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3-7th FA kicks off NTC with a bang

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FORT IRWIN, Calif. – They fire big rounds, big distances. They are the Soldiers of 3rd Brigade, 7th Field Artillery Regiment, 25th Infantry Division, and they calibrated their big guns April 27 in preparation for enemy engagement at National Training Center.

“Before we fire the guns in combat we need to calibrate them for the new lot of ammunition,” said Capt. Kevin Higgins, B Bat-

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tery commander. “Every time we use a new lot of ammunition the guns need to be calibrated. Basically, we shoot rounds through each howitzer in order to get a velocity.

“That figure is added to firing computations to ensure that our weapons hit targets accurately,” Higgins continued. “Each lot [of ammunition] is slightly different, and it’s important for us to compensate for those differences in order to hit targets.”

Brigade artillery brought its full complement of 16 howitzers, also known as “M119A2,” to NTC. The unit is comprised of two firing batteries: A Battery and B Battery. Each battery is divided into two “sections.”

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Soldiers from Bravo Battery, 7th Field Artillery Regiment, 3rd Brigade, turn their faces and cover their ears over ear protection as a high-explosive artillery round shoots downrange during live-fire training at the National Training Center, Fort Irwin, Calif.



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Tropic Lightning Soldiers strike again

Byrnes, Goodman nab first place at Fort Leonard Wood 2006 Best Sapper competition

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FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo. – After overcoming travel challenges and limited preparation time, 2nd Lt. Joseph Byrnes and Staff Sgt. Jeffery Goodman earned first place in the second annual Best Sapper competition.

It was the second time in as many years that the “best sappers” have come from Schofield Barracks. A platoon leader and platoon sergeant, Byrnes and Goodman represented the 66th Engineer Company, 2nd Stryker Brigade, 25th Infantry Division.

“The odds were against us. We didn’t show up until 48 hours before the competition started [and] our bags didn’t show up until about eight hours before the competition,” Byrnes said.

Combat engineers, or sappers, from across the Army came to Fort Leonard Wood to compete May 2-4. The competition was in a two-man, two-and-a-half-day team event that challenged their skills as sappers and mettle as Soldiers.

As part of the competition, teams completed the following tasks: a modified physical fitness test, assembled and fired various weapons, conducted water and mountaineering operations, identified threat mines, negotiated obstacle courses, took hands-on and written demolitions tests, a nine-mile “fun” run, and foot marched combat equipment an average of 20 miles per day across adverse terrain.

When Byrnes and Goodman arrived in Missouri for the competition May 2, neither knew if they would be well rested enough after traveling so far and having so little time to prepare.

“We didn’t know what place we were in through the whole competition, but I just told

Byrnes that we had to win every event,” Goodman explained.

“Throughout the day we kept hearing that people weren’t getting to as many stations as we were and that made us drive on even harder. We were struggling, but we knew everyone else was struggling too,” Byrnes said.

By pushing and encouraging each other, the two sealed the victory.

They also received a little help from 1st Lt. Colby Krug and Staff Sgt. Erasmo Flores, also from the 66th Engineer Company, who placed first in the nine-mile run event. By doing so, Krug and Flores denied crucial points to the team that ended up in second place. Krug and Flores placed fourth overall in the competition.

“We were in 3rd place throughout the competition and thanks to our counterparts, ... we were able to take first overall,” said Byrnes. “We

won by one point – that’s how close it was.”

Goodman modestly attributed the win to his sapper training and his desire to use that experience to train his combat engineers.

“My goal [was] to show my Soldiers that it can be done; the best thing we can do [now] is to train a team to go back and win it,” he said.

Byrnes intends to assist other members of his company in preparation for next year’s competition.

“Being able to do the task that we had to do there is great training. It’s what we do – build things and blow things up – and it was great to get back into that,” he said. “It’s always good to go back there, to our [sapper’s] home and keep the sword sharp, as they say.”

Byrnes grinned as he summed up the victory for Goodman and himself, “Tropic Lightning does strike in the same place twice.”



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1st Lt. Joseph Byrnes (left) and Sgt. 1st Class Jeffrey Goodman, 66th Engineer Company, 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, emerge from Bloodland Lake after the poncho raft swim.

Most families stay in Hawaii for deployment

ANN WHARTON
Army Hawaii Family Housing

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS – Preliminary feedback from a recent survey sent to Army Hawaii Family Housing (AHFH) residents found the majority of families with a deploying spouse plan to remain in Hawaii. Approximately seven percent of respondents stated they would leave and nearly six percent were undecided.

Some of the reasons given by residents planning to leave included the impending birth of a

child, difficulty in finding a job, the desire for additional help with childcare, and fear of being alone. Respondents who were undecided were awaiting word on deployment dates, availability of an AHFH home or orders to PCS.

The survey information is still preliminary. As surveys continue to come in, AHFH and the garrison will assess the feedback from residents to see how they can better inform families of the many support services available through ACS, MWR and AHFH

communities. These assessments will also determine what, if any, additional programs and initiatives might be needed to assure that families are taken care of throughout deployment.

In addition to survey information, AHFH will conduct several focus groups targeting Soldiers and families who are facing deployment.

“These focus groups will help AHFH better understand the needs of our families,” said Janine Lind, Property Management Director for AHFH. “If there is

additional need for family support, opportunities for parents to get together for camaraderie, excursions off-post or other, we want to know.”

Surveys are available at all AHFH community centers through the end of May.

Focus groups are scheduled to begin later this month. If you or your spouse will be deploying, we encourage you to take part in these focus groups. Contact AHFH at 275-3177 or send an email to: FocusGroup@army-hawaii.hfh.com.

U.S. enemies wage terror, hatred via Internet

Defense officials say terrorists reach wider audience electronically

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American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – Terrorist networks are skillfully using the Internet to raise money, recruit and train members, and to spread a message of hatred, defense officials said May 4.

“The enemy’s message, of course, is a gross distortion of American policy,” Peter Rodman, assistant secretary of defense for policy and international security affairs, told the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. “It is at bottom an incitement to hatred, extremism and terrorism.”

Rodman, along with U.S. defense contractors, presented a briefing to Congress that demonstrated how terrorists have used the Internet for propaganda purposes. The briefing was developed by Defense Department contractors in conjunction with the Marine Corps Training and Education Command, he said.

“The briefing draws on over two and a half years of research done by these contractors as they have been examining Arab media in the context of our operations in Afghanistan and Iraq, as well as the broader war on terrorism,” Rodman said.

The defense analysts employed a method called full cultural context, where they try to capture as much of the nuances in the analysis as possible.

“The monitoring of Arab media, which these particular contractors do, while its immediate purpose is force protection, provides other products of analysis, which are shared with other agencies and which seem to be widely appreciated as a useful contribution of the interagency effort of public diplomacy,” Rodman said.

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We want to hear from you...

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

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Provost Marshal Corner

Assaults, larcenies dominate crime reports

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

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Provost Marshal, 25th Infantry Division

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

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

Crime stats, April 16 – May 1

• At Fort Shafter and south areas

The Fort Shafter PMO reported a total of 12 cases during this period; they included two simple assault cases. One of the cases occurred at Fort DeRussy resulting in the apprehension of two sailors. The other assault occurred at Tripler Army Medical Center (TAMC) and involved two juveniles.

In addition, two domestic assaults were reported at Aliamanu Military Reservation (AMR) resulting in the apprehension of two Soldiers.

A case involving the use of marijuana was reported at the Hale Koa Hotel. While cleaning a guest's room, housekeeping personnel found what appeared to be a partially burnt marijuana cigarette in the room. When the registered guests returned to the room, they were apprehended. Tests

of the cigarette revealed positive results for marijuana.

Finally, one report of driving under the influence was reported of a Soldier who was arrested in Kaneohe with a blood alcohol count of .128 percent.

• At Schofield Barracks

The Schofield Barracks PMO reported at total of 48 cases. Some of the more serious incidents are as follows: 10 simple assaults and nine domestic assaults, which resulted in the apprehension of 21 service members and four family members.

Nine shoplifting cases were reported and resulted in the apprehension of seven Soldiers, two family members and two civilians. These shoplifters tried to remove the following items from the Schofield Barracks post exchange: two pairs of sunglasses, a pack of cigarettes, two full sheet cakes and other food items, hair conditioner, aspirin, Tylenol, an apple iPod, two video games, a craftsman knife and children's clothing.

In addition, 17 larcenies occurred in the Schofield Barracks area: 12 at Schofield, two at Helemano Military Reservation (HMR) and three at Wheeler Army Air Field (WAAF). Five of the larcenies on Schofield took place in housing, two in common areas and five in troop areas.

Seven larcenies involved unsecured property. Items stolen included a Kevlar helmet, camera, laptop computer, CD player, knife, Kershaw watch, DVD screen, speaker, motorcycle helmet, motorcycle jacket, CDs, controller, headset, bicycle, gold necklace, wedding ring, three-diamond setting band, and an Xbox, earrings, and games worth \$690 in cash.

One civilian was apprehended, and three DUIs were reported during this time frame, which resulted in the apprehension of two

service members and one civilian.

Hot Topic of the Week

In my last article, I identified what a CBRNE – chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear or high explosives – incident is and what happens during a CBRNE attack.



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In this column, I want to provide you with survival tips and advice on observing, recording and reporting potential incidents because this information will help you to become a more effective member of the force protection team.

• If you see something suspicious

First, if you see unusual or suspicious activity, report it immediately. Make notes of everything that you are observing because elapsed time and developing events will distort the memory of what you saw.

Next, describe any persons or vehicles involved. Be as detailed as possible and try to determine height, weight, race and gender. Further, be sure to describe hairstyle and color, including facial hair, clothing color, shoe color, and jewelry styles.

If a vehicle is involved, include the license number, make, model, and color. Also include the number of occupants and direction of travel.

Recording the sequence of events is very important, so be sure to include the date and times of your observations. This information will be critical to the success of an investigation and prosecution of perpetrators.

• If you witness something

If you witness a potential CBRNE attack, take the following measures. First and fore-

most, leave the area if you are downwind of the smoke and direct others to do the same. The smoke could contain toxins designed to inflict life-threatening injuries.

Next, call 911 and report your observations. Pay special attention to which way the wind is blowing and report that information to the 911 operator.

If smoke appears to be incapacitating people, that is, causing them to choke, become disoriented or loose consciousness, you will need to describe what you are seeing. Avoid entering the area as toxins in the smoke may overcome you.

Always keep in mind that an event like this can be followed by a secondary attack and that perpetrators may still be in the area. You can help law enforcement officials by remaining vigilant and reporting your observations.

Traffic Statistics

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

Speeding, 119
DUI alcohol, 3
Stop sign violation, 0
Seat belt violations, 0
Expired registration, 47
Expired safety sticker, 65
Driving without driver's license, 18
Driving without insurance, 10
Parking violation, 135
Cell phone violation, 0

PMO conducts seat belt, safety inspection, registration and vehicle insurance checks. Make sure that yours are all current.

Help us to increase traffic safety by obeying the law. Help us "take a bite out of crime."

LIGHTNING SPIRIT

Deployment preparations must include spiritual needs

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Individual readiness and collective training, drawing ACUs (or Army combat uniforms) and weapon's qualification are but a few of the work-related requirements that we face as many of us prepare to deploy. Wills, power of attorneys and talking with our spouses and children are ways that help ensure that our families are ready to withstand the rigors of deployment.

Each of these items that I have mentioned are vital. They all demand time and effort, along with many other tasks that column space limitations prevent me from including.

When faced with a life event such as a deployment to a combat theater, it is very easy to focus on the tangible elements of getting our units, our families and ourselves ready. If we are not careful, we will place our focus in these areas and fail to take time to prepare spiritually.

Now you are probably wondering what I mean when I refer to "spiritual preparation." I am fully aware that those reading this column will be from a broad spectrum of spiritual viewpoints, but I believe that most of what I suggest will be applicable to all those who seek to have a healthy spiritual life.

Spiritual preparation involves training our hearts, minds and spirits for the challenges that we will face in the months ahead. It involves choosing to grow in our faith even in the face of adversity.

I believe there are two reasons that call us to make the effort: First, growing spiritually deepens our life and helps us see the problems we face in a broader perspective. Second, I know from my recent combat experience that Soldiers, spouses and children will face very different and challenging realities in the days ahead.

Readying our hearts to deal with these situations will help us weather the storms we will face.

Now, how do we prepare ourselves spiritually? This preparation will no doubt depend upon your faith, but I want to share some suggestions that I believe will assist you in meeting the test that many of us will face.

I recommend that we begin by focusing on our personal faith walk. From my perspective as a Christian, I believe that focusing will allow us to step aside from the swirl of competing demands. We must refocus regularly on who we are in relation to the God who gave us life. Doing so will allow us to both voice our concerns and express our thanks to God.

Some faiths have prescribed prayers and daily reading while others are less formal. The method is not as vital as the activity itself. "Just do it" and you will see the results.

The next level that I encourage you to engage in is family spiritual activities. As your family faces the uncertainty of deployment, a highly effective way of maintaining stability and gaining strength is to grow spiritually as a family.

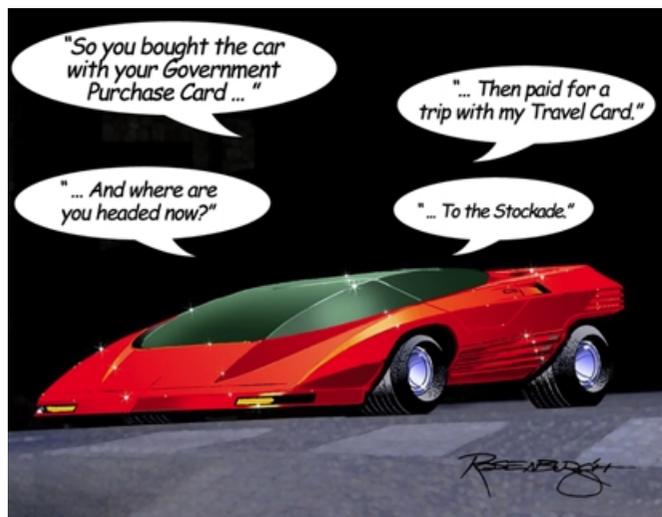
One way that my family and I have done this is to engage in family devotions. Prior to my last deployment, we purchased two daily family devotional books. We began the devotions prior to my departure and continued while we were separated. This activity allowed my family to know that on the same day we all were focusing on the same spiritual theme.

I will never forget the feeling of reading my devotions and connecting with my family spiritually with war all around. The devotions became a haven of rest at one of the most challenging times in my life.

The last level of preparation that I suggest is to dedicate time for worship. Nothing replaces the spiritual connection we achieve by coming together with others of like-minded faith in worship. This focus will help you understand in the days ahead that you are not alone.

In a nation too often occupied with individualism, worship provides a refreshing connection with a family of faith.

I am confident that the effort that you make to spiritually prepare yourself and your family for deployment will pay huge dividends. You will not measure these benefits in graphs or charts, but when the time for reunion arrives, you will understand the importance of this training.



2nd Louie

By Bob Rosenburgh

Donations to AER escalate

The Army Emergency Relief, a private, non-profit, organization, uses 87 cents of every dollar donated to helping Soldiers. The remaining 13 cents covers AER operating expenses.

The 2006 fund drive ended Thursday. Donations are accepted through payroll allotment and cash donations. For information, visit www.aerhg.org.



\$207,622

This year's goal is \$290,000. For more information on AER, contact your unit representative or 1st Lt. Aaron Carriere, AER project officer, at 655-1716.



44 days since last fatal accident

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

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

BE SAFE. TROPIC LIGHTNING!

Voices of Lightning: What would make for the perfect Mother's Day?



"For my husband to be home."

Amanda Self
Family Member & Mother



"For these guys [pointing to her two boys] to behave."

Laurie Moana
Family Member & Mother



"If I didn't have to take care of my kids for a day."

Kimiko Ray
Family Member & Mother



"... Babysitter – a good one."

Vicki Torres
Family Member & Mother



"Being with my kids and having my husband home for a change."

Nicole Winters
Family Member & Mother

SAFAC offers up deployment assistance

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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Soldiers looking for help with stress as they gear up for deployment have a resource to turn to on Schofield Barracks.

The Soldier And Family Assistance Center (SAFAC) offers a one-stop shop for Soldiers and family members to receive assistance in a variety of ways.

The center is comprised of six sub-centers that offer Soldier assistance, marriage and family counseling, the Army Substance Abuse Program, chaplain assistance, adult family member assistance, child and adolescent assistance, group therapy and social work.

"Our mission is to provide all types of mental health services to Soldiers and their families," said Staff Sgt. Christina Mitchell, SAFAC noncommissioned officer in charge. "We have trained professionals who provide access to tailored assistance programs based on the needs of the individual."

SAFAC can provide information and referrals for Soldiers and units that want to address mental health issues related to deployment.

SAFAC also offers a 24-hour, seven-day-per-week hotline that Soldiers can call for assistance. The number for that line is 655-6600.

"If they are unsure, they can call and get pointed in the right direction," Mitchell added. Soldiers, their commands or family members can call for information, phone numbers or referrals.



Sgt. Tyrone C. Marshall Jr. (right), 25th Infantry Division Public Affairs, and Iris Crowder, the lead medical support assistant, warmly greet Spc. Scott McCord at the center, Tuesday.

New incentives lure Army officers

JOINT FORCES JOURNAL

News Release

The Army is offering a series of new incentives to young officers to stem a rising exodus in the past two years of West Point and ROTC scholarship graduates.

The number of lieutenants and captains leaving had dropped after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. But it has increased almost to pre-9/11 levels because of mounting concerns about repeat tours in Iraq and Afghanistan, according to military analysts such as Bob Scales, a retired Army major general and former commandant of the Army War College.

The percentage of young West Point graduates leaving the Army rose from 6.5 percent in 2003 to 10.7 percent in fiscal 2005, which ended Sept. 30. That compares with 11.6 percent who left in 2000.

The number of scholarship ROTC graduates who left rose from 5.1 percent in 2003 to 9.3 percent in 2005. In 2000, 10.6 percent left.

Most of the young officers who leave exit as soon as their minimum commitment is up; a minority leave because of injuries or other reasons.

The Army says the number of officers choosing to stay is adequate for now, but officials are taking steps to make sure the Army has enough officers for a service branch that is expanding 30,000 troops while fighting prolonged wars.

"We're not going to wait for the loss rates to go up. We need to find ways to retain our best and brightest," said Col. Mark Patterson, manager of officer policy for the Army.

Among the new incentives:

The Army will offer free graduate school soon to an additional 200 young officers now serving, and to 600 future officers beginning in 2010 if they agree to stay past their initial hitches. The Army now pays for about 500 officers to attend graduate school each year.

Some young officers will be able to choose their job and location if they agree to remain three years be-

yond their first commitment. Currently, prospective Army officers can request their job and location, but there are no guarantees they will get their first choice.

The Army will ask Congress to approve cash bonuses for officers who stay past their initial stint. The program would be similar to retention bonuses now offered to enlisted troops in hard-to-fill jobs.

The Army is cutting the time it takes to get promoted to captain and major. Promotion to captain will drop from 42 to 38 months; for major from just less than 11 years to 10 years.

The Marine Corps has not experienced similar officer losses but will monitor the situation, said Capt. Teresa Ovalle, a Marine Corps spokeswoman.

Scales, the former Army War College commandant, said the initiatives are well timed for young officers, who face repeated trips to combat zones.

"The real issue here is the third tour," Scales said. He predicts an increased loss of young officers as the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan stretch on.

Patterson said the new initiatives were developed from surveying West Point cadets and college students headed into the Army under the ROTC program. When asked which were likely to persuade them to stay longer, they said graduate school, choice of job and choice of where to live.

The Army also is suffering a severe shortfall in new recruits, but that is being offset in part by better-than-average retention rates in those who have already enlisted.

The potential officer shortage is also caused by an expansion of combat units that requires more lieutenants, captains and majors. In addition, the Army cut the size of incoming officer classes in the 1990s as part of the post-Cold War downsizing. Mid-career officers from those classes are not sufficient to fill the vacancies the Army has at the rank of major.

As one possible fix, the Army hopes to recruit up to 300 young officers set to leave the Air Force because of downsizing in that service, Patterson said.

1st Infantry Division's pending deployment to Iraq in limbo

DONNA MILES

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — About 3,500 active duty Soldiers who were slated to begin their deployment to Iraq in the coming days will remain at their base in Schweinfurt, Germany, until further notice, defense officials announced May 8.

Members of the 2nd Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, were officially notified within recent days that they won't deploy early this month, as scheduled, Pentagon spokesman Bryan Whitman told Pentagon reporters.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld approved the adjustment, which was recommended by Gen. George W. Casey Jr., commander of Multinational Force Iraq, Whitman said.

Whitman emphasized that the decision doesn't signal the start of

a troop drawdown and doesn't affect the number of U.S. troops on the ground, currently about 133,000.

"This is a very narrow decision to hold one brigade from deploying and to give the commanders on the ground additional time to continue their assessments," he said.

The decision also doesn't cancel the 2nd Brigade's deployment, but puts it temporarily on hold until a final decision is made, Whitman said.

Decisions about troop numbers are based on conditions on the ground, as assessed by commanders there in consultation with the Iraqi government, he said.

(Editor's Note: At press time, the Defense Link press service had not issued a more current release.)

Getting it straight

The "Dental unreadiness takes bite out of oral fitness" article on page A-3 of the May 5th edition was misleading. Soldiers in Dental Fitness Category 3 must see a dentist in order to correct conditions that, if left untreated, will likely cause a dental emergency within 12 months. Soldiers in Dental Class 3 are nondeployable until the condition is corrected.

Soldiers in Dental Fitness Category 4 are in need of an annual exam and/or may not have a complete dental record on file at their servicing clinic. Soldiers in Dental Class 4 are also nondeployable.



Schofield Dental Clinic Hours of Operation

The following clarifications are offered concerning access to emergency care.

Sick Call

- Monday through Friday, 7 to 9 a.m.

- Sick call patients are seen on a first come, first-served basis, unless a situation dictates otherwise.

- Dental emergencies are seen anytime throughout normal business hours.

After-Hours Care

- For dental care of a serious nature, report to the Schofield Barracks Acute Care Clinic, Building 684, or call 433-8850.
- Closes at 9 p.m.

Emergencies

- After 9 p.m., get emergency care at the Emergency Room of Tripler Army Medical Center, 433-6629. True dental emergencies include, but are not limited to, intractable pain, trauma, bleeding and/or swelling.



Mega local resources to aid families of deployed

PFC. BRYANNA POULIN
25th Infantry Division Public Affairs

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS – When Soldiers deploy, their families are left behind to continue with everyday life. Having knowledge of the many resources available can help ease any concerns for the family.

The Army Community Service (ACS) supports families of active duty and retired Soldiers, mission-essential Department of Defense civilians and their family members with deployment and other wellness concerns.

Such programs include family advocacy, financial management and budget counseling, services for persons with disabilities, lending closets, emergency food assistance and the Army Emergency Relief.

Another resource is the Army Hawaii Family Housing (AHFH), which works in conjunction with U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii, to support families of deployed Soldiers.

For families that live in AHFH housing, maintenance will be available 24 hours per day, seven days per week to alleviate any concern about the comfort and safety of homes. AHFH provides everything from routine services to emergency care to free lawn service.

In addition, Morale Welfare and Recreation (MWR) provides many discounts to military families. Some activities include



Pvt. 2 Matthew C. Moeller | 17th Public Affairs Detachment

local attractions, luaus, submarine tours, ocean activities, whale watching, cruises and theater tickets.

MWR also offers the Blue Star Card program to spouses who stay in Hawaii during deployment. The card is designed to provide special benefits for spouses and enhance the well being of families during deployment.

All spouses of Soldiers deployed for six months and who receive hazardous pay are entitled to the card. The card is valid during the Soldier's deployment and is accepted at many of the MWR facilities.

Cardholders are entitled to many benefits at on-post facilities, including 10 percent discounts at Army bowling centers, the Leilehua Grill, the Nehelani, Hale Ikena, Reggie's and Mulligans, to name a few.

The Blue Star program also helps family members stay in touch with loved ones by offering Web cams and video teleconferencing at the ACS center.

Stores such as the Army and Air Force

Sara R. Allison and her son Jacob enjoy an infant play and learn class at the Army Community Service Center, Feb 7. Jacob's father, Capt. Brian Allison, a signal captain with 3rd Battalion, 25th Aviation Regiment, is preparing for his second deployment.



Exchange Service (AAFES) and the commissary, which both require military identification cards, are also available to persons that may be staying in a deployed Soldier's residence during the deployment.

An agent letter is required for access to AAFES or the commissary for members without a military ID. This letter allows nonfamily members access to services and resources on post.

Families also have the rear detachment, which consists of unit military members who stay on post during the deployment.

The rear detachment provides assistance to families of deployed Soldiers. It works with agencies to meet the family's needs and coordinates with the unit's family readiness group to plan meetings and communicate with the deployed unit.

With a combination of easily accessible resources, families left at home can be prepared to take on any challenge while a Soldier is deployed.

Care packages, phone cards will boost Soldiers' morale downrange

PFC. DURWOOD BLACKMON
25th Infantry Division Public Affairs

SCHOFIELD BARARCKS – As Soldiers gear up for a near-future deployment, many checklists race through their minds and their families'.

While a Soldier may be more concentrated on rucksacks and body armor, a spouse or loved one may be concerned about the Soldier's basic well-being and what amenities he or she will have downrange.

Fortunately, many supplies will be available to Soldiers who deploy to Iraq this summer. Most of the same basic needs Soldiers enjoy here at home can also be found at a number of base camps overseas. For example, just as in garrison, the Army and Air Force Exchange Services (AAFES) is located at bases in Iraq and Afghanistan (as well as around the world).

In theater, AAFES facilities are more functional in appearance than garrison shopping centers, but they serve their purpose by providing troops with a varying range of products: everything from shaving cream and small appliances to movies and calling cards.

In addition to exchange shopping items, some bases also have gift shops and restaurants such as Burger King and Taco Bell.

Typically, families of deployed Soldiers want to regularly get and send small gift items for their deployed Soldiers; however, AAFES gift cards may be the best gift idea for Soldiers downrange. Gift cards allow Soldiers to purchase needed items and family members or friends to save numerous dollars on postage and mailing of bulky packages.

Still, many families simply want to send "care

packages," those homespun packets of goodies personally packed for their special Soldier. Families and friends, however, must comply with military and host country regulations regarding items enclosed in packages.

"Some of the best things to get in a care package are letters, photos, baby wipes, contained snack foods, toiletries and defiantly hand sanitizer because it's easy to use," said Specialist Tereso Casiano, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Division G2.

In addition to personal letters, a varying selection of baked goods also boosts morale and makes life a little more comfortable, with a touch of home, for deployed Soldiers.

However, sending the wrong goods to a loved one can become a waste of time and money. Items

such as firearms and ammunition, candy that can melt, anything flammable, alcohol, tobacco, pornography, meats and any fruits or vegetables are prohibited.

Sending perishable foods may seem like a good idea at the time, said Casiano, but sometimes it takes three to four weeks to get the care package. Never send anything that could rot or is perishable. It will only go bad and could make a Soldier sick.

To get an updated list of what AAFES offers at various locations, families can click the link "AAFES associates serving troops downrange" at <http://aafes.com>. From that link, families can choose the base camp where their Soldier is located and then the link for the "TFE stock assortment guide," the listing of stocked items at that base camp.

84th Engineers build bridges for Anaconda

1ST LT. WAUKEMSHA KIRKPATRICK
84th Engineer Combat Battalion (Heavy)

LSA ANACONDA, Iraq — The 84th Engineer Combat Battalion (Heavy) jumped into action to complete a project at Logistics Support Area Anaconda's north entry control point (NECP).

Civilian trucks delivering gravel to the LSA's gravel yard blocked the NECP guards' field of vision and posed a security threat.

To solve this problem, the force protection team of LSA Anaconda's mayor cell and the 2-44th Air Defense Artillery Battalion developed a plan to reroute the gravel trucks and reorganize the gravel yard by upgrading two access roads and building bridges across canals south of the NECP.

Because canal water used by local farmers to irrigate their crops would have to be cut off to complete build the bridges, the battalion assigned the bridging mission with the proviso that it must be completed in two weeks. B Company believed it could complete the mission in that time, and satisfy the U.S. Army, gravel contractors, and the Iraqi farmers and villagers.

B Co's horizontal platoon charged forward with the initial phase of the construction project — to upgrade roads to provide entrance and exit roads to the gravel yard. Second platoon took charge of the next phase of the mission — to construct the headwalls for the culvert and timber bridges.

The battalion's construction team provided the design for the roads, and the B Company commander designed the culverts and timber bridges. Once horizontal platoon completed the in- and outbound routes, second platoon began work on the culvert and timber bridges.

From the start and throughout the construction project, second platoon faced several challenges involving the security of the project site and the construction of the culverts and bridges.

Though the actual construction of the bridges brought many challenges, only a few



Courtesy Photo

A HMMWV, followed by a 20-ton dump truck, cross a newly constructed bridge at LSA Anaconda's north entry control point.

prompted serious concern.

Once horizontal platoon finished excavating and preparing the site, local farmers opened the valve to increase the canal's water flow the day before the project began, flooding the area they had just prepared for work.

From the start, second platoon had pushed to complete the project in two weeks in order to restore water to the canal quickly. Because local farmers restored water to the canal before the project started, leadership decided to divert water instead of block it. Therefore, the two-week time constraint was eased.

However, because Soldiers worked outside the LSA, leadership wanted to finish the project quickly. Soldiers worked under extreme conditions wearing all their protective gear. This reduced their productivity and extended the project by a week.

During phase two, Soldiers tamped the ground and built a formwork for the culvert footers. Once second platoon Soldiers placed mortar onto the concrete footers, horizontal platoon used their crane to lower the culverts into position, and Soldiers firmly packed in the mortar for stability.

The next task was building the formwork for the walls. Meanwhile, the bridge team placed the timbers

onto the bridge footers and bolted them down. They also drilled holes in 86 pieces of timber for girders.

Second platoon completed the third phase by removing formwork from culverts, head walls, and tail walls. Next, they constructed formwork for the culvert wing walls and bridge approach ramps. The bridge team placed decking and fascia onto the bridge. Horizontal platoon filled and compacted at both sites to prepare for the road surface.

Second platoon placed concrete for the road surface and approach ramps. The culvert and bridge teams completed their project and prepared for completion of compaction and grading at the approaches. Second platoon completed the cosmetic work on the bridges and horizontal platoon began work on the final phase of the project. They built up the existing road, filled and compacted, and placed a final gravel cap to meet the height of the bridge at each site.

Working outside LSA Anaconda was more dangerous than expected. At one point during the project, the platoon's security team observed an Iraqi acting suspiciously around the site's concertina wire. After questioning, leaders deemed that the situation needed additional security and called the quick reaction force. The team responded and detained the Iraqi for further questioning.

The 84th ECB(H) Soldiers improved operations in Iraq without disturbing the Iraqis' way of life. Building two culverts across an earth canal and two timber bridges required a lot of work and attention to detail to ensure the project's success.

The water flows in the earth canal again, and gravel trucks have a new entrance and exit into and out of the gravel yard. To celebrate the completion of this project, second platoon held an engineer "ribbon-cutting ceremony" to honor the B Co. Soldiers and other units that made the project a success.

They retired the event with the cutting of engineer tape tied across the bridge and the crossing of a M1114 HMMWV and 20-ton dump truck over the timber bridge and culvert road surface.

News Briefs

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Deployment Expos — Deployment Expos will be held at the Nehelani, Schofield Barracks, to prepare Soldiers and families for deployment. All Soldiers, spouses and significant others are invited to attend this day of training.

•June 5 and 26: 3rd Infantry Bde. Combat Team.

•June 12: Combat Aviation Bde. The Nehelani will open to Sol-

diers from 8-9 a.m. Briefings and Army Community Service-led classes will be held from 9-11:30 a.m.

Memorial Day Remembrance

— The 25th Infantry Division and U.S. Army, Hawaii, will conduct a Memorial Day Remembrance at 11:30 a.m., May 29, at the Schofield Barracks Post Cemetery.

The remembrance will honor fallen comrades who died in the service of their country, and the guest speaker will be Col. Howard J. Killian, commander, U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii.

Road Closure

— Waianae

Avenue (north side of the grassed median) between Sudut Street and General's Loop on Schofield Barracks will be closed on May 22-23, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The road closure is required to install a new water line connection to Quad "C". For more information, call 655-1305.

Schofield PXtra — In order to complete Phase I construction of the new Schofield Shopping Center, the PXtra will close May 30.

Division Prayer Breakfast

— The 25 Infantry Division will hold a Prayer Breakfast, Wednesday

May 24, 6:30 to 8 a.m. at Nehelani Conference Center. The guest speaker is Maj. Gen. Benjamin R. Mixon. Contact unit representatives for ticket information.

Oahu South Community Townhall Meeting

— The next Oahu Base Support Battalion Town Hall Meeting for the Oahu South Community is scheduled for June 7 at 6:30 p.m. in the Aliamanu Military Reservation Chapel.

The town hall meeting is a proactive forum designed to assemble directors and agency chiefs to provide information

on matters pertaining to the Fort Shafter Community.

For more information contact Rosey Stone, deputy community director, Oahu South Office, at 438-6147.

U.S. Army Birthday Ball

— Celebrate the Army's 231st Birthday at the Hilton Hawaiian Village on June 3 from 6 p.m. to midnight. The cost is \$55 per person. Ticket information is available through units.

Asian Pacific American Heritage Month

— The Schofield Barracks celebration will take place

May 19 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Sills Field.

The Polynesian Cultural Center and a variety of other Pacific Island groups will provide entertainment.

The Fort Shafter Community will host an observance in honor of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, May 18 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the 9th Regional Readiness Command (RRC) Assembly Hall, Building 1554, Fort Shafter Flats. Mufi Hannemann, Mayor of the City and County of Hon-

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A Kiowa helicopter silhouetted against the California sunset searches a roadway for insurgent activity as 2-35th Infantry convoys during combat training exercises at NTC.

Cacti launch offensive

Story and Photo by
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FORT IRWIN, Calif. – In the dark desert hills, Soldiers mobilized a few “clicks” from their objective. Noise and light discipline were the standing orders. Adjusting their night vision devices, they crept through the darkness toward the objective.

Let the war game begin...

Soldiers from 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry Regiment (“Cacti”), launched the first major attack against anti-Iraqi forces in the small town of Jabal, Medina, during the early morning hours May 1. Jabal is a small town in Medina, the fictitious setting for combat training exercises at the National Training Center.

“The scenario was that insurgents had taken back Jabal, a town that the U.S. had previously turned over to the Iraqi police,” explained 1st Lt. Joshua Deese, executive officer, C Company, 2-35. “We were helping the Iraqi Army to take it back.”

After planning and preparation, companies from 2-35 launched the objective at night in terrain remarkably similar to Afghanistan and Iraq. The opposition force was about 80 members strong and consisted of Soldiers acting as insurgents. The morning’s objective, Jabal, contained at least 30 structures.

“The fighting lasted about seven hours,” said 2nd Lt. Michael Centola, the fire support officer. “We really used everyone in the bat-

talion for battle. It was a complete combined-arms operation.”

Various combat vehicles, aircraft, infantry weapons systems and command and control elements vied for position during the comprehensive assault.

“We all need to know our jobs when we deploy. This is the place to fine tune everything,” Deese said. “The mission doesn’t end when the shooting stops. We still need to coordinate and move the injured, get food and water to the Soldiers ... There are a lot of moving parts.”

Capt. Rob Wolfe, the company commander, underscored the overall significance of the mission.

“Winning or losing at NTC is not very important at all. Most units that come here lose,” he said. Wolfe also stressed the importance of exposing Soldiers to the types of combat conditions they may experience on deployment.

“We are a light infantry force and we’ll be mounted or motorized in Iraq. So it is invaluable for us to be around the vehicles, to conduct convoy operations, and to learn how to react to various types of enemy contact,” he said.

“Seventy-five percent of our Soldiers are new to the unit,” said Staff Sgt. Charles Wood, the company weapons squad leader. “So these missions are important. It gets the guys working as a team, and gives the team a feel for what it will be like to live and fight together in Iraq.”

540th Quartermaster ‘LADS’ cleans up at NTC

Story and Photos by
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3rd Brigade Public Affairs

FORT IRWIN, Calif. – They’re big green “mobile beasts.” They’re the 25th Infantry Division’s “laundromats on wheels” and are being used for the first time by 3rd Brigade in a real world training environment.

The new machine is called “LADS” – the Laundry Advanced System. LADS is the brigade’s washing, rinsing and drying equipment of choice being operated by Schofield Barracks’ own 540th Quartermaster Company. The system is being used in NTC’s “dustbowl” – the initial mobilization location – and down in “the box” – the primary training spot.

Two of the five LADS are being used in the dustbowl and the remaining units will be transported to the box. The 540th has had the equipment for just four months, and NTC will be the first real test.

“LADS is a completely computerized laundry system,” said Sgt. Chris Wilson, 540th Quartermaster Company, 25th Inf. Div.

“Once the machine cuts on, it pulls water from an adjoining bladder. The water fills [certain] tanks on LADS, each tank being designated for a particular function. As water is used, it is recycled,” said Wilson. “Basically, we hook up the hoses, add fuel and soap, put in the clothes and you’re good to go. It’s a complete machine.”

A single machine can wash, rinse and dry clothing in 65 to 75 minutes without the operator having to remove the clothing except to retrieve the finished product. This “labor-saver” is a marked improvement over the older system.

“With the old system, we had to actually put a safety pin in each separate article of clothing. We also had to pull the wet clothes out of the washer, put them in the dryer, and remove them when they were finished,” said Sgt. Ramon Umpierre, 540th.

“With LADS you don’t pin anything. All the clothing is enclosed in a single



Spc. James Domingo, 540th Quartermaster Company, tosses a bag of clothing into the LADS, Laundry Advanced System, which has revolutionized cleaning clothes in the field.



Spc. Marianela Perlaza, also of 540th Quartermaster Company, reaches to remove clothing from the LADS. The system makes cleaning clothes far more efficient and less labor intensive. Clothing no longer needs to be individually pinned, but instead, it can be placed in bulk into garment bags before being placed in the LADS.

mesh garment bag. We just inventory the clothing, put them in a single mesh bag and place the bag in the machine,” said Umpierre. “One machine does everything – wash, rinse and dry.”

“This complete laundry service on wheels also saves the Soldiers time and money,” emphasized Staff Sgt. Demond Akridge, noncommissioned officer-in-charge, 540th. According to Akridge, the Soldiers simply drop off their laundry in a marked bag and can rely on the machine and its operators to have their clothing ready for pickup within 24 to 72 hours, depending

upon mission conditions.

The 540th is utilizing approximately 80 Soldiers to accomplish their mission at NTC. In addition to laundry service, however, the 540th is also tasked to provide hot showers in the field and uniform renovation services.

“A hot shower in the field goes a long way; clean clothes go a long way; the right patch on your uniform goes a long way to improving the morale of the Soldier on the battlefield,” said Akridge. “We’re here to prove to the Soldier that we can provide all these services in the field.”



An AH-64 Apache hovers over Fort Karmashia during a visit by Multinational Corps Iraq commander Army Lt. Gen. Peter Chiarelli to the border post on the Iran-Iraq frontier.

Border police take on mission of securing Iraq's frontier area

Story and Photo by **JIM GARAMONE**
American Forces Press Service

FORT TARIK, Iraq — No country can seal off its borders, nor does it make sense to do so in the 21st century. But secure borders are necessary, and the Iraqi border police and other members of the Iraqi security forces are working to secure the new democracy's frontiers.

"One of the greatest advantages of secure borders is the ability to trade with your neighbors," said Army Lt. Gen. Peter Chiarelli, commander of Multinational Corps Iraq. "So, although we want to stop all illegal things from being shipped over the border, we also want to create the type of environment that allows commerce to grow between Iraq and all of its neighbors."

The general toured this fort and nearby Fort Karmashia on the Iran-Iraq border May 7 and highlighted the strategy for securing Iraq's borders. The forts are home to the border police's Wasit Brigade. The unit is responsible for securing more than 100 kilometers of the border and maintains garrisons in 20 forts.

The border police are based in 258 of these forts along Iraq's borders. The service boasts about 21,000 members, and will grow to about 28,000 by the end of the year, said officials traveling with Chiarelli. The border police are an integral part of the strategy to end the insurgency in Iraq.

Chiarelli said stopping extremists from taking advantage of porous borders requires a team approach. The effort has come a long way since November 2005, when most of the border forts achieved initial operating capabilities.

"It has been a huge effort by the Iraqi government and the coalition to get these up and running," Chiarelli said. "But they are just facilities. They mean nothing without the border police that we have working here."

Helping the border police are border transition teams. These 11-man teams from coalition countries work with the police to integrate operations, help with training, and serve as examples to the Iraqis. Ukraine and the United States have provided the teams to the Wasit Brigade.

The teams bring expertise in personnel, logistics, operations, training and communications, said Army Col. Harry Miller, a New Hampshire National Guardsman who commands the regional effort. "The key right now is the integration between the Iraqi border police at the regional and divisional level, and the Iraqi army at the divisional level," Miller said. "The sooner we can help them operate independently, the sooner we can go home."

Policing border remains difficult

Story and Photo by **JIM GARAMONE**
American Forces Press Service

FORT TARIK, Iraq — Flying to this fort illustrates challenges the Iraqi border police face in securing the frontier.

After leaving Baghdad and its rivers, the groves of palm trees give way to irrigated fields. These give way to a large swamp covered with reeds and crisscrossed by a myriad of trails. At the edge of the swamp, the green disappears and miles of open desert lay ahead.

For miles in any direction there is no trace of life. Where water once stood, large pans of salt reflect the sun and drive the temperature up. Past the desert and all the way to the Iranian border, plants and Iraqis raise cattle, sheep and goats in the area.

All the way, the landscape is studded with fighting positions built during the Iran-Iraq War of 1980 to 1988. Even though the region is closest to Baghdad, the Iranians never really tried to push through to the Iraqi capital via this route: Iraqi officials said there is no way to supply an Army.

A natural feature does not define Iraq's border with Iran here. Fort Tarik is located about two kilometers from Iran. Officials said a small fence marks the border in some places, but mostly it is open.

For generations, herdsmen have driven their animals back and forth over the border to forage. Smuggling is a long and almost honored tradition in the region, and families have engaged in the illicit trade for generations,



An Iraqi border fort destroyed in the Iran-Iraq War is visible just over the razor wire and sea stone berm from Fort Tarik. The new fort is designed to aid friendly and secure commerce between Iran and Iraq.

Iraqi officials said. The families know the region and know the safest routes.

Some paved roads exist, and they cross bridges over mostly nonexistent streams.

In the northern part of the district, Iraqi border police must contend with hills and mountains. In the southern part of this district, wide-open spaces abound. In both areas, Iraqis patrol the areas between the border forts.

The forts look like an Arabic version of Ger-

man hill forts along the Rhine River. Fort Tarik is four-sided with turrets on each corner. The fort contains living space and sleeping quarters for the border policemen. Berms paved with sea stones and topped with coils of razor wire protect the forts. There is little shade.

The Iraqi border police joke about the weather. They say the 110-degree heat is "just a spring day." They tell visitors to come back in July when the real heat arrives.

Combat helmet protects Soldier from bullet wounds

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BUHRIZ, Iraq — Capt. John McFarlin owes his life to the Army Combat Helmet.



Staff Sgt. Sheryl Lawry

Capt. John McFarlin, logistics advisor, 2-5th, proudly wears the Army Combat Helmet that saved his life during a recent attack.

While McFarlin's unit recently responded to attacks on an Iraqi police station in Buhriz, he was hit in the helmet with a shot from an AK-47.

"I was suppressed for a moment and then I got back up" and returned fire, said McFarlin of the 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, Task Force Band of Brothers' Military Transition Team who oversees

the 2nd Brigade, 5th Iraqi Army Division.

A day after the attack, McFarlin was still sporting the damaged helmet. He said he felt unaffected by his brush with death.

While some see the gear Soldiers are required to wear as cumbersome, the Degraff, Ohio, native touts the life-saving ability of which he now has

first-hand knowledge.

"Things are going to happen," he said. "You've got your equipment: you've got your IBAS, you've got your Kevlar and you've got your eye pro. (You need to) offer as little target as you need while doing your job."

(Editor's Note: Sgt. Zach Mott writes for the 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, Public Affairs Office.)

Governor praises Corps' dam inspection efforts

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HONOLULU – Before a group of more than 1,500 federal employees at the recent 50th Annual Federal Executive Board (FEB) Awards ceremony, Gov. Linda Lingle praised the recent state dam inspections efforts by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE).

Lingle stressed the importance of government agencies working together to make a difference and stated how proud she was of the partnership between the state of Hawaii and Corps.

The Corps accomplished in two weeks what would have taken the state years to accomplish alone, according to Lingle. She added that she was pleased the Corps drew upon local assets, and when needed, brought in expertise from around the nation.

Lingle's comments referred to the statewide dam inspections conducted after Kauai's Kaloko reservoir dam breached March 14. The breach caused an estimated 400 million gallons of water to speed down-slope resulting in devastating flood damage to homes, a major road and the deaths of four people.

Immediately following the Kaloko disaster, Honolulu Engineer District provided geological reconnaissance and technical assistance to Kauai County, Hawaii Department of Natural Resources (DLNR) and Hawaii Civil Defense.

As the barrage of soaking rainstorms continued on the Hawaiian Islands, Lingle ordered the inspections of all reservoirs and dams in Hawaii.

In response, six geotechnical



Engineer Clayton Sorayama shakes hands with Hawaii Governor Linda Lingle at the 50th Annual Federal Executive Board Pacific Awards luncheon after receiving his award for exceptional community service.

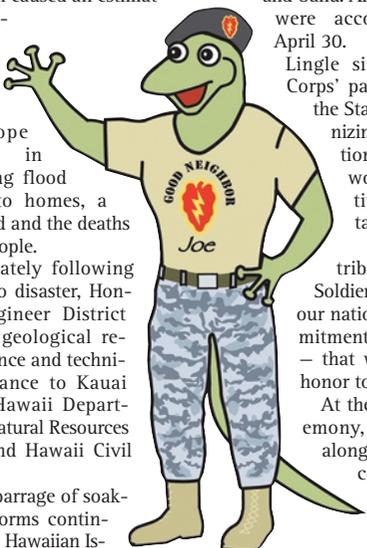
USACE engineers from the mainland arrived to assist DLNR with "visual condition survey" inspections of 54 state dams on the islands of Hawaii, Maui, Molokai and Oahu. All 54 inspections were accomplished by April 30.

Lingle singled-out the Corps' partnership with the State while recognizing the contributions of all federal workers and active duty military.

"It's your contributions to our Soldiers, the state and our nation – your commitment to excellence – that we are here to honor today," she said.

At the February ceremony, Gov. Lingle, along with city and county of Honolulu Mayor Mufi Hannemann and

state of Hawaii Lt. Gov. Duke Aiona Jr., recognized outstanding federal employees and organizations.



Simple steps keep drains running free

Story and Photo by
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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS – By far the most common cause of sewer backup is blockage of the sanitary service pipe between a building and the sanitary main. In a house, this is usually caused by something accidentally flushed down a household drain like cooking grease, a rag, or pieces a piece of solid debris. Garbage disposals should not be a garbage can replacement. Food debris such as fruit and vegetable peelings are notorious for creating slow-draining kitchen sinks.

Harmful effects of grease

Grease discharged into a sewer system can create several mechanical and environmental problems such as:

- 1) Grease buildup causes blockages to occur in both the household plumbing and public sewer system.
- 2) Sewers lines become coated with solidified grease and have less capacity to convey wastewater. This can lead to increased sanitary sewer back-up and flooding into homes during rain events.
- 3) Increased costs of maintenance and repair of sewer pipes means higher sewer bills to all residents.
- 4) Excessive grease that enters the treatment facility causes interference and operational problems.
- 5) Blocked sewer pipes, if not detected early, can cause the release of untreated sewerage (sanitary sewer overflow) onto streets creating an environmental and public health issue.

Steps to take

Residents can help the environment by taking several steps when handling and disposing of household grease:



DPW technicians check service pipes for blockages. Residents can lessen clogged drains and environmental problems by properly disposing of food, grease and paper products.

- 1) Never pour liquid grease or oil into a drain.
- 2) Collect cooled oil and grease in a glass or metal, sealable container and allow it to solidify. It can then be disposed of in the regular trash.
- 3) Wipe all plates, utensils, pots, and pans with disposable paper products such as paper towels or napkins before rinsing (using towels will only transfer grease into the washing machine rinse and back into the sewer)
- 4) All members of the household should know and follow proper grease-handling steps.

Not in the drain

- 1) Paper Products – Paper towels, disposable (and cloth) diapers, and feminine prod-

ucts cause a great deal of problems in the property owner's line as well as in the main. These products do not deteriorate quickly, as does bathroom tissue. They become lodged in portions of the lines where there is an accumulation of any type of debris, and dam up the line, causing sewer backup. These products should also be disposed of in the garbage can.

2) Chemicals – Though they may not clog a sewer line, most chemicals can not only cause damage to a sewer line, they can make it difficult to treat the wastewater as it enters the Schofield Barracks wastewater treatment facility by damaging expensive equipment and requiring more time for the treatment process. This will ultimately lead to higher sewage treatment bills for customers.

Tree trimming comes to halt on USAG-HI posts

MODESTO CORDERO
Operations Officer, Department of Public Works

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS – The Directorate of Public Works (DPW) will not be able to issue delivery orders to the tree trimming contracts for all Army installations in Hawaii for the rest of fiscal 2006.

If there are trees that present

a possible safety hazard (that is, falling coconuts or branches), occupants of administrative/ industrial facilities should contact the DPW service order desk at 656-1275 and request a service order to cordon off the area around the tree to keep people out of harms way.

Also, if large tree branches

fall, occupants may submit a service order for pick up and disposal of the branches. Emergency tree trimming or removal will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis by the DPW agronomist.

For tree trimming in the family housing areas, residents should continue to contact their

community centers.

Tree trimming safety is everyone's business, and DPW is asking for "kokua" in helping to keep installations and people safe during the upcoming months.

For more information, call Modesto Cordero, Department of Public Works operations officer, at 656-1288.

Fort Shafter's Days of Remembrance honors Sugihara

Story & Photo by
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FORT SHAFTER FLATS — The world knows him as the Japanese Shindler.

The memory of Chinue Sugihara, a Japanese consul who operated a one-man consulate in Kaunas, Lithuania from 1939-1940, was honored at the Days of Remembrance observance May 4.

According to the PBS documentary Conspiracy of Kindness, Sugihara never spoke of writing visas for an estimated 6,000 Polish and Lithuanian Jews so they could flee ahead of the advancing German Army.

Sugihara's involvement in rescuing people arose because anyone who wanted to leave Lithuania needed three things: a passport, an entry visa to another country, and a transit visa. Once they had these three things, the Russian government would automatically grant a travel permit through Russia.

At the time, Curacao did not require an immigration visa. Any immigration was at the pleasure of the governor. The Dutch consul general in Riga Latvia, Jan Zwartendijk, was willing to write only, "No visa required," on applicants' passports and leave off the part about the governor.

Once that hurdle was overcome, Jews needed only a country to transit. The first few Jews with an entry permit for Curacao chose Japan, and got their visas approved through Sugihara. After that, word spread. On the morning of July 27, 1941, the Sugihara family awoke to find about 200 Jews outside the consulate.

Sugihara contacted Japan for permission to grant the visas. It was denied three times. Daily, the crowds outside the consulate grew. On the last denial of permission, Japan told Sugihara to leave Kaunas for Berlin.



(From left) Brig. Gen. John Ma, commanding general of the 9th Regional Readiness Command, and Don Shimazu and Ed Ichiyama, both 522nd Field Artillery veterans, listen to closing remarks during the Days of Remembrance observance at Fort Shafter Flats, May 4.

Instead he began writing the visas. "I may have disobeyed my government, but if I didn't, I would have been disobeying God," he said.

He worked 16 hours per day and handwrote 300 visas per day until he was finally recalled to Berlin 28 days later. Some people did not even have a passport; the word "Curacao" written on a piece of paper was enough to get a visa.

Even on the way out of the hotel, in the taxi to the train station, and at the train station, he kept writing visas to save as many people as he could. He was imprisoned in Romainia for 18 months

following the end of the war, and the Japanese foreign service did not allow him to return to work for them upon his return to Japan.

In addition to the film, the observance also had two guest speakers, Seymour Kazimirski, a local businessman whose parents fled the Polish ghettos, and Ed Ichiyama a veteran of the 522nd Field Artillery who helped liberate Dachau at the end of World War II.

Kazimirski read excerpts from the book his mother, Ann Kazimirski, wrote, titled *Witness to Horrors*. "I have often been asked for the reasons I talk

about the Holocaust," Kazimirski said. "I can think of over six million of them."

Ichiyama said that as the 522nd came into the vicinity of Dachau, they saw skeletal, dying people eating the raw flesh of animals.

"Our Soldiers asked, 'Who are you?' Ichiyama said. "They replied, 'We are Jews who were in the concentration camps.'

Before that time, none of the men in his unit had heard of concentration camps or known anything of the horrors they would find there, he said.

Once in the camp, Ichiyama said, things became even worse.

"Feces, urine, and burning flesh — the acrid odor of death — was overpowering. I can still remember it to this day."

To bring the presentation full circle, Ichiyama told of a teenager named Solly Ganor, a mascot of the 522nd Field Artillery, who they had rescued from the snow around Dachau.

In 1992, the Jewish community in Tokyo held a ceremony honoring Sugihara to which the 522nd was invited. Ganor was there.

Speaking at the ceremony, Ganor said 1939 when he was 11, his uncle owned a candy store in Kaunas, and had become friends with Sugihara. When he was in the store one day to get money for a movie from his aunt, Gaynor impulsively invited Sugihara to a Chanukah celebration at his home.

Ichiyama said this incident may have helped to influence Sugihara's compassion and to overcome his professionalism.

After the presentations, Master Sgt. Sofia Mendoza, senior equal opportunity advisor for the 9th Regional Readiness Command, invited attendees to a kosher food tasting.

Selections included eggplant, humus, pita bread, matzo ball soup, falafels, spinach and cheese pastries, and potato latkes.

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Honolulu, will be the guest speaker.

For more information, call 438-1600, extension 3218.

U.S. Army Information Operations Proponent — USAIOP will conduct an information briefing and recruiting visit May 25 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and May 26 from 8 a.m. to noon, and at the

Schofield Barracks Army Education Center, Building 560, Room 206.

USAIOP is seeking highly motivated officers primarily in year groups 1997-2004 for the Army's fastest growing functional area. Walk-ins are welcome both days.

For an appointment or additional information, contact David Pendleton at Henry.David.Pendleton@us.army.mil or call 913-684-5320 (DSN 552).

FBI Recruitment — Interested in a career with the FBI as a special agent? Learn

about the FBI by attending a monthly FBI career presentation May 18 at the Schofield Barracks Aloha Center, Building 690, 3rd floor conference room, from 10 to 11 a.m.

For confirmation, call 655-1028. For information on future presentations, contact Special Agent Kal Wong at 566-4488.

Case Lot Sale — The Schofield Barracks Commissary will have a case-lot sale in the commissary parking lot May 27-28 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Items may be paid for at cash registers outside or at

designated registers inside the store only.

Cash, checks, or credit cards, only, will be accepted as payment for case-lot items, not debit or EBT cards.

Tax Center — Schofield Barracks location, Building 648, will be open weekdays from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. to May 25.

CLEP — College level preparatory exams are now available free to active duty, Reserve and National Guard, and \$75 for others. Family members of Reserve, National Guard, and Coast Guard may take

tests free, but must pay a \$20 admin fee.

Tests are given three times daily:

- Hickam AFB, Mondays and Wednesdays
- Pearl Harbor, Tuesdays and Thursdays;
- Marine Corps Base Hawaii (MCBH), Fridays.

For more information, call Hickam AFB, 422-1032; Pearl Harbor, 422-0079; or MCBH, 254-4133.

The Military Channel — "The Military Channel" presents "Anatomy of a Stryker" Saturday, May 20, at 8 p.m.

94th AAMDC hosts forces from Australia, New Zealand on tour

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SAM NGAROPO**

94th Army Air and Missile Defense Command

FORT SHAFTER — The 94th Army Air and Missile Defense Command (AAMDC) hosted the Australian and New Zealand Defense Forces, Command and Control Interoperability Board (CCIB) for a tour of the Theater Ballistic Missile Operations Center, April 28.

Brig. Gen. John E. Seward, commander of the 94th AAMDC, set the day's pace by joining the Sea Dragons in a history-making morning PT run around Shafter.

"This run was a chance of a lifetime. Most New Zealanders and Australians don't have the opportunity to run around historical Fort Shafter, let alone enjoy the enthusiasm, motivation and inspiration shown by the Soldiers and leaders of the 94th," said Cmdr. Corina Bruce, New Zealand navy, co-chairperson of the CCIB.

"Our unit PT program is awesome and anytime we can share it and motivate our coalition neighbors is fantastic," said Sgt. 1st Class Steve White, 94th operations.

"This was the perfect start to a fantastic day and evening with our coalition partners in the Pacific" added Col. Christopher Moylan, deputy chief of staff for operations.

The Sea Dragons took the New Zealand and Australian Defense Force members on a tour of the Jump Tactical Operations Center (JTOC). Once inside, the visitors

witness the interoperability tools that the Pacific theater's only AAMDC brings to the fight.

"We are a little jealous and envious of the equipment and abilities that the 94th provides to the region," said MJ "Mack" McCullum, New Zealand Army. "We are very happy that the Sea Dragons are on our team, and we look forward to working and training with them during future exercises."

Members of the U.S. Pacific Command, Pacific Fleet Command Pearl Harbor, and Pacific Air Forces also visited the operations center to see the 94th's capabilities during a wartime scenario.

"It's great to see the extent of the communications package and operations that the 94th has, considering they are such a young unit in the Pacific Theater," said Col. Scott Shepherd, director of combat operations for Kenney Headquarters Air Operations Center. "I am always impressed and thrilled by the professionalism and dedication of the Soldiers of the 94th. It's a pleasure to work hand in hand with such professionals."

The evening ended with a dinner at the Outrigger Hotel Waikiki where Brig. Gen. John E. Seward received plaques from both countries and an Australian rugby jersey.

Ewart Challis, Australian director for multinational relations, thanked the 94th for sharing some of the unit's capabilities and for the tribute paid to the fallen members of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps, who are celebrated every April 25.



Sgt. Maj. Pat Callahan | U.S. Army, Pacific, Public Affairs

March in review

FORT SHAFTER — The Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps, visiting from Washington D.C., performs for the JROTC Corps of Cadets at historic Palm Circle, May 4. At inset, Hawaii Governor Linda Lingle and U.S. Army, Pacific, Commander Lt. Gen. John M. Brown III salute the flag during the National Anthem. Afterwards, the leaders inspected the JROTC cadets.

Pacific IMA named top federal employer

SARA FISHBURN

Installation Management Agency,
Pacific Region, Public Affairs

FORT SHAFTER — The U.S. Army Installation Management Agency, Pacific Region Office, was named Federal Employer of Choice at the Excellence in Federal Government Awards Program in Honolulu, May 2.

The event promotes excellence in federal agencies while highlighting the accomplishments, contributions and best practices in the federal workforce.

"This is a tremendous honor for the Army," said Regional Director Stanley E. Sokoloski, who accepted the award on behalf of the Pacific Region Office. "This award reflects the talent, dedication and teamwork we have achieved in our organization. People truly are our most valuable resource."

The Honolulu-Pacific Federal Executive Board (HPFEB) hosted the 50th anniversary of Government Excellence luncheon in conjunction with National Public Service Recognition Week. More than 1,200 federal employees and leaders, including Hawaii Gov-

ernor Linda Lingle, attended this year's ceremony.

The Pacific Region Office manages Army installations in Hawaii, Alaska and Japan. It supports readiness and mission execution while providing a range of services and facilities for Soldiers and family members that enhance the well-being of the military community.

The organization was honored for a number of efforts, including a Leader Succession Plan that develops a cadre of leaders within the agency. Other achievements included the successful deployment of more than 22,000 Soldiers in support of the Global War on Terrorism, viewed as a model across the Army.

The agency also garnered recognition for successfully transitioning to a modular force that increases the combat power of the Army. Another noteworthy achievement was the agency's success in savings of more than \$500,000 through contract reviews.

The Pacific Region's U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii Morale, Welfare and Recreation Division, also received top honors and was named Federal Organization of Excellence. The Hawaii

MWR staff developed a range of innovative programs, including low cost and free activities for families of deployed Soldiers and discounts on recreation services.

New MWR programs included a pet boarding kennel and deployment briefings for Hawaii state teachers and administrators to help with deployment issues impacting Army family members attending Hawaii schools.

In addition to the agency awards, the Excellence in Federal Government Awards program also recognizes outstanding federal employees for their efforts, leadership and initiative. Several individuals within the Installation Management Agency's Pacific Region Office received honors.

The individual awardees included Deanna Lee, federal manager/supervisor; Wes Potter, federal employee (professional, administrative and technical); James Crite, federal eEmployee (clerical and assistant); C. Michael Medeiros, federal employee (trades and crafts). Modesto Cordero won the Exceptional Community Service award.

All awards encourage innovation, excellence and pride in federal service.

Internet: Terrorists aim Web propaganda at youth

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Defense contractors said they were continuously amazed at how terrorists are able to grab multimedia products or images off the Internet and repackage them to fit their own goals and objectives. For instance, terrorists use the Internet to download DVDs, CDs, training manuals, pamphlets, and copies of sermons and speeches, and then distribute them at a local level.

Wherever there's Internet availability, terrorists can disseminate information to a greater range of people in the oral tradition that they've grown up with. Terrorists in Iraq pass their message over the Internet, via Web sites that constantly go up and down, through songs and stories that appeal to disaffected youths, defense contractors said.

The target audience for terrorist propaganda is recruitment-age youth — ages 7 to 25. Defense contractors said they have even seen products that are aimed at ages younger than 7.

Rodman said the terrorist message is also meant to try to convince the Iraqi people and other Arabs that their insurgency is working. "It is not necessarily directed at our forces at all, because our forces knows that the claims they're making are not true," he said.

The capturing of journalists, murdering of relatives, the bombing of homes and crowded markets are all "methods of intimidation aimed at specific things, and they want to ensure that they get their time in the media," he said.

He said terrorists in Iraq are losing their audience because of the large numbers of innocent Iraqis killed by their violent acts.

"The core of our strategy in this part of the war on terror is precisely to bolster the mainstream Muslims, who are our allies, and the moderates, who are themselves on the frontline of the struggle against the extremists," he said



Spc. Takhir Sakhatov, Bravo Battery, 7th FA, checks the aim of an M119A2 howitzer during live-fire exercises at the National Training Center. Sakhatov is one of 5,000 Soldiers training at NTC this month.

Guns: Field artillery explodes onto NTC desert battle scene

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Each battery section is equipped with four howitzers.

"Our mission is to provide accurate fire for the maneuver forces," explained Higgins. "We also intend to work on security operations, convoys and combat patrols."

To calibrate a gun, a forward observer, "the eyes," sets a target location. That location is transmitted to forward data control (FDC) — "the brain." FDC then relays target information to a section or multiple sections, "the muscle," depending on the operation. The muscle, the field Soldier, loads rounds, fires downrange and "boom" ... target destroyed, mission complete.

"The rounds contain varying charges," explained Sgt. Nate Savon, section chief, B Battery, 3-7th FA, who added that a howitzer

can send a high-explosive charge—seven round about 11.5 kilometers, a charge-eight round over 14 kilometers and a rocket-assisted round just under 20 kilometers.

"There are four guns in our section, and the goal is to calibrate them all so that we are accurately hitting targets and [keeping our ground forces] safe," said Savon.

While calibrating the weapons is critical to mission success, the mission itself cannot be overstated.

"NTC is an important training location," said Higgins. "Obviously the sheer size of the maneuver space is valuable in that it provides realistic training with fewer restrictions [than we face in Hawaii]," he said. "But, we also have the opportunity to show the maneuver Soldiers, infantry and cavalry scouts, what field artillery can bring to the fight."

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Hawaii shows its support of troops, by lifting spirits of military and family members with parade, ceremony, and daylong celebrations

CHRISTA B. THOMAS

Staff Writer

WAIKIKI – Thousands gathered in Waikiki Saturday to show gratitude and support for Hawaii's service members, past and present, at the United Service Organizations Salute to Troops.

The day's events began with a procession of nearly 5,000 military personnel marching and riding down Kalakaua Avenue to the thunder of CH-47 Chinook helicopters and the cheers and applause from throngs of well-wishers.

Cassandra Isidrio, director of USO Hawaii, said this celebration is a chance to say thanks to the military and wish them well.

"They've been away from their families for 15 months and then some of them will [deploy] again. We have the Schofield 25th Infantry leaving this summer. So it's a chance to bid them well and say we'll be here when you get back," she said.

Gary Lester, 54, former secretary of the Vietnam Veterans of America, Hawaii chapter, was among Vietnam-era Soldiers participating in the parade.

Lester recalled how the veterans of his day were received at following the end of their tours of duty. He readily admits that this was indeed a warmer reception.

"This is a welcome home for us, too," Lester said. "And it's an honor for all the rest of our brothers out here. Days like this make a real big difference."

Ingrid Anderson, wife of Staff Sgt. Trent Anderson, 1st Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment, agrees.

"The [Korea] and Vietnam veterans were not welcomed and

celebrated for their efforts.

Some were even spit on," she sighed. "So they truly deserve this honor, too. This parade...brought tears to my eyes watching them."

Following the parade, the party continued in Kapiolani Park to honor those who have recently returned from or will soon depart for Iraq, Afghanistan and other locations in support of the global war on terrorism.

The celebration featured a variety of dining options and entertainment for all ages.

The smell of classic carnival cuisine wafted throughout the park – from plate lunches and garlic curly fries to shave ice and iced mocha lattes. As a further show of gratitude, more than 20,000 food vouchers were given to military personnel and their families to enjoy free plate lunches and beverages.

Host vendors manned information booths and distributed promotional goodies, including cups, pens, bags, hats, mints and much more. The static display of military vehicles drew the interest of many guests.

Keiki entertainment included bounce castles for all ages and visits from Mr. Safety, mascot for Hawaii Self Storage and Lani Moo, the Meadow Gold Dairy mascot.

Live entertainment was featured on two stages. The Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps, the Royal Hawaiian Band, and Hana Hou, the U.S. Air Force Band of the Pacific, performed at the park bandstand.

On the second, larger stage, local favorites The Makaha Sons and Kapena infused the crowd with the requisite island

flavor, followed by Florida's new generation hip-hop rock band Seminole County.

A brief burst of liquid sunshine cooled the crowd just as the headlining act, three-time Grammy winning R&B singer John Legend, took the stage to perform several songs from his "Get Lifted" album.

The 27-year-old Legend wrote the songs for his album while traveling as an opening act on Kanye West's College Dropout tour and Alicia Keys' Diary tour before becoming a headliner. In 2005, Legend tied West and Mariah Carey for the most Grammy nominations, with eight.

USO Hawaii, a non-profit, charitable organization, had planned a smaller event to say thanks to Hawaii's military but it turned into a \$500,000 celebration as more sponsors came aboard.

Staff Sgt. Leslie McKennie, 125th Finance Battalion, did not march in the parade, but attended the celebration in support and gratitude for his fellow Soldiers. He is also a staunch supporter of the USO and its programs.

"I give big 'ups' to the USO. I appreciate what they do," McKennie declared. "And no matter what, I have always donated to the USO and I always will."

(Photo credits, clockwise from top left)

- Spc. Jason Witmer, 1st Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment, tools down Kalakaua Avenue in a HMMWV. (Photo by Donna Klapakis)
- The Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps of 3rd Infantry Regiment participate in event ceremonies. (Photo by Christa Thomas)
- The 25th ID Tropic Lightning Band entertains legions of supporters in the USO parade. (Photo by Donna Klapakis)
- Three-time Grammy winner John Legend performs crowd favorites from his current album. (Photo by Christa Thomas)
- Jj, of the hip-rock band Seminole County, wows the crowd in Kapiolani Park. (Photo by Christa Thomas)
- After marching in the parade, Spc. Maria Aparra, 411th Engineer Combat Battalion, enjoys the free concert. (Photo by Christa Thomas)



MWR Briefs

Serving America's Army in Hawaii

May

12 / Friday

Seafood Bucket for Two — It's back! Seafood lovers can dig into a variety of seafood, including shrimp, crab, clams and mussels at Reggie's from 5 to 8 p.m.

Cost is \$24.95 for two and includes the seafood bucket and a pitcher of your favorite beverage. For reservations or more information, call 655-4466.

Damn Yankees — Come enjoy the Broadway musical classic "Damn Yankees" at Richardson Theater, Fort Shafter tonight and May 13, 19, 20, 26 and 27. All shows begin at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available at the box office, Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., or online at <http://www.squareone.org/ACT/tickets.html>. For more information, call 438-4480.

13 / Saturday

Parents Night Out — Leave your kids with Child and Youth Services (CYS) at the Aliamano Military Reservation Child Development Center on Parents Night Out, Saturday, and then enjoy a nice night out on the town.

Children enrolled in Parents Night Out must be registered with the Central Enrollment Registration Office no later than noon May 12. Reservations are first-come, first-serve. For more information, call 655-8313.

Yu-Gi-Oh — Get ready to duel at the Tropics. Registration for the Yu-Gi-Oh tournament starts at noon and matches start at 1 p.m. Cost is \$6 and includes a pack of the latest Yu-Gi-Oh cards. Prizes will be awarded, and all ages are welcome. Call 655-8522 for more details.

14 / Sunday

Mother's Day Brunches — Treat Mom like a queen at a special brunch at either the Nehelani, Hale Ikena, or Waianae Beach Club. For more information or reservations, 655-4466 (Nehelani), 438-1974 (Hale Ikena) or 696-4778 (Waianae Beach Club).

17 / Wednesday

MWR Expo — Come to the Nehelani from 2 to 7 p.m., May 17 for the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Expo. The expo will feature displays from all MWR facilities and services. There will be inflatable bouncers, prizes, giveaways, games, hands on activities and information about how MWR serves Hawaii's military families.



Sgt. Sean Kimmons | 25th Infantry Division File Photo

Twilight Tattoo

WAIKIKI — Above, the 25th Infantry Division Band performs at the 2005 Twilight Tattoo on Kuruda Parade Field at Fort Derussy. This year's 10th Annual Twilight Tattoo will be held Saturday from 4 to 6 p.m.

The word "tattoo" is from the Dutch word "tap-toe," which literally means "turn off the taps." According to the 25th Infantry Division Band, when it was time to return to garrison for the evening, a drummer would enter each tavern and sound an appropriate drum cadence to signal time to return to the barracks. By the time a drummer returned to the garrison, he would have quite a procession behind him.

Eventually, the drummer was replaced or joined by a bagpiper, and the evening ritual became a formal military function. Through the Austrian, British and American military bands, the Tattoo ceremony has evolved through the years to become an extensive and grandiose spectacle for the public and military alike. (Editor's Note: Information courtesy of 25th ID Band.)

19 / Friday

Steak Night — Enjoy a sizzling steak cooked on the grill at Reggie's. Dinner will be served from 5 to 8 p.m.

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

Hollywood Teen Social — Middle and high school teens are invited to dress in their finest for the Schofield Teen Center Hollywood Mixer, May 19 from 7 to 9:30 p.m. The evening will include contests for best-dressed couple, best celebrity look-alike, best Hollywood couple, hottest shoes and best male hat.

The cost is \$3 for members, \$4 for mili-

tary ID holders and \$5 for civilians. Teens can get their picture taken with their date for \$2 and special food and beverages will be sold at an extra cost. Cocktail attire, including collared shirt for boys, is required and the dress code will be enforced. For more information, call 655-0451.

20 / Saturday

Living History Day — Come to the Fort DeRussy museum May 20, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. for Living History Day, in commemoration of Armed Forces Day. The event will include static exhibits of military memorabilia, restored military vehicles, re-enactors in period uniforms and hand-on-displays of military artifacts. For more information, call 438-2821.

23 / Tuesday

BOSS Commissary Awareness — Single soldiers are invited to Commissary Awareness Day at the Schofield Barracks Commissary May 23, 6:30 a.m. Activities include a dunking booth, eating contest, and shopping cart relay races. Prizes include Madden 2006 and NCAA 2006 for PS2 and XBOX, commissary gift certificates, Kona coffee gift certificates and more. For more information, call 655-8169.

24 / Wednesday

Teen Video Challenge — Teens are invited to come to Tropics and test their video game skills, May 24, 3 p.m. Cost is \$1 and prizes will be awarded. For more information, call 655-8522.

25 / Thursday

Blue Star Card Remembrance Tour — Blue Star Card holders are invited to the COMPACFLT Remembrance Barge Tour May 25 at 5 p.m. The tour includes the USS Arizona Memorial, Boathouse Museum, Ford Island Tour and information on the Pearl Harbor attack. Transportation from Schofield Barracks and AMR and free childcare are provided. The sign-up deadline is May 19 and space is limited. For more information, call 655-0112.

26 / Friday

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

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

High School Leadership Program — SKIES Unlimited, in partnership with ACS and AFTB, is introducing a new leadership program for high school students. Classes on leadership, listening skills, college applications and scholarships, problem solving, teamwork, and teen employment will be offered throughout the year.

Teens may also perform community and Army volunteer work, including at the annual Hawaii Army Family Action Planning Conference. The program begins June 22 at Schofield Barracks. For more information or to apply, call 655-9818 or email sandy.sailsbury@hawaii.army.mil.

Ongoing

ITR — ITR offers for Military Appreciation Month are valid until May 31. For more information, call 438-1985 (Fort Shafter) or 655-9971 (Schofield Barracks).



Community Calendar

Send community announcements to community@hawaiiarmyweekly.com.

May

12 / Friday

Marine Corps Base Hawaii Job Fair — MCBH, Kaneohe will hold a job fair today from 9 a.m. to noon at Kahuna's on base. The job fair is open to the military community. Bring resumes and dress appropriately. Because of the professional nature of this event, children will not be admitted. For more information, call Marine & Family Services, 257-7790.

Hapa Haole Festival — The Hapa Haole Festival concludes with an evening of Hapa Haole Hula and Vocal Competition at the Hale Koa Hotel. Special guest appearances by Hawaii's finest musicians, singers and dancers bring back nostalgic days of old Hawaii. Price includes admission and one cocktail on the lawn at sunset. Admission is \$35, chargeable online at www.hapahaolefest.org or call 754-2301.

13 / Saturday

Filipino Fiesta and Parade — Experience the diversity and richness of Filipino traditions, food, entertainment and crafts fthe Philippines at the 14th Annual Hawaiian Telcom Filipino Fiesta and Parade Saturday, May 13 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The celebration begins with a Centennial Charity Walk and Street Parade starting at Fort DeRussy, traveling down Kalakaua Avenue to Kapiolani Park. At the park, visitors will enjoy food booths, dance performances and exhibitions.

For more information, call 237-2979 or 524-9511 or visit the Website at www.filipinofiestaandparade.com.

15 / Monday

Operation Purple Summer Camp — Navy Region Hawaii MWR will host Operation Purple Summer Camp, a National Military Family Association program geared to give active duty military children the coping skills and support network of peers to better handle life's ups and downs while their military parent is deployed. Registration ends May 15.

Military children will be separated into two groups, youths ages 5-12 from July 10-14 and teens ages 13-17 from July 24-28. The 5-12 year old campsite will be located at White Plains Beach, Barbers Point. The 13-17 year old campsite will be located at the Kilauea Military Camp on the Big Island of Hawaii. The camp is open to children of active duty parents (all military branches and reserves) who have been deployed or will be deployed between May 2005 and September 2007.

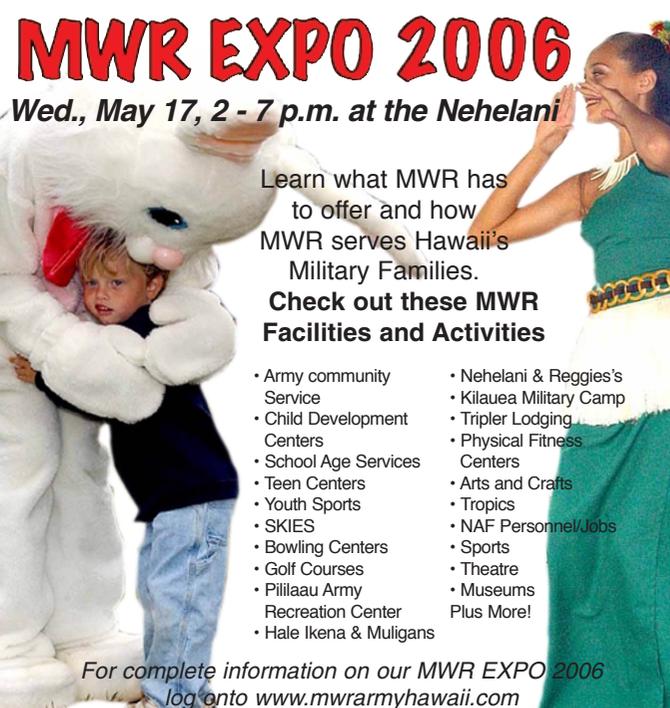
Visit the NMFA Operation Purple website at www.operationpurple.org for more information and registration. Applications are only available online.

16 / Tuesday

Hale Kula Family Deployment Workshop — Parents, get ready for deployment at the Hale Kula Family Deployment Workshop Tuesday, May 16 from 8 to 10:30 a.m. A panel of experts including school counselors, psychologists, representatives from ACS, Family Life Consultants and parents who have experienced deployments will each address issues and behaviors affecting children and the family before, during and after a deployment. Each attendee will receive a deployment resources folder. For more information, contact the school at 622-6380, extension 232.

18 / Thursday

Hui O' Na Wahine — The Hui O' Na Wahine will have its monthly luncheon 11 a.m., May 18 at the Nehelani Club. Doors open at 10:30 a.m. for shopping. This



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month's program will feature the "Thrifty Shop Fashion Show." The deadline is Sunday, May 14. For reservations, A-L call Kristin Flynn at 624-8199 or e-mail dkflynn@earthlink.net; M-Z call Kelly Albert 624-0015 or e-mail kelly.s.albert@us.army.mil

Limited on-site child care will be provided. Call Central Registration at 655-3929 and 655-5314 to make a reservation. Children must be registered with Child and Youth Services.

Polynesian Cultural Center — Fire will light up the night as the Polynesian Cultural Center holds its annual test of champions in the World Fireknife Dance Competition. Competitors from around the world come to vie for the title of world's best. Tickets go fast, so make your reservation early. Pre-

liminary and semi-final events will be held in the Hale Aloha Theater for \$8. Night show admission applies for the finals.

Contact the Polynesian Cultural Center at (800) 367-7060 for more information.

19 / Friday

Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month — Celebration will take place May 19, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Sills Field. The Polynesian Cultural Center and a variety of other Pacific Island groups will provide entertainment.

25 / Thursday

50th State Fair 2006 — The hours of operation are Fridays, 6 p.m.-midnight and Saturday and Sunday noon to midnight. The fair begins May 5. Tickets are \$3 general, \$2 children 4-11 and free for children under 3. Call 682-5767 for more information.



HACN TV 2 Schedule

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Stay Alive (PG-13)

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



Larry the Cable Guy (PG-13)

Sunday, 7 p.m.

The theater is closed Monday & Tuesday.

ACS seeks instructors for AFTB

ROBIN SHERROD
AFTB Program Manager

Army Community Service will host the Army Family Team Building (AFTB) instructor course, May 22-25, 5:30-8:30 p.m., at the Schofield ACS Center.

Instructor orientation will be held May 17, 2006 from 5:30-6:30 p.m., also at ACS. Instructor orientation focuses on what AFTB is all about, how it got started, and in what ways an instructor can assist. Instructors put the skill they learn in the course to work immediately teaching AFTB classes in the local community and promoting AFTB training for others.

AFTB classes are offered monthly at Schofield Barracks and Fort Shafter. Classes are also taught at the request of units, Tripler Army Medical Center, housing community centers, and for agencies and organizations. AFTB is taught on designated Saturdays at the warrior leader course and at "building strong and ready family" sessions.

The variety of class times gives instructors flexibility to choose classes to teach that fit in with their schedules.

The AFTB mission is to educate and train the Army in a wide variety of knowledge, skills and behaviors that are designed to prepare Army families to move successfully into the future.

Volunteer support is critical to the success of the AFTB mission. AFTB volunteer instructors are trained to instruct Family Member Training, Levels I, II, and III. Volunteers will receive over 10 hours of training. Instructors are asked at the end of instructor training to commit to the local program for one year, and to teach four classes a month, minimum. Classes are 30-45 minutes long.

AFTB offers opportunities for growth within the program. Opportunities exist for instructors to become Department of the Army master trainers and Department of the Army core instructors.

For more information on the program, call 655-4227.

Students uncover roots in Makua Valley

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MAKUA VALLEY — A group of students from Nanakuli High School paid a visit to Makua Valley April 25 for a hands-on lesson about the history and wildlife of the valley.

Representatives from the O'ahu Army Natural Resources Program gave students lessons in native endangered species, the history of native Hawaiian habitation and archaeological methods.

"This is a good way of ensuring our students know all of these factors are here, right where we are," said Miles Murakami, one of the students' teachers. "[And] how important it is to take care of it."

The students were divided into three groups; each group rotated through three stations near the entrance to the valley.

The first station included a short history of Makua as well as a presentation of photos and specimens of endangered species within the valley. Students passed around and examined a bird's nest, and a kahuli tree snail.

At the second station, students got dirty as they sifted through buckets of soil looking for relics left by native Hawaiians. As they shook the dirt through screens, tools,

shells and other items left behind by ancient, indigenous communities appeared.

Once the students had isolated and bagged each of the artifacts, they recorded them in an excavation log.

As the relics were uncovered, instructors encouraged students to speculate on what each item could mean about the people that left them.

"We were teaching them about excavation projects," said Laura Gilda, one of the natural resources program's representatives. "We're showing them how to put the puzzle pieces together."

For the third station, the high schoolers examined petroglyphs, or rock carvings, in a slab of stone located in the bottom of the valley. Students replicated the figures they saw on the rock face with pens and paper while the station's instructor explained the significance of the carvings.

The pictures were used as a teaching device, said Alton Exzabe, the station's instructor, and were possibly connected to a nearby heiau, or ancient worship site. As the students crowded around to examine the stones, Exzabe explained that the valley was once a large site with agricultural, residential and religious features.

The scattered archaeological sites in the valley were actually all connected, Exzabe said.



Spc. Daniel Bearl | 25th Infantry Division Public Affairs Office

Students from Nanakuli High School sift through soil in search of ancient artifacts. The students took a field trip April 25 to Makua Valley to learn about its history.

The students weren't the only ones to get something out of the day, though.

Exzabe said being there to teach the students the history of the area was a rewarding experience.

"Being that I'm from around here, I got to give back to the community," Exzabe said. "We're just trying to teach people about the area we live in. If you're ignorant

about it, you can't respect it."

Exzabe and several of his co-workers are alumni of Nanakuli High School. They all obtained degrees in anthropology and archaeology before returning to O'ahu.

"It's important to teach them a little about the history of the valley," said Carly Atone, another Nanakuli alumnus and instructor at the event.

Discounts abound for Military Appreciation Month

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All month, the Schofield Barracks and Fort Shafter Information, Ticketing and Registration offices are offering special discounts in honor of Military Appreciation Month.

Specials are being offered for the the following: Ali'I Kai Cata-maran Dinner Cruise, Magic of Polynesia Show, Polynesian Cultural Center, Atlantis Submarine, Atlantis Cruises, Sea Life Park Hawaii and Germaine's Luau. Offers are valid until May 31. For more information, call 438-1985 (Fort Shafter) or 655-9971 (Schofield Barracks).

Military families will also receive extra special discounts through the entire month of May at the USS Missouri Memorial at Ford Island, Atlantis Submarine, Waimea Falls Park and Sea Life

Park. Military personnel (active, reserve, guard and retired), and their family members, are encouraged to inquire at their base ticket offices for these and other special offers during the month of May and the entire summer.

The chamber of commerce extends a hearty mahalo to all businesses and sponsors that make Hawaii Military Appreciation Month possible.

May 12, USO Canteen Dance — Get ready to dance the night away with the swinging music of the 25th Infantry Division Swing Band and Hawaii's hottest dance band, "Hula Joe and the Hutjumpers" at the USO Canteen Dance at the ATM Pier 10 Terminal, May 12 at 7 p.m. The dance is open to all military and local residents.

May 12-14, In the Mood — Hawaii Theatre Center presents

"In the Mood," a 1940's musical revue, in honor of military appreciation month. Setting the mood will be the "String of Pearls" Orchestra accompanied by singers and dancers. Show dates are Friday and Saturday, May 12 and 13, 7:30 p.m. and

Sunday, May 14 at 2 p.m. Buy tickets online now at hawaii-theatre.com. Ticket prices are \$30, \$37.50, and \$45; with discounts for seniors, military, and students. Call 528-0506 for more information.

May 12, Military Appreciation Week Kick-off at ATM Join the Corporate Sponsor Bank of Hawaii (BOH) and host the Aloha Tower Marketplace (ATM) at the 15th Annual Hawaii Military Appreciation Week Opening Day Festivities May 12 at the ATM. The public is invited to join with the military community in kicking off the weeklong series of events.

May 13, Military Arm Wrestling Contest — Each service branch is encouraged to send their champions to determine the best arm wrestler on May 13 at ATM's Hooters. This first class contest will feature an official arm wrestling table and judges.

May 13, Twilight Tattoo — Maj. Gen. Benjamin Mixon, 25th Infantry Division commanding general, will host the 10th Annual Twilight Tattoo on the grounds of Fort DeRussy in Waikiki, May 13 from 4 to 6 p.m. This special event will include performances by bands from Marine Forces Pacific, Pacific Fleet, Pacific Air Forces, Hawaii Army National Guard, and the host, 25th Infantry Division.

May 13, Paradise Cove — Paradise Cove will offer a discounted luau dinner show for military families Saturday, May 13. Opening events begin at 5 p.m.

with dinner served at 6:45 p.m. followed by a Polynesian revue. Contact MWR ticket offices for ticket information.

May 13-22, Princess Kaiulani Hotel — The Princess Kaiulani Hotel presents the original production "Creation: A Polynesian Odyssey," May 13-22, at discounted prices for the military. The show features live native music, authentic costumes, and the fire knife dance. The show is filled with illusions and special effects, taking the audience through a stunning journey through time. The evening includes a full course buffet. Call 931-4660 for ticket information.

May 15, Salt Lake Shopping Center — Salt Lake Shopping Center merchants invite the military and their families to a fun-

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filled day of entertainment and discounted prices for goods and services from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. on May 15.

May 15, Polynesian Cultural Center — The Polynesian Cultural Center hosts dinner and a show at 5 p.m. on May 15. The show features championships for the Fire Knife Dance Contest and world famous Polynesian Revue. Guests can tour authentic Hawaiian villages, see pageant of long canoes, and an IMAX show. Contact your MWR ticket offices for military discount tickets.

May 17, Honolulu Academy of Arts — The Honolulu Academy of Arts will offer free admission to military personnel and their families on May 17.

May 17, 21st Annual Hawaii Military Recognition Luncheon — Here is an opportunity to welcome home returning heroes and recognize Hawaii's military community. A luncheon will be held May 17 from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Beach Resort & Spa. Luncheon tickets are available to the public. For more information, contact bwatson@cochawaii.org. or call 545-4300 extension 317.

May 17, Military Recognition Lunch — Military Recognition Luncheon, May 17 at the Hilton Hawaiian Village from noon to 1:30 p.m. This year's luncheon will pay tribute to the Hawaii Army National Guard and Hawaii Air National Guard. About 600 troops will be invited from all services.

The public (and any Soldiers who are not invited but wish to attend) may contact Waynette Tamashiro at the Chamber (545-4300, extension 320) for ticket prices and other information. Seating will be limited to the first 1,000.

May 17, Hale Koa — On May 17, at the Hale Koa Hotel, the Tama's Polynesian revue will perform a special tribute to the troops in the Banyan Tree Showroom at 6 p.m. This event features giveaways and prizes including a trip for two at the Kilauea Military Camp. For more information, call 955-0555.

May 20, Living History Day — The Hawaii Army Museum Society will present its annual "Living History Day" event on Fort DeRussy May 20 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The public is invited to see displays of vintage military vehicles, weapons, uniforms, insignia and other memorabilia from the Civil War to the present.

Re-enactors will share the history behind vintage displays. As well, the Celtic Pipes and Drums of Hawaii and the Tropic Lightning Band from the 25th Infantry Division will perform.

Arrangements have been made for showing the classic war films "Tora, Tora, Tora," "From Here To Eternity" and "Midway."

May 20, Combined Military Band Concert — Join Hawaii's top military musicians in a rare concert featuring Broadway musicals, marches, classics, and pops

on May 20, 7 p.m. at the Hawaii Theatre. This free public concert will pay tribute to Hawaii's Korean War veterans. The U.S. Army hosts the concert. Tickets are available through the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii at 545-4300.

May 20, Armed Forces Day — JN Automotive Group will further sponsor 100 troops to the Perry and Price Show on Armed Forces Day, May 20. Co-hosts Michael W. Perry and Larry Price will pay tribute to service men and women.

May 22, USO-Style Canteen Party — Outrigger Hotels and the USO will host a USO-style canteen party at City Hall from 6-9 p.m. on May 22. This event closes Military Appreciation Week with music, entertainment, and fun the old-fashioned way pioneered by the USO.

May 22, Battleship Missouri — The USS Missouri Memorial Association offers the military a 50 percent discount on admission to the Battleship Missouri May 22. Tickets are sold at the USS Bowfin Submarine Museum.

May 29, Memorial Day — Hawaii Military Appreciation Month will close May 29 with Memorial Day observances at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl starting at 9 a.m. and at the Hawaii Veterans Cemetery in Kaneohe at 1 p.m.

Mayor Mufi Hannemann will preside over the observances at Punchbowl, and Governor Linda Lingle will lead the observances at the Memorial Plaza in Kaneohe. The gravesites will be adorned with lei gathered by Hawaii's schoolchildren and placed by Boy and Girl Scouts. The public is invited to attend these services honoring our veterans.

Honolulu Zoo — Go wild at the Honolulu Zoo's Military Appreciation Day, June 3. Call the zoo at 971-7171 for more information.



Leilani Juan | Fort Shafter Child Development Center

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FORT SHAFTER — Children of all ages wear festive clothes in the spirit of aloha at the Fort Shafter Child Development Center's May Day program, May 5. Children sang songs and danced the hula for parents and visitors in celebration of Hawaiian culture and history.



May

12 / Friday

Volleyball Intramurals — Time to gear up for active-duty Army men's volleyball intramurals. Get your team together, because sign ups end today. For more information, call 655-0856.

Summer Junior Golf Program

Registration is ongoing for the 2006 Summer Junior Golf program to be held June 12 through July 24. The program is open to all active duty military and retired military family members and civilian family members with a golf association membership. Junior golfers must be 7 years old by June 12 and may not be older than 17 by July 24. Separate sessions for beginner, intermediate, and advanced players will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays. For more information, call 655-4653.

13 / Saturday

Hawaii Championship Wrestling — Come watch Hawaii Championship Wrestling at the Tropics, May 13 and 27. Doors open at 6 p.m. and matches start at 7 p.m.

The cost is \$5 for ages 12 and up, \$3 for ages 11 and under and free for children ages 5 and under. Call 655-5697 for more information.

19 / Friday

Hawaii Championship Wrestling Main Event — Hawaii Championship Wrestling presents Samoa Joe of Total Nonstop Action Wrestling fame at the Tropics, May 19. Doors open at 6 p.m. and matches start at 7 p.m.

The cost is \$10 for ages 12 and up, \$5 for ages 11 and under, and free for children ages 5 and under. Call 655-5697 for more information.

20 / Saturday

Junior Olympic Skills Competition — Junior Olympics skills is a free program for boys and girls ages 8 to 12. Sign ups on site at Tripler Army Medical Center Track and Softball Field, May 20, 9 am to noon for soccer, tennis, track and field and 10 a.m. to noon for basketball. For more information, call 839-2675 or 836-1923.

Hawaii Weightlifting Competition

USA Team Hawaii Weightlifting is at the Tropics, May 20, beginning at 1 p.m. The competition is free. Call 655-5697 for more information.

21 / Sunday

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

23 / Tuesday

Youth Soccer — Get ready to score with the Hawaii Youth Sports Soccer League. May 23 is the last

day to register and registration is at CYS Registration, Building 556, Schofield Barracks or at AMR, Building 1782.

The league is open to youth born between 1990 and 2001. Fees are \$40 per person and a physical exam is required. The soccer season will run from July 29 through Sept. 16.

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

Ongoing

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

Brazilian Capoeira — Develop the mind, body and spirit to include physical fitness, self-defense and self-discipline through Brazilian Capoeira. Classes are offered Tuesdays from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. at the Fort Shafter Physical Fitness Center, beginning January 17. For more information, call instructor Mestre Kinha at 247-7890.

What's Up Gymnastics — SKIES Unlimited is partnering with What's Up Gymnastics to offer a military discount program for all upcoming classes. What's Up Gymnastics provides several classes to choose from, including recreational and competitive classes.

Classes are provided for all ages, even as early as 1 year old. Discount cards can be picked up at the Child and Youth Services registration offices. For more information, call 655-5525.



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Summer Fun

Gabby White sails Kaneohe Bay aboard the Makani Olu. The Marimed Foundation's Teen Sail Training and Leadership Adventure program promotes cultural and environmental education through teamwork and ocean stewardship.

A wide array of activities will be offered in June and July for ages 6-17. Registration ends Monday, so visit www.operationpurple.org to register.



Send community announcements to community@hawaiiarmyweekly.com.

May

13 / Saturday

Tropic Lightning Youth Wrestling — Tropic Lightning Youth Wrestling will host a tournament, May 13, at the Helemano Gym. This event is open to the public, and anyone is invited to participate. Weigh-ins will start at 8 a.m.; wrestling will begin at

10 a.m. Call 655-0053 for more information.

Rodeo — Looking for hard-riding, fast-paced rodeo action? Gallop over to the Barbers Point Arena, Saturday, May 13 and again May 27 at the Kualoa Ranch Arena.

These events are free to spectators and feature Hawaii's best horses and riders.

Competition begins at 10 a.m. and includes barrel racing, pole bending and other timed events. For more information, call 224-9875 or visit the HWRA website at www.rodeoahu.com.

14 / Sunday

Honolulu Triathlon — Take up the challenge and enter the Honolulu Triathlon May 14 beginning

at 6 a.m. Athletes start and finish at Ala Moana Beach Park by mid-morning. The event includes a 40-K bicycle course, a 10-K run course into Kakaako and a 1,500 meter swim. About 2,000 of the world's top triathletes are expected to participate in this Mother's Day event. Call (866) 454-6561 for more details.

27 / Saturday

Paws on the Path — Want to be part of a hiking club for people and their dogs? Join the club on Saturday for a hike through North Shore's Kaunala Trail. Hikers and dogs should arrive at 8:30 a.m. to begin the hike at 9 a.m. To get to the Kaunala Trail above Waimea, go to the end of Pupukea Road. Then, park on the side of the road by the Boy Scout Camp. Bring snacks and lots of water for

people and dogs. For more information, contact Liza Souza at 356-2217 or go online to <http://calendar.gohawaii.com/>.

June

4 / Saturday

10k Volksmarch — The Menehune Marchers is sponsoring a 10K volksmarch on June 4 at Kamanui Valley. The start point is the Moanalua Valley Neighborhood Park at Ala Lolani Street. The walk is free and walkers may start anytime between 8 a.m. and noon. Award and volksmarch credit, if desired, is available for a nominal fee. Call 947-3359 or visit the Web site at <http://www.ava.org/clubs/menehune-marchers/>.