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Mud-soaked & smoked

FORWARD OPERATING BASE WARRIOR, Iraq — Spc. Bob Calimlim, XMNS System Operator, Headquarters, Headquarters Troop, 2nd Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment, 25th Combat Aviation Brigade, carries a sandbag through the tire obstacle course, part of a spur ride held March 4.



OIF

Military chefs serve up sizzlin' meals at Ft. Lee

Story and Photos by
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Army News Service

FORT LEE, Va. — For many participants in the 2007 Junior Chef of the Year competition the prospect of presenting their best culinary creations to four gray-haired, world-renown master chefs with European accents would be daunting.

"At first, I must say, I was expecting that my posterior would be handed to me," said Spc. Patrick Alveranga, the U.S. Army Reserve representative in the competition. "But they were actually very nurturing to us in a sense that they told us what we did right, what we did wrong and how to improve. To me, that is very good because they did not try to come down too hard."

Alveranga is one of the more than 150 military cooks competing during the 32nd Annual U.S. Army Culinary Arts Competition, March 4-16.

"I am extremely blessed to be here competing," said Pfc. Donna Major, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, U.S. Army, Pacific. Major competed in the Student Skills and Junior Chef of the Year categories.

Prior to the junior competition, the more seasoned chefs took to the stoves to battle for the coveted title of "U.S. Army Chef of the Year." Other categories include the Field Cooking Competition, Nutritional Hot Food

Challenge and Ice Carving. The entries of these Soldiers, Marines and Coast Guard members are judged by American Culinary Federation certified chefs.

"We've all been competitors, and competitors don't want to hear that their work is no good or whatever," said Klaus Friedenreich, a

German-educated ACF chef with more than 30 years experience. "We try to be encouraging, not discouraging."

Major was one of 14

contestants who faced an equivalent of a culinary firing squad in the junior category. That event showcases the talent and skills of the military's best junior food service specialists.

The junior event features participants in the grade of E-4 and below, who prepare and cook a three-course meal, typically an entree, dessert and soup or salad in four hour's time. It is graded in two phases — kitchen techniques and tasting — with a grading weight of 40 percent and 60 percent, respectively.

"The key to my event is to stay focused and keep on working the

SEE CULINARY, A-10

Surgeon General announces medical Tiger Team visits

TRIPLER ARMY MEDICAL CENTER PUBLIC AFFAIRS
News Release

HONOLULU — In the wake of the events surrounding care for medical hold and medical hold-over Soldiers at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, President Bush has announced that a comprehensive review of conditions at U.S. military and veteran hospitals will ensue.

In direct response to the president's statement, the Office of the Surgeon General (OTSG) has initiated an internal review of several Army medical facilities to assess whether military training facilities and installations with medical hold and medical hold-over Soldiers are experiencing similar issues reported recently in the media.

Tripler Army Medical Center is one of 11 Army medical facilities to be visited. As reported, Army officials told a congressional committee that not all the Soldiers are getting the care they deserve; however, things are much different at Tripler Army Medical Center.

Tripler welcomes the visit from the OTSG Tiger Team and wants to showcase its patient rooms, barracks and Deployment Health Center. The center is comprised of a multidisciplinary staff that provides case management, patient administration, social work and liaison coordination for redeploying Soldiers.

Currently, Tripler has 28 Soldiers in medical hold status (active duty) and 50 Soldiers in medical hold-over status (Reserve and National Guard).

The Deployment Health team provides feedback to the

chief of the Deployment Health Center and the Soldiers' case managers, for follow-up.

Tripler's doctors and nurses are committed to providing service men and women, their family members, and veterans with the highest quality of care. Tripler's patient satisfaction feedback supports this statement: Tripler has a 97 percent interactive customer evaluation, or ICE, approval rating — the highest for military facilities worldwide.

"My folks care for Soldiers, airmen, Marines and sailors, and we want to take care of them the best we can," said Maj. Gen. Carla Hawley-Bowland, commanding general, Tripler Army Medical Center. "That is one reason we have town hall meetings, and outreach, to find out what the problems are early, so we can fix them right on the spot," she stressed.

Charging ahead

USAG-HI and USARPAC celebrate generations of women, their 'wisdom and tenacity.'

Also, test your Women's History wit.

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Third through fifth grade heroes save the environment by ridding Hawaii of menaces such as "The Nitrator" at the Water Works Festival

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Geren becomes Army 'Acting Secretary'

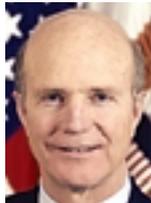
ARMY NEWS SERVICE
News Release

WASHINGTON — Mr. Pete Geren assumed his duties as Acting Secretary of the Army here, Friday. The Secretary of Defense named Geren as Acting Secretary, March 2, following the resignation of Secretary of the Army Dr. Francis J. Harvey.

"The Soldier remains the heart of our Army," Geren said. "Our Soldiers serve with courage and distinction as we enter the fifth year of the global war on terrorism. They remain dedicated to something far bigger than themselves: protecting our Nation."

Geren became the 28th Under Secretary of the Army, Feb. 21, 2006. As Under Secretary, he assisted the Secretary of the Army in fulfilling statutory responsibilities for recruiting, supplying, equipping, training and mobilizing the Army, and managing the Army's annual budget and more than 1.3 million active duty, National Guard, Army Reserve and Army civilian personnel.

Geren joined the Department of Defense in September 2001, serving as Special Assistant to the Secretary of Defense with responsibilities in the areas of interagency initiatives, legislative affairs and special projects. He served as Acting Secretary of the Air Force from July to November 2005.



Geren

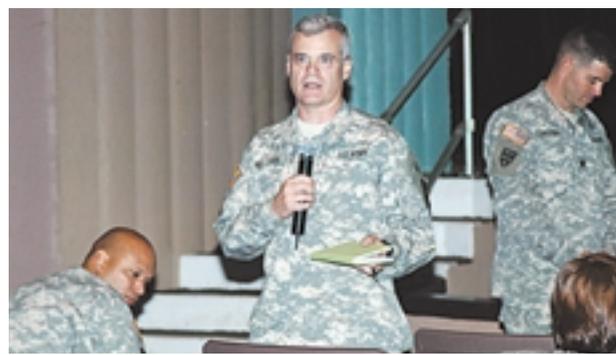
Town hall addresses gate traffic

Story and Photos by
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Chief, Command Information

Now that Lyman Gate, off Kunia Road, has closed for construction through June 30, off-post traffic entering Schofield Barracks is being routed through Foote (in and out-bound), McNair (inbound only) and Macomb (exit only) gates. However, initially the increased traffic flow through these gates was anything but smooth, so many of the 60 residents who attended Tuesday night's Oahu North town hall meeting voiced this complaint.

Not only gate traffic, some said, but also motorists speeding through family housing areas need immediate correction.

Some residents pointedly asked the Oahu Base Support Battalion (OBSB) commander, Lt. Col. Mark Boussy, what was the rationale of making one-way entrances and exits at McNair and Macomb gates, and what was going to be done, just when, about a steady flow of speeders, particularly in the Canby area. Boussy, host and sponsor of the



U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii, commander, Col. Howard J. Killilan, responds to residents' concerns at Tuesday's Oahu North town hall meeting at Sgt. Smith Theater, Schofield Barracks.

quarterly town hall, agreed that the Lyman Gate closure got off to a bad start on Monday. Significant traffic backlog especially brought commuters traveling via Kunia to an abrupt halt. Many were stuck on the winding two-lane road almost as far back as Royal Kunia, just trying to get to work via the six-mile stretch. However, by Tuesday morning, the provost marshal had ordered extra

security personnel at the gates and even funded a Honolulu Police Department traffic officer at the Foote Gate, Boussy and Lt. Col. Mike Wallace, director of Emergency Services (DES), explained.

All three gates are remaining open 24/7, said Boussy. He further explained that McNair Gate provides

SEE TOWN HALL, A-11

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.

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Pacific commander bids, 'A hui hou'

On Monday, March 12, I relinquished command of U.S. Pacific Command with high confidence to the Deputy Commander, Lieutenant General Dan Leaf.

I want to commend each of you for your service to the nation and thank you for your support to me during the past two years.

Your superb performance has been instrumental in maintaining security and stability in the Asia-Pacific region. Working with partners, you have made good progress in the battle against terrorists. Countless lives have been saved and people assisted in the wake of natural disasters. The relation-



Fallon

ships you have fostered during exercises and engagement activities have forged bonds of trust between allies and partners. All of this has been accomplished while thousands of our Pacific-based men and women have served with courage and distinction in Iraq and Afghanistan.

You have made a real difference in the region and the world. Your exploits have earned the respect and admiration of Amer-

icans and many other people. I am immensely proud of your accomplishments and the many things you continue to do. It has been my great honor to have served with you. Wife, Mary, joins me in offering our appreciation and prayer for gods blessings on you, your families and your service. Well done and mahalo. Admiral William J. Fallon, U.S. Navy, commander, U.S. Pacific Command.



Quotable

"We can and we will win every battle. But we cannot win the peace alone. In the end, Iraq needs political and economic solutions."

Maj. Gen. William Caldwell, coalition spokesman, to reporters in Baghdad, March 14.



Disability evaluation system needs 'top-down' overhaul, officials say

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American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — One of the Defense Department's top officials said March 8 he is not surprised that service members get different disability ratings from each of the services, the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Social Security Administration.

They are three different systems governed by their own sets of laws and rate disabilities using scales unique to each department, said Dr. David S. C. Chu, the defense undersecretary for personnel and readiness.

Each system has "fundamentally different approaches to the basis on which you should rate the individual. It is, therefore, not surprising that they reach different answers," Chu said.

"From the individual's perspective, this is surely complex ... and frustrating in its character," he said.

Appearing before the House Armed Services Committee March 8, Chu expressed confidence that, with legislative support, the system could be fixed.

Currently, DoD is revising its disability evaluation system. Each service manages its own evaluation process within the framework of the DoD system.

The assistant defense secretary for health affairs, Dr. William Winkenwerder Jr., said service members deserve fair, consistent and timely determinations.

"Complex procedures should be streamlined or removed. The system must not be adversarial, and

people should not have to go through a maze or prove themselves to get the benefits they deserve," Winkenwerder said.

He said now is the time to question the system and make changes needed for service members and their families.

"It's turning back to the bureaucracy and saying, 'Why can't we do it this way,'" Winkenwerder said. "If it's not meeting the needs of the customer, it's not getting the job done."

The Army's top officer said that now is the time for a "top-down" overhaul.

"There is an opportunity here that I hope we take. That is to fix things comprehensively," Army Chief of Staff Gen. Peter J. Schoomaker said.

"This isn't about painting things and dealing with milweed and fixing some administrative processes," he said.

About 900 active duty Soldiers are in medical holding units around the Army, said Army Surgeon General Lt. Gen. Kevin C. Kiley. About 3,200 reserve-component Soldiers are in a hold-over status, including about 1,800 who have returned home and use local hospital systems to complete their care.

In fiscal 2006, service eligibility board caseloads were 13,162 for the Army; 5,684 for the naval services; and 4,139 for the Air Force.

In 2001, the numbers were 7,218 for the Army; 4,999 for the naval services, and 2,816 in the Air Force.



Eligibility Board Caseloads

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LIGHTNING SPIRIT

So, does the season of Lent have any meaning for you?

CHAPLAIN (LT. COL.) DONALD W. EUBANK
Fort Shafter Community Chaplain

Here we are in mid-March, and our calendars tell us that this is the "Season of Lent." What is this time of the year, and what does it have to do with us?

The truth is, many people are now recovering aspects of a larger Christian tradition as a means to refocus on spirituality in a culture that is increasingly secular.

Today, people who celebrate Lent mark these five weeks before Easter Sunday (April 8th, this year) with prayers, reflection and deeds of spiritual fitness in anticipation of celebrating Easter and the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

This season of the year is equal only to the Season of Advent in importance in the Christian year.

In the first century, many new converts to Christianity would seek water baptism on Easter Sunday morning, so penitential prayer, fasting and almsgiving traditionally marked the season of Lent.

Some churches today still observe a schedule of fasting on certain days during Lent, especially the giving up of meat, alcohol, sweets and other types of food. Other traditions do not place as great

an emphasis on fasting, but focus on charitable deeds, especially helping those in physical need with food and clothing, or simply the giving of money to charities.

Many of our military chapels are using this time of year to reach out to those who are in need. Here at the Army's Aliamanu Military Reservation Chapel, we are continuing to collect goods for distribution to homeless children living in the Waianae coastal area.

Lent is a way to place ourselves before God in complete humility. It is a way to confess our total inadequacy before God, to strip ourselves bare of all pretenses to righteousness.

It is a way to empty ourselves of our false pride, of our rationalizations that prevent us from seeing ourselves as needy creatures, of our "perfectionist" tendencies.

Lent offers us a time to recognize and respond afresh to God's presence in our lives and in our world. We seek to place our needs, our fears, our failures, our hopes, our very lives in God's hands, again. And we seek, by abandoning ourselves in Jesus' death, to recognize again who God is, to allow his transforming grace to work

in us once more, and to come to worship him on Easter Sunday with a fresh victory and hope that goes beyond the new clothes, the spring flowers, the happy music.

Most Protestant and Catholic believers see that Lent is a time of preparation to celebrate God's marvelous redemption at Easter, and the resurrected life that we live and hope for as Christians.

On April 1st, we will really enjoy celebrating Palm Sunday: As adults and children enter the sanctuary, they will be handed their own palm branch. Children especially love this Sunday because it is one of the few times they get to take an active role in "big church."

We will wave palm branches and celebrate. And we all love Easter Sunday. It is a happy time, with flowers, new clothes and the expectation of spring in the air.

The ancient Jewish text from 2 Chronicles 7:14 presents a powerful challenge to people celebrating Lent: "If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land."

The ancient Jewish prophet made this challenge a penitential prayer for the faith community, for repenters. It is a call for God's people to believe. It is our land that needs healed, it is our wicked ways from which we need to turn, and we are the ones who need to seek God's face.

Perhaps during this Lenten season we should stop praying for others as if we were virtuous enough to do so, and begin praying for ourselves, that we will turn from evil and do the good that we know we should do.

The Season of Lent culminates with the joyous celebration of Easter Sunday morning. I invite you to mark your calendars now so that you will plan to join hundreds of us who will gather for an Easter Sunrise Service on the USS Missouri, at 6 a.m. on April 8th.

Drive onto Ford Island and follow the signs that say "Special Event Parking," which will lead you to designated parking areas. The Sunrise Service will be on the deck of "Mighty Mo." Entrance is free.

Post chaplains and chaplain assistants of the Schofield Barracks and Fort Shafter Unit Ministry Teams wish you a blessed season of Lent and a joyous Easter.

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Voices of Lightning: "What is your favorite after-work hangout?"



"Anywhere with my wife and kids."

Allan Julian
Tripler Blood Donor Center
Phlebotomist



"The Bowling Center on Schofield."

Pfc. Anthony Richmond,
1-21st Inf. Regt.
Mortar Infantryman



"With my daughter at the local pool."

Spc. Hector Rivera,
540th QM
Laundry and Bath Specialist



"The batting cages in Pearl City."

Spc. Ramone Rodriguez
540th QM
Laundry and Bath Specialist



"The barracks."

Sgt. Satria Suprobo
Tripler Blood Donor Center
Lab Tech

2-6th Cavalry Soldiers earn their spurs in Iraq

OIF

Story and Photos by
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25th Combat Aviation Brigade Public Affairs

KIRKUK, Iraq — Cavalry Soldiers began their "spur ride" competition, March 4, an event that pits the candidates in grueling challenges as part of a long-standing tradition.

"I woke up at around 2:30 a.m., not really knowing why I got up for this," Spc. Christopher W. Denman, chemical specialist, Headquarters and Headquarters Troop (HHT), 2-6th Cav. Said, laughing. "I would have done anything to have just gone back to sleep."

Candidates started their day with a formation, but seemed baffled by the commands given. The confusion was quickly resolved. Soldiers executed the traditional push up in a cadence style led by a spur holder.

"Effective leadership style is necessary to instill, so candidates may receive their spurs," said Chief Warrant Officer Kenneth L. Woods, helicopter pilot and instructor, HHT, 2-6th Cav., and spur holder for more than 20 years. "My leadership approach is based on the particular Soldier and situation."

Once candidates were schooled in listening to commands and properly forming up in a military formation, spur holders tested their organization skills. The candidates searched for various items in their ruck sacks while loud rock and roll music played in the background. They unpacked and repacked their ruck sacks, which contained the items on the outlined packing list.

"Spur Holders would give us about twenty seconds to find something in our ruck sacks, so they could see it," said Staff Sgt. Andrew Caruso, communication chief, HHT, 2-6th.

"Spur Holders are trying to implant the Cavalry spirit. As history states, Cavalry Soldiers were often sent on missions where nobody else would go," Woods explained. "Cavalry Soldiers need to be self-contained to fulfill those missions. Time management is a key instrument."

Once the candidates successfully completed the early layout, their physical fitness level was assessed in an Army Physical Fitness Test.

"Once the morning was over and the PT test was done, I knew I had dealt with a lot of challenges already," Caruso said, mud caked on his face. "I thought to myself, what else could the spur holders challenge us with, and then I saw the mud pit." With the sun shining and the tempera-



1st Sgt. Joseph Pagliaro of Headquarters, Headquarters Troop, 2nd Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment, 25th Combat Aviation Brigade, has spur candidates complete military style push ups for the spur ride at Forward Operating Base Warrior, March 4.



ture rising, the next challenges loomed: a 20-foot low crawl under wire, and a tire obstacle and a chariot pull through the



Above — Spc. Jen Lee, 209th Aviation Support Battalion, 25th Combat Aviation Brigade, low crawls during the spur ride, which consisted of team-building skills and other challenges that Soldiers completed to receive their spurs.

Left — Pfc. Andrew Crosby, a wheeled vehicle mechanic with E Troop, 2nd Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment, 25th Combat Aviation Brigade, splashes water on his face after completing his low crawl through mud.

rocky terrain of Forward Operating Base (FOB) Warrior.

"The mud pit was awesome," Denman

exclaimed, adding, "although I think I actually ate more mud than got on me."

While some candidates tried to stay

clean in the mud, evident was that spur holders thought differently. They unveiled more of what was in store for candidates.

"The mud pit was a little cool off for us and was a great way to get through the rest of the day," Caruso said. "The chariot pull was brutal, but it taught us to come together as a team because we weren't going to get through it as individuals."

Team building skills and leadership growth were a primary focus of the challenges, whether by candidates or holders. Everyone, at some point, stepped up to the plate and accepted leadership challenges.

"I am at the position in my Army career where I have had leadership roles, but there were points today where my Soldiers were telling me what to do and I had to listen to them," Caruso said. "Not only did I have to put my rank aside, but I visually saw them fulfill a leadership position."

Tired and their Army combat uniforms (ACUs) caked with mud, candidates tackled one final task for the day: an eight-mile ruck march around FOB Warrior.

"After mile two, I wanted to quit, but the buses didn't run on the course we were walking," Denmam said, jokingly. "Yet, I knew how far I had come and didn't want to quit. Plus, I wanted my spurs."

"Everyone was tired from the entire day. The ruck march showed we had to pull together as one unit to get all of us through," Caruso said. "This morning we had the attitude that everyone who started together was going to finish together."

"There were times some Soldiers were carrying two ruck sacks because someone was so exhausted and we were a team."

Spur holders are the eyes and ears of the battlefield. Someone who is resourceful and a little daring is the ideal candidate for a spur, which is why candidates must endure so much to wear them, Woods believes.

After an exasperating day of demanding obstacles and countless push ups, spur candidates were treated to a bountiful dinner then a ceremony where they received their polished silver spurs to wear on their boots.

"Today was a success because of the reactions I see from the Soldiers. They were not willing to quit, [though] we put them through the wringer today," Woods said.

"That to me articulates success because many of the milestones we set for ourselves were covered today."

Leaders call on Congress to fund improvised explosive device research

Gates and Marine Gen. Pace seek comprehensive approach to IEDs

JIM GARAMONE

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Defense leaders last week called on Congress to approve a further \$2.4 billion to defeat the biggest killer of Americans in the Middle East: the improvised explosive device.

Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Marine Gen. Peter Pace told the Senate Appropriations Committee that the fiscal 2007 emergency supplemental request includes money to fund research into defeating IEDs. The money is in addition to \$2 billion Congress already has appropriated this year to deal with the problem.

Gates stressed to the senators that this is an overriding concern in the Department of Defense.

"The most unpleasant aspect of my job is every night going home and hand-writing notes to the families of those who have been killed in action," Gates said. "And there's a sheet behind every one of those letters that tells me how they died, and about 70 percent of them are the IEDs. So the whole Department of Defense is as highly motivated as an organization can be to try and figure out a way to get around these."

Gates said he has met with retired Army Gen. Montgomery Meigs, the director of the Joint IED Defeat Organization. "I asked General Meigs, ... 'Do you have enough money? Are you pursuing every avenue that makes any sense at all?'" he said. "And he assured me that with the enactment of the request that

we have made both for the supplemental and then for (fiscal) '08 that he has the resources that he needs to do this."

Pace said the effort against IEDs is more than simply looking for a technological answer. Experts in Iraq learn from every device that explodes, then they take the information and share it widely "so the troops training right now to go over overseas in the future have the information from the most recent tactics, techniques and procedures of the enemy," Pace said.

Pace said the coalition and Iraqi forces look at the entire IED process, adding that coalition forces have secured 435,000 tons of ammunition from more than 15,000 locations in Iraq.

"Just getting at the source of the explosives is part of the problem," he said, "then the factories

where they're built, and the individuals who build them, and then the individuals who deliver them, and then the individuals who put them in place. So we go after the entire chain of events."

Pace said coalition and Iraqi security forces find more than half of IEDs that are emplaced. "And then, thanks to the technologies involved, we have fewer and fewer casualties for the explosions that do take place," he said.

There is no easy solution, Gates said, and the United States must keep pushing at the problem.

"The reality is we face an agile and a smart adversary, and as soon as we ... find one way of trying to thwart their efforts, they find a new technology or a new way of going about their business," he said. "But I can assure you this is a very high priority for us."

State to recognize Fort Shafter's 100th anniversary

Hawaii's oldest Army post is recognized for its lasting contributions in the Pacific

U.S. ARMY, PACIFIC News Release

FORT SHAFTER — The State of Hawaii's House and Senate adopted resolutions in separate ceremonies at the State Capitol, March 9, to honor Fort Shafter's 100th anniversary, June 24.

U.S. Army, Pacific (USARPAC), commander, Lt. Gen. John M. Brown III, accepted both proclamations on behalf of the historic base's Soldiers, civilians and family members.

When receiving the proclamation from Sen. Lorraine Inouye, Brown was joined by the 94th Army Air Missile Defense Command's 2006 Soldier of the Year, Spc. John Quinlan, and the Noncommissioned Officer of the Year, Staff Sgt. Aaron Townsend

The U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii, commander, Col. Howard Killian, and USARPAC Command Sgt. Maj. Joseph P. Zetlemoyer also attended and expressed appreciation for the recognition.

Fort Shafter is the Army's oldest post in Hawaii and houses the USARPAC headquarters, the focal point for command,



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control and support of Army forces in the Asia-Pacific region.

USARPAC provides combat-ready forces in support of security operations to promote regional stability and ensure successful crisis response or decisive victory in the Asia-Pacific region and throughout the world.

It's been said that the USARPAC team is

doing just about everything, just about everywhere. On any given day, USARPAC has roughly 12,600 Soldiers and Department of the Army civilians deployed to more than 20 nations and locations, participating in service, joint, bilateral and multilateral exercises and operations throughout the U.S. Pacific Command area of responsibility and the world.

House Resolution

Recognizing the continuing importance of Fort Shafter to the State of Hawaii and to the country, its people, and security, on the occasion of its centennial celebration.

WHEREAS, the military exists to serve our country and state by protecting our citizens and other enduring national interests; and **WHEREAS**, construction on Fort Shafter began in 1905 on the ahupua'a of Kahauiki, former Hawaiian crown lands; and

WHEREAS, Fort Shafter, which was named after Major General William R. Shafter (1835-1906) who led the United States expedition to Cuba in 1898, has served as the headquarters of the United States Army, Pacific (USARPAC), since 1907; and

WHEREAS, USARPAC commands most Army forces in the Asia-Pacific region with the exception of Korea, with the mission of promoting regional stability, providing United States Pacific Command (PACOM) with trained and ready force to support security operations that range from engagement to war fighting, and ensuring successful crisis response or decisive victory; and

WHEREAS, since September 11, 2001, USARPAC soldiers have played a vital role in homeland defense for Hawaii, Alaska, Guam, and Japan, and have provided critical support for operations with our nation's allies elsewhere in the region; and

WHEREAS, in the years to come, USARPAC will remain vital to national security strategy

in this dynamic region and will continue to meet the Army's evolving requirements and vision for America's army in the Pacific as a tailored, highly deployable multi-component contributor to joint and multinational teams; capable of quick crisis response and decisive victory; ready, responsive, and engaged; values-based; supportive of and caring for its soldiers, civilians, and families; and supportive of the PACOM's strategy of promoting peace, democracy, security, and peaceful development in the Asia-Pacific region; and

WHEREAS, FORT SHAFTER ranks as one of the state's largest employers, with more than 25,000 full-time soldiers and civilians employed throughout the Pacific and 9,000 more in the National Guard and Army Reserve; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-Fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2007, that this body hereby recognizes the continuing importance of Fort Shafter to the State of Hawaii and to the country, its people, and security on the occasion of its centennial celebration, and extends its sincerest appreciation and wishes for a strengthened relationship in the coming years.



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Governor greetings

U.S. Territory of Guam Governor Felix Camacho addresses 127 Guam Army National Guard Soldiers from Team D, 1-294th Infantry, during their mobilization training at Schofield Barracks Area X, March 7. The governor and first lady made a brief stop to Oahu on their return trip from a governors' conference in Washington, D.C.

Plans make future brighter

Surveys indicate less than 20 percent of Soldiers and civilians are planning for retirement

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ALEXANDRIA, Va. — The Thrift Savings Plan, a voluntary savings and investment retirement program for federal employees and uniformed service members, is designed to make it easy for Soldiers to save for retirement.

There are huge taxes and savings benefits to Soldiers who participate in this program, especially while deployed, according to Isaac Templeton, chief of transition support services at the Family and Morale Welfare and Recreation Command.

Some new recruits who enlist in critical military occupational specialties areas may also be entitled to receive a matching contribution. Participants in the TSP Matching Funds Pilot Program receive matching contributions on the first five percent of pay that is contributed each pay period of their initial term. The first three percent of pay that is contributed is matched dollar-for-dollar; the next two percent is matched at 50 cents on the dollar.

Whether or not the savings are "matched," elective deferrals are tax-deferred amounts that participants contribute to TSP instead of receiving it as pay. The contributions are not considered taxable gross income for the year in which they are contributed. The Internal Revenue Code allows Soldiers to contribute up to \$45,000 to TSP this year.

The Savings Deposit Program —not to be confused with TSP — is also available to Soldiers serving in designated combat zones. Participants may deposit all or part of their unallotted pay into a DoD savings account, up to \$10 thousand during a single deployment.

Interest accrues on the account at an annual rate of 10 percent and compounds quarterly. While federal income earned in hazardous duty zones is tax-free, interest accrued on earnings deposited into the SDP is taxable.

A recent TSP survey shows that Soldiers who make regular deposits to a savings account are by far in the minority, and even fewer are planning for retirement.

Of almost 20,000 uniformed and civilian federal employees surveyed, less than 21 percent of

active duty service members are saving for retirement. Lack of funds was cited as the largest reason for not contributing to a savings or retirement account.

"Financial management is an important part of Soldier readiness," said Sergeant Major of the Army Kenneth O. Preston, in public service announcement to Soldiers. "Reducing debt and building personal savings takes time and discipline. To assist Soldiers and their families in establishing a sound financial plan, February 25 thru March 4 is designated Military Saves Week."

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- Practice financial readiness during this tax season. See page B-3 for filing details.

Retirement is not all Soldiers should be saving for. Unexpected emergency expenses can occur at any time and deplete savings, so Soldiers and families members are encouraged to plan for these unexpected expenses with a regular savings account, said Templeton.

A modest savings account in each household could ease the stress and prevent Soldiers from using predatory lenders, who may charge as much as 500 percent interest, in an emergency. It could also mean the difference between staying afloat and falling into serious debt.

"Save yourself by saving money," said Suze Orman, in a public service announcement to Soldiers during the Military Saves Campaign. She says Soldiers can do this by putting away small amounts of money in TSP, which builds up over time.

"When you do that a little, it becomes a lot and you will have the financial foundation you need, so you can always save yourself," she explained.

Orman is a financial specialist for CNBC and author of "The Money Book for the Young, Fabulous & Broke."

For Soldiers, severe debt can result in the loss of security clearances and disciplinary or administrative actions. It also adds to their stress during deployment, as they are distracted about payments, repossessions and the welfare of their dependents rather than focusing on the mission.

For more information on saving money go to www.militarysaves.org.

(Margaret McKenzie writes for the Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Command.)

Emergency fund critical, not so hard to build

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ALEXANDRIA, Va. — Though financial experts disagree on the amount — quoting anything from \$500 to two month's pay — they all agree that saving for an emergency fund is a "must-have" item in anyone's budget.

Unexpected financial challenges pose a huge risk for those living from paycheck to paycheck. Sudden repairs needed on a vehicle, unexpected dental needs, or parking or driving fines can all cause unnecessary stress. More importantly, they can cost a person far more than the original expense through high loan rates, financing fees, or late penalty fees for those who juggle bills when an unexpected expense crops up.

"Time is the most important ingredient in any savings recipe," said Suze Orman, CNBC financial correspondent and author of "The Money Book for the Young, Fabulous and Broke." She recommends putting away something every pay period, even if it's just a few dollars.

"When you do that, a little becomes a lot, and you can save yourself," she said.

The Defense Department has teamed up with the Consumer Federation of America to provide tools, resources and financial counseling to service members

through www.militarysaves.org. Its enlisted the help of Orman to help Soldiers learn the tricks and tips to becoming financially strong.

The Web site contains dozens of examples of where to shave expenses and create an emergency savings account — from saving pocket changes each day to bringing your lunch to work — without making huge sacrifices.

It also has links to savings calculators, suggestions on where to put your emergency fund, and print and electronic newsletters with tips on how to save virtually anywhere money is spent.

"Saving money is important for single Soldiers, too," said Isaac Templeton, chief of transition support services at the Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Command.

While single Soldiers might not have the additional stress of planning financially for a family, they should be making financial plans, too, according to Templeton. Many installation BOSS programs are participating in Military Saves Week through a contest that encourages Soldiers to save, and may reward their installation BOSS program for doing so in a "sign up to save" competition.

(Editor's Note: William Bradner writes for the Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Command.)

“Go for Broke” Soldiers honored at U.S. Army Museum

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FORT DERUSSY — Four warriors from the 100th Infantry Battalion / 442nd Regimental Combat Team were posthumously inducted into the U.S. Army Museum of Hawaii's Gallery of Heroes, March 8, for their actions in separate battles in Italy and France during World War II.

More than 60 people gathered to honor the memory of Pfc. Kiichi Koda, Staff Sgt. Itsumu Sasaoka, Cpl. Masaru Suehiro, and Pfc. Robert H. Yasutake, who were Distinguished Service Cross recipients.

As gusty kona winds caused several flags behind the podium to snap loudly, retired Gen. David Bramlett read each of the inductees' Distinguished Service Cross citations and assisted each Soldier's designated relative in unveiling a placard.

Though we are separated from their actions by more than 50 years, said Bramlett, president of Hawaii Army Museum Society, “the heroism and courage they displayed is timeless.”

Eileen Bali, the eldest child of Pfc. Robert H. Yasutake, remembered her father as a humble man who never made much of a fuss.

“He never talk much [about the war],” she said.

Peggy and Alan Suehiro echoed similar sentiments about their father, Cpl. Masaru Suehiro, who didn't like the limelight or discuss his World War II experiences.

“We'd hear about aches and pains,” Peggy said.

Both siblings reminisced about touching small protrusions under their father's skin that would shift and move around.

“We didn't even know what shrapnel was,” Peggy said.

Several shell fragments became lodged in Cpl. Suehiro's body while he and his 60-mm mortar squad directed fire at the enemy from an exposed position near Cerasuolo, Italy, 1943. Despite the intense, searing pain, he continued to fight, and his actions prevented a German counterattack.

Staff Sgt. Itsumu Sasaoka exhibited similar tenacity after being severely wounded by German crossfire in the



Storming the castle — On July 9, 1944, near Castellina, Italy, Pfc. Kiichi Koda and four comrades charged a German-controlled wooded area with bayonets fixed, firing from the hip. Later, when Koda's unit was pinned down by machine gun fire from a castle, he advanced to the castle and began successively throwing grenades in open windows as he rounded the structure. As Koda and Soldiers from his unit charged into the castle, he was mortally wounded by a grenade in the ensuing fight. Koda was buried at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, commonly known as Punchbowl.

Saving the “Lost Battalion” — Staff Sgt. Itsumu Sasaoka and his unit charged through enemy lines Oct. 22, 1944, in Belmont, France, to rescue another unit that had been cut off from supply lines. As a machine gunner on the last tank in the task force, Sasaoka was struck by enemy fire as the tanks crossed a mountain trail. He held onto his machine gun and fired rounds into enemy positions until a severe loss of blood caused him to fall from his position. His actions undoubtedly saved many of his comrades' lives. He was buried in the Netherlands American Cemetery and Memorial in Limburg, Netherlands.

Directing fire — On Nov. 29, 1943, during an enemy counterattack in Cerasuolo, Italy, Cpl. Masaru Suehiro and his 60-mm mortar squad found themselves in an exposed position. Suehiro led his squad forward despite bitter opposition to better direct mortar rounds at the enemy, and destroyed a vital machine gun post.

As the enemy regrouped, he continued to direct fire and was wounded by shrapnel. Though suffering immense pain, Suehiro and his squad remained in this position directing fire and effectively thwarted an enemy counterattack. Suehiro died just prior to his 80th birthday in 1998.

Determination in dugouts — German soldiers attacked Pfc. Robert H. Yasutake and his unit near Lanuvio, Italy, on June 2, 1944. As an automatic rifleman, Yasutake crept outside the line of fire and destroyed a menacing machine gun nest. He also crawled to the edge of a ravine and killed seven enemy combatants using grenades and his machine gun. Later, he infiltrated an enemy dugout and began firing on another enemy dugout within 30 feet. While maintaining this position, he killed four German soldiers and allowed his platoon to advance. Yasutake died at age 76 and was buried at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific.

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Are you as smart as you think you are about women's issues?

Women's History Month Quiz tests your knowledge of notable women from past, present

(Editor's Note: Answers are at end of article, but no peeking until you've tested your recall!)

1) I'm the niece of one president and the wife of another. I helped transform the role of First Lady and became a champion of domestic social reform, economic justice and human rights.

2) When the Civil War broke out, I was alarmed to hear that regiments were lacking such basic necessities as towels, handkerchiefs, serving utensils and the like. I called upon New Englanders to provide items so that I might see that each regiment was properly outfitted. Such garnering of supplies against unforeseen disaster eventually became a central characteristic of my later relief work.

3) I lived from 1875-1955, was a renowned educator, national political leader and founder of the National Council of Negro Women from 1943 to 1955. I was one of America's most influential black women.

4) Born a slave in Maryland, I escaped to freedom and later led more than 300 other slaves to the North and to Canada to their freedom, too. I was the best-known conductor on the Underground Railroad, acquainted with many of the social reformers and abolitionists of my time, and I spoke against slavery and for women's rights.

5) As was common at the time, I had little formal education and was taught mainly by my father using his unconventional ideas about education. I read from the library of neighbor Ralph Waldo Emerson and learned botany from Henry David Thoreau. I early realized that my father's flighty educational and philosophical ventures could not adequately support my family, so I sought ways to provide for the family. I wrote stories and sequels based on an idealized version of my own family.

6) I was raised in New York as a Quaker. I taught for a few years at a Quaker seminary and from there became a headmistress at a women's division of a school. At 29, I became involved in abolitionism and then temperance. After the Civil War, discouraged that those working for "Negro" suffrage were willing to continue to exclude women from voting rights, I became more focused on woman suffrage because I believed, as did many of the feminists of my era, that only the achievement of women's equality and freedom would end the need for abortion. In 1979, my image was chosen for the new dollar coin, making me the first woman to be depicted on U.S. currency.

7) My book is credited as one of the most influential events in sparking the environmentalist movement. By occupation, I am known as a writer, scientist, ecologist, environmentalist and the marine biologist who wrote "The Silent Spring."

8) I developed an interest in mountain gorillas and wanted to see them in their natural habitat. After raising funds, I returned to Africa, visited Jane Goodall to learn from her, and then made my way to Zaire and the home of the mountain gorillas. I earned the trust of the gorillas, but human beings were another matter. By techniques I developed, especially imitation of the gorilla behavior, I was again accepted as an observer by a group of mountain gorillas there. I discovered and publicized their peaceful nature and their nurturing family relationships. When one of my favorite gorillas, Digit, was killed, I began a very public campaign against poachers who killed gorillas. On Dec. 26, 1985, my body was discovered near the research center. Presumably, I had been killed by the poachers I'd fought.

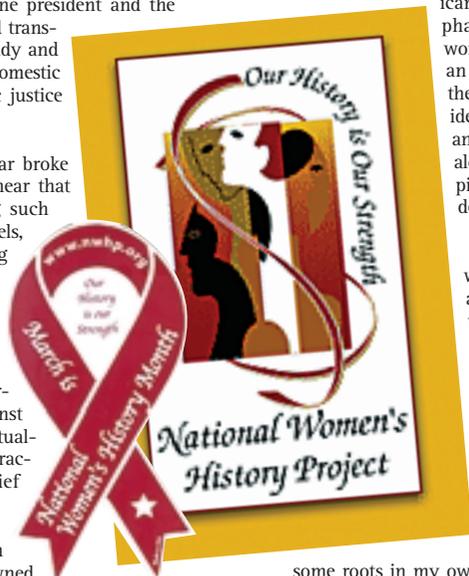
9) Very much in the public eye during my father's presidency and at my father's funeral in 1963, I attended Radcliffe, trained at Sothe-

by's in art, and graduated from Columbia Law School in 1988. In August 2000, I spoke at the Democratic National Convention in support of Vice President Gore's presidential bid.

10) I am the first African American woman to have received the Nobel Prize for Literature (1993). My novels focus on the experience of black Americans, particularly emphasizing black women's experiences in an unjust society and the search for cultural identity. I use fantasy and mythic elements, along with realistic depictions of racial, gender and class conflict.

11) I was the first woman to serve as an associate justice of the United States Supreme Court. Appointed in 1981 by President Ronald Reagan, and known as often exercising a swing vote, my later court decisions against sex discrimination may have had some roots in my own experience: I was unable to find a position in a private law firm because I was a woman, though I did get one offer to work as a legal secretary. On issues including abortion, affirmative action, death penalty and religious freedom, I generally took a middle road and narrowly defined the issues, satisfying neither liberals nor conservatives completely. My most controversial vote may have been the vote in 2001 to suspend Florida's ballot recount, thus ensuring the election of George W. Bush as U.S. President.

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Garrison honors notable women

Post joins nation in celebrating Women's History Month in March

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FORT SHAFTER — Taking the fast track to success is an oxymoron. That's because success is not a race.

Success is a whole lot of crawling, walking and sometimes running along a winding road, filled with potholes and debris, roadblocks, and ups and downs.

Yet, fearlessness, strength and intelligence are character traits needed to keep moving forward along the road, said Col. Jacqueline Cumbo, U.S. Army, Pacific (USARPAC) provost marshal and guest speaker at the Women's History Month observance here, March 7.

Sponsored by the USARPAC and U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii, Equal Opportunity (EO) offices, this year's Women's History Month recognizes "the wisdom and tenacity of the generations of women who have come before us and those who will follow," according to the National Women's History Project (NWHHP), which inspired the observance.

According to the NWHHP Web site, "Each year, March is designated as National Women's History Month to ensure that the history of American women will be recognized and celebrated in schools, workplaces, and communities throughout the country."

Locally, the theme of the "bag lunch" observance, "Generations of Women Moving History Forward," accentuated the idea that individuals working together build a better, more compassionate world.

EO first presented a series of dramatic performances that challenged and inspired. Its "Who am I?" video presentation — clips of women narrating a passage in period dress — teased and tested. The EO play, "I am the history yet to be written," created by Master Sgt. Eduardo Zayas, stirred and provoked.

Cumbo then began her keynote address: "For thousands and thousands of years, women have blazed the trail, from country to country, from state to state, leaving their mark. We have faced obstacles ... gender and ethnic discrimination, the doubting Thomases...

"I submit to you," she continued, "before there was



Passing the torch. Observances like Women's History Month are especially designed to reach the younger generation like military police Pvt. Noelani Chew of 1101st Garrison Support Unit, Fort Shafter.

any indication of women's suffrage, there was Eve ... Mary, the mother of Jesus. ... Esther, who saved her people while facing adversity."

Each of these women possessed a certain character trait that made her the right candidate for the job, Cumbo said, using the analogy of a resume.

Cumbo queried, "How many times do we see women who meet these criteria, rising from the lowest levels to the greatest ranks: courage, dedication, perseverance and determination? I hope you can see there's a pattern developing here."

Young Pvt.2 Thomasina Bryant, an administrative assistant with USARPAC's G-1, said, "I didn't know March was Women's History Month, so I was kind of excited to come [here]. You can always learn something," and she said she did.

Cumbo concluded her remarks: "It's simply amazing to see women continue to achieve so much. It's good to hear of 'firsts' as a continuing pattern, of women being received in different areas of professions."



Cumbo

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Send calendar announcements to community@hawaiiarmyweekly.com.

16/Today

Road Closure — Trimble Road on Schofield Barracks, from Cadet Sheridan Road to Beaver Road, will be resurfaced today, from 8 a.m.–4 p.m.

The road will remain open and lanes will be closed and traffic will be redirected as necessary. Call 656-2435.

Housing Surveys — More than 3,000 military households on Oahu have been randomly selected to participate in a survey to measure their perception of Hawaii public schools by the University of Hawaii.

A cover letter and survey was mailed out March 8 to families across the state.

The data generated from the survey will provide useful information that will assist public schools, which support military children and families in Hawaii.

If your household was selected, your participation is highly encouraged. Call Amanda Quijano or Dr. Kathleen Berg at 956-4729.

Gate Closure — Lyman Gate on Schofield Barracks will close through June 30 for construction improvements.

Macomb Gate will reopen only for exiting the post. McNair Gate will be used for entry only.

Commercial deliveries, visitors and unregistered vehicles must use McNair Gate. Call 656-2473.

For a map of the changes, visit www.25idl.army.mil/community-impactupdates/roadclosuremap.jpg.

19/Monday

AER Kickoff Rally — This year's Army Emergency Relief Campaign kickoff rally will be held March 19, from 10–11 a.m. at the Schofield Barracks Nehelani Club.

It is requested that all brigade, battalion, unit commanders, command sergeants major, project officers and interested Soldiers attend to support the 65th annual AER Fund Campaign, which will run through May.

Contact Jackie Torres at 656-7132 for more details.

21/Wednesday

Fuel Facility Closure — The Schofield Fueling Facility, (Military Service Station) Bldg 2085, will be closed Wednesday, March 21, to relocate and install the FuelMaster pedestals.

Service will resume the following day. Call 624-4495 or 330-3060.

Hawaii Army Family Action Plan

— The HAFAP conference will meet March 21–22 to address quality of life issues for the Army community. Everyone who lives and works in the Army community is encouraged to submit issues so we can make our community a better place to live.

Tell HAFAP about an issue or problem in the community, who it affects, and recommend a solution. Not only can you submit issues, you can also be involved in the process of prioritizing issues by participating in the conference as a delegate.

Visit www.wrarmyhawaii.com, click on: ACS, Getting Involved, Hawaii Army Family Action Plan.

Tool Time — The Schofield Barracks GSA store will host a tool exhibition, March 22, from 10 a.m.–2 p.m. The Mac Tool Company and Snap-on Tools will be available. For more information, call Mike Martin at 655-0280.

April

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Advisory Council Meeting — The next Schofield Barracks PX / Commissary / Nehelani Advisory Council Meeting will be held Monday, April 2, from 10:15–11:15 a.m., at the Small Post Conference Room.

This bimonthly meeting is a forum for representatives from those organizations and its patrons to share ideas and information.

For more information, contact Melvin Wright, Deputy Community Director, Oahu North Office at 655-0497.

3/Tuesday

Quilt Display — April is Child Abuse Prevention month. The Schofield Barracks Army Community Service (ACS), Building 2091 at Kolekole Avenue, will display a SBS Memorial Quilt on Tuesday, April 3, from 7:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

The Shaken Baby Alliance initiated the memorial for victims of SBS. The squares consist of actu-

al pictures and personal mementos of victims. The quilts serve as a reminder to everyone that SBS is a form of child abuse that should not be ignored. Call Catherine Heflin or Cole Weeks at 655-1670.

Tax Center Hours — The Fort Shafter and Schofield Barracks Tax Centers will provide free federal and state income tax preparation and assistance to Soldiers, family members, retirees, active Reservists and National Guard members.

Patrons must bring proper identification, social security cards for all individuals to be claimed on all returns, W-2's and any other tax-related forms they deem necessary.

The Fort Shafter Tax Center is located in Building 330. The hours of operation are Monday–Wednesday, from 9:30 a.m.–5 p.m., and Thursday, from 9:30 a.m.–6 p.m. Call 438-0829.

The Schofield Barracks Tax Center is located in Building 678. The hours of operation are Monday–Wednesday, from 9:30 a.m.–5 p.m., Thursday, from 9:30 a.m.–6 p.m., and Friday, from 9:30 a.m.–4 p.m. Call 655-1040.

Both centers will be closed on federal holidays.

Since April 15 falls on Sunday and April 15 is Emancipation Day, a legal holiday in the District of Columbia, taxpayers will have until April 17 to file their 2006 returns and pay any taxes due.

Ongoing

Green to Gold — A program briefing on the Army Green to Gold Program will be held at the Schofield Barracks and Tripler Army Medical Center Education Centers the last Wednesday of each month.

To be eligible, Soldiers must have served at least two years on active duty. The current application window will be open until Apr. 1.

Visit www.rotc.usaac.army.mil/command/Green2Gold/index.htm.

Call the University of Hawaii Army ROTC Warrior Battalion, 956-7766 or e-mail gbt@hawaii.edu.

Reserve Officers Scholarship

— Applications for The Henry J. Reilly Memorial Scholarship program, sponsored by the Reserve Officers Association (ROA), are now available online at



(From left to right) — Esther Costa, Alan Suehiro and Eileen Bali cover their hearts for the playing of the national anthem during an Induction and Memorialization ceremony at the U.S. Army Museum of Hawaii, Fort DeRussy, March 8. The three are relatives of Staff Sgt. Itsumu Sasaoka, Cpl. Masaru Suehiro and Pfc. Robert H. Yasutake, respectively. Pfc. Kiichi Koda was also inducted into the museum's Gallery of Heroes that day.

Honored: Relatives recall memories

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mountains of Belmont, France, in 1944. Sasaoka latched onto his machine gun and returned fire as his unit pushed through enemy lines to rescue a unit that had been isolated. He continued to fire his weapon until he could no longer hold himself up.

Sasaoka's niece, Esther Costa, recalled her uncle's holiday visits to her family's house in Waipahu.

"We'd make deep-fried mochi with him," said Costa, whose favorite mochi was the sweet kind.

No matter how much they shared of their combat experiences, these four members of the "Greatest Generation" will continue to be remembered for

how loudly they spoke with their actions in war.

"Everybody was scared," said Leiton Sumida, who attended the ceremony along with seven other members of 100th Bn / 442nd RCT. "But they held their own."

"[The inductees] answered the call to fight and won a war they didn't ask for," said Col. Howard Killian, commander, U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii.

"We will not leave you," he said, referring to the sixth line of the Soldier's creed.

"And we honor you today by placing you in the Gallery of Heroes."

(Editor's Note: findagrave.com and [and globalsecurity.org](http://andglobalsecurity.org) were sources for this article.)

www.roa.org/site/PageServer?pagenam=reilly_scholarship.

ROA awards merit-based graduate scholarships to members and merit-based undergraduate scholarships to children and grandchildren of members.

Scholarships are valued at \$500. Winners can resubmit annually as long as they meet application cri-

teria. The application deadline is Apr. 10. Contact Henry.David.Pendleton@us.army.mil.

Leadership Development Program

— The Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC) is accepting applications for The Frances Hesselbein Student Leadership Program for students in the Student to

Student program.

The leadership program is a new initiative established by the MCEC board of directors to identify exemplary young people to provide them with specialized training that will nurture and develop their leadership skills, patriotism, commit-

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Culinary: Time a critical factor in taste-bud pleasing contest

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entire time because you can always make things better," said Team Hawaii's Sgt. 1st Class Brad Richardson.

Richardson was one of several who hurried and scurried around the kitchen in the last hour to make the deadline. In the end, he said, his preparation paid off. "I prepared mentally by studying and doing run-throughs in my head, and physically through extra [physical training]."

Some of the junior chefs had the advantage of learning the importance of time management while assisting their senior counterparts during the Senior Chef of the Year competition.

With four hours to cook four courses, and 30 minutes to serve each course, the senior chefs were virtually in a pressure cooker for time. Adding to the pressure, these seasoned professionals were given a mystery basket to create their culinary masterpieces.

"The mystery basket requires them to look at the items they've got and decide what they can create in four hours, knowing their skill level, their equipment and capabilities," said Chief Warrant Officer 4 Robert Sparks, chief of the culinary craft skills training branch of the Army Center of Excellence, Subsistence. "The smart thing to do is design a menu they can do reasonably well within that time limit. You don't want to do more than you can practically do in four hours, and that's where some have a problem."

Fort Bragg's Sgt. 1st Class Bryan Nixon said that time management is the key to winning this event. It requires not only balancing the preparation and cooking time for each course, but coordinating that time so each meal can be served at the proper interval. Nixon's menu started with seafood chowder, followed by a chicken salad with raspberry vinaigrette.

The entree plate included a savory roasted lamb, whipped potatoes and vegetable medley. Dessert was an enticing trilogy of flavors — Dutch apple pie, lemon custard and black forest cake. The winners of the junior and senior chef of the year events were announced Friday as the largest culinary competition in the United States concluded with an awards ceremony.

"Expressing foods in your own creative mind is the most interesting part."

*Pfc. Donna Major
Junior Chef, HHC, USARPAC*

See next week's Hawaii Army Weekly for a complete listing of the local winning chefs.

(Editor's Note: T. Anthony Bell and Mike Strasser write for the Fort Lee Traveller. Jeremy S. Buddemeier contributed local reporting.)



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Above — Team Hawaii's Pfc. Donna Major prepares mushrooms for cooking during the Junior Chef of the Year competition, March 6.

Left — Sgt. 1st Class Brad Richardson gets ready to prepare a seafood course as Hawaii's Senior Chef of the Year competitor, March 5, during the 2007 U.S. Army Culinary Arts Competition at Fort Lee, Va.

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ment to service, and their intellectual and problem solving capacity.

The program will be held at the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, N.Y.

Call Jewel Csiszar at 655-9818 or 258-9192 for application information.

Recovered Property — The Provost Marshal's office has recovered several lost or stolen bicycles. Owners cannot be identified because these bicycles were not previously registered with the post or any other agency.

Other recovered items include cellular phones, keys, jewelry, sporting goods and more.

To make arrangements to identify bicycles or any other items that may have been recovered, call 655-8255.

Financial Health — Want to find the road to healthy finances? Contact Army Community Service, located in Building 2091 across the street from the Richardson swimming pool.

Classes include checkbook maintenance, money management, credit management, the Thrift Savings Plan, car buying, mutual fund investing, college funding, and Army Emergency Relief (AER)/command referral. Instructors can also assist with zero percent interest, AER loans.

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

Army Reserve Opportunities — Reserve Soldiers who have schedule conflicts that prevent them from attending weekend drill or separating active duty Soldiers who want to continue earning points towards retirement should consider joining a points-only reserve unit. These units allow participants to continue their military career while maintaining benefits. Drills are three evenings a month at Fort Shafter Flats. All ranks are eligible. Call 438-6242 or 228-3323.

Master's Degree — The University of Oklahoma is offering a Master of Arts in Managerial Economics. The non-thesis program can be completed in about 18 months. The one-week classes are TDY/TAD friendly. Contact OU at 449-6364.

Town hall: Garrison experts respond to residents' concerns

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inbound entry via three lanes, and the Military Police have tweaked the traffic light at McNair to allow a longer green light onto post.

If two-way traffic resumed at Macomb Gate, Boussy explained to the concerned residents, serious problems with backlog would definitely occur.

"I live on Canby, and everyone thinks it's a freeway," said another resident. "Fifty to sixty cars fly down the road at 45 miles per hour. These Soldiers need to know," she speculated, "that it's [Canby Road] not a thruway."

Boussy responded at once. "When Soldiers are noncompliant ... their stickers are removed and they can't drive on base. It's addressed seriously ... Yes, something will be done."

Family member Leann Harris reminded that other post areas, some with 15 and 25 mph posted speed limits also have frequent violators. However, of major concern for her was the continual disregard by Soldiers of established physical training, or PT, hours for calling cadence. Some, she said, use foul language, which is totally inappropriate for children.

Boussy said residents can help OBSB and DES by getting the names of units in violation. Responding to Randy Pecehak about another speeder, Boussy added, residents and workers can give the MPs license plate numbers, so commands can take further action.

As usual, Army Hawaii Family Housing (AHFH) also responded to questions regarding the perception that families returning from deployment are given a higher priority for new homes.

"Families without a home in Hawaii, whether they are returning from deployment or are new arrivals, are given priority on the waitlist," said Morgan Brock, AHFH North Operations director. "This



Above — Randy Pecehak announces he sighted the license plate number of a speeding vehicle on Schofield Barracks.

Left — Oahu Base Support Battalion Commander Lt. Col. Mark Boussy, responds to residents' concerns.

waitlist is based on rank and bedroom requirement, and the first home to become available is offered, regardless of whether it is a new or existing home."

Family member Miehchel Padilla asked what is the criteria for assigning housing to Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) participants. Col. Howard J. Killian, U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii, commander, explained specific rules and procedures governing the 900 EFMP families. The EFMP coordinator and primary care doctors work with housing, the colonel explained, to accommodate families when the number of participants exceeds the number of available homes.

Killian also responded to family member Abigail Compton's query about parking in Kalakaua housing. Then Boussy



Compton



Green



Brock

Family member Abigail Compton sought answers about parking in the Kalakaua family housing area and wants street lighting along Lyman Road at Schofield Barracks.

Linda Green voiced her concerns about traffic congestion and living with noise adjacent Area X family housing, Schofield Barracks, in contrast to Soldiers calling cadence during PT. Green said the noise is a small price to pay, considering family members live on an Army installation with Soldiers who are deployed to the war on terrorism.

Morgan Brock, director, Army Hawaii Family Housing (AHFH) North Operations, responded to housing concerns.

addressed remaining questions regarding hours and locations for PT, from Harris and family member Heather Crawford.

A Department of Public Works representative said residents may call in service orders for repair of potholes to 656-1275. The rainy season, he said, combined with wear and tear on the roads, helps create these potholes.

As Boussy began the town hall, so did he end the meeting. He thanked the faithful few for participating in the community forum, held a door prize drawing, and encouraged residents to participate in the Interactive Customer Evaluation program.

Town Hall Briefers

The following agencies provided brief comments at the Oahu North town hall meeting, Tuesday evening.

25th Infantry Division, Rear Detachment G-3

The redeployment working group is currently tracking redeployment in the summer. The rear is not tracking any type of extension for the 25th Infantry Division.

AAFES

The Army Air Force Exchange Service gave updates on the new Schofield post exchange. Phase I (indoor military concessions) began in 2004 and was completed last year. Phase II, currently underway, will bring additional concession stores: Starbucks Coffee, Baskin Robbins, Subway, Anthony's Pizza, Charley's Steakery, Manchu Wok, and Planet Smoothie.

The 18,000 square foot food court — previously 2,664 square feet — will include an indoor playground. And by mid-April, paving of the parking lot, 690 spaces, should be completed.

Federal Fire Department

A new fire station will open on "A" Road, adjacent Burger King at the Foote Gate, by the end of April. Firefighters ask motorists and pedestrians to be watchful for emergency vehicles exiting the area onto major roadways when the new station becomes operational.

Hurricane Preparedness

Residents and workers are reminded to prepare a Family Disaster Plan and discuss it with family members. They are also reminded to prepare an Emergency Ready Kit in preparation for the hurricane season.

Provost Marshal Update

The Directorate of Emergency Services clarified that Foote, McNair and Macomb gates will remain open 24/7 throughout the closure of Lyman Gate. McNair Gate allows inbound traffic only; Macomb Gate allows only outbound traffic. Foote Gate continues to allow in and outbound traffic.

DES reminds families that children 6 years old and below cannot be left alone at bus stops, nor can they walk to bus stops alone. Parents or guardians must escort children to stops and stay with them until their bus arrives. U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii, will issue a policy letter addressing this issue soon.

Quiz: Women's History Month educates public, recognizes achievers

CONTINUED FROM A-6

12) I was a civil rights activist, social reformer and racial justice advocate. On Dec. 1, 1955, when I was riding a bus home from my job, the bus filled up, and I was expected to relinquish my seat for a white man. I refused. I was arrested for violating Alabama's segregation laws. The black community mobilized a boycott of the bus system that lasted for 381 days and resulted in the ending of segregation on Montgomery's buses. The boycott also brought national attention to the civil rights cause and to a young minister, the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

13) My many roles have been as a news anchor, talk show host, actress, philanthropist and executive. I am the first African American woman billionaire, though my father was a coal miner and barber, and my mother was a maid. With my income and wealth, I derived from my production company and other efforts, I have chosen to donate a significant amount to charities and other philanthropic causes, especially stressing education.

14) My philosophy is sometimes called egotism. "Rational self-interest" is the core of my philosophy.

I scorned illusions of a common good or self-sacrifice as motivators. My fans range from Hillary Clinton to Alan Greenspan, who was part of my inner circle and read my book "Atlas Shrugged" in manuscript.

15) I am the Congressional Representative for California's Eighth District, including much of San Francisco. I embody many "firsts" for women in political leadership, including being the first woman Speaker of the House and supporting issues such as environmental protection, human rights, AIDS prevention, and family planning programs like pro-choice on women's reproductive issues.

16) Before I was 2 years old, I lost my sight and hearing after a high fever. I was often frustrated, but my family spoiled me considerably. Dr. Alexander Graham Bell urged my family to find a teacher from the Perkins Institute for the Blind for me. Anne Sullivan was that teacher. Through Anne, I learned to understand language through the combination of water from a pump on one hand and the spelling of "water" with the manual alphabet into my other hand. "That living word [water] awakened my soul, gave it light, hope, joy, set it free!" (*Editor's Note: Data from about.com and Women's History Project.*)

Quiz answers

- 1) Eleanor Roosevelt
- 2) Clara Barton
- 3) Mary McLeod Bethune
- 4) Harriet Tubman
- 5) Louisa May Alcott
- 6) Susan B. Anthony

- 7) Rachel Carson
- 8) Dian Fossey
- 9) Caroline Kennedy Schlossberg
- 10) Toni Morrison
- 11) Sandra Day O'Connor
- 12) Rosa Parks
- 13) Oprah Winfrey

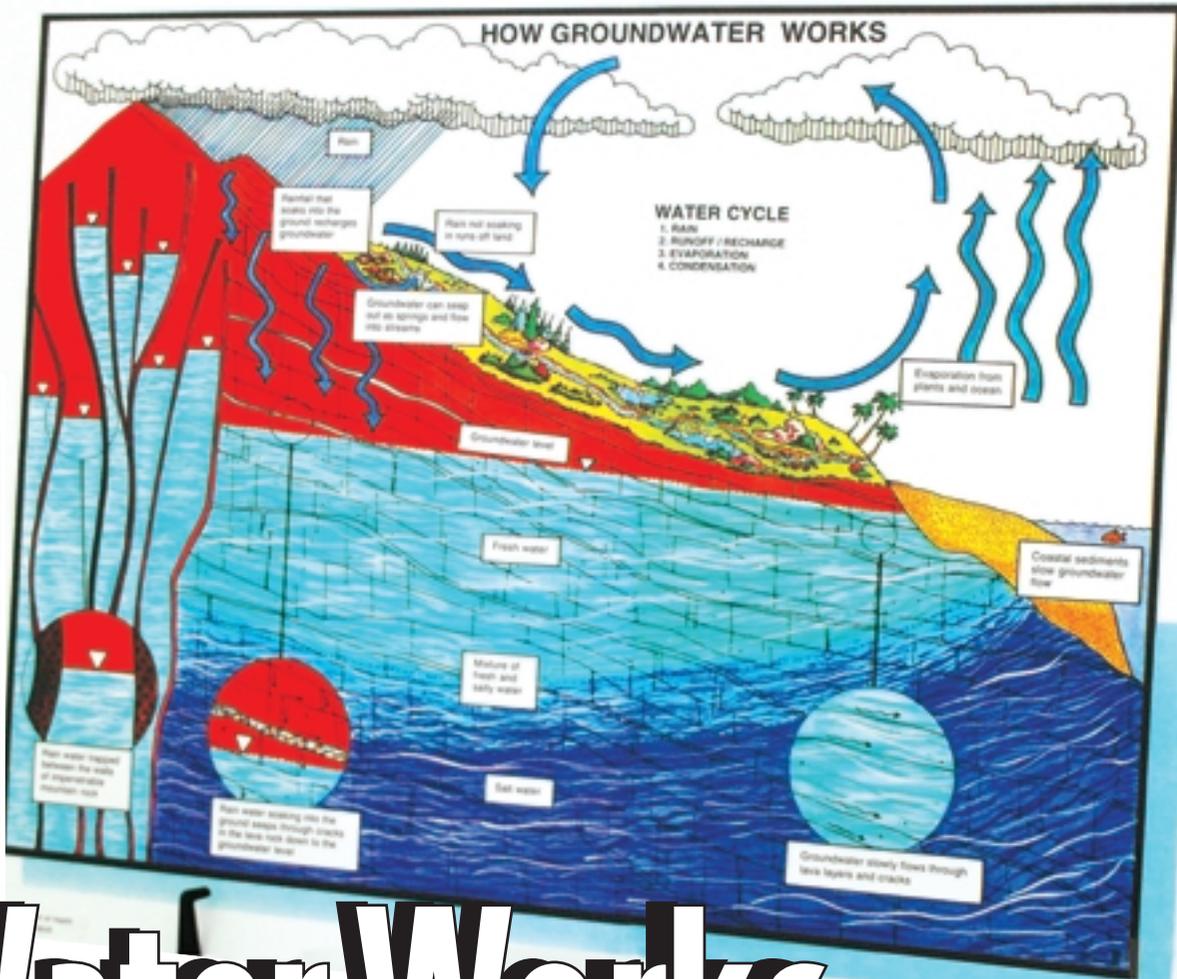
- 14) Ayn Rand
- 15) Nancy Pelosi
- 16) Helen Keller

Did you earn your rank?

- Missed 3 or less: Gen. Guru
- Missed 4-7: Maj. History
- Missed 8 or more: Cadet Lucky

PAU HANA

HAWAII'S GROUNDWATER



Water Works Festival

Collaborative efforts help keep young students' knowledge of water flowing and growing

STEFANIE GARDIN

U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii, Public Affairs

WHEELER ARMY AIR FIELD — A call for heroes went out Saturday from the Wheeler Elementary School cafeteria, and dozens of pint-sized, would-be protectors sprang into action.

Armed with pencils and maps, students from Wheeler Elementary's third through fifth grades spent the afternoon tracking down three troublesome villains, "Mister Phosphate," "The Nitrator" and "The Terror of Turbidity," as they wreaked havoc in a fictional Hawaii watershed.

In reality, the villains were part of the Water Works Festival, an event designed to teach the youths about watersheds, storm water and pollution prevention.

Students learned how each of the villains contributed to things like ex-

ploding algae populations, dying fish and coral, and contaminated drinking water. The students also learned what they could do to help stop the villains from causing more damage.

"The kids get to meet a Water Works villain and find out what area they're contaminating by doing hands-on tests at six different sites," said Marie Kubo, science educator, Bishop Museum. "This is our debut [event], and it's a lot of fun. We're really excited and glad there's such a nice turnout."

The festival was created and presented by the Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum and the University of Hawaii-Manoa (UHM) Environmental Center, with funding from U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii (USAG-HI).

Extra help during the event came from UHM Environmental Studies students, community members, Wheeler Elementary School teachers, and Oahu middle school students enrolled in the national People to People Student Ambassador Program. These volunteers helped staff the different stations.

Under the Clean Water Act and its supporting programs, USAG-HI is required to hold a small municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) permit to help safeguard water quality. One of the requirements of this permit is public education and outreach, and the Water Works Festival is a step towards fulfilling this requirement.

"Hopefully [the festival], will take

off," said Russell Leong, clean water program manager, Directorate of Public Works. "If it does, the intent is to try it again, to get to more schools, but always giving the schools the opportunity to say 'yes' or 'no.'"

One added benefit is that since the displays are already funded and made, other organizations — some with more limited budgets — could potentially use them as well.

There's even hope for this pilot project to expand, not only island-wide, but statewide, according to Dr. John Cusack, assistant specialist, UHM.

Watching the excited faces of the students as they ran from one station to the next, making sure not to miss anything in between, it appeared that the event was a success. However, the true measure of success won't come until later — when the children grow into active members of the community.

"As an adult, you try to instill values that you would like them to carry on," Leong said. "We're just hoping they get a very basic understanding."

"In this time frame, this two-hour period, if they can remember just one thing, that's great. Ultimately, it takes more than a festival, but at least this is an introduction."

RELATED STORY

• For more on the Water Works Festival, see pages B-4 and B-5.

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Top Left — Marisa Bracewell, 12, a Moanalua Middle School student and "People to People" student ambassador, volunteers at the Water Works Festival. The community service project is one of several scheduled before the group's summer 2007 trip to Europe.

Center Left — Abigail Soderling, 12, a Wheeler Middle School student attending the festival, check her test trip to see if it's positive for the presence of "The Nitrator."

Bottom Left — Jarrett Knight, 11, a Wheeler Elementary student attending the festival, pumps water out of the Agriculture station's ground water model. He said, "I was pumping the pollution out. The blue die is supposed to be the phosphate."





16 / Today

Hot Country Nights — Come join DJ Charlie Garrett at Tropics, Schofield Barracks for some great music, contests, giveaways, and much more! Ages 18 and over only please. Starts at 8 p.m. and lasts till midnight. Free! Call 655-5697.

CFSC Texas Hold 'em Tournament — This is tournament open to all authorized MWR patrons. Sign up March 16 at Tropics. Play March 31 and April 1, starting at noon. Must be 21 years old and hold a valid military ID. Call 655-0968.

St. Patrick's Day Middle School Dance — Join friends for an evening of fun at the AMR gym, 7-9:30 p.m. Cost is \$3 for CYS members and \$4 for non-CYS members. Wear green and receive \$1 off admission. Call 833-0920.

19 / Monday

Spring Camp at Schofield Teen Center — Teens are invited to the spring camp "4-H Fitness" Mar. 19-23 & March 26-30, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Activities include cooking, art, technology, photography, community service, gym day, and 4-H finale. Field trips will include a Pearlridge scavenger hunt and movie, the beach, Richardson Pool, Hawaiian Waters, Polynesian Cultural Center, and Kualoa Ranch Aqua Tour and Jungle Tour. Cost is \$30. Call 655-0451.

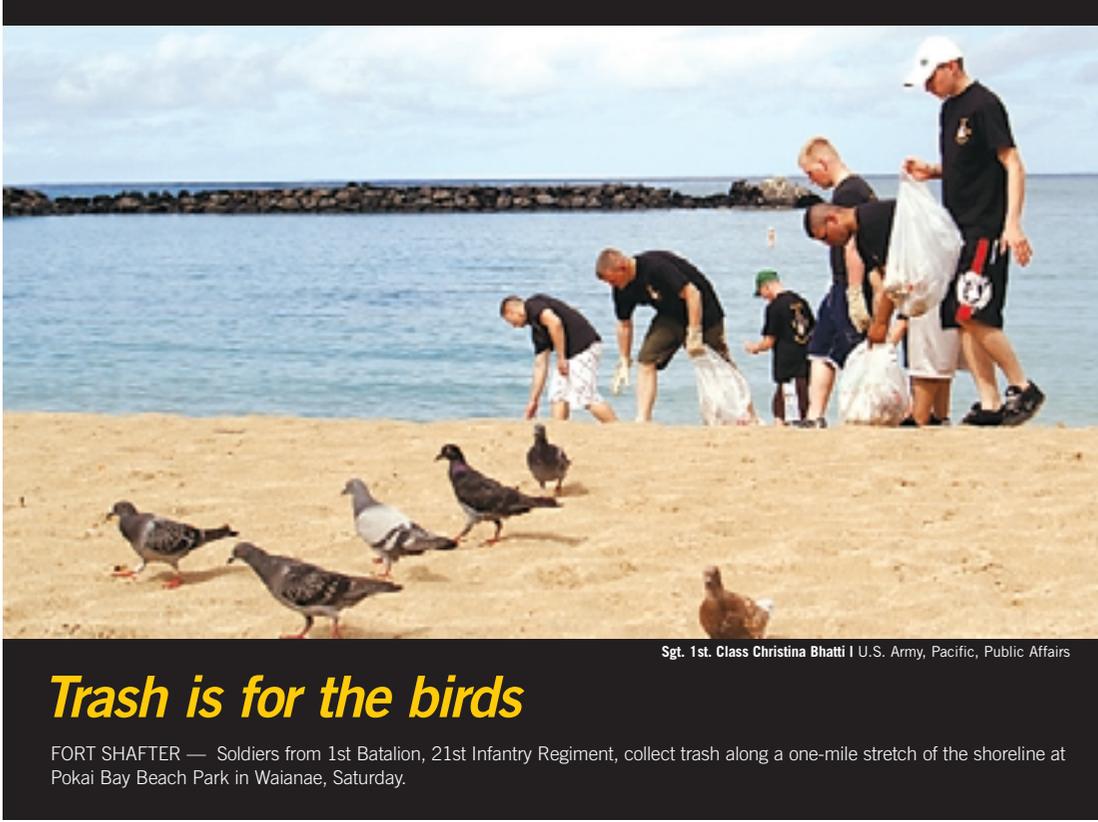
21 / Wednesday

Make a Difference in Your Community — The Hawaii Army Family Action Plan (HAFAP) Conference meets annually to address quality of life issues for our Army Community. An issue is a problem that affects the readiness and well-being of our community and the Army. Your voice counts!

Send in your Hawaii Army Family Action Plan for the upcoming conference March 21-22. To find out more about the HAFAP process or to submit your issue online visit www.mwrarmyhawaii.com, click on the following links, ACS, Getting Involved, Hawaii Army Family Action Plan.

22 / Thursday

Ante up! — Put on your best poker face and participate in a free Texas Hold 'em tournament at Tropics, March 22 at 6 p.m. All ID card holders are welcome to play, but get there early, because we only have room



Sgt. 1st. Class Christina Bhatti | U.S. Army, Pacific, Public Affairs

Trash is for the birds

FORT SHAFTER — Soldiers from 1st Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment, collect trash along a one-mile stretch of the shoreline at Pokai Bay Beach Park in Waianae, Saturday.

for 120 people to play. Call 655-5697.

24 / Saturday

Parents Night Out — Leave your kids with Child and Youth Services (CYS) at Peterson Center, Schofield Barracks, on Parents Night Out, and then enjoy a nice night out on the town.

Children enrolled in Parents Night Out must be registered with CYS no later than noon, March 21. Reservations are first-come, first-served. Call 655-8313.

28 / Wednesday

Babysitting Class — Free classes available to teens, 13-17 who are either members of CYS or enrolled in SKIES Unlimited. Classes will cover "Characteristics of a Great Babysitter," "Communicating With Your Own Parents," "Information Babysitters Need," "Ages and Stages" and much more.

Free CPR & first aid classes are also available for teens, 13-17 who have completed the CYS babysitting course and have parent's approval. Classes begin March 28, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Call 836-2106 or 655-9818.

30 / Friday

Robotech — Come see this new anime movie airing Mar. 30th, 6pm at Tropics, Schofield Barracks. Call 655-0968.

Hawaiian Luau Lunch Buffet — Enjoy

the "ono" taste of a traditional Hawaiian style feast, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Hale Ikena on Fort Shafter, or 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Schofield Nehelani.

Cost is \$9.95 per person. Call the Hale Ikena at 438-1974 or the Nehelani at 655-4466 for lunch buffet reservations or more information.

Ongoing

New MWR Calendar Feature — Visit the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Web site, www.mwrarmyhawaii.com and check out the new calendar feature. A new calendar allows users to view the calendar by day, week, or month, in a list or tabular format.

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

Leilehua High School Students — Looking for an air-conditioned ride from high school? The Schofield Barracks Teen Center offers students rides from high school straight to the teen center at no cost for all registered teens.

Limited seats are available, and a waiver form is required. Call 655-0451.

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

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

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

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

A minimum bid will be marked on each auto that is for sale. Call 655-9368 at

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Tickets will be \$3.50 for general admission and may be purchased at the box office.

29 / Thursday

Family Festival — Four days of fun are scheduled for the Honolulu Family Festival, March 29-April 1 at Magic Island, Ala Moana Beach Park. This festival will include carnival rides, activities, food and entertainment for all ages.

Also scheduled is the Ultimate Dog Show, featuring stunt canines; Watershow Productions' Pirates of the Caribbean High Dive Show; and Backyard Circus and Family Puppet Parade. Event proceeds will go toward updates and repairs of Ala Moana Beach Park.

Event times are 5-10 p.m., March 29; 5 p.m.-midnight, March 30; 10 a.m.-midnight, March 31; and 10 a.m.-10 p.m., April 1. Visit www.honolulufamilyfestival.com.

30 / Friday

A dramatic voice and inspiring songs are the signature of Wynonna Judd, and she will take listeners on a musical journey with a little bit of country, blues and contemporary with the Honolulu Symphony Pops, March 30-31 at 8 p.m. at the Blaisdell Concert Hall.

As part of "The Judds," one of the most successful country duos of all time, Wynonna sold more than 20 million records worldwide and won more than 60 awards, including five Grammys, nine Country Music Association Awards and eight Billboard Music Awards.

Be sure to save the dates. Ticket costs are \$22, \$32, \$42, \$55, \$65 and \$85. Call 792-2000 or visit www.honolulusymphony.com for more details.

31 / Saturday

Cancer Information — The Cancer Research Center of Hawaii will be holding its second annual Cancer Research Information Day, March 31, at the John A. Burns School of Medicine from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Dr. (Col.) Jeffrey Berenberg, chief of Hematology/Oncology at Tripler Army Medical Center will address clinical trials participation. Doctors and researchers from the Cancer Research Center of Hawaii and other health organizations will speak on cancer and cancer-related topics throughout the day.

This event is free and the school is located in Kakaako, just off Ala Moana Boulevard.

The marketplace is located next to the Hawaii Maritime Center on Ala Moana Boulevard. Call 566-2337 or visit www.alohatower.com.

20 / Tuesday

Passover Seder — Deadline for seating at the Aloha Jewish Chapel Passover Seder is March 20, but the event is scheduled for Monday, April 2 at 6:30 p.m. at the Hale Koa Hotel. This event is free to E-5 and below, and minor children not ordering a meal.

Cost is \$34 for military members E-6 and above, their family members and visitors. Cost for all other guests is \$50 for the Kosher turkey dinner or \$51 for the vegetarian dinner.

Reservation forms are available at the Naval Station Chapel; from Robert Landis, 487-8053, e-mail mlandis1@hawaiiintel.net; or from Cmdr. Shelly Geringer, 477-1459, e-mail sheldon.geringer@pacom.mil.

Validated parking is available at the Hale Koa Hotel for \$2.

22 / Thursday

Show Motion — The 2007 1st Hawaiian International Auto Show will be held March 22-25 in the Hawaii Convention Center, located at 1801 Kalakaua Ave. in Waikiki.

Watch the pages of "Motor Trend" magazine come alive as hundreds of the newest cars, trucks, minivans and sport-utility vehicles are put on display. From an up-close look at newly introduced pre-production models and futuristic concept cars to special guests and themed days for the youngest auto show attendees, this show will have something for everyone.

Event hours will be noon-10:30 p.m., March 22 and 23; 10 a.m.-10:30 p.m., March 24; and 10 a.m.-7 p.m., March 25. Call 943-3500, e-mail steve.freeman@primedia.com or visit www.motortrendautoshows.com for Honolulu.

23 / Friday

Asian Kings — Paul Ogata headlines a night of wild and raucous laughs at the Asian Kings of Comedy Show, March 23, from 8-10 p.m. at the Hawaii Theatre.

Named by the NBC network as one of the country's top 10 comedians, Ogata will be joined by Edwin San Juan (B.E.T), Shekky Wong (Showtime), and Kevin Shea (Jimmy Kimmel Live).

Tickets are \$35 and may be purchased at the theater box office, located at 1130 Bethel St. in Chinatown. Visit [\[atret.com\]\(http://www.alohatower.com\) or call 528-0506.](http://www.hawaiiithe-</p>
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24 / Saturday

Apprentice Openings — About 100 apprentice positions will be available at Shipyard Job Fair. Two generations of shipyard workers will be on hand to discuss the shipyard's workforce revitalization.

The job fair will run from 9 a.m. till noon, March 24, at the Marine Education Training Center, 10 Sand Island Access Rd. This job fair is sponsored by the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and Honolulu Community College.

This apprentice program is open to all U.S. citizens, 18 or older who graduated high school. Get more details at <https://acep.hawaii.navy.mil/>.

Sunset on the Beach — Tesoro Hawaii and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) will present a very special Sunset on the Beach celebrating NOAA's 200th anniversary on March 24 and 25. The perfect event for families to enjoy the beach, learn interesting and important lessons about our ever-changing environment, and listen to awesome live music by some of Hawaii's best entertainers (including Na Hoku Hanohano Award winners Makana and Tony C), the family-friendly films "The Little Mermaid" (Saturday) and "Shark Tale"(Sunday) will help celebrate a truly historic occasion as NOAA celebrates 200 years of science, service and stewardship.

Sunset on the Beach food booths will open at 4 p.m.; live entertainment will start at 5 p.m. Movies will begin shortly after sunset at approximately 7:30 p.m.

The Girl Scout Council of Hawaii will help NOAA volunteers provide information and oversee games and awards designed to promote ocean awareness, family disaster preparedness and environmental stewardship.

25 / Sunday

Vintage Collectibles Show — The Biannual Wiki Wiki One-Day Vintage Collectibles and Hawaiiana Show will be held March 25 at the Neal S. Blaisdell Center from 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Ninety-one tables of estate jewelry, art, glass, coins, ephemera and Hawaiiana will be on display and available for purchase from vendors around the islands and the mainland.

Community Calendar

Send calendar announcements to community@hawaiiarmyweekly.com.

March

17 / Saturday

Black & Gold Ball — The men of the oldest intercollegiate Greek-letter fraternity for African-Americans, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., will host their 2007 Black and Gold Scholarship Ball tomorrow, March 17 from 5:30 p.m.-midnight at the Hyatt Regency Waikiki Resort & Spa, 2424 Kalakaua Ave. in Honolulu.

This gala event is one of the most significant annual fundraising events hosted by the Mu Beta Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha to benefit the Honolulu community and its youth through mentorship and sponsoring academic scholarships.

The guest speaker will be U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii, Command Installation Chaplain (Col.) Hanson R. Boney, and this year's theme is "Build on Scholarship, One Person at a Time!"

Tickets are \$60 each. Contact Willie Wright, fraternity president, at 457-7717 or Grady Dunn, scholarship chairman, for more details at 352-0600.

Navy Chorale Performance — The 75-member Men's Glee Club from the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., will drop anchor in Honolulu for two public performances on its Spring Break tour in March.

The first performance will be held March 17 at 7:30 p.m., at St. Andrew's Cathedral, and March 18 at 7 p.m., in Central Union Church. Both churches are in downtown Honolulu.

Tickets for both performances will be available through the Navy's MWR outlets. Call the Music Office at 1-410-293-2439.

Luck O' the Irish — Irish eyes will be smiling at Aloha Tower Marketplace's St. Patrick's Day celebration, March 17 starting at 4 p.m. Free festivities will include live entertainment with music, contra dancers, and leprechauns, plus prize giveaways and party beads.



Aliamanu (AMR) Chapel, 836-4599

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

Fort DeRussy Chapel, 836-4599

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

Fort Shafter Chapel, 836-4599

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

Helemano (HMR) Chapel

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

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

- * (Note: During renovation, services normally held in the sanctuary will take place at the Wheeler Chapel.)
- Catholic Sunday, 9 a.m.—CCD & RCIA Collective Protestant Sunday, 10:30 a.m. — Sunday School
- Gospel Sunday, 10:30 a.m. — Sunday School

MPC Annex, Building 791

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

Soldiers Chapel

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

Tripler AMC Chapel, 433-5727

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

Wheeler Chapel

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

This Week at the MOVIES Sgt. Smith Theater



Epic Movie

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



Catch and Release

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



Blood & Chocolate

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

The theater is closed Monday & Tuesday.

Spouses to Teachers expands to Pacific

SGT. CRISTA YAZZIE
Army News Service

CAMP SMITH – Military spouses living overseas and interested in a professional and portable teaching career now have additional assistance with the Spouses to Teachers (STT) program.

Effective throughout the U.S. Pacific Command, since Feb. 1, Spouses to Teachers offers resources and counseling to military spouses searching for employment in Alaska, Hawaii, Japan, Korea, the Philippines, Guam and Okinawa.

"This is a career that you can take with you around the world," said Tylee Roller, STT program manager and education counselor.

Currently operational in the continental United States since October 2004 and following a successful launch in Europe last October, more than 9,100 spouses have contacted STT for information.

For more details about Spouses to Teachers, call Brian Miller at 586-5054; Spouses to Teachers at 1-800-231-6282; DSN, 922-6282; visit www.SpousestoTeachers.com; or e-mail stt@voled.doded.mil.

"Within the Department of Defense Schools, teachers can take their certifications to their next duty stations [where there are DoD schools], avoiding the complicated process of starting over every two or three years," said Mae Ooka, quality-of-life program analyst and catalyst to STT's Pacific establishment.

This DoD program provides counseling and guidance on state-specific certification requirements, certification options, scholarships available and state-employment resources. Up to \$600 is also available via a voucher process to reim-

burse costs of testing fees associated with teacher certification/licensure.

Spouses overseas can now arrive back to the continental United States already certified and ready to teach upon arriving at new locations, according to Roller.

"Military spouses can easily identify with children of deployed parent[s], and the working hours are really conducive to family life," she said.

"As a military parent, I wanted to be home when my child got home from school, and work at something I love, and you can take this with you wherever you are stationed," said Jean Grice, military spouse, former teacher and current Department of Defense Dependents Schools Pacific and DoD Elementary and Secondary School Guam Liaison for the Pacific Command.

"When my family was moving to each new duty station, we did not have re-

sources like this, but now Spouses to Teachers gives so much guidance and access, and that's one less stressor when moving your family," said Grice. "This program really eases the transition."

"Having a portable and professional career with immense job satisfaction couldn't be more of a perfect fit for the military spouse traveling the world in support of her military spouse and country," continued Roller. "Having the spouse's career established prior to the sponsor's retirement or separation also makes the transition much easier on the family."

Making sure a spouse's energy is channeled in the right direction for the spouse's desired outcome is very important.

Spouses to Teachers

"Military spouses want a career that is professional, marketable and makes them feel alive, and teaching does that," she stated.

More than 70 percent of the military spouses registered with the program have a bachelor degree or higher.

Eligible participants include spouses of active duty personnel, Selected Reserve and National Guard, and Individual Ready Reserve recalled to active duty.

Spouses to Teachers is managed by the Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support.

(Editor's Note: Sgt. Crista Yazzie writes for the Pacific Command Public Affairs Office.)

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Schofield Barracks or 438-9402 at Fort Shafter for more details.

Tropic Lightning – Enjoy a fast and hot lunch buffet, Monday-Friday, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at KoleKole Bar & Grill. Cost is \$8.95 per person. Call 655-4466.

Family Child Care – Individuals interested in caring for children in their home should inquire with the CYS Family Child Care Program. Benefits include free training, additional income and flexible hours.

Call the AMR Family Child Care office at 837-0236, or the Schofield Barracks Family Child Care office at 655-8373.

Information, Ticketing and Registration – Looking for tickets to area attractions? We've got your tickets to paradise.

Visit the Information, Ticketing and Registration (ITR) offices lo-

cated on Schofield Barracks and Fort Shafter for a variety of tickets to luaus, cruises, whale watching adventures, Hawaiian Water Park, Sea Life Park, movie tickets, interisland packages and much more.

Call the Schofield Barracks ITR at 655-9971, the Fort Shafter ITR at 438-1985, or log onto www.mwrarmyhawaii.com. Click on ITR Ticketing and Registration for a full list of discounts at the various attractions.

MWR Happenings – To find out more information about MWR activities, programs and facilities, pick-up a copy of the "Discovery" magazine available at the Schofield Barracks commissary, Fort Shafter post exchange, Aliamanu shopette, Tripler mauka entrance, or any MWR facility.

Visit the MWR Web site at www.mwrarmyhawaii.com.

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

Groups donate gift certificates to troops, families

CARMEN L. GLEASON
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – Two home-front groups are helping American citizens support service members and their families worldwide through the donation of gift certificates.

"Gift of Groceries" and "Gifts from the Homefront" allow contributions to be made through "CertifiChecks" that can be redeemed at military commissaries and exchanges worldwide.

Both groups are members of America Supports You, the Defense Department program connecting grassroots organizations with men and women of the military at home and abroad.

Mike Baskerville, vice president of sales at CertifiChecks, first contacted the Defense Commissary Agency about starting the program in 2002 after he had difficulty getting care packages to his nephew stationed in Pensacola, Fla. He soon branched out to include the Army and Air Force Exchange Service as well.

The certificates are accepted by the U.S. Treasury Department and are processed the same as certified checks. They can be purchased in person, on the Internet or by phone at 1-877-770-GIFT (4438).

Gift certificates can be mailed to troops deployed overseas for use in one of the many exchanges located in the combat zones of Iraq and Afghanistan. Rather than paying shipping

costs for large, heavy packages, troops can use the certificates to purchase items they need.

Since the inception of the CertifiChecks program, more than \$13 million have been donated or given as gifts to family members, Baskerville said.

"This was a great gift-giving alternative to care packages that are often cumbersome," he said. "It made a lot more sense, and it was a great idea for people to donate these to charitable organizations."

The United Service Organizations, Fisher House Foundation, American Red Cross and Operation Homefront are a few of the organizations highlighted on the Defense Commissary Agency and AAFES Web sites that receive the gift certificates to be distributed to families in need.

Operation Homefront, a nonprofit organization that provides assistance to military families while service members are deployed, is an America Supports You member benefiting from the CertifiCheck program.

After being involved in the program for nearly two years, Operation Homefront has distributed more than \$32,000 in gift certificates to at least 600 families who have applied for assistance and proven they have a financial need, the organization's executive vice

president, Amy Palmer, said.

The Fisher House Foundation, also a member of America Supports You, provides the certificates to families of the men and women in military or Veterans Affairs hospitals. The foundation became a recipient of the gift certificate programs in April 2003 and has since received more than \$92,000 in donations.

"[The foundation] has made support of combat casualties and others hospitalized due to their service in operations Enduring or Iraqi Freedom our highest priority," said James Weiskopf, Fisher House Foundation vice president of communications. "Our largest donations go to these families, to help defray their living costs while they stay at one of our 37 Fisher Houses."

Weiskopf said the donations are sent to house managers, who use them to purchase common goods like cleaning supplies and also distribute them to family members to purchase food while away from their homes to be with injured service members.

"[CertifiChecks] are making a difference in the lives of these families whose loved ones have suffered grievously while defending our nation in the global war on terrorism," Weiskopf said. "This has been an incredibly gratifying program."



Getting hands-on at six stations

Car Wash

On sunny weekend days, hoses and buckets of soapy water in the driveway indicate that it's time to wash the car. Lines around the block at the local car wash also indicate "it's that time." Students at this station got to try a little bit of car washing themselves. Students poured water over two cars, one set on a grassy area, the other on more of a paved-type surface. They saw first-hand how much dirt gets washed into the storm water drains. Student also learned how some car washes, like the wash facility at Schofield Barracks, use recycled water to help cut down the use of fresh water.

Agriculture

Fertilizers and pesticides aid in growing crops; however they can also contaminate the groundwater. Students at this station pumped water out of 10 different depths in a groundwater model to determine if the water at that level had been affected. Water pumped through the tubes that came out clear was clean, water that was turquoise was contaminated.

Native Forest

What do pigs, land clearing and debris on the forest floor have to do with muddy streams? They all affect soil erosion and water run-off. At this station, students poured water through three different cups with holes in the bottoms to see how each cup's content affected the water. The first cup was filled with wood chips, simulating the natural forest floor. The second with was filled with miscellaneous debris and dirt, which simulated the forest floor after wild pigs had a go at it, uprooting plants and natural ground cover. The third cup was filled with dirt, which simulated the forest floor after the land had been cleared for construction or developmental use. The results caught a few of the children and their parents unaware. Sgt. Raven Cornett, who attended the event with her daughter, Jory, and son, Bron, was surprised after learning about wild pigs. "I didn't realize how much damage they really do," Cornett said.

Golf Course

Hawaii has quite a few golf courses, and it takes a lot of water to keep them lush and green. Students at this station learned about alternative types of water, like grey water, can be used to help reduce the amount of fresh water used, saving that for things like drinking and brushing your teeth. Students also learned how water is separated and cleaned during waste water treatment. They tried their hand at guessing which jar of water was which from tap water to bottled water to partially cleaned waste water.

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Native Forests

Above — (Left to right) Jarrett Knight, 11; Zack Yuen, 12; and Geordan Siri, 13, watch as Leon Geschwind, science educator, Bishop Museum and Raena Naka, 13, pour ground water contaminants into the model.

Right -- Volunteer Lia Bracewell and Teagan Nevada, 5, test their knowledge in the "Brain Drain" game.

Agriculture

Residential Areas

Car Washes

Above — Jory Cornett (center), 11, takes a turn washing cars while her mother, Raven (right), and brother, Bron (left), 7, watch.

On the Hunt

Students searched for the three Water Works villains at each of the six sites. They tested for "Mr. Phosphate" and "The Nitrator" by dipping test strips in jars of water, and they tested for the "Terror of Turbidity" by shaking jars of water.

Ryan Murphy (right), 13, a St. Michael's, Wailua, student and "People to People" student ambassador, said, "I am explaining how the forest floor in Hawaii affects our water and how clean it is."

Golf Courses

Above — Latiara Robertson, 11, Wheeler Elementary School, tries to identify which type of water is in the jar at the Golf Courses station as Amber Inwood, science educator, Bishop Museum, teaches her about waste water treatment.

Construction Zones

Above — Marcus Holden, 8, Wheeler Elementary School, and fellow Wheeler student Rainey Lampien, 8, test out different silt socks at the Construction Zones station. This site was Rainey's favorite. "I learned which [silt sock] leaked and not leaked," she said.

Oh my! The coral in the ocean is dying. Dirt is washing down into the sea and smothering it.



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Tom Cummings, Bishop Museum, shares ocean stories during a cultural storytelling session. "Some people see water, and it's just water to them, but there are a lot of rich stories that come out of the water," he said.

Stations: Students get to see first-hand how important water really is

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Residential Areas

The little choices made in the home can have a big impact on the community's sewers, storm drains, and sediment ponds. In the "Brain Drain" game, students' decision-making skills were challenged in three home scenarios. In one scenario, the student had just finished cooking a plate of eggs, but there was grease left in the pan. What now? Should the student pour the grease down the drain or put it in a container to throw out with the trash later. Decisions, decisions. In each of the scenarios students learned the impact their actions can have. Students

also received a list of handy tips to help them "save the drain for the rain."

Construction Zones

Construction is a booming industry, and new homes and buildings are constantly being built around the island. With all of the activity comes a lot of dirt and debris that could easily be washed into the stormwater drains. The solution...silt socks! At this station, students got to see the effects of eight silt socks, filled with substances ranging from sand, to pine shavings, to cedar bedding, to see how successful each was at keeping some freshly bulldozed dirt from washing into and polluting the stormwater.

How much water do you use when you ...

- ... flush the toilet?
A standard toilet uses 5 gallons of water per flush
- ... take a shower?
A standard showerhead uses 6 gallons of water per minute.
- ... wash the driveway?
A typical hose uses 8 gallons of water per minute.
- ... brush your teeth?
Running the tap for two minutes uses 6 gallons of water.
- ... run the dishwasher?
A full cycle wash uses 16 gallons of water.
- ... do laundry?
A standard washer uses 50 gallons of water to wash a full load.



18 / Sunday

Bowling Tournament — A “5 Game, No Tap” tournament will be held at the Schofield Bowling Center, March 4. Check-in will be at 1 p.m., and the cost is \$20 per bowler. Call 655-0573.

24 / Saturday

Teen Pool Party — Come to the Alimano pool for refreshments, games, prizes, and lots of splashing fun! March 24, 5 – 7 p.m. Call 833-0920.

27 / Tuesday

Mini Soccer — Registration for Mini Soccer begins March 27 and is open to youths born in 2002-2003. Cost is \$10 which includes a T-shirt. Mini Soccer is a parent participation program where youth learn the basic skills of soccer. Program meets once a week from 5 to 6 p.m., April 24 – June 14.

Ongoing

Karate Classes — Hawaii Ok-



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Menehune working

Workers from Leeward Landscaping meticulously comb the grass for weeds outside the newly completed Kalakaua housing community on Schofield Barracks, off Kolekole Avenue, Monday.

inawa Karate Do Shodukan classes are offered at the Fort Shafter Physical Fitness Center, Thursdays from 6 to 7:45 p.m. and Saturdays from 1 to 2:45 p.m.

Karate helps develop character, confidence, health, and self-discipline. Contact instructor Joseph Bunch at 488-6372 for additional information.

SKIES Movement Center — Do you have a love for the performing arts? If so, classes that feature creativity, cooperation, confidence, and self-expression are

available at the SKIES movement center.

Students can learn street dance, introduction to dance, hula and ukulele. Look for ballet

and junior hip hop in January.

All classes cost \$33 per month or \$99 per semester. For additional information, call 655-9818.

Mizuno Club Fitting — Make an appointment with Professional Golfers Association member Lou Merkle to schedule custom fitting of golf clubs or to schedule individual lessons to improve your game. Call 438-9587 to make an appointment or obtain more information.

Scuba Classes — Scuba class provides individuals with an opportunity to earn their PADI certification during two weekends for only \$175.

Instruction is held Saturdays and Sundays at various locations depending on class content and skills being taught. Call 655-0143 for more information.

Group Cycling — Participants can use stationary bikes and drills to work out during group cycling. With tension and resistance, individuals can simulate up and downhill climbs to provide challenging experiences.

Classes are held at various times on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Call the Schofield Barracks Health and Fitness Center at 655-8007 for more details.



Send community announcements to community@hawaiiarmyweekly.com.

March

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Canoe Club — The Honolulu Pearl Canoe Club, a military-oriented outrigger paddling canoe club, is currently recruiting new paddlers of all ages, skill and experience levels for the upcoming outrigger canoe regatta season.

Regatta races are sprints ranging from one-fourth mile to one-

and-a-half miles, held every Sunday from June 3 June to July 22 at Kailua Beach, Keehi Lagoon, Nanakuli Beach and Waimanalo Beach. This private organization operates on Naval Station Pearl Harbor and is open to all military and civilians.

Learn six-man, outrigger canoe paddling skills and techniques for fun or competition in a positive social environment. If you're interested in paddling, visit the Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Canoe Hale located at Rainbow Bay Marina, near the Arizona Memorial Visitor's Center, any Monday, Wednesday or Friday between 5 p.m. and sunset.

E-mail megtoad@mac.com or visit www.honolulupearl.com for more details.

17 / Saturday

Jackpot Rodeo — The Hawaii Women's Rodeo Association will host a Jackpot Rodeo tomorrow, March 17, at Gunstock Ranch in Kahuku. Rodeo action will begin at 10 a.m. with Open, 3D and Keiki Barrel Racing followed by Pole-Bending.

Admission and parking are free. Call John Teixeira at 389-9884 or visit the HWRA online at www.rodeoohu.com for more details.

Irish Sprint — Plans are now being finalized for the 27th annual Irish Sprint and Stride, a 10k (6.2 mile) and 2k (one mile) race-walk to be held Saturday, March 17, St. Patrick's Day.

These races will begin at 7 a.m. from the Pearl Harbor Visitors Cen-

ter (PHVC) at Halawa Landing, between the USS Arizona and USS Bowfin Memorials at Pearl Harbor.

Check-in for the race-walk begins at 6 a.m., and breakfast will be available from vendors in the adjacent PHVC tents. Also, a post-race awards ceremony, including trophies and participant T-shirts, will follow, between 8 and 9 a.m. at the visitors center.

This event is open to the general public; cost is \$25 per person, \$40 for up to four family members running together, and \$18 for seniors over 50 years old.

Registration forms are available at www.pearlharborvisitorcenter.com; click on the “Irish Sprint” photo page. Call race director Senior Chief Tom Flores at 228-5210 for more details.

The March — The Menehune

Marchers will be sponsoring a 10k Kaimuki and Kapiolani Community College Farmer's Market volkmarch, or walk, March 17.

This free march will start at Fort Ruger Triangle Park. Participants may begin any time between 8-11 a.m. Cost is \$3. Call 205-1846.

24 / Saturday

Rubber Duckie Race — The United Cerebral Palsy Association's “Great Hawaiian Rubber Duckie Race” will waddle down Ala Wai Canal for its twentieth year. Thousands of rubber duckies will challenge the rigors of the Ala Wai canal, March 24, in efforts to raise dollars for those with cerebral palsy and other disabilities.

Pre-race activities will begin at 9 a.m. and will include entertainment and what is billed (ahem) as the state's largest duck store in the

McCully Shopping Center.

The race will begin at 1:20 p.m. from the Kalakaua Avenue Bridge. Visit www.ucpahi.org

29 / Thursday

Revenge & Retribution — Action Zone Wrestling (AZW) presents “Revenge & Retribution” at the Filipino Community Center, March 29, beginning at 8 p.m.

Come see live wrestling action, featuring AZW heavyweight champion “The Rage,” who will take on “King Makoa.” Also scheduled are grudge matches and tag team matches.

Advance tickets are \$7 and \$10 the day of the event. E-mail ActionZoneWrestling@webtv.net or visit www.actionzonewrestling.com to purchase tickets.

The center is located at 94-428 Mokuola St. in Waipahu.