million to marriage strengthening programs Army wide, which Stice called "as important as body armor."

"It's different from the old Army. We can't just teach them how to point a rifle downrange ... there are other factors that contribute to a Soldier's effectiveness," Sneath said. "The Army is a lethal organization but we're teaching love. It's a paradox."

Leaving the kids at home

Although they left their kids at home, the senior leaders weren't alone on their retreat that weekend. Nearly 30 additional Army couples worked on their marriages amid the maze of ballrooms on the Sheraton's mezzanine level.

A junior enlisted Strong Bonds Marriage Retreat was held in the ballroom adjacent to the senior leaders retreat. Both groups shared breakfast and lunch together. Around the corner, as part of a separate retreat, Special Troops Battalion Chaplain (Maj.) Brian Mead led the 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment,

Wolfhound couples in a game of Taboo, which blended The Newlywed Game and \$100,000 Pyramid game shows.

The Wolfhounds' retreat was funded under a separate stipulation, which allows units to use mission-specific funds for chaplain-led activities that enrich and strengthen families, Stice said.

The retreat "brings to light things we might not have thought about and nails them right on the head," said Capt. John Carver, chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear (CBRN) logistics officer, Headquarters and Headquarters Company. Carver and his wife, Heather enjoyed the retreat so much that they decided to extend their stay for two additional nights (at their own expense).

While an overwhelming majority of the participants from all three retreats provided positive feedback, one issue kept popping up: childcare.

"We loved staying at the hotel, but it [the distance] made it difficult to take care of our kids," Shauna Smith said. "The person taking care of them not only has to watch them but also take them to soccer practice and dive lessons."

Participants offered remedies such as having on-site childcare or splitting the duty: sending half of the unit to the retreat while the remaining half supervises the children and vice versa.

In response, Stice commented on the difficulty of coordinating childcare for off-post retreats.

"Couples usually find a better solution," he said. "If enough families cited childcare as a reason for not attending the retreats, we would look into obtaining funding for it."

Although the marriage retreats may still have some kinks to work out, overall the program reports a 90 percent satisfaction rate among participants.

"It puts some teeth behind the saying that commanders care about their Soldiers," Stice said.

News Briefs

Send military news announcements to news@hawaiiarmyweekly.com.

Oahu North Town Hall – The Oahu North Town Hall, an information forum, will be held April 4 at 6:30 p.m. at the Sgt. Smith Theater, Schofield Barracks. Housing issues will be discussed. The community is invited to attend. For more information, call 655-4483.

Oahu South Town Hall – The Oahu South Community Town Hall is scheduled for Wednesday, April 12 at 6:30 p.m. at the Aliamanu Military Reservation Chapel. The meeting is a proactive forum designed to assemble directors and agency chiefs to provide information on matters pertaining to the Fort Shafter Community. For more information, call 438-6147.

AER Kick-off Rally – The 64th Annual Army Emergency Relief Campaign will begin this year at a kickoff rally April 7 from 10 to 11

a.m. at the Nehelani Club on Schofield Barracks. Attendance at this important event is requested of Commanders and Command Sergeants Major, project officers, key personnel and interested Soldiers. For more information, call the AER office at 655-7132.

AER Fund Campaign – Army Emergency Relief will conduct its annual fund campaign from April 7 to May 11. During this period, unit key persons will be contacting every Soldier for contributions. Contributions are voluntary. Con-

tributions allow AER to fulfill its mission of helping soldiers in time of distress and misfortune. For further information, call the AER office at 655-7132.

Duncan Street – The north portion of Duncan Street near Williston Avenue will be closed April 1, and Duncan Street will become a dead-end road off Ayres Avenue. For more information, call 624-8201.

Macomb Gate – Schofield Barracks' Macomb Gate will close to

outgoing traffic April 10-13 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. for installation of telecommunication duct lines. For more information, contact Rick Lewis, Lucent Technologies, 624-5896.

Static Display – Fort Shafter will host a static display of military and state response agencies' equipment on Palm Circle April 11 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Fort Shafter Exercise – Fort Shafter will conduct an exercise April 13 to test military, federal,

state and local emergency response to a simulated chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosive incident on the installation.

Traffic in and around Palm Circle will be affected from 9-12 a.m. For more information, call Fort Shafter Public Affairs at 438-2662.

Financial Forum – The NASD Investor Education Foundation, in partnership with Pacific Command Military Family Support

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Hawaii's military provides blood for deployed forces

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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS – Soldiers from the Blood Donor Center at Tripler Army Medical Center sponsored a blood drive to support the Armed Services Blood Program (ASBP) initiative Friday at the Tropics.

The Blood Donor Center, comprised of Soldiers from A Company, TAMC, conducted the blood drive to support ongoing operations in the Middle East.

The ASBP supplies the region with nearly 500 units of blood per week. The units are collected and forwarded to Kuwait where forward surgical teams, combat hospitals and Special Forces units use the blood, according to Guy M. Harrigan Jr., acting-recruiter at TAMC.

Capt. Tracie Dominguez, donor center chief, stressed the importance of Soldiers donating blood whenever possible to help their comrades in times of need.

"It's important [to donate] because blood isn't something you can make, order or buy," Dominguez explained. "As a military blood donor center, we collect it from



Spc. Marcia Thompson, a laboratory specialist with TAMC's Blood Donor Center, collects a blood sample from Keith Yanamaka during a blood drive held Friday at the Tropics to support ongoing operations in the Middle East.

Soldiers, test it and then we send it out specifically for Soldiers."

Dominguez said Tripler's Donor Center can only collect blood on military installations from its own military community, stressed Dominguez. She added that organizations don't share units of blood.

The ASBP sets goals for military blood programs.

"They would like to have us at 40 [units of blood] a week," said Dominguez. "But we haven't been [meeting] that because of the high deferral rate."

Obstacles to meeting goals in collecting blood are varied and challenging to overcome. According to a FRAGO, or fragmentary order, issued by the division commander, blood cannot be donated by people who have received tattoos or body piercing in the past 12 months. Also, medical conditions, antibiotics, vaccinations, dental cleanings and prior blood donation within eight weeks are also exclusionary factors.

Travel has also become an obstacle in reaching ASBP's goals. Soldiers who have traveled in and around Europe from 1980 to 1986 aren't permitted to give blood because of mad cow disease.

The FRAGO also lists malaria-endemic countries and Korea. However, the biggest issues at Army, Hawaii, are the operational tempo and tattoos.

"When Soldiers deploy they are automatically deferred for a year [after returning]," Dominguez said.

"That's why [Maj. Gen. Mixon] has dictated a FRAGO come out delegating a brigade every month, for the next year, to give us a minimum of 40 units [of blood] a month to ship to Iraq," she said.

Dominguez emphasized that donating blood is about Soldiers taking care of Soldiers.

"Your blood is going to go directly to a Soldier," said Dominguez. She pointed to the accident at the Pohakuloa Training Area, March 17. "When that accident occurred, we had to use blood collected from a blood drive that week."

Currently, airmen at Hickam Air Force Base provide the majority of the military's available blood supply on the island.

"Last year Hickam gave us nearly 400 units [of blood]," she remarked with a hint of challenge. "Right now, we're looking for support from Schofield [Barracks] to get their numbers up."

Tax Center provides free federal, state filing

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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS – With less than three weeks left until the deadline, options for filing taxes are getting slimmer.

Free tax services are still available from tax professionals through April 15 at the Schofield Barracks and Fort Shafter Tax Assistance Center.

The Schofield Barracks Tax Center is now located at Building 648 and open for business. Fort Shafter is located at Building 330 Room 103.

"We are able to help Soldiers, dependents and retirees with filing federal as well as state taxes," said Sgt. 1st Class Brenda

Jones, Tax Center noncommissioned officer in charge at Schofield. "Other than federal returns, Hawaii is the only state income tax return that we can file electronically. We can help with the paperwork for other states, but it is up to the individual to mail it back to the state in question."

Using the center also speeds up the process. Because the center files the tax returns electronically, any refund can be deposited directly into the Soldier's account.

Soldiers who file at the tax center are required to provide all relevant documents to avoid any delays in processing the return.

"To file your taxes at the tax center you must have all the proper documents. You will need your W-2s and 1099s, copies of any IRA contributions, student loan interest payments and ... moving expenses, total amount of charitable contributions, mortgage interest (IRS form 1098), and copies of any child care and education expenses," said Tom Fehringer, tax center chief.

The Tax Assistance Center is a service operated by the Staff Judge Advocate (SJA) in cooperation with the Internal Revenue Service and is staffed by Soldiers from various military occupational specialties (MOS) whom have gone through extensive

training in preparing taxes.

Each Soldier who prepares taxes at the center must first go through and pass a two-week tax course that the IRS offers, followed by a three-week certification consisting of four levels and tests, said Dick Brawley, SJA attorney here.

The tax center uses the TaxWise program to prepare the tax returns. Whether preparing the simplest 1040EZ return or the most complicated 1120 return, this program provides a solid base of tax expertise.

The Schofield Tax Center hours of operation is Monday through Wednesday 9:30 a.m.-5p.m. Thursday 9:30 a.m.-6p.m.,



Sgt. Tyrone C. Marshall Jr. 125th ID Public Affairs

Spc. James Wolford (left) and Spc. Brandon Lehr, tax assistant specialists, help Sgt. Corey Burke at the Schofield Barracks Tax Assistant Center's new location. The center can assist with federal and state taxes.

and Friday 9:30 a.m.-5p.m. For more information call 655-1040.

The Fort Shafter Tax Center 438-0829.

hours of operation are Monday through Wednesday 9:30 a.m.-5p.m. For more information call 438-0829.

'Yard of the Quarter' kicks off in April with resident recognition



Mark Brown | Army Hawaii Family Housing

Michael Turman, AHFH's Helemano community manager, displays the sign that will be placed in lawns that win the Yard of the Quarter competition. Good Neighbor Joe endorses community excellence.

ANN M. WHARTON
Army Hawaii Family Housing

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — In support of "Take Pride in Your Community" and Good Neighbor Joe programs, Army Hawaii Family Housing (AHFH) will launch its "Yard of the Quarter" program next month.

The award will recognize families from AHFH communities that take pride in their community by maintaining their lawn and surrounding area. However, winners must not have received any residential citations.

Winners will be announced April 7, and a Yard of the Quarter sign will be displayed on the front lawn of their homes.

For more information about the program, AHFH residents can contact their community center.

Crime prevention volunteers needed

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Army Hawaii Family Housing

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — The Military Police Brigade, Hawaii, will initiate its Police Eyes and Ears Program (PEEP) next month at Army Hawaii Family Housing's Canby community.

PEEP was created by the MP Brigade and is similar to the

popular Neighborhood Watch program. The decision to initiate PEEP was made because Canby residents expressed the desire to have an aggressive crime prevention program at a recent town hall meeting.

AHFH community center staff contacted the MPs, and plans to roll out a program got underway.

PEEP is a volunteer-based program that will be dependent on resident participation. If the pilot program at Canby is successful, all AHFH communities will adopt it.

Canby residents interested in volunteering should contact the Canby community center at 275-3760.



Mark Brown | Army Hawaii Family Housing

Taking shape

Now that foundations have been laid, workers are putting up frames for houses in Porter Community, Phase 1, Schofield Barracks. Families will begin moving in this fall. When construction wraps in January 2007, a total of 144 new homes will have been added to the current inventory in military housing.

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Centers, will host a free financial education forum at the Hawaii Convention Center in Honolulu to help military personnel and their families better understand saving and investing and provide information on where to turn for objective information to help them invest wisely for their future. The forum is co-sponsored by Sen. Daniel Akaka and State of Hawaii Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs.

Active-duty service members, spouses, military retirees, and Department of Defense and Department of Homeland Security civilian employees and their spouses are invited to attend from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, April 12. Register and sign up online at www.saveandinvest.org:

SAEDA-OPSEC Briefing — A subversion and espionage directed against the Army (SAEDA) and operational security (OPSEC) briefing will be held at Richardson Theater, Fort Shafter, April 6 at 1 p.m. For more information, contact Hawaii Resident Office personnel at 438-1872 or 306-8050 (24-hour duty phone), or may e-mail james.l.cummins@us.army.mil.

U.S. Army Birthday Ball — Celebrate the Army's 231st Birthday at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Hotel on June 3 from 6 p.m. to midnight. The cost is \$55 per person and the event is military formal or black tie. Ticket information is available through unit Command Sergeants Major or unit representatives.

FBI Recruitment — Are you interested in a career with the FBI as a Special Agent? Learn about the FBI by attending the monthly FBI career presentation on April 11 at Schofield Barracks, Building 690 (Aloha Center), third floor conference room, from 10 to 11 a.m. For confirmation, contact the Army Career and Alumni Program office at 655-1028. For information on future monthly presentations, contact Special Agent Kal Wong at 566-4488.

Quarterly Volunteer Recognition — The Quarterly Volunteer Recognition will be held on Tuesday, April 25 from 2 to 2:30 p.m. in the Command Conference Room. Nominations are being accepted by the Army Volunteer Coordinator (AVC) through today for community agencies and through April 7 for brigade nominations. Forms are available at www.mwrmilitaryhawaii.com/acs/acs_volunteer.asp, or through the AVC, Cathie Henderson at 655-4227

through e-mail at hendersonca@schofield.army.mil.

Purple Heart — The Military Order of the Purple Heart, Hawaii chapter, is extending a one-year free enrollment in the local MOPH chapter to all MOPH recipients from Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom. Interested Purple Heart recipients can call 988-2820 for more details.

Annual Volunteer Ceremony — The annual volunteer recognition will be held Friday, April 28, from 4 to 6 p.m. at Bowen Park. For more information, contact Cathie Henderson at 655-1703 or e-mail at hendersonca@schofield.army.mil.

Memorial Bricks — The 25th Infantry Division Association is offering supporters the opportunity to become a permanent part of the Schofield Memorial Monument. Engraved brick pavers are available in 4x8 inches, up to three lines of type, for \$100 or 8x8 inches, up to six lines of type, for \$250. Orders received before May 31 will be installed in time for rededication in September.

To download an order form, visit www.25thida.com

Officer Candidate School Selection Board — Soldiers who wish

to be considered for the next HQDA OCS selection board, which will convene July 17, must submit their applications through command channels to Directorate of Human Resources, DA Boards Section, Building 750, Room 130, (located on Ayers Ave) Schofield Barracks no later than May 5.

The Installation Structured Interview Panel will convene beginning May 22 to interview qualified applicants.

For more information call 655-4511.

MP Found Property — Many "Found Personal Property" items are being stored at the Schofield Barracks Military Police Found Property Locker. Items include bicycles, sporting goods, cellular phones, keys, jewelry, wallets, gun replicas and more. Soldiers or family members should contact the Provost Marshall office at 655-9519 for more information or to claim their missing items.

FRALS — Family Readiness Administrative Liaisons will assist family readiness groups in the creation of web sites and virtual FRGs through the new web site, www.armyfrg.org. The Family Readiness Program has created an instructional class, "The World of FRGs Online," to educate FRG leaders about the online ca-

abilities available to them.

Contact the FRAL team at 655-2734 or the family readiness trainer at 655-2736 for more information.

IO Officers Wanted — Information Operations, Functional Area 30, is seeking year group 1997-2002 officers for IO opportunities in brigade, division, corps and joint positions. Officers in year groups 1998-2001 can request career field designation online at https://www.hrc.army.mil/site/active/opfamdd/cfd_Upcoming_boards.htm. Call 703-325-5791 or e-mail gregory.mogavero@us.army.mil for more details.

Other officers can request re-designation to information operations through the HRC Information Operations career management officer. Fort Leavenworth points of contact at the U.S. Army Information Operations Proponent are Lt. Col. Ken Krumm at 913-684-5318 or David Pendleton at 913-684-5320.

SAFAC — The Soldier and Family Assistance Center allows members access to various agencies on Schofield Barracks and at Tripler Army Medical Center via one phone number, 655-6600. Open 24/7, the service expedites entrance into a care network, appointments within 24 to 72 hours, that can address

challenges and mental health issues such as substance abuse, spouse/child abuse and marital/family therapy.

The SAFAC triage line, however, is not a crisis intervention line. Life-threatening issues are best handled by an emergency room, or by calling 911.

For more details, contact Capt. Anthony Thompson, SAFAC administrator, at 655-4803.

PCS Moves — Families making permanent change of station moves who need information regarding schools at their new location may contact the YESS office. The office is equipped to give names and phone numbers of those who can inform military members on schools at their new location.

For more details, call Wayne Yoshino, Army school liaison officer, at 655-2414 or 655-2413.

Army Reserve Opportunities — Are you leaving active duty and want to continue earning points towards retirement? Join a local points-only Reserve unit and continue your military career while maintaining your benefits.

Drills are Monday or Wednesday evenings at Fort Shafter Flats, and all ranks are eligible. For more details, contact Maj. Pepper at 655-6192 or Sgt. Maj. Kahalehoe at 228-3323.

Women: Be proud as real 'American Idols'

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these extraordinary women helps diminish the tendency to dismiss and trivialize who women are and what they accomplish and what they can do," she said.

Pietsch compared the achievements of those who are commonly idealized in society today to those of everyday military men and women.

"Today reality shows are the most popular shows on television. 'Survivor,' 'Fear Factor,' 'The Amazing Race' ... But the ultimate reality show is the global war on terrorism and the real 'American Idols' are the men and women, who are engaged in the effort to defeat terrorism."

Pietsch also spoke about the way her family views her own service.

"My mother told me just last month that she is proudest of the fact that I wear the uniform, not that I am a general officer, not that I am an attorney, but that I serve this country as a member of the military."

Pietsch received a standing ovation following her speech. Brig. Gen. Frank Wiercinski, deputy commanding general for support, 25th Infantry Division, presented her with a certificate and commemorative plate.

Sgt. 1st Class Tina Irvin, operations non-commissioned officer for the equal opportunity office, said, "I thought her speech was inspiring; I got a huge sense of pride from her slide presentation. Telling a story about the women who have given so much made them real to us. It generated a lot of pride for me as a woman in the military."

I saw her speak earlier and knew that she was who I wanted for our program," said Maj. Patrick Guzman, 25th ID equal opportunity officer.

Other events during the program included an invocation by CAB Chaplain Peter Ferris; a memorial to women Soldiers killed in Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom by 1st Lt. Saphira Rios, 6th Squadron, 17th Cavalry; solos by Staff Sgt. Stacey Ephriam, 536th Maintenance Co., and Valen Gordon, daughter of Erika Gordon, operations sergeant for the provost marshal's office; Maya Angelo's poem "Phenomenal Woman," read by Staff Sgt. Della Blair, A Co., 209th Bn.; and a woman trivia game with coffee mugs as prizes provided by the division Equal Opportunity Office.

Battlefield kitchens ready for rapid deployments

Soldier-chefs create hot, quality cuisine in more efficient mobile kitchens

Story and Photos by
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FORT LEE, Va. — Napoleon Bonaparte said that "an army fights on its stomach." On today's battlefields, Soldier-chefs deploy a mobile food service system that meets the challenge presented by Soldier's stomachs in a matter of hours.

Unlike the singular movements of large armies of Napoleon's early 19th-century Europe, many of today's U.S. troops are deployed as modular units in a fast-moving, worldwide environment. This reality creates a challenge to get hot, quality chow to Soldiers on the move.

The Army's Field Operations Training Branch has answered the call to serve rapidly deployed troops with the containerized kitchen — a seven-ton, compact mobile trailer that is twice as efficient as traditional, much larger mobile kitchen trailers used in past decades.

"It took two of the older mobile kitchen trailers to serve 700 Soldiers," said Sgt. 1st Class Charles Ray, an instructor at the Field Operations Training Branch, Army Center of Excellence, Subsistence, Quartermaster Center and School, Fort Lee, Va. "With one CK, we can serve 800 troops in less time, and with greater mobility than ever before."

The CK is a self-contained system for food preparation: cooking and warming by utilizing a griddle, steam pans, cook pots, roasting pans, or sheet pans in the oven. Food is kept fresh in two refrigerators or warm in a holding cabinet. Hot and cold water are provided for food prep and clean up.

"Four Soldiers and one supervisor man the CK, and once they reach their destination, it takes less than 45 minutes to get a CK up and running," Ray added. "The CK is a very efficient system that is mostly beneficial to division-sized elements."

For the teams of Soldier-chefs who operate these state-of-the-art systems, precision timing is critical to enabling CKs and their crews to prepare nutritious meals for hundreds of hungry troops on the move.



Above — Sgt. 1st Class Charles Ray, an instructor at the Field Operations Training Branch explains the dual capabilities of an M2-A burner to Samira Hall, a former Brown and Root Balkans Division cook, during a tour of the containerized kitchen display, at the Culinary Arts Competition, Fort Lee March 15.

Left — A seven-ton containerized kitchen is showcased during 31st Annual U.S. Army's Culinary Arts Competition, Fort Lee, Va. Once a CK arrives on site, it can be fully operational within 45 minutes, and within three hours have enough food prepared to feed 800 hungry troops.

"Once we get it unpacked, we simply hit a button, the system comes alive and we are ready to feed up to 800 Soldiers within three hours," Ray said. Keeping the systems up and running is just as easy, according to Ray.

"The CK's come with a solid collection of maintenance tools to troubleshoot almost anything that might go off-line. Many CK components are made in such a way that the teams can troubleshoot and affect repairs on site."

At a cost of \$150,000 each, more than 200 CK's have been put into operation at forward operating bases around the world since March 2001.

Korean War Service Medal available

ARMY NEWS SERVICE
News Release

WASHINGTON — Effective Jan. 1, 2006, the U.S. Army became the responsible agent to issue the new Republic of Korea - Korean War Service Medal (ROK-KWSM). The medal is now available to eligible U.S. Army veterans of the Korean War or their next of kin.

In August 1999, the Defense Department approved the acceptance and wear of the ROK-KWSM for eligible U.S. veterans or their next of kin who served in support of the Korean conflict. The Republic of Korea has provided the medals to eligible veterans at no cost. When the medals were officially announced in May 2000, the U.S. Air Force was designated the lead agency to receive and distribute the medals to all eligible veterans.

To qualify for the medal, the veteran must have served between the outbreak of hostilities, June 25, 1950, and the date the armistice was signed, July 27, 1953; been on permanent assignment or on temporary duty for 30 consecutive days or 60 non-consecutive days; or performed his/her duty within the territorial limits of Korea, in the waters immediately adjacent thereto or in aerial flight over Korea participating in actual combat operations or in support of combat operations.

To obtain the medal, those eligible U.S. Army veterans or their next of kin must



Jim Garamone | American Forces Press Service

Materials prepared to educate Americans on the impact of the Korean War surround the Republic of Korea's Korean War Service medal. All U.S. Korean War veterans are now authorized to receive this medal.

submit a written request with a copy of their discharge paper (i.e., DD 214) and other relevant documentation substantiating the qualifying period of service to the Military Awards Branch. An application can be found on the Army's Military Awards Branch ROK-KWSM website link: www.hrc.army.mil.

The point of contact for former service-members or their next of kin is Ms. Shermonty Nelson, Army Military Awards Branch, at (703) 325-8700 or email awards@hoffman.army.mil. Media queries should be directed to Human Resources Command Public Affairs Office at 703-325-9904.

DoD works to save lives on battlefield, build talent pool

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American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The Defense Department is working on ways to use technology to save lives on the battlefield, and has created a full scholarship program to increase its talent pool of scientists, engineers and mathematicians, a top official said recently.

During DoD's Women's History Month observance at the Women in Military Service for America Memorial earlier this month, Sue C. Payton, DoD's deputy undersecretary for advanced systems and concepts, spoke of technologies provided by "the best and brightest female scientists and engineers in DoD and the world." She noted that "dozens of exceptional women scientists and engineers" attended the observance.

She told of unmanned aerial vehicles flying into dangerous territory to obtain imagery of factories and garages where terrorists were making bombs, and about unmanned aerial vehicles firing weapons at vehicles containing terrorists fleeing attack sites. "With tiny sensors and tiny batteries, unmanned aerial vehicles are now able to hover for 25 minutes above a building and look for snipers that are attacking our coalition forces," Payton said.

Integrated biometric technology is helping connect the dots with fingerprints, iris scans, facial recognition and DNA analysis. "We could use information systems to pull together the forensics to track, locate and target terrorists," Payton said.

"Today, there are over 1,000 makers of bombs and IEDs in jail because of the technologies that females in this room are bringing to bear in DoD for our war fighters," she said.

Payton said DoD is developing a pathogen-detection system that could detect widespread epidemics and pandemics long before they endanger large populations. Work is also under way on a medical surveillance system using a diagnostic "zebra" computer chip that can test for engineered diseases and over 500,000 pathogens including smallpox, anthrax, plague, Ebola, West Nile virus, SARS (severe acute respiratory syndrome), bird flu and anthrax.

Payton said the more than 300 middle and high school students from throughout the country attending the observance represent "faces of the future."

"If you're a teenager now, in 30 or 40 years think of the opportunities you'll have to contribute to the freedom of the world," she said.

"The Greatest Generation -- my parents' generation -- defended the gift of freedom, and my generation is defending the gift for you," she said. "And I ask you, 'How will you defend the gift of freedom for those follow-

ing you?"

Payton told the students that continuing education in science, technology, engineering and math would keep doors open for possibilities.

Payton pointed out that more than half of science and engineering graduates from American universities are foreign na-

tionals. "Our nation is at risk strategically and economically. Educationally, the world is passing us up."

In 2000, China graduated more than 4,500 individuals with engineering doctorates, while the U.S. graduated less than 2,200.

To make matters worse, our science and engineering work

force is aging. "More than 50 percent of our [people with doctoral degrees] are over 50 and will be retiring soon," she said.

Payton encouraged the students to work toward gaining technical knowledge and passion for providing the nation's war fighters and defenders of freedom more options for peace.

CAC: Digital signatures create secure workstations

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the 516th Signal Brigade and USARPAC G-6.

"The DOIMs and unit information management officers [IMOs] are now fully engaged in preparing the technical aspects for this change," Knitter said.

Agencies are currently ensuring their customers have CAC readers and the necessary software.

"We're now giving heads up information to the 20,000 customers of the Pacific LandWarNet, that they will need to ensure they have a valid CAC and know their personal identification number (PIN)," Knitter added.

A phased migration approach will be used to accomplish CAC cryptographic logon (CCL) implementation in the Army, Pacific. Supporting IMOs/DOIMs will notify their customers regarding the cutover date. Once users are transitioned, they will be expected to logon with their CACs exclusively.

"By late April, computer users who can't send and receive digitally signed/encrypted e-mail will need to contact their IMO to prevent being denied access to the Pacific network," Knitter emphasized.

General and technical information and CCL directives concerning this initiative are posted on the USARPAC Intranet.

Q: Question: Why is the Army moving to CCL?

A: Answer: Knitter said that instituting an aggressive security measure such as CCL is a necessary approach to meeting Homeland Security Presidential Directive-12 requirements.

"A CAC offers much more than digital signatures and encrypted e-mail. Adhering to the Army's ever-increasing policies and directives for creating a secure operating environment, CCL is now a reality," Knitter explained. "Securing the login to Army and DoD workstations is yet another way of protecting information and maintaining the integrity of attached networks.

"Your PIN authenticates you to your CAC," Knitter continued. "Unlike a password, your PIN is not transmitted over the network. You are logged on with your e-mail signature certificates embedded in the integrated circuit chip.

"If you do not have an e-mail signature certificate, or if it was issued before April 7, 2002, you'll need to get your CAC updated at an installation ID Card office. If you forgot your PIN number, either the ID card office or the DOIM CAC PIN Reset (CPR) Station can reset your PIN," Knitter said.

In the early stages to CCL implementation, personnel will receive an e-mail linking them to a Web site. This site will validate that the CAC is correctly configured. This logon will require the individual's CAC, standard username and password, and of course, the use of the individual's PIN. Once complete, an e-mail will be sent stating that the verification is complete and the individual's CAC is correctly configured and ready for CCL.

(Editor's Note: The local DOIMs and public affairs offices will send out e-mails and publish future articles as a means of assisting Army Pacific personnel with verifying they are in possession of a fully compliant and CCL-ready CAC.)

'Phishing' scam targeting thrift savings plan members

TSP savings placed at risk through responses to unsolicited e-mails

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American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Participants, as well as some non-participants, in the Thrift Savings Plan are targets of a "phishing" scam, an official with the board administering the program said today.

Tom Trabucco, director of external affairs for the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, said phishing is an "attempt to get recipients of the unsolicited e-mail to compromise themselves by giving up their personal financial information."

Thrift Savings Plan administrators would never request personal or financial information via e-mail, Trabucco said. "Do not respond to unsolicited e-mail, and never give out information of a personal nature (through) unsolicited e-mails," he said.

The Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board alerted Plan co-

ordinators to the scam in a March 17 memo, the day after the scam was discovered. The memo described it as an unsolicited e-mail with a link to a bogus Web site appearing to be the thrift plan's account-access site.

The bogus site asks for a recipient's social security and Thrift Savings Plan identification numbers. Entering this information takes the user to another screen where they are asked for financial information, including a credit card number, he said, adding that this information can be used to steal an individual's identity.

As long as participants have not responded to this scam e-mail, their accounts have not been compromised, investment board officials said in the memo. Those who did respond should contact their financial institutions immediately. They should also call the Thrift Savings Plan at (877) 968-

3778 and ask to have their account access blocked.

Phishing e-mails generally appear to be from a business or organization the recipient may deal with, according to a Federal Trade Commission Consumer Alert issued in June 2005. It may request that the recipient update, validate or confirm account information, the alert said.

Participants are encouraged not to attempt to access their accounts by clicking links offered in any e-mail, according to the memo. Only by opening a new Internet browser and typing the Thrift Savings Plan's Web site into the address field can a participant be sure of accessing the authentic thrift plan Web site.

The thrift plan is a retirement savings plan for 3.6 million federal civilians and service members, Trabucco said. Officials don't know how many plan participants the scam has affected, but the FBI is investigating, he added.



Tricare issues privacy standards

Safeguards added to protect patients' health information

TRICARE MANAGEMENT ACTIVITY
News Release

FALLS CHURCH, Va. — A Department of Defense health privacy regulation requires that the Tricare Management Activity make beneficiaries aware, once every three years, of the availability of military health system privacy practices and how to obtain information about them.

The Privacy Rule of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act creates standard safeguards to protect the privacy and confidentiality of personal health care information for all U.S. hospitals, providers and health care organizations.

The military health system and all other U.S. hospitals, providers and health care organizations first notified their patients about the new privacy standards three years ago, in April 2003.

"We encourage all of our bene-

ficiaries to review the military health system notice of privacy practices and to share the information with members of their household who are covered by a Tricare health plan [prime, extra or standard] or receive medical care at a military treatment facility," said Sam Jenkins, privacy officer for the Tricare Management Activity.



For more info, visit
www.tricare.osd.mil/tmaprivacy.

As a result of the privacy legislation, medical and dental information may be used and disclosed for such treatment, payment and health care operations, as scheduling appointments, billing patients, quality assurance activities and provider-to-provider referrals.

Health information may also be disclosed when required by law and in other permitted circumstances outlined in the

privacy notice.

The privacy notice provides beneficiaries with clear guidance on how military treatment facilities will safeguard their personal health information from unauthorized access or disclosure.

The notice also advises Tricare beneficiaries of these rights:

- to know when and to whom their medical information may have been disclosed,
- to request access to or receive a copy of their health information on file at the military treatment facility, and
- to request an amendment to correct wrong information on file and file a grievance with the military treatment facility, the Tricare Management Activity, or the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act privacy officer regarding any privacy concern.

For more information about the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act or to get a copy of the privacy notice, beneficiaries may visit the Tricare Web site at www.tricare.osd.mil/tmaprivacy.



Mark Jackson | Tripler Army Medical Center Public Affairs

Award-winning interaction

HONOLULU — Coordinator Rita Salvanera of the American Red Cross Hawaii State Chapter receives the 2005 Best Friend Award on behalf of Tripler Army Medical Center from Dr. Cordell Chang, president of the Honolulu Veterinary Society at the Pearl Country Club.

The award recognizes efforts that contribute to the welfare and well-being of domestic animals. Tripler's "Human Animal Bond" program plays an important role in the recovery of many patients, said Salvanera. On a regular basis, patients and guests can see dogs and their handlers making rounds throughout Tripler.

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Above — Runners participating in the 12th Annual Swamp Romp try to run through one of the mud pits aboard Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, March 25.

Inset — Heidi Farnhan, a member of the "Nutter Butter" team, gets a hand from a teammate during the Swamp Romp, March 25.

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Soldiers get down and dirty

Soldiers' teams compete with Marines, civilians in wet run at Marine Corps Base Hawaii

PFC. KYNDAL HERNANDEZ

Staff writer

MARINE CORPS BASE HAWAII, Kaneohe Bay — More than 1400 contestants, 240 teams of military service members and civilians, lined up at the starting line with their game faces on and ready to get down and dirty in the 12th annual Swamp Romp Saturday.

The legendary Swamp Romp is known as Oahu's dirtiest footrace and has been a very popular event for military, civilians and even tourists on the island.

"The Swamp Romp is our way of giving the local community an opportunity to experience some of the fun aspects of the Marine Corps' camaraderie and teamwork while negotiating a challenging race course of mud, sand, ocean, obstacles and more mud," explained Col. Brian Hearnberger, commanding officer of the Combat Service Support Group 3 sponsoring unit.

In order to participate in the event, each team had to consist of six members, and all members had to finish the race together. Teams finishing without one of their members were penalized 60 seconds from their total race time.

The race began 7 a.m. sharp at the Boon-docker Building. From there, teams ran through an approximately 4.5 mile route around the base, complete with challenging obstacles such as low crawling through mud and muck and swimming through waist-high muddy water.

The sounds of mortars exploding and a simulated machine gun were used to motivate teams to move faster and not to stop.

Some teams trained for the event while others came out to have some fun in the mud.

The Wolfhound Masters, an Army team of Soldiers with A Co., 1st Battalion, 27th In-



Tony Blazejack | MCB Hawaii Public Affairs

Jane Butler from the South Shore Christian Fellowship team is sprayed down with water after completing the Swamp Romp.

fantry Regiment, placed 4th out of 14 teams in the Men's Masters Division with a time of 41 minutes and 42 seconds.

"It was a little difficult," said Sgt. Roberto Zuniga, one of the Wolfhound Masters team members. "We did a lot of [physical training] that was similar to what we were going to be doing in the race, so we were ready for it."

Buddy carries up Kole Kole and literally thousands of push-ups are just a couple of things Zuniga and his team members did to prepare for the race.

"This event enriches our relationship with the citizens of Oahu and also helps us to learn from them," said Hearnberger.

Next to the biannual "Blues on the Bay" air show with the Blue Angels, and the annual Fourth of July "BayFest" celebration, the Swamp Romp is the Marine Corp's third-largest community relations event on Oahu.



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Above — MCBH Lifeguard Sam Mench watches as Swamp Romp racers go through the water portion of the race.

Below — Teams of contestants wrench themselves free from a muddy pool of water during Oahu's "dirtiest footrace," the 12th Annual Swamp Romp held Saturday in Kaneohe Bay.



Pfc. Kyndal Hernandez



March

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Hawaiian Luau – Taste a traditional Hawaiian-style feast today from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Hale Ikena on Fort Shafter, or 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Nehelani on Schofield Barracks. Cost is \$9.95 per person. Call the Hale Ikena at 438-1974 or the Nehelani at 655-4466 for lunch buffet reservations or information.

Reggie's Hot Wings – Come to Reggie's every Friday afternoon for an hour of free hot wings from 5 to 6 p.m. For more information, call 655-4466.

April

1 / Saturday

Pokemon Tournament – Children ages five and up are invited to come and learn about Pokemon tournaments at the Tropics. Registration begins at 1 p.m. and the tournament begins at 2 p.m. Cost is \$3. For more information, call 655-8522.

Latin Night – Enjoy an evening of Latin music and dancing at the Tropics. Latin night is the first Saturday of every month, 8 p.m. to midnight, and it's open to ages 18 and over.

A \$2 cover charge applies at the door. For more information, call 655-5697.

4 / Tuesday

"PT in the Park" – Kids are invited to join their active-duty parent at "PT in the Park," a 30-minute Mousercise aerobic routine with Mickey and Friends, followed by a continental breakfast. Every child participant will receive a "PT in the Park" T-shirt and a pocket radio. Active-duty Soldiers will receive a participation vouch-



Courtesy Photo

"America Supports You" corporate member Anheuser-Busch is offering free admission to its amusement parks for troops and their families. Pictured here, Soldiers ride "Sheikra," a roller coaster at Busch Gardens in Tampa Bay, Fla., during summer 2005.

Wild and free

Supporter extends free passes to service members

PAUL X. RUTZ

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – A national company's program offering free amusement park tickets to the nation's troops and their families has become so popular it will be extended another year.

Anheuser-Busch began the program, called "Here's to the Heroes," in February 2005. The company had planned to end it early this year, said Fred Jacobs, communications director for Anheuser-Busch adventure parks.

"We recognize that this is a very difficult time, and we wanted to let [the troops] know that our company appreciates their service, our commitment to the country," Jacobs said. "It just happens that one of the

most meaningful things that we can give to the service members is free admission to our parks, so it's lucky that we're in the theme park business. It allows us to deliver something meaningful to families."

The program is open to active duty service members, active members of the Reserve or National Guard, and up to three direct dependents for one complimentary

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er. At Schofield Barracks, the event is April 4 at Bennett Youth Center Field, and at Fort Shafter April 25 at the Fort Shafter Gym – both held from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m. For more information, call 836-1923.

National Library Week Activities – Celebrate "National Library Week" with "Puppet Times" showcasing the talents of puppeteer, Christy Lipps. Performances will be April 4 at Fort Shafter Library, April 5 at Sgt. Yano Library and April 6

at Aliamanu Library. All performances end at 3 p.m. For more information, call 438-9521 (Fort Shafter), 655-8002 (Sgt. Yano) or 833-4851 (Aliamanu Military Reservation).

7 / Friday

Mongolian Barbecue – Select your favorites from a large variety of meats and vegetables and Reggie's staff will grill them to your liking. Come April 7 from 5 to 8 p.m. for Mongolian barbecue, cooked outside in

front of Nehelani with seating in air-conditioned Reggie's.

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

Teen Social – Join friends for an evening of fun at the Schofield Barracks Teen Center from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Listen to music and dance, play games or participate in contests. Admission is \$3 for members and \$4 for nonmembers.

Community Calendar

Send community announcements to community@hawaiiarmyweekly.com.

March

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ACS "Smart Buy Class" – ACS Family and Financial Readiness Programs are introducing a new workshop called the "Smart Buy Class" to give participants the tools to save hundreds of dollars a year on groceries. Attendees will explore the commissary benefit, go on a virtual commissary shopping trip, learn money-saving tips and tricks and more. Bring coupons, participate in a coupon exchange and learn how to use a coupon exchange file.

A monthly class starts today from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Schofield Barracks ACS. Seats are limited; call 655-4354.

April

1 / Saturday

Special Olympics – Special Olympics will begin with track and field events at Stoneman Field, Schofield Barracks, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

Diamond Head Crater Celebration – The Diamond Head Crater Celebration, Saturday, April 1 from 2 to 8 p.m., will feature Linda Ronstadt and other major mainland and Hawaii artists.

Tickets are available at the Blaisdell Arena box office, online at www.ticketmaster.com or toll-free at 1-877-750-4400. For more information, call 735-7000 or visit www.cratercelebration.com.

Roberts Hawaii – offers one child, ages four to 11, admission free with two adult admissions on Alii Kai dinner cruise and Magic of Polynesia show during April to all military identification card holders.

AER Spouse Education Assistance – Spouse education assistance is available through Army Emergency Relief (AER). The program assists spouses and widows in furthering their education, which affords them increased job opportunities. Financial assistance is provided as a grant

and is awarded based on financial need, assets, family size and special financial obligations. Scholarship money can be used for tuition, books, supplies and fees. Applications will be available for downloading at www.aer-hq.org; at the AER office; or by mail from HQ, AER as of April 1.

Bishop Museum – Keep traditions alive at Bishop Museum's first Native Hawaiian Arts Market on Saturday and Sunday, April 1-2, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The two-day celebration features over 25 Native Hawaiian contemporary artists and cultural practitioners displaying, demonstrating and selling their works. Admission is free for local residents, military personnel with I.D., Bishop Museum members and children 3 and under.

Call 847-3511 or visit www.bishopmuseum.org for more information.

3 / Monday

Hui O Na Wahine Welfare – The Schofield Barracks Hui O Na Wahine spousesclub will accept welfare requests through April 3. Welfare request forms are available at ACS or the thrift shop. To be eligible, agencies must complete the forms. Applications must be postmarked by Monday, April 3. For more information, call 624-3186.

Financial Education Forum – Learn to manage money with confidence at a free Financial Education Forum for military families. Scheduled for April 12 from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Hawaii Convention Center, 1801 Kalakaua Avenue downtown, the event is open to active-duty service members, spouses, military retirees and civilian employees and their spouses. A continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. For more information, call 655-4227.

6 / Thursday

Career and Job Fair – The Airman and Family Readiness Flight (AFRF) is sponsoring a free career and job fair where military members and their families can explore careers, make initial contacts with employers, apply for open positions, and exchange career/job information. Attendees should dress appropriately and bring multiple copies of their resume. The fair will be held April 6 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Hickam Community Center.

To register or obtain more information, call the AFRF at 449-0300.

12 / Wednesday

Financial Forum – The NASD Investor Education Foundation, in partnership with Pacific Command Military Family Support

Centers, will host a free financial education forum at the Hawaii Convention Center, 1801 Ala Moana Blvd., Honolulu, to help military personnel and their families better understand saving and investing and provide information on where to turn for objective information to help them invest wisely for their future. The forum is co-sponsored by Sen. Daniel Akaka and State of Hawaii Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs.

Active-duty service members, spouses, military retirees, and Department of Defense and Department of Homeland Security civilian employees and their spouses are invited to attend from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, April 12. Register and sign up online at www.saveandinvest.org.

15 / Saturday

PH Rotary Club Fundraiser – Join the Pearl Harbor Rotary Club as they sponsor a "Poker Run" Saturday, April 15 at Richardson Field across from Aloha Stadium. Motorcycle riders should register at 9 a.m. with roll out scheduled for 10 a.m. Proceeds will benefit the Hawaii USO and will go to Rotary International's efforts to eliminate polio.

A \$25 donation for riders includes lunch, a Rotary "Service above Self" pin, entertainment and a chance to win cash and door prizes. Non-riders are welcome to participate in lunch, door prizes and music for a \$15 donation beginning around 1 p.m. Contact John McLaughlin at 423-4488 for more information.

NMFA Scholarships –

The National Military Family Association is now accepting applications for the NMFA Joanne Holbrook Patton Military Spouse Scholarship Program. Uniformed service spouses, active, retired, National Guard, Reserve or survivor, who are studying toward professional certification or attending post-secondary or graduate school are encouraged to apply. Scholarships are normally \$1000. Applications will only be accepted online, and must be submitted by midnight, April 15. Applications can be found at www.nmfa.org/scholarships2006.

11 / Friday

Hawai'i Pacific University – Hawai'i Pacific University will celebrate its 22nd annual Intercultural Day Friday, April 21, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Fort Street Mall. Free and open to the public, the event spotlights HPU students' diversity through cultural exhibits, a parade, and stage performances of traditional dance and music from around the world.

17 / Monday

Lee Greenwood ("God Bless the U.S.A.") will headline the Air Force Reserve Command's Patriot World Tour at Hickam April 17th. All military I.D. cardholders are invited to attend the concert scheduled for 6 - 9 p.m. on the Freedom Tower grass mall.

25 / Tuesday

Quarterly Volunteer Recognition – The Quarterly Volunteer Recognition will be held Tuesday, April 25 from 2 to 2:30 p.m. in the Command Conference Room. Nominations are being accepted by the Army volunteer coordinator (AVC) through today for community agencies and through April 7 for brigade nominations. Nomination forms are available at www.mwrarmyhawaii.com/acs/acsvolunteer.asp, or through the AVC, Cathie Henderson at 655-4227 or via e-mail at hendersonca@schofield.army.mil.

28 / Friday

Annual Volunteer Ceremony – Annual volunteer recognition will be held Friday, April 28, from 4 to 6 p.m. at Bowen Park. For more information, contact Cathie Henderson at 655-1703 or e-mail at hendersonca@schofield.army.mil.

May

5 / Friday

Aloha Tower Marketplace – Enjoy a taste of Mexico at the ATM 3rd Annual Cinco de Mayo celebration block party Friday, May 5 from 5 to 9 p.m. Celebrate at the only waterfront party in town on four different stages. Admission is free and the festivities will include live music by Rolando Sanches, free giveaways, party beads while supplies last, and strolling Mariachis. Participating restaurants will offer food and drink as well.

6 / Saturday

USO Hawaii – USO Hawaii presents "A Salute to Our Troops," featuring a Waikiki parade and outdoor concert Saturday, May 6. The event will honor all of Hawaii's active-duty military personnel. The parade begins at Fort DeRussy, proceeds down Kalakaua and Monsarrat Avenues, and ends at Kapiolani Park for the concert.

Food and non-alcoholic beverages will be served at no cost to active-duty personnel and their families. Vendors will also provide food for purchase. USO we organizations interested in becoming sponsors. For more information, contact USO Hawaii at 836-3351.

SEE COMMUNITY CALENDAR, B-4

HACN TV2 Schedule

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6:01	CG Brown Safety
6:06	Bulletin Board
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7:00	CG Mixon Safety
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7:06	Pentagon Channel
8:00	CG Brown Safety
8:04	CG Mixon Safety
8:06	Hawaii Army Report
8:36	Pentagon Channel
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The theater is closed Monday & Tuesday.



April 1/Saturday

Ladies Golf Clinic – Ladies, want to brush up on your golfing skills? A free golf clinic will be held April 1 at the Leilehua Golf Course located right outside the Wheeler Army Air Field AAF front gate. The one-hour clinic will begin at 2:30 p.m. and equipment will be provided. Reservations are recommended.

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

2/Sunday

"5 Game, No Tap" Tournament – Individuals are invited to participate in a "5 Game, No Tap" Tournament at the Schofield Bowling Center. Check-in is at 1 p.m. and the cost is \$20. Call 655-0573 for more information.

5/Wednesday

BMX Track –The BMX track on WAAF is now open on Wednesdays from 5 to 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon. For additional information, call 655-0883 or visit www.mwrrmy-hawaii.com/cys/bmx_track.htm.

Army Mini-Sports Soccer – Register now through April 18 for the Army Mini-Sports Soccer program for youth ages 4 to 5. The

program runs April 25 – June 15. In this parent-participation program, youth will learn basic soccer, including dribbling, passing and throw-ins. The cost is \$10 and includes a T-shirt.

The program will be held at the Bennett Youth Center field and the Aliamanu Military Reservation baseball fields. For more information, call 836-1923 (AMR), 438-9336 (Fort Shafter), 655-6465 (Schofield Barracks) or 655-0883 (Wheeler/Helemano Military Reservation).

Youth Sports Track and Field– Register now through April 21 for youth track and field at AMR, Fort Shafter, Schofield Barracks and Wheeler Youth Centers. Registration is open to youth born between 1988 to 1997 and the cost is \$40.

Participants will receive a team uniform, qualified coaching, and a USA Track and Field membership card. A military ID card or birth certificate is required to sign up, along with a physical exam. Practice begins in early April and the season runs from June to July.

For more information, call 836-1923 (AMR), 438-9336 (Fort Shafter), 655-6465 (Schofield Barracks) or 655-0883 (Wheeler/Helemano Military Reservation).

Softball Intramurals – Time to gear up for summer softball intramurals. Get your team together and sign up now through April 21 for both men and women's teams. Men's teams are for active duty army only and women's teams are for active duty army and spouses. For more information, call 655-0856.

Ongoing

Aerobic Classes – Tripler Army Medical Center and Fort Shafter Gyms are offering \$1 per class per person aerobics classes.

At TAMC, classes offered are step aerobics and beginning to intermediate cardio-kickboxing. Classes will be held Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 4:30 p.m. At Fort Shafter, cardio- kickboxing will be offered on Tuesday and Thursday from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. For more information, call 433-2031.

Muscle Moves – Tone your muscles using a variety of equipment, including bands, dumbbells, exercise balls and more. Classes are offered every Friday at the Schofield Barracks Health and Fitness Center at 11:45 a.m. Call 655-8007 for more details.

Wheeler Lanes Parties – Score a strike with your friends by planning a party at Wheeler Lanes. Rent the entire six-lane bowling center on Saturdays or Sundays for birthday parties, reunions, hail and farewell gatherings, and other special occasions. Call 656-1745 for more information.

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

Stop by any Army Physical Fitness Center or swimming pool to pick up a log sheet. Call 655-9914 for more information.



Joseph Bunch

SKIES wins big at Kenjutsuryu karate invitational tournament

SANDY SALISBURY
SKIES ADMINSTRATOR

LOS ANGELES – The SKIES Hawaii Okinawa Kenpo Karate-Do Shudokan (HOKK) team left the 31st Kenjutsuryu Invitational Karate Championships in L.A. with the title of "Grand Champions."

Four karate students from Aliamanu Military Reservation in Honolulu, Hawaii, returned from the invitational with high honors.

Joseph A. Bunch, founder and chief instructor of HOKK, and his wife, Linda Bunch, a HOKK instructor and administrator, are both dedicated to offering classes to military families through the schools of knowledge, inspiration, exploration & skills program, better known as SKIES. Joseph Bunch is the Hawaii representative to the USA National Karate Fed-

eration and a member of the U.S. Olympic Committee.

Bunch first led the HOKK team to victory at the 37th Ken Shu Kan, Hawaii's championships, in February. SKIES students won 28 first-, 32 second-, and 24 third-place medals in kobudo, kata and kumite karate styles. Many of the winning students were from AMR, Fort Shafter, Helemano Military Reservation and Schofield Barracks.

SKIES Unlimited offers Okinawa Kenpo Karate-Do-Shudokan classes at the following gyms: Aliamanu, Fort Shafter, Helemano Military Reservation and Bennett Youth Center, Schofield Barracks.

Classes are held for one hour twice a month. Cost for the first family member is \$35 per month, \$25 for the second family member, and \$20 for the third and all additional family members.

Hunter Owens, 6,
Gold Medals in Kata &
Kumite.

Kiersten Owens, 13
Silver Medals in Kata &
Kumite

Krystal Owens, 14
Gold Medal in Kumite.

Matthew Aguiqui, 8
Gold Medal in Kata;
Bronze in Kumite

Parents are also welcome to participate in classes. For more details, call the Child and Youth Services registration offices at 833-5393 (Aliamanu) or 655-5314 (Schofield Barracks).



Send community announcements to community@hawaiiarmyweekly.com.

April

Hawaiian Trail and Mountain Club – will hike two miles in Manoa Valley Saturday, April 8th. All are invited, but a \$2 donation is requested from non-members. Hikers meet at the mauka side of Iolani Palace at 8 a.m. Call Justin at 778-8629 to confirm.

Multiple Sclerosis Society – will hold the 2006 MS Walk Saturday, April 8 at McCoy Pavilion, Ala Moana Beach Park. Walk three miles, meet new people, and help more than 700 local residents with MS. For more information, call the Hawaii division of the National MS Society at 532-0806 or log onto www.nationalmssociety.org

23/Sunday

10k Volksmarch – The Menehune Marchers is sponsoring a 10K volksmarch on April 23 at Maunaloa Bay Beach Park in Hawaii Kai. Start is between 8 and noon. The cost is free unless volksmarch credit is desired, then marchers must pay a \$3 fee. Contact Marsha at 395-9724 for more information.

30/Sunday

Rodeo – Looking for hard-riding, fast-paced rodeo action? Gallop over to the Kawailoa Ranch Arena in Haleiwa Saturday, April 30.

Sponsored by the Hawaii Women's Rodeo Association, this event is free to spectators and features Hawaii's best horses and men, women and children riders.

Competition begins at 10 a.m. and includes barrel racing, pole bending and other timed events.

May

Rodeo – Sponsored by the Hawaii Women's Rodeo Association, this event is free to spectators and features Hawaii's best horses

and men, women and children riders.

Those looking for hard-riding, fast-paced rodeo action can gallop over to the DK Ranch Arena, Waimanalo Saturday, May 6.

Competition begins at 10 a.m. and includes barrel racing, pole bending and other timed events.

Ongoing

Honolulu Marathon Clinic – Looking to get in shape for a marathon? Join the free Honolulu Marathon Clinic, led by Dr. Jack Scaff. The clinic meets Sundays at 7:30 a.m. at Kapiolani Park at 3833 Paki Ave. The clinic stresses slow, recreational running for beginners and walkers. The focus is training to finish the Honolulu Marathon in December. For more information, call 655-4692.

Golfers Wanted – Are you looking for a golf group? Military or civilian golfers interested in playing golf on Sunday mornings at Leilehua Golf Course should call 347-8038 or 375-3322.

Army spouse employment partnership. The site includes job search techniques and resume writing tips.

For additional help, contact your ACS Employment Readiness Program manager at 655-4227.

Financial Health – Want to find the road to healthy finances? Contact ACS, located in Building 2091 across the street from Richardson swimming pool. March classes are: checkbook maintenance, money management, credit management, the Thrift Savings Plan, car buying, mutual fund investing, college funding, and AER/Command Referral. Instructors also assist with zero percent interest Army Emergency Relief loans.

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

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

Registration is required and seating is limited.

Tour time is 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Lunch is not provided, but you can bring your lunch or purchase it at the Hale Koa. Call the Fort

Shafter ACS at 438-9285 for registration or questions.

Schofield Barracks Newcomers Orientation Tour – ACS will conduct a newcomer's orientation tour every Friday for new Soldiers and family members. The tour will include Schofield Barracks, Tripler Army Medical Center, surrounding civilian communities, the Hale Koa Hotel, the Bishop Museum and other points of interest on the island.

The tour will depart at 7:30 a.m. and return at 4:30 p.m., and registration is required. Lunch is not provided, but participants may bring a cooler with drinks, snacks and lunch.

For more information or to register, call ACS at 655-2400.

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 (CWOC) – Join the CWOC for fellowship and sharing of the Catholic faith. CWOC meet on Fridays at the Main Post Chapel from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in Room D9. On-site child care is available by reservation. For child care reservations, call 624-6025. For further information, call 206-8367.

Community Calendar From B-2

Ongoing

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

Pearlridge Center – Hop on over to the Pearlridge Center for Easter Bunny Photos. The Easter Bunny will appear now through April 15 during center hours at the downtown center court.

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.

Contact Cathie Henderson at 655-2398 or hendersonc@schofield.army.mil for more information.

Work and Careers Web Site – Need help in your job search process? Explore the Web sites <http://www.myarmylifetoo.com> and <http://www.militaryspousejobsearch.org> to learn about the

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