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HAWAII STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The Hawaii State Senate and House of Representatives assembled in a special joint session Monday, to recognize members of the Pacific Army Reserve and military service members who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

The Hawaii State House of Representatives held a House presentation and reception, Monday, to thank the Army Reserve Soldiers and families and employers of Pacific Army Reserve in Hawaii who have helped build 100 years of success for the Army Reserve.

Tuesday, the Legislature presented Hawaii Medal of Honor to family members on behalf of their fallen service members.

“We are truly grateful for the sacrifices that these families have made,” said Representative K. Mark Takai. “This medal is a small token of our utmost appreciation of those service members who paid the ultimate sacrifice.”

In 2005, the Legislature passed House Bill 8, which created the Hawaii Medal of Honor. This special medal is awarded on behalf of the people of the state of Hawaii to an individual who was killed in action while serving our country as part of Operation Iraq Freedom or Operation Enduring Freedom.

Recipient of the medal are family members of the armed forces personnel, reservists, and reserves, the Hawaii National Guard, who were residents of the state of Hawaii, attended an educational institution in the state of Hawaii, or were stationed in Hawaii by order of the Department of Defense.

On Monday, April 7, 2008, past five years, the war against terrorism has changed our world and our way of life. It’s all about the families and their loved ones, and what these brave men and women sacrificed to our country.

Military Vaccine Agency Hawaii coordinated receipt of the shipment at Tripler’s warehouses and maintained quality control. Each island’s embassy, in conjunction with their Ministry of Health, requested and arranged receipt of the shipment to their respective islands.

The local non-governmental agency Pacific Island Health Office, associated with health officials from the island nations to identify their needs for the vaccine.

Continental Airlines MicroRNA lab at Tripler is preparing and shipping the vaccine at no cost to each island.

“Our network throughout the Pacific is essential to this mission,” said John Morken, general manager of Continental Airlines. “We feel this is a very important initiative that we must take. Many of the recipients of this vaccine are isolated, not just in Hawaii, but also are our co-workers and family members.”

In the U.S., seasonal influenza vaccinations are to be completed 6 to 8 weeks prior to the flu season, beginning in October and continuing through early March. The vaccine is available on a walk-in basis at most major employers and schools. The vaccine is also available at a variety of locations in Hawaii.

CAB ‘survives’ water training

CAB Jetson Wolf, a Company, and Radiat, 254th Aviation Regiment, seems to survive during the “Dunker” Training. The training tests aircraft commanders skills for surviving a crash in the water.

Army celebrates Women’s History Month

Solders welcomed guest speaker, Maj. Tammy Duckworth, daughter, Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs, as she shared her circumstances and the hardships she has overcome as a female soldier. Duckworth currently serves with the Illinois National Guard. She was also commended for her dedication and service in the Army after her own injuries from the Iraq war.

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As Soldiers, we have the opportunity to participate in driver’s training programs that teach defensive driving techniques.

As part of these techniques, drivers are taught to stay alert and in control of the vehicle in all weather conditions.

The following 10-day plan is designed to keep people safe when driving:

1. **Plan Ahead:** Before you go out, plan your route and make sure you are familiar with the road you will be driving on.

2. **Check Your Vehicle:** Make sure your vehicle is in good working order. Check your tires, brakes, lights, and fluids.

3. **Wear Seatbelts:** Always wear your seatbelt, and make sure all passengers in your vehicle are also wearing theirs.

4. **Drive Defensively:** Be aware of your surroundings and drive defensively, anticipating that other drivers may not be as cautious.

5. **Reduce Speed:** Slow down in bad weather conditions or when visibility is limited.

6. **Follow the Rules:** Obey traffic laws and signals, and always be prepared to stop.

7. **Anticipate Road Conditions:** Be prepared for slippery surfaces, potholes, and other obstacles.

8. **Stay Focused:** Avoid distractions such as cell phones, music, or food in the car.

9. **Use Your Phone Safely:** If you need to use your phone while driving, use a hands-free device or pull over to a safe place.

10. **Practice Good Manners:** Be polite and courteous to other drivers, and avoid aggressive driving.

By following these ten tips, we can all make our trips safer and reduce the risk of accidents on the road.
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DEPLOYED FORCES

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CAMP TAJI, Iraq — Twenty-two detainees were released March 19 as part of Operation Forgiving Dragon.

"The release of these men today reflects the improving security conditions in this community," said Col. Todd McCaffrey, 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team (2SBCT) commander. "Iraqi leaders and security forces are now capable of ensuring these returned men abide by the rule of law and can effectively reintegrate into this society."

The Iraqi army, Iraqi police and local leaders joined forces with Soldiers from 1st Battalion, 14th Infantry Regiment, 2SBCT, to assist in taking the men back home.

Sheik Saad Jassim warmly welcomed seven former detainees back to Tarmiya. His words were firm to them.

"Some of you have done wrong, but it is time to put that in the past," he said. "We thank the Americans for allowing you to return to Tarmiya — to your family. Your time in prison is done. It is time to move forward."

With unanimous nods, the seven looked knowingly to their leader with acknowledgement that it was time to move forward.

Col. Tawfiq al Janabi, the chief of police, also welcomed the men back to Tarmiya.

"You have paid the price [for your transgressions]," he said, "and you have been given a second chance. It is time for you to be part of the Tarmiya family. Do as your leaders say — with honor and loyalty."

Each man was required to sign an agreement that he would honor and follow the rule of law and commit no crimes against the Government of Iraq or coalition forces.

"I offer my hand in friendship," said Lt. Col. Thomas Boccardi, commander, 1st Bn., 14th Inf. Regt., 2SBCT, shakes hands with a newly freed man in Tarmiya, March 19. Seven men were released from prison to Tarmiya, and 15 were transported to Taji.

Police station brings law to Taji constituents

Story and Photo by
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2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team

CAMP TAJI, Iraq — A new era of law ushered in as a new Iraqi police station opened in Shat al Taji, March 15.

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"This is about the security of the people of Iraq," he said. "Stability and peace were brought here with the help of the coalition forces. We will stop war by imposing the law for everyone, regardless if they are Sunni or Shia."

Breaking through the sectarian SEE POLICE, A-4

Time for 22 detainees to put wrongs in the past and move forward in their community

Release promotes healing

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CAMP TAJI, Iraq — Eight months ago, Pfc. Steven Murphy, a native of Westford, Mass., married his wife Sarah in front of family and friends. Now thousands of miles away from his wife, he serves with the 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment "Wolfhounds," 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"I was sick of not being a part of the war efforts," the 22-year-old infantryman said.

Murphy said he joined the Army in 2007 to deploy. "It wasn't a matter of if, it was a matter of when," he said.

He said he chose to become an infantryman because it "seemed more fun, and it was just right for me."

Before embarking on his 15-month deployment to Iraq, Murphy trained with his unit at the National Training Center in Fort Irwin, Calif.

His training in California has already come in handy; his squad has identified enemy cache locations throughout his unit’s area of operations in northwest Baghdad.

During his first cache recovery mission, his unit captured armor-piercing rounds, which could have been used in attacks against either Iraqi security forces or coalition forces.

"We're doing good things over here, and we are noticing that [Iraqis] are moving back in [the area] because it's safe," he said.

"Murphy is highly motivated and works incredibly hard," said 1st Lt. Pete Walther, Murphy's platoon leader. "I've never seen a frown on his face."

Murphy's positive attitude and motivation has spread throughout his platoon, which is one reason he was selected as the only Soldier from his company to participate in the division's combat patch ceremony. "I'm going home with it on," he said.

Murphy will be home in Hawaii in approximately 13 months, but for now, he said he’s happy here and his unit is making a difference in the lives of local Iraqis.

Police: Station provides rule of law

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violence and uniting the Sunni and Shia people was the theme, which rang clearly through the crowd and echoed by Col. Todd B. McCaffrey, commander, 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team. "The concern is the law," McCaffrey said, "not Sunni or Shia, but protecting all."

It was just a year ago that the people of Taji were living in “dark days,” McCaffrey said. There were hardly any businesses open and people lived in fear of terrorists. Things have changed in Taji. McCaffrey accredited the area’s peace and stability to the Iraqi security forces, which include the Iraqi police, Iraqi army and the Sons of Iraq.

The project of the police station happened in two steps, said Sheik Nadeem Hatem Sultan al Tamimi, a local leader in Taji. "We first had to take control and rid our town of terrorists," he said. "Then, we had to establish a police station."

Now that those two steps are complete, Nadeem said he hopes the people of Taji will be happy to live in peace, and encourages them to abide by the laws to help keep the peace.

The newly opened police station has approximately 530 police officers. The officers have gone through rigorous training and are ready to enforce the law, Muhamadani said.

"We will do our best to impose the laws," he said. "No longer will violence prevail."

Making plans

CAMP TAJI, Iraq — Capt. Timothy Cho, 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, talks with a teacher from Taji following the ribbon-cutting ceremony of a new internet café, March 23. The internet café is part of a civic center which also has a store, a kitchen and a sewing center. Cho serves as the deputy U.S. Agency for International Development officer with the embedded Provincial Reconstruction Team.
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A Soldier practices a Jiu-Jitsu technique with Master Relson Gracie, an undefeated red-black belt, during a no-holds-barred combatives training program, March 20.

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Flying is relatively safe, but there is always that chance of an accident,” said Capt. Bradford Peterson, 2-25th Avn. Regt. “Sometimes we are flying for an hour over open water, so this type of training is very (necessary) here in Hawaii.”

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Gracie explained the basic meaning of the Army-style combatives: “No-holds-barred is a new style with combinations of different martial arts,” he said. “The arts are always changing, now there are adaptations to use the best style combinations. This adaptation, however, is specifically geared toward survival, where everything is allowed.”

“You have to know your fears in order to face your fears,” said Sgt. Amber Fitzpatrick, motor transportation specialist, A Company, 15th Support Battalion. “Fitzpatrick, the only female Soldier out of 100 participants in the 40-hour training program, explained the training’s importance.

“This training is valuable in any aspect, whether deploying or staying stateside, because it gives the confidence needed to perform when in danger,” she said. She recommended that all Soldiers take advantage of the self-defense programs the Army offers.

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Team Hawaii takes cake at annual culinary competition

Spc. Durwood Blackmon and Spc. Carlee Ross

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — A team of the finest U.S. Army Hawaii culinary arts Soldiers participated in the 33rd Annual U.S. Army Culinary Arts Competition at Fort Lee, Virginia, March 1-15.

The competition, a meticulous test of skill and attention to detail, was comprised of chefs from all branches of the armed forces. Team Hawaii, which consisted of nine junior enlisted Soldiers and three non-commissioned officers, participated in an average of four events in the Installation of the Year category; the most distinguished event at the competition.

“We Soldiers selected for the competition were eager and driven to become great chefs,” said Sgt. 1st Class Clinton Francis III, team manager, U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii. “They endured countless hours of training, a strenuous 100-question written test, and a three-course tryout meal.”

Team Hawaii placed in the top five for the past four years with a first-place finish in 2004. Although more than 98 percent of the team took part in the competition for the first time, it brought home one gold medal, 14 silver medals, three bronze medals and one commendation medal.

While vying for top honors, Soldiers also competed in a field event category where traditional Unitized Group Rations, A-Option (UGR-A) are turned into gourmet meals and fed to Advanced Individual Training (AIT) Soldiers.

Several Team Hawaii members also competed in events such as the All-Army Junior Chef of the Year, a category for junior enlisted Soldiers who prepare a three-course meal for four people in under three hours, and the Senior Chef of the Year for E-5s and above, where a four-course meal for four persons is prepared in less than four hours.

Team Hawaii received awards for both events with Spec. Cesar Sumaung, A Co. 45th Special Troops Battalion, taking the gold medal for Junior Chef of the Year, and Staff Sgt. Anica Spencer, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, U.S. Army, Pacific, Special Troops Battalion, receiving a commendable for the senior chef competition.

Although the team was successful in this year’s event, it was not without great challenges.

“Two things that I’ve seen before. They gelled and came together in a big melting pot of Soldiers. Some are from infantry, some from artillery units, but they all came together as a team.”

The event in itself was demanding. Long hours, timed food preparations, stout competition and ongoing strategy were necessary for the team’s victory. Nonetheless, Soldiers still managed to keep their cool in the face of complexity and have fun.

“When you take a loss in one of the categories or when your team takes a loss, you have to maintain composure and continue moving on to the next categories,” said Sgt. Thomas Penkal, food specialist, Troop D, 3-4 Cavalry Regiment.

“That is one of the hardest challenges. I think it was really a good experience for all the Soldiers. It was competitive, there was a lot of stress in the environment, but in the end everyone came together as a team and it was a really great accomplishment.”

Spec. Jason Nata, E Co., 2-75 Infantry Regiment, has attended the event twice.

“It means a lot to know more about your job skill and how to handle it when you get back to your unit,” Nata said. “I’m looking forward to... next year.”
Above — Margaret Tacub trims the bottom of a bowl on the pottery wheel. Artists of all ages and skill levels meet at the center to express themselves.

Below — Dr. (Col.) Jeffery Berenberg glazes a hand-molded cup at the Fort Shafter Arts and Crafts Center. Raw materials line the center for various classes and individual projects.

Lucy Carvalho, known to most at the Arts and Crafts Center, here, recently. More than 10 people sat in different areas working on projects and sharpening their creative abilities.

Volunteer Phyllis Ludwig, Fort Shafter Arts and Crafts Center, Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation, carefully placed a piece of glass next to another and pinned it in place.

“Next step, soldering,” Ludwig said. “Saturday is a chance for people to come in and work on their own, finish projects they started in the classes we offer, and utilize all the center has to offer,” she said. “Of course, we are always here to help them if they need.”

The Arts and Crafts Centers at Fort Shafter and Schofield Barracks offer numerous classes that provide a creative outlet for all skill levels. Classes include ceramics, painting, quilting and woodcrafts.

Run solely by volunteers, the centers provide equipment, as well as knowledgeable teachers, to guide the military ohana through artistic endeavors.

Lucy Carvalho, known to most at the center as “grandma,” has volunteered at the Fort Shafter Arts and Crafts Center for three years, teaching ceramics, quilting and sewing.

As she walked around the center, she answered questions and assisted ceramics student Sheryl Bailey.

With a steady hand, Carvalho added the finishing touches to a ceramic piece.

“We try to show people what we have made and what they have the potential to make,” said Carvalho. “I love creating and I love teaching other people my craft.”

Across the table, Lavone Ikeda quietly sewed a doily.

“We get everyone from active duty military, retired Department of Defense employees, and civilians all meeting here for a common purpose,” said Kw. “It’s a great environment filled with great people who want to work with you and help you.”

Kw explained that many members of the Arts and Crafts Center collaborate on projects to donate to the Arts and Crafts store for sale.

“As we spoke, the sound of a spinning pottery wheel whistled in the background.

Family member Margaret Tacub sat at the wheel shaping a cup. She picked up a small tool and trimmed the edges.

Dr. (Col.) Jeffrey Berenberg, chief, hematology and oncology service, Tripler Army Medical Center, stood a few feet away preparing to glaze pieces of his hand-carved pottery.

“Creating works of art centers me,” said Berenberg. “I enjoy the process and creative energy here. It’s my way of meditating.”

A loud noise rang out from the adjoining woodshop as military veteran Rob Semenko cut small pieces of wood.

“The woodshop is mostly used for the ukulele-making course,” said Semenko. “But more experienced people can use it for making jewelry boxes, cabinets … anything.”

“And we never waste wood,” added Army veteran Ken Patterson, holding up a cutting board made of leftover scraps.

A safety class is required before using the woodshop equipment.

“This is a great facility with so many tools and people on hand to help you create any project,” said Berenberg. “I wish more people would use it or find out how to use it.”

The centers have classes and materials to engage the artist in everyone. In addition, each offers classes for children, teens and adults, as well as a “Mommy & Me” class that allows parents and children to tackle creative projects together.

“In the end, we are all artists,” said Ludwig. “And if you don’t think you are one, we can show you how to be one.”

Raw materials and finished art projects line tables at the Fort Shafter Arts and Crafts Center. The studio is used for an array of art classes, as well as open studio time for artists to finish ongoing projects.

For more information on upcoming arts and crafts classes, call 418-1315 (Fort Shafter) or 655-4202 (Schofield Barracks).
4 / 2 Wednesday

Promote Yourself! Use your own key consultant to be making makeup applications. Stay up to your skin on how to create a glamorous look on April 2–5. At Sgt. Yano Library. The program is open to all ages. Participation under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Cost is $10 per person and space is limited. Call Outreach Desk at 655-0143 or 655-5045.

9 / Wednesday

Join FMWR for the Fort Willoughby Earth Day 5k Run on April 2, 1–3 p.m. Start an Earth Day pledge drive in your unit to encourage conservation and design a ColorFest. Call 655-2981 for more information.

Ongoing

Information, Ticketing and Registration — Looking for tickets to area attractions or the latest information on events? The Ticketing Registration (ITR) at Schofield Barracks or Fort Shafter can provide a wide variety of tickets for a variety of events. A variety of tickets to dances, cruises, while watching adventures, Hawaiian Airlines Activities meetings, and more are available for sale at the Military reservation (AMR) Teen Center, Building 5-510, Schofield Barracks, 9–11 a.m. during the school year. Call 655-6300 or 655-6345.

The Oahu Veterans Center, 1298 Kukila St., Suite 323, Honolulu 96816, is open 9 a.m.–3 p.m., to help residents with filing taxes. Call 655-3060 for more information.

Tax Assistance — The Internal Revenue Service office in Honolulu, Pinetower Kakaako Federal Building, 300 Ala Moana Blvd., Honolulu 96814 will be open, 9 a.m.–3 p.m., to help residents file a tax return in order to receive their Economic Stimulus Payment and answer questions about the $1,200 stimulus bill passed last month.

Call the Schofield Barracks ITR office at 655-3971, the Fort Shafter ITR office at 639-1900, or visit www.mwr.army.mil/hawaii. Ask for “Ticketing and Registration” for a full list of discounts and special events.

Active Parenting Class — Army Community Service’s New Parent Support Program offers a variety of seminars and classes to help parents of children ages 1–4. Classes are held the first and third Monday of every month at ACC 1, Schofield Barracks, 9–11 a.m. during the school year. Call 655-6710 or 655-6300.

Point 1 & Take It — Ceramic offers of the unique opportunity to create your own pottery, coffee, children’s birthday parties, showers or any occasion. Your Art In Center provides a varied selection of ceramic classes and free time to work on your art projects. Call 622-6554.

For information and classes, call them at 655-6300 or 622-6554.

Schofield shrift Thesp — Browse the Thesp Shop for all your need.

Normal business hours are Monday and Tuesday 9 a.m.–5 p.m. and Wednesday to Saturday 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

Schofield Shrift Thesp is always welcome at the Thesp Shop is the main headquarters for the American military's leader in Oahu Wahiawa USO. All profits are donated to charities and scholarships in the military and local community. Call 442-1040 or visit Building 1, Fort Shafter.

MAIK Teen Lounge — The Hawaii Military Recreation (FMWR) System at Schofield Barracks, located inside the BMSC Youth Center, is now open Monday-Friday, 2–4 p.m. If you are in grades 6–12, the Teen Lounge is the place to go after school.

The lounge offers daily activities, including: talking, sports games, videos games, arts, crafts, and volunteer opportunities.

A nutritious snack is offered each day. The program is free except the annual CYA registration fee of $15. Call 655-0447 or e-mail teambecker@beckercommunications.com for more information.

Preschool Story Times — Family Welfare, Recreation and Farm (FMWR) Libraries have Story Time at 10 a.m., Tuesdays, at Fort Shafter (438-5721), Wednesdays at Yano Library, Schofield Barracks (655-8002), and Thursdays at AMR (813-4893).

Savage Yard Auto Sales — Fort Shafter and Schofield Barracks are sponsoring a car show on Saturday, April 5, 2008, at Fort Shafter. Town Hall located inside the HMR Youth Center, is a place to go after school.

The first car show begins at 6:30 p.m. Call 655-6300 or 622-6554 for more information.

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Catrionaich Orchestra of Hawaii is looking for new members. You come from each branch of the active duty military in Hawaii will be entertained by the Catrionaich Orchestra of Hawaii.

Glen and mission pilots, air crew search and rescue personnel, ground team search and rescue personnel, and other first responders are welcome. Call 311-1750 or 911 for more information.

G-Semitic Bookstore — The store is located inside the HMR Youth Center, is a place to go after school.

Fees are charged to each class, for each category, and the proceeds will benefit the Oahu Hui Community. The Oahu Hui Community is the main fundraising group for the Oahu Hui Community.

For information and classes, call them at 655-6300 or 622-6554.

Call the Oahu Veterans Center at 655-3060 for more information.

Tax Assistance — The Internal Revenue Service office in Honolulu, Pinetower Kakaako Federal Building, 300 Ala Moana Blvd., Honolulu 96814 will be open, 9 a.m.–3 p.m., to help residents file a tax return in order to receive their Economic Stimulus Payment and answer questions about the $1,200 stimulus bill passed last month.


MDA Summer Camp Valvoline — If you or your child’s annual weights and height are recorded at a weight-tracking center, children with muscular dystrophy diseases at the YMCA’s West End location, 611-16. Call 531-4954.

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Romantic Comedy — The application deadline is April 11 to vie in the 2008 Hawaii Romance Festival. If you are engaged and ready to be married, the Matt of the free tropical cocktails by making the. Tell them to create a glamorous look on April 2–5. At Sgt. Yano Library. The program is open to all ages. Participation under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Cost is $10 per person and space is limited. Call Outreach Desk at 655-0143 or 655-5045.
Ault builds on strong family tradition of Eagle Scouts

Family member promotes food drive at Wheeler for his Eagle Scout project

From left, Scout Master Sgt. 1st Class Eric Beat, Eagle Scout Matthew Ault and Brig. Gen. Robert Brown stand together during a small ceremony to recognize Matthew for his recent service to the military community.

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FORT SHAPIRA FLATS — Within minutes of passing the front gates of Linapuni Elementary School in Kalihi, the presence of volunteers from the 94th Army Air and Missile Defense Command (AAMDC) is felt. Almost instantly, 94th Army Air and Missile Defense Command (AAMDC) said.

Having a family history of scouting and a competent scout master at his side, there seemed to be little doubt that Ault would earn his Eagle Scout badge. Including his brother Ryan Ault, a total of four grandsons from the Ault family have earned the rank of Eagle Scout.

Matthew Ault was the first Boy Scout at Linapuni to receive the School Partnership Program, 94th AAMDC certificate of recognition. 


Sgt. Ashley Wood (left), supply clerk at 94th Army Air and Missile Defense Command, and Sgt. J. Glenn Jenkins, administrative noncommissioned officer at 94th AAMDC, put a working relationship into effect.

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Sgt. 1st Class Eric Beat, Matthew’s scout master, got involved in scouting three years ago at Fort Rucker, Ala., with his sons. He dedicates two full weekends a month to the Boy Scouts.

Matthew Ault was the first Boy Scout Beat has helped become an Eagle Scout. Beat has been a scout master for about a year.

Brown said that although the young men in Boy Scouts are accomplishing great things, they don’t achieve these feats by themselves.

The success of these children could not happen without the help of the scout masters, scout leaders and all the people behind the scenes.” Brown said. “I know it couldn’t happen for years without mom and dad.”

Only about five percent of all Boy Scouts earn the Eagle Scout rank. Ault now can say he is a part of that percentage, and his experiences will stay with him throughout the rest of his life. As the Boy Scout’s saying goes, “Once an Eagle, always an Eagle.”
April 22 / Tuesday Intramural Softball League — Applications are now being accepted for this year's softball league. Active duty Army, National Guard and Army Reserve units within Hawaii are allowed to enter one team. Men and women's divisions will compete at Schofield Barracks, Fort Shafter and Tripler Army Medical Center. All entries must be received by the USAG-HI Sports, Fitness and Aquatics Office by 4 p.m. April 22. Entries may be sent to Stop 112, Bldg. 556, Room 100, Kaka'ako Community Activity Center or faxed to 655-8012. Call 655-0851 for more information.

Ongoing

Physical Fitness Centers — Don’t miss out on extended hours at all Army Physical Fitness Centers, effective April 1, brought to you by the Army Family Covenant.

These enhanced services include extended weekend and holiday hours at Schofield Barracks and Fort Shafter Physical Fitness Centers, and at the Health and Fitness Center. Hours of operation are now 6 a.m.-6 p.m., weekend and holidays. In addition, free tours and classes are provided to patrons.

Mom and Baby Yoga — Get fit with your baby at Iwami and Baby Yoga, Wednesdays, 9:45 a.m., at the Heath and Fitness Center, Schofield Barracks. Moms are provided, but moms should bring a small towel or blanket for their babies to lay on. Call 655-8009 to register.

Little Ninja Classes — Parents of gymnasts, bring your 3- to 5-year-olds to Child and Youth Services (CYCS) to learn basic Karate Do skills. At these classes, children will improve their motor and communicative skills, learn to focus, and build confidence and socialization skills.

Children must be enrolled in School of Knowledge, Inspiration, Exploration and Skills (SKIES) or be a current member of EYS. Call 655-9818.

Ladies Golf Clinic — Ladies, looking to improve your golf game? Come to a free ladies golf clinic the first Saturday of every month, 2-2:30 p.m., at the Leiluhia Golf Course driving range. Call 655-4653.

100-Mile Run/Walk & 50-Mile Swim Challenge — Register each mile you run, walk or swim and win incentive prizes. Stop by any Army Physical Fitness Center or swimming pool to pick up a log sheet. Call 655-9514.

Karate Classes — Children ages 5 and older can learn Do Shudokan karate at these physical fitness centers: Aliamanu, Fort Shafter, Schofield Barracks and Schofield’s Bennett Youth Center. All youth students must be registered at Child and Youth Services (CYCS); cost is $15 per month. A discount is offered for two or more family members.

Also, adults 18 and older can learn Do Shudokan karate at the Leiluhia Physical Fitness Center, Mondays and Wednesdays, 7-9:30 p.m.; cost is $40 per month. Call instructor Joseph Bunch at 488-6172 or 655-5476.

Belly Dance — Learn the art of belly dancing at the Health and Fitness Center, Schofield Barracks, every Tuesday, 4-5 p.m. Call 655-8007.

Paintball — Check out the new paintball facility at Wheeler Army Air Field, just off of Lumahai Road next to the baseball fields.

The facility features three lighted fields for day and evening play, and they are open for regular league & youth play, plus private parties and physical training (PT). Hours of operation are Fridays, 9-5 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

Rental equipment is available, and you can bring your own paint or buy it there. Instruction is available for those new to the sport. Visit www.paintballhawaii.com or call 314-9121.

Golf Tilt You Drop — Pay once and play as many holes as you wish every Thursday at the Walter J. Nagaisaki Golf Course, Fort Shafter. This offer applies to walking or riding, but some restrictions apply. Call the Nagaisaki Pro Shop at 488-9507.

Sharka Youth Swim Team — Come join the Sharka Youth Swim Team. Applicants must be Level 2 or higher swimmers. Tryouts are held at the Richardson Pool, Schofield Barracks, Fridays at 1 p.m. The club fee is $3 per month.

Volunteer Coaches — Interested in volunteering to be a youth sports coach? Contact the youth sports director today. Call 386-1923 for Aliamanu Military Reservation; 438-9136 for Fort Shafter/Tripler; 655-4445 for Schofield, or 655-0853 for Freeland Military Reservation.

Velociraptor Race & Rock — The Fort Shafter Physical Fitness Center hosts a Velociraptor Race & Rock Challenge, now–March 31. Military personnel and contractors who work on an Army installation on Oahu are eligible to participate. Divisions include coed, open (Level A) and novice (Level B), and participation is free.

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