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## Garrison prepares for hurricanes

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Pau Hana Editor

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii, conducted a hurricane exercise (HUREX), April 30, to validate emergency operating plans and train officials to better protect the community, its members and installation assets.

Installation Management Command (IMCOM) requires all incoming garrison commanders to conduct an Installation Force Protection Exercises and Command Post Exercises, after assuming command of an Army post.

Different from the antiterrorism exercise (ATX) held April 21-24, post residents did not experience any building or road closures, changes in office hours or additional traffic during the HUREX, which was simulated entirely from within the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) located on Wheeler Army Air Field.

However, similar to the ATX, participating in the HUREX gave participants invaluable experience and lessons learned.



Staff Sgt. Tyrone Marshall | 25th Infantry Division Public Affairs

Don Matcheck (right center), exercise control officer, U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii (USAG-HI), leads an after-action review of exercise procedures during USAG-HI's hurricane exercise at Area X, Schofield Barracks, April 30.

These lessons prepare the installation to react better in case of a real natural disaster. Under IMCOM resources, military con-

tractors from MPRI observed and evaluated

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## New 25th ID commanding general is announced

25TH INFANTRY DIVISION  
PUBLIC AFFAIRS  
News Release

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — The Chief of Staff of the Army (CSA) has announced that Maj. Gen. Robert L. Caslen Jr., who is currently assigned as the commanding general, U.S. Military Academy, West Point, N.Y., will be assigned as the commanding general, 25th Infantry Division (ID), Schofield Barracks.

In an earlier release dated April 25, the CSA announced that Brig. Gen. John M. Bednarek, acting commanding general, 25th ID, will be assigned as the commanding general, First Army Division East, Fort Meade, Md.

Caslen was commissioned as an Infantry lieutenant from the U.S. Military Academy Class of 1975. His civilian education includes a bachelor's of science from the academy, a master's degree in Business Administration from Long Island University and a master's of science from Kansas State University.

His military education includes Infantry Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, and the U.S. Army War College.

Among Caslen's numerous assignments are several positions on the faculty at West Point, including as Army football coach and company tactical officer; as commander, 1st Battalion, 14th Infantry Regiment, 25th ID; and as commander, 2nd Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault).

He served as chief of staff for both the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) and the 10th Mountain Division, and as assistant division commander, Maneuver, 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized).

Caslen's joint positions include director, J-3, Joint Task Force Bravo in Honduras, and executive officer to the Commander of the Multi-National Forces, and then to the Commander of the U.S. Forces United Nations Command during Operations Restore and Uphold Democracy.

In support of the Global War on Terrorism, Caslen has served as the assistant deputy director for Strategy and Policy, J-5 on the Joint Staff, and then as chief of staff of the Coalition Joint Task Force Mountain, 10th Mountain Division in Baghram, Afghanistan.

Caslen's most recent assignment was as deputy director for the war on terrorism, within the Strategic Plans and Policy Directorate (J-5), the Joint Staff.

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Staff Sgt. J.B. Jaso III | 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team

## Securing shops

CAMP TAJI, Iraq — Pfc. Edgar Gutierrez patrols through a marketplace in Taji Qada, northwest of Baghdad, May 1, assisting the Iraq Army in ensuring the safety of the people in the area. Gutierrez is a mortarman assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team "Warriors."

## Wolfhound Rangers succeed in competition

Story and Photo by  
PFC. JAZZ BURNLEY  
3rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team Public Affairs

FORT BENNING, Ga. — Since an Army Ranger is the best in the Infantry being the best of the Army Rangers is a coveted prize.

"I remember what my sergeants major said back when I had just joined the Army and was completing the Officer Basic Course. He said the Ranger tab is the life insurance policy for your men.

"This [belief] has truly pushed me to seek the greatest training that would best qualify me for my men," said 1st Lt. Lloyd Wohlschlegel, executive officer, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team.

Wohlschlegel and 1st Lt. Tyler Patterson of 2-27th competed



1st Lts. Lloyd Wohlschlegel (right) and Tyler Patterson (left) of 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment, place 12th out of 30 Ranger teams in the grueling three-day 25th Best Ranger Competition at Fort Benning, Ga.

and placed 12th out of 30 teams in the grueling three-day event called the 25th Best Ranger competition.

The contest started in 1982 as "Ranger Olympics" in the Ranger Department Ranger Camps. In 1984, it became an Army-wide

competition to identify the most physically and mentally tough and technically competent Ranger team in the military. Since '84, there have been numerous changes and additions to challenge today's Rangers.

In the likeness of the early Ranger "buddy team," Wohlschlegel and Patterson trained for two months to prepare for the Best Ranger contest.

"Upon returning from 2-27th's 2007 deployment, I really pushed having the opportunity to compete in the BRC," said Patterson. "Once we were approved, we were placed on special duty to train-up full time, with a three-days-a-week, four-times-a-day training regimen."

Wohlschlegel, who completed Ranger School in January 2006,

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## Oahu South voices community concerns at town hall

KAYLA OVERTON  
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ALIAMANU MILITARY RESERVATION — Community members spoke out on local issues at the Oahu South Community town hall meeting, April 30.

Subject matter experts from a number of agencies were available to address and answer questions.

"You are the eyes and ears of our community, and we are here to listen," said Lt.

Col Mark Boussy, commander, U.S. Army Garrison, Oahu, at the beginning of the meeting.

Vickie Domingo, Army Hawaii Family Housing (AHFH) Operations director for the South Region, updated the audience on playgrounds, security, communication and construction.

Residents addressed concerns at the previous town hall meeting about the number of safe playgrounds. She said work on identified safety issues at playgrounds will begin

in the next one to two weeks.

Additionally, Makai View relocation is progressing and suitable houses are released as they are completed, Domingo added.

She encouraged residents to update phone numbers and e-mail addresses at local community centers so that Call Max rosters can be updated.

Lt. Col. Thomas Denzler, Directorate of Emergency Services, was pleased to announce that crime on Aliamanu Military Reservation (AMR) decreased dramatically

after March 19, due to directed law enforcement efforts such as 100 percent identification checks at AMR gates, day patrols, and enforced juvenile curfew hours.

"Property crime trends show that the majority of crimes committed are attributed to unsecured property or quarters, and personal vehicles left unsecured with items left in plain view," Denzler explained.

Rick Flair of the Army and Air Force Ex-

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## We want to hear from you...

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

If you have newsworthy ideas or stories you'd like to write, coordinate with the managing editor at 656-3155, or e-mail editor@hawaiiarmyweekly.com.

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656-3155 or 656-3156.

## 52 days since last fatal accident

Number represents fatal accidents as defined by Army Regulation 385-10, which is inclusive of all active component U.S. Army units and personnel. Current as of 5/7/08.

## Commander's Corner

# Residents urged to prepare for hurricanes

LT. COL. MARK BOUSSY

Commander, U.S. Army Garrison - Oahu

We are very fortunate to live here in Hawaii, but we are not immune to hurricanes and tropical storms that can be devastating to our island paradise.

Although hurricane season officially runs from June 1 through Nov. 30, it is always a good idea to stay vigilant and be prepared throughout the year. Please take some time to familiarize yourself with the numerous information resources available on disaster preparedness highlighted in this article.

Preparing for a disaster is the most important step in keeping you and your family safe. Know what to do in the event of a hurricane and be prepared.

### What makes hurricanes so dangerous?

It is because they combine the quadruple hazard of violent winds, torrential rains, abnormally high waves and storm tides. Each by itself can pose a serious threat to life and property, but together, they are capable of causing widespread destruction.

Hurricane Iniki took its toll on Hawaii in September 1992, causing an estimated \$2.4 billion in damages. Oahu alone sustained \$31 million in damages.

Our Oahu Army installations, too, sustained significant damage from Iniki, although we have long-since recovered from extensive renovations. Hence, we cannot wait until the last minute to prepare for this year's hurricane season.

### How will I find out about a potential hurricane?

If a hurricane is approaching Hawaii, you will learn about it from radio and television news reports. The news media will report advisories as they receive them from the National Weather Service (NWS) in Honolulu. In addition, residents should stay tuned to the Schofield Barracks HACN TV2 for detailed information on actions to take.

Specific instructions on the things you need to do and supplies you have on hand will be announced. By monitoring local television and radio stations, or HACN TV2, you will stay informed and have a better understanding of the right actions to take when a hurricane is approaching the island.

### Are there emergency shelters on Oahu Army installations?

Yes, every Army Hawaii Family Housing

(AHFH) community is over-watched by a unit that manages emergency shelters within their areas of responsibility.

In advance of a pending hurricane, you will be advised through a number of communication methods – HACN-TV2, AHFH CallMax, and Military Police on public address systems – to proceed to your assigned emergency shelter. When this occurs, you and your family should already have all the items contained within your Emergency Readiness Kit on hand, which you will bring to the emergency shelter.

A recommended example of this Emergency Readiness Kit can be found in your 2008 AHFH Hurricane Readiness trifold pamphlet along with a list of all the Oahu Army installation emergency shelters.

### How long can my family expect to be in the assigned shelter?

All Oahu Army installation emergency shelters are short-term shelters. You can expect to remain in your assigned shelter for approximately 12-24 hours or until the all clear signal is given.

The shelter is set up to accommodate your family only during the time the storm is actually on land, so it is important that you and your family come prepared with

basic items, to include food and water, as recommended within the Emergency Readiness Kit.

### What if I my family and I live off-post?

For a complete listing of local off-post shelters, you can call the Oahu Civil Defense Agency at 523-4122, reference your local phone book, or log onto the Web at www.oahucivildefense.com.

### Can I bring my pet(s) to the emergency shelters?

No, the shelter is not designed to accommodate animals unless your pet is a service animal, for example, a seeing eye dog or sensing dog. Pets should be secured in your home, be properly kenneled, or as a last resort, brought to the shelter, but kept in your car.

For more useful information on hurricane preparedness, you may refer to the 2008 AHFH Hurricane Readiness trifold pamphlet.

You may also contact the Oahu North Community Director's Office at 655-0497 or the Oahu South Community Director's Office at 438-6996. My staff will be happy to assist you.

## Emergency Shelters

The following is a list of shelters and corresponding communities.

### At Schofield Barracks

• A Quad – 500th Military Intelligence Brigade #1 & 2 Bldgs. 130/131  
Location: Corner of Waianae Road & A Road  
Housing Community: Canby

• B Quad – 2nd Stryker Brigade  
#3 Bldg. 155  
#4 Bldg. 156  
#5 Bldg. 157  
#6 Bldg. 158  
Location: 1240 Waianae Rd.  
Housing Community: Canby

• C Quad – 3rd Infantry Brigade  
#7 Bldg. 355  
#8 Bldg. 357  
Location: Corner of Waianae Road & Flagler Road  
Housing Community: Canby

• D Quad – 3rd Infantry Brigade  
#9 Bldg. 449  
Location: Corner of Waianae Road & Baldwin Road  
Housing Community: Canby

• F Quad – 3rd Infantry Brigade  
#17 Bldg. 649  
#18 Bldg. 650  
Location: Corner of Waianae Road & Lewis Street  
Housing Community: Hamilton

• 45th Sustainment Brigade  
#22 Bldg. 881  
Location: Corner of Cadet Sheridan Road & Menoher Road  
Housing Community: Santa Fe

• 3rd Infantry Brigade  
#23 Bldg. 1492  
Location: Corner of Hauula Street & Trimble Road  
Housing Community: Porter

• 2nd Stryker Brigade  
#25 Bldg. 2086  
Housing Community: Kalakaua  
#26 Bldg. 2087  
Housing Community: Solomon  
#27 Bldg. 2088  
Housing Community: Kalakaua  
#28 Bldg. 2089  
Housing Community: Solomon  
Location: Corner of Flagler Road & Aleshire Avenue

### At Wheeler Army Air Field

• 25th Combat Aviation Brigade  
#1 Bldg. 84  
Location: 1055 Santos Dumont Ave.  
#2 Bldg. 835  
Location: 1735 Wright Ave,  
#3 Bldg. 1006  
Location: 400 Block Latchum Rd.  
Housing Community: Wheeler

### At Helemano Military Reservation

• 8th Military Police Brigade  
#1 Bldg. 173  
Location: 100 Romeo Rd.  
#2 Bldg.

Location: 441 Andrade Rd.  
#3 Bldg. 300  
Location: 100 Romeo Rd.  
Housing Community: Helemano

### At Fort Shafter

• 94th Army Air Missile Defense Command  
#1 Bldg. 665  
Location: Fitness Center  
Housing Community: Fort Shafter

• 500th Military Intelligence Brigade  
#2 Bldg. 660  
Location: Bowling Alley  
Housing Community: Fort Shafter

• 311th Signal Command (Theater)  
#3 Bldg. 1292  
Location: Tunnel  
Housing Community: Aliamanu

• Special Troops Battalion, USARPAC  
#4 Bldg. 500  
Location: Richardson Theatre  
Housing Community: Aliamanu  
#5 Bldg. 711  
Location: Hale Ikena  
Housing Community: Aliamanu

### At Tripler Army Medical Center

• TAMC  
#1 Bldg. 300  
Location: Fitness Center  
Housing Community: Tripler

If you have questions regarding your shelter designation, call the Oahu North Community Director's office at 655-0497 or the Oahu South office at 438-6996.

## Courts-Martials

# Convicted staff sergeant is reduced, discharged

To deter misconduct and to inform Hawaii's Soldiers and civilians of military justice trends, the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate publishes the results of the following recent Courts-Martial:

During the past month, one Soldier was tried, found guilty, and sentenced for various offenses occurring on and off Schofield Barracks.

A staff sergeant from 545th Transportation Company, 524th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 8th Theater Sustainment Command, Hickam Air Force Base, was sentenced at a General Court-Martial to be reduced to the grade of private (E-1), to forfeit all pay and allowances, to be confined for 10 years, and to be discharged from the service with a dishonorable discharge, for rape and carnal knowledge, and sodomy.

In addition to forfeiture of pay (either adjudged or by operation of law), confinement, and a punitive discharge, the Soldier will also have a federal conviction that the Soldier must report when filling out a job application.

This federal conviction may strip the Soldier of some civil rights, such as the right to purchase and maintain firearms and the right to vote.

**Q:** Why does the Hawaii Army Weekly publish court-martial findings?

**A:** The Office of the Staff Judge Advocate releases the results of recent courts-martial for publication to inform the community of military justice trends and to deter future misconduct by Soldiers.

## LIGHTNING SPIRIT

# Live long and prosper by honoring your mom

CHAPLAIN (MAJ.) SCOTT KENNEDY

Family Life Chaplain

"Now, therefore, I, Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me ... do invite the people of the United States to display the flag at their homes or other suitable places on the second Sunday in May as a public expression of our love and reverence for the mothers of our country."

With this proclamation, President Wilson established Mother's Day in America in 1914, and it has become the most commercially successful holiday in the U.S. with more families dining out on this day than any other.

But the idea originated with Anna Jarvis who spent many years looking after her ailing mother. When her mother died in Philadelphia on May 9, 1905, Anna missed her greatly. Anna felt children often neglected to appreciate their mother enough while their mother was still alive. She intended to start a Mother's Day, as an honoring of all mothers.

In 1907, two years after her mother's death, Anna Jarvis disclosed her intention to her friends who supported her cause wholeheartedly. So supported by her friends, Anna decided to dedicate her life to her mother's cause and to establish Mother's Day

to "honor mothers, living and dead."

She started the campaign to establish a national Mother's Day. With her friends, she started a letter-writing campaign to urge ministers, businessmen and Congressmen in declaring a national Mother's Day holiday. She hoped Mother's Day would increase respect for parents and strengthen family bonds.

As a result of Anna's efforts, the first Mother's Day was observed May 10, 1908, by a church service honoring the late Mrs. Reese Jarvis, in the Andrews Methodist Church in Grafton, West Va. This observance set the stage for later Mother's Day observances held in honor of motherhood.

Clearly, admonitions to honor and revere our mothers have been given much earlier than the 20th century. In 60 AD, the Apostle Paul wrote these words to the Church at Ephesus in modern-day Turkey: "Honor your father and mother."

The commandment was the first with a promise: If you honor your father and mother, "things will go well for you, and you will have

a long life on the earth" (Ephesians 6:2-3).

The Apostle Paul quoted from the Ten Commandments found in Exodus 20:12 and Deuteronomy 5:16, which were given in 1445 BC. So, in addition to our own natural inclination to honor our mothers, we have Biblical and Presidential precedent to back the admonitions up.

Aside from God's commandment to set aside one day each week to rest and enjoy your family, this commandment to honor our parents is the only other positive commandment. The remainder are the traditional "thou shalt nots." We are guaranteed prosperity and longevity in this life for simply honoring Mom. What a deal.

For most of us, it is natural to honor our mothers because of all they have done for us. But let's face it, not everyone is blessed with a great mom. Regardless, the Biblical injunction is clear on honoring mothers.

In fact, there are some pretty steep consequences for dishonoring our mothers (see Mark 7:10, Exodus 21:17, and Leviticus 20:9) and Paul lumps disobeying parents in with a long list of evils that he equates with turning away from God (Romans 1:28-32).

So, if you fit this category, just remember

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# Voices of Lightning: Sunday is Mother's Day. What do you most appreciate about your mom?



"Everything. She raised me. She's given me all of the knowledge so I can succeed in life."

Staff Sgt. Shawn Cochran  
311th Signal Command



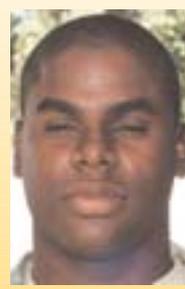
"I appreciate that she took care of me and all three of my brothers during the time that my dad was out in Saudi Arabia. She was there for all of us."

Spc. April Dillard  
94th AAMDC



"All the hard work and sacrifices she made for me to be where I am today."

Pfc. Fernando Gomez  
205th MI Bn



"She put up with everything I've done all through my life, and she still loves me."

Spc. Jonathan Liddill  
205th MI Bn.



"I appreciate the way she raised me and the values and the morals and the standards that she instilled in me as a kid. I appreciate my mom for a lot of things. I could go on and on, but I love her. That's it."

Sgt. 1st Class Irving Williams  
U.S. Army, Pacific

# Hawaii engineers give support at U.S.-Mexico border

**SPC. MATTHEW ODA**

117th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment,  
Hawaii Army National Guard

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — More than 80 Soldiers from the Hawaii Army National Guard's 230th Engineer Company helped support California's "Operation Jump Start" southwest border mission in April.

As part of the President's Homeland Security initiative, Operation Jump Start uses National Guard troops to support the U.S. Customs and Border Patrol protection mission to prevent illegal crossing and drug trafficking through the borders.

The Maui-headquartered engineer unit worked out of San Diego and was attached to Task Force Steel Castle, the California National Guard's engineering slice of Operation Jump Start. The Hawaii engineers, who have a detachment on Oahu and a platoon on Molokai, made the round-trip to San Diego on board an Air Force C-130 Hercules cargo aircraft.

The engineering missions included retrofitting an existing fence, repositioning electrical boxes and making a drainage ditch.

"We modified the angle of the poles and put clips on webbed sheeting to re-inforce the fence," said Staff Sgt. Jason Jacinto, noncommissioned officer in charge (NCOIC) of the fence and electrical box project.

"Each day, we tried to do about thirty fence lines, which equal to about 300 feet a day," said Spc. Richard Galo, retrofitting and supporting fence supervisor.

"It took us about four days to complete our project," said Galo. "Task Force Steel Castle personnel [who were] overseeing the project were impressed with our productivity."

"Our team also rebuilt the electrical



boxes along the fence line," said Jacinto. "We raised the boxes a foot above

ground to make them visible. We also

built concrete platforms around the boxes to protect them from damage.

"Task Force Steel Castle expectations



Above — A Soldier with 230th Engineer Company, Hawaii Army National Guard, uses a tape ruler to measure the length of a wooden board at Operation Jump Start in San Diego.

Left — Spc. Adrian Delos Santos of 230th Engineer Company examines a concrete brow ditch for imperfections. The ditch will help to redirect water from the hill to a culvert.

were about 20 platforms a day, instead, we did 28 of them while they were there, and expect to do three more today."

"My team made a Brow ditch on one of the hills by digging a long ditch and coating it with concrete to redirect the water to a culvert," said Staff Sgt. Lester Delos Reyes, brow ditch project NCOIC.

"We completed the task on Russian Hill in three days [ahead of schedule] even with some Soldiers doing on-the-job-training," said Delos Reyes, from Molokai. "Many of our new Soldiers are infantrymen retraining as engineers."

"The only obstacle the 230th faced was time ... Given more time, we could have accomplished much more," said 1st Sgt. Michael Lacno. "Other than that, things ran very smoothly ... leaders took charge."

"Our T.F. Steel Castle host provided the materials and equipment we needed to get the job done," Lacno added. "Many of our troops are transitioning from the infantry mission, but the young or inexperienced Soldiers were willing and motivated to learn the engineering mission."

## Human Resources underscores, Soldiers in 'IRR are by no means inactive'

**LT. COL. KEVIN ARATA**

U. S. Army Human Resources Command Public Affairs

WASHINGTON, DC. — Recent headlines have indicated some Soldiers in the Individual Ready Reserve (IRR) do not fully understand the process to request a delay or exemption from service, should they consider themselves non-deployable.

A formal process exists for Soldiers who feel a need to submit such a request, according to the U.S. Army Human Resources Command (USAHRC).

Mobilization orders for IRR Soldiers contain an 800 number a Soldier may call to initiate a request for a delay or exemption. The Soldier will be instructed how to submit his or her request.

More than 50 percent of those who submit requests for delays or

exemptions are approved.

Requests for delay or exemption need not be submitted by government officials on behalf of the Soldier. All requests are treated with the same care and consideration.

A Soldier who submits a delay or exemption request will not be mobilized until his or her case is adjudicated. As a matter of routine, that Soldier will receive an administrative delay if the case cannot be adjudicated before the scheduled report date.

USAHRC will notify the Soldier by phone and in writing of an administrative delay. The administrative delay allows for a thorough review of information and documents provided by the Soldier.

Administrative delays are not unusual "special favors." They are granted in accordance with stan-

dard operating procedures that exist to ensure a Soldier's situation is carefully and completely considered.

Instructions on the appeals process are also provided to Soldiers who disagree with the findings of the Delay and Exemption Board.

Almost 72,000 Soldiers serve our nation today in the IRR, with approximately 6,500 of those Soldiers currently serving on active duty. These trained, experienced professionals stand ready to individually augment Army units fighting in the global war on terrorism.

Every Soldier who joins the military incurs an eight-year service obligation. A "Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty," Department of Defense Form 214, releases a Soldier from active

duty, but does not release the Soldier from his or her total eight-year obligation.

Soldiers may serve two or four years on active duty, and are then transferred to the Reserves to fulfill the remainder of their obligation. IRR is one of many reserve programs Soldiers can enter.

"Soldiers in the IRR are a great asset to our military. They have contributed in the past, and will continue to make significant contributions to our military in the future," said Maj. Gen. Sean J. Byrne, commander of the IRR. "I know it is not easy to leave their jobs and their families behind. The sacrifices they make to serve their country are greatly appreciated."

Soldiers serving in the IRR are by no means inactive. Many opportunities are available for IRR Soldiers

to continue their military careers.

As IRR members, Soldiers can apply for active duty assignments, obtain professional development training and earn promotions. For example, some Soldiers who will assist at the upcoming Presidential Inauguration are IRR Soldiers.

Each meets minimum annual requirements that include updating personal contact information, attending muster duty, updating a readiness screening questionnaire online, and responding to official military correspondence.

IRR Soldiers may also be involuntarily mobilized in time of national crisis, as we have seen today in support of the global war on terror. To give a historical perspective, approximately 14,000 IRR Soldiers were mobilized and deployed for Operation Desert Storm.

All mobilized IRR Soldiers are screened at mobilization stations for medical conditions that would render them non-deployable. This process is not only for the benefit of the Army, but for the benefit of the Soldier, to ensure medical conditions are properly documented.

Again, to give historical perspective, approximately 15 percent of IRR Soldiers who reported for Desert Storm were determined to be non-deployable at the mobilization station, and they did not deploy.

IRR Soldiers represent a group of trained, experienced military professionals who can be called upon to serve our nation in times of national crisis. Today's IRR Soldiers are "individual warriors" ready to give their full measure in defense of freedom.

# VA to call 570,000 combat veterans

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS  
News release

WASHINGTON — The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) began contacting nearly 570,000 recent combat veterans, Friday, to ensure they know about the VA's medical services and other benefits.

A contractor-operated "Combat Veteran Call Center" is telephoning two distinct populations of veterans from Iraq and Afghanistan.

In the first phase, calls are going to an estimated 17,000 veterans who were sick or injured while serving in Iraq or Afghanistan.

VA will offer to appoint a care manager to work with them if they don't have one already. Care managers ensure veterans receive appropriate care and know about their VA benefits.

For five years after their discharge from the military, these combat veterans have special access to VA health care. The Department screens combat veterans for signs of post traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injury.

VA personnel have been deployed to the military's major medical centers to assist wounded service members and their families during the transition to civilian lives.

For the new call center, the second phase targets 550,000 Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom (OIF-OEF) veterans who have been discharged from active duty but have not contacted VA for services.

Once contacted, veterans will be informed about VA's benefits and services. The initial calls will be made by a private contractor, EDS, which specializes in technology.

# 8th TSC exceeds retention goals in all areas

Story and Photos by  
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FORT SHAFTER — A married couple celebrated their re-enlistment ceremony at historic Palm Circle here, recently.

Spc. Amber Stoddard, Protocol noncommissioned officer in charge with the 8th Theater Sustainment Command (TSC), and her husband Sgt. Charles Stoddard, driver for the U.S. Army, Pacific, sergeant major, renewed their enlistment contracts for the opportunity to trade the sunny beaches of Hawaii for the snowy wilderness of Alaska as their next duty station.

"We re-enlisted because we both wanted to go to Alaska," Amber Stoddard said, adding that she is undecided about retiring from the military but her husband does plan to complete a full 20 years.

Col. Darryl Daugherty, chief of staff, 8th TSC, re-enlisted the Soldiers.

"There is no greater honor for an officer in the U.S. Army than to be able to re-enlist a Soldier," Daugherty said.

The Department of Defense announced that recruiters met or exceeded recruiting goals for the active and reserve components in fiscal year 2008. So did the 8th.

"The 8th TSC has exceeded expectations for retention in every category," said Master Sgt. William Cooley, retention noncommissioned officer in charge with the 8th TSC, "to include initial term, mid-career, career, and ETS [end of term of service] for fiscal year '08 and reserve components."

Retention offers a variety of incentives for Soldiers who make the decision to re-enlist, such as the choice to stay in Hawaii for another year (stabilization), choice of next duty station, or choice of another military occupational specialty.

As far as bonuses go, Cooley



**Partners in Life and Service.** Spc. Amber Stoddard and Sgt. Charles Stoddard, with 8th Theater Sustainment Command and U.S. Army, Pacific, respectively, "re-up" at historic Palm Circle, Fort Shafter, April 18. Col. Darryl Daugherty, chief of staff, 8th TSC, said it was an honor to re-enlist the pair.

said the amount depends on the Soldier's military occupational specialty (MOS) and what career term the Soldier is in. However, re-enlisting for active duty service is not the

only options Soldiers have.

According to Master Sgt. Gregory Algarin, an 8th TSC career counselor, the option to re-enlist into a National Guard or Reserve component is also avail-

able for Soldiers who wish to continue on with their education and who still want to serve their country and make a difference.

"Soldiers will still get to use some of the benefits they received

during active duty," Algarin said, like the post exchange. "They also get tuition assistance as well as their Montgomery G.I. Bill for schooling, while at the same time, doing their part to serve their country."

Soldiers can choose from three different options. One program called the "Try One," will allow Soldiers to do a one-year trial with a National Guard or Reserve unit to decide if they like military life, or not.

The second option is to enlist for three years with eligibility for a bonus of \$10,000, plus all the benefits and tuition assistance, and two years guaranteed stabilization wherever the Soldier goes. Or, Soldiers can enlist for six years with all the same incentives as enlisting for three years and be eligible for a \$20,000 bonus.

"Soldiers who are getting out after their first four-year term still have a requirement to fulfill another four years in the inactive reserve component and can be called back to deploy at any time," explained Algarin. "If they re-enlist into a National Guard or Reserve component, they are not only getting most of the same benefits they did when they were on active duty, but they are also knocking time off of their IRR [Individual Ready Reserve] time as well."

# JROTC cadets 'pass in review' for governor, general

State's cadets get honors as flawless leaders in their units with Kinaole Award

**U.S. ARMY PACIFIC  
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News Release

FORT SHAFTER — Almost 800 Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) cadets from 26 Hawaii high schools were honored during the 26th Annual Governor's JROTC Review and Awards Ceremony here on historic Palm Circle, Friday.

Top cadets from high schools on Hawaii, Kauai, Maui and Oahu were presented the JROTC Kinaole (Hawaiian for "flawlessness") awards by Hawaii Governor Linda Lingle and congratulated by the ceremony host, Lt. Gen. Benjamin R. Mixon, commanding general, U.S. Army, Pacific.

"I would like to applaud the cadets on the field, not for what you've done today, but what you will accomplish in the future," Mixon said. "As cadets, you are participating in an organization that is greater than yourself and you are learning valuable leadership skills."

"As the governor of Hawaii, I have many privileges," Lingle added, "but this is among the ones I cherish the most. Anytime that I'm here in the state, and it's time for the annual review of the JROTC, I want to be here on the field with all of you. This truly is the future of our State and our Nation."

Cadet Commander Kayle McNulty, a senior from Campbell High School, said that receiving the Kinaole Award is a great achievement.

"I'm so happy to be honored," he said. "To be selected over all my peers by the instructors is a great accomplishment."

McNulty said he will use the skills he has learned during JROTC when he attends the New Mexico



Cadets in the Joint Cadet Color Guard march during Pass in Review during the 26th Annual Governor's JROTC Review and Awards Ceremony at Fort Shafter, May 1.

Military Academy next year.

Some cadets, like Cadet Lt. Col. Dionare Navasca, a senior from Farrington High School, were overwhelmed after being selected for the Kinaole Award.

"I never expected to win this award," she said. "Now the pres-

sure is on to maintain this accomplishment and justify to my instructors that they were right when they picked me as the best cadet."

"We are very proud," said Dion-

iso Navasca, Dionare's father. "It shows that every time we had to



JROTC cadets from Moanalua High School on Oahu salute during Pass in Review.



Cadet Capt. Leeana Raymond (right), Waianae High School, receives the Kinaole Award from Hawaii Governor Linda Lingle while Lt. Gen. Benjamin R. Mixon, commanding general, U.S. Army, Pacific, looks on.

force her out of bed in the morning to go to school really is paying off."

The ceremony also provided the schools' JROTC units a chance to demonstrate their parade skills

during a "pass in review" in honor of their distinguished guests. While marching to the music of the 25th Infantry Division's Tropic Lightning Band, the cadets were judged for best marching unit awards.

USARPAC Command Sgt. Maj. Joseph Zettlemoyer awarded Leilehua High School with the first place trophy. Punahou and Kahuku finished second and third, respectively.

"This is the highlight event for all the JROTC programs in Hawaii," said retired Army Lt. Col. Antoinette Correia, JROTC program manager for the Hawaii Department of Education. "It's a wonderful opportunity to publicly applaud our outstanding cadets and the hard work they've accomplished during the school year."

# News Briefs

Send news announcements for Soldiers and civilian employees to [community@hawaiiarmyweekly.com](mailto:community@hawaiiarmyweekly.com).

## May

### 9 / Today

**Army Community Service Closure** — Army Community Service, Building 2091, Schofield Barracks, will close, May 9, at 2 p.m. for fumigation.

Emergency numbers for Army Emergency Relief (655-4927), Military Family Life Center (222-7088) and the Family Advocacy Program (624-7233) are still available. The ACS computer lab will reopen May 10 at 10 a.m.

### 12 / Monday

**Annual Statewide Hurricane Exercise** — Army installations will participate in the Hawaii statewide hurricane exercise (named Makani Pahili 2008), May 12-16.

The exercise will not have any visible effects regarding office



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hours, building or road closures and delays.

The Hawaii hurricane season lasts June 1-November 30 each year but storms have been known to appear outside the seasonal win-

dow. Call Ray Pack, 656-5362.

### 20 / Tuesday

**Vet Clinic Walk-In Hours** — Schofield Barracks' Veterinary Clinic will not hold the weekly

walk-in clinic, May 20, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Appointments are available during those times. Call 433-8531.

### 21 / Wednesday

**25th Infantry Division**

## 'Tora, Tora, Tora'

WHEELER ARMY AIR FIELD — Looking into Wheeler's Hangar 112, one might do a double take. A P-40 World War II fighter plane sits in the same place where it sat Dec. 7, 1941, when rows of P-40s were parked and came under attack from Japanese forces.

The P-40 of today is a replica of the historic aircraft, built for use in the 1970 movie "Tora, Tora, Tora." Until recently, the plane was on static display at Wheeler's Kawamura Gate; however, its paint is deteriorating.

Enter Soldiers from B Company, 209th Aviation Support Battalion, 25th Combat Aviation Brigade, 25th Infantry Division. They are heading-up the P-40's restoration with funding assistance from U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii's Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation. The P-40 is being restored to its 1941 luster and then will be placed back on static display.

The P-40 is one of the most popular attractions for tourists and visitors to Wheeler Army Air Field.

### 22 / Thursday

**196th Infantry Brigade Change of Command** — Col. Thomas P. Guthrie, commander, 196th Inf. Bde., will relinquish command to Col. James George at Fort Shafter's Palm Circle, May 22, 10 a.m.

## June

### 2 / Monday

**Schofield Advisory Council Meeting** — The next Schofield Barracks PX/Commissary/Nehealani Advisory Council Meeting will be June 2, 10:15-11:15 a.m., at the main Post Conference Room.

This bimonthly forum of representatives allows the council and patrons to exchange ideas and information. Contact Melvin Wright, 655-0497, for more information.

### 14 / Saturday

**Army Ball** — You're invited to attend the U.S. Army, Pacific (US-ARPAC), Army Ball at the Hilton Hawaiian Village commemorating the Army's 233rd birthday, June 14, 6 p.m. During the ball, the US-ARPAC Noncommissioned Officer, Soldier and Community Leader of the Year will be honored.

Attire is formal; cost is \$80 per person. Call 438-9761.

**Change of Command** — Brig. Gen. John M. Bednarek, acting commanding general, 25th ID, will relinquish command to Maj. Gen. Robert L. Caslen Jr. at Schofield's Sills Field, May 21, at 10 a.m.

# 25th CAB travels deadliest road to kick off PTA ops

Soldiers offload and convoy 128 vehicles down Saddle Road from K-Dock

Story and Photos by  
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POHAKULOA TRAINING AREA – It's been about six months since Soldiers with 25th Combat Aviation Brigade (CAB) redeployed from Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. With block leave and long weekends over, Soldiers geared up for the largest training exercise since their departure from Iraq.

Beginning April 23, the first wave of Soldiers with Headquarters and Headquarters Company (HHC), 25th CAB; 3rd Battalion, 25th Aviation Regiment; and 209th Aviation Support Battalion (ASB) prepared for the arrival of the rest of the brigade at Pohakuloa Training Area (PTA).

Located on the island of Hawaii between Mauna Loa, Mauna Kea and the Hualalai Volcanic Mountains, PTA is the largest Department of Defense (DoD) installation in Hawaii. It's used to accomplish various types of training for 25th CAB Soldiers. With more than 50,000 acres of impact area, PTA is 10 times the size of Schofield Barracks' area.

To prepare for the large exercise, the equipment and vehicles were transported from Oahu by ship to Kawaihae (K-Dock) and convoyed to PTA by Soldiers in 209th ASB and 3-25th Aviation, despite the fact that the 25th CAB is an aviation unit with air support as its primary mission, said Staff Sgt Zoe Deville a mechanic with HHC, 209th ASB.

Deville was one of the many Soldiers



Above — A vehicle with 209th Aviation Support Battalion, 25th Combat Aviation Brigade, is transported from the CW3 Harold C Clinger to PTA. The vehicle was one of the 128 driven through Saddle Road.

Left — A convoy of vehicles from the 209th Aviation Support Battalion, 25th Combat Aviation Brigade, drives along Saddle Road.

who stayed at K-Dock to ensure all equipment was moved to PTA.

The entire operation of moving vehi-

cles and equipment will take approximately six days, said Lt. Col. Erskine Ramsey Bentley, commander of the

209th ASB, during the first day of K-Dock operations. "We brought Soldiers in from 209th ASB, 3-25th Aviation,

and 65th Engineer Battalion. ... It's been a combined effort to get the equipment transported."

From fork lifts to recovery vehicles, Soldiers and crew members worked diligently to download and convoy about 128 vehicles on Saddle Road, said Capt. Benjamin Junko of S3 operations, HHC, 25th CAB.

Although the port operation at K-Dock was a feat in itself, the real accomplishments were made by the Soldiers convoying on the infamous Saddle Road, a road with the highest accident rates of any road of its classification in Hawaii, according to the Hawaii's Department of Transportation.

Moreover, while local travelers are familiar with the characteristics of Saddle Road – narrow lanes, limited lines of visibility and numerous roadside dangers like one-way bridges, rough edges on roads, and pot holes – Soldiers traveling Saddle Road for the first time had to be on top of their game.

Soldiers received a convoy brief to prepare them to cross their large convoy across the deadly road. They were reminded to keep their interval, or distance between vehicles, and to safely drive the road's steep hills.

"The road being narrow was the hardest part of convoying the vehicles," said Sgt. Claudia Sandoval, convoy noncommissioned officer in charge with E Company, 3-25th. "Also the drivers had to remember to keep their distance between one another to avoid any fatal incidents."

Finally, Sandoval explained, most of the Soldiers had previous combat driving experience, making convoy across the deadly road a success.

Ultimately, the first week of training wrapped with great success.

## Spirit: Chaplain says, honor memory of mom

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God's promise to you when you make a conscious choice to honor your mother: Things will go well with you and you will live a long life.

As I write this column, I am aware that some of you have already buried your mothers and Mother's Day can be a day of grieving for you. I ask the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort to comfort you as you mourn the loss of your mother, especially for those of you who have recently lost your Mom.

You can still honor your mother by remembering her in a special way, by praising her to a friend or family member and by

living your life in such a way that would make her proud.

I am also aware of mothers who have lost children this past year due to the war or some other tragedy. My heart goes out to you this weekend as your celebrations will carry a somber tone.

Even as the first Mother's Day celebration was dedicated to mothers who had lost sons in World War I, I dedicate this article to the mothers who have lost sons and daughters in this current war. May God grant you his comfort and peace.

Your children honored you by their service and sacrifice for their country. Their promise of prosperity and longevity has just been upgraded.

# HUREX: Garrison learns to deal with natural disaster

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the exercise. At an after-action review May 1, the MPRI analysts provided feedback, critiqued the installation's involvement with the exercise, and received comments and suggestions from the exercise's crisis action cell, the personnel who worked from within the EOC.

Some of the issues brought up by participants included the following:

- Suggestions of methods to make the EOC as streamlined and efficient as possible,
- The need to clarify and establish standard operating procedures and understand the lines of communications between organizations, and
- The importance of having "green books," which give the installation knowledge about the military units' capabilities and resources, for example, whether the unit is at normal operations,

predeployment, deployment or redeployment.

Beginning May 12, the installation will participate in another HUREX, as part of an annual statewide exercise.

According to Arnold (Ray) Pack, plans officer, Directorate of Emergency Services, the statewide exercise is designed to prepare installation support agencies, shelter managers and damage assessment teams for the annual hurricane season by testing disaster preparedness plans, in-

ternal standard operating procedures, communications systems and improving training and response procedures.

Similar to last week's garrison-wide HUREX, the statewide exercise will not have any visible effects regarding office hours, building or road closures or traffic delays.

The Hawaii hurricane season lasts June 1-Nov. 30, but storms have been known to appear outside the seasonal window.

# 25th ID CG: Major general comes from West Point

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Caslen's numerous awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Distinguished Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary and Service Medals, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, and Humanitarian Service Medal.

He also earned the Ranger Tab, Parachutist's Badge, Air Assault Badge, and Combat Infantryman's Badge.

# Town Hall: DFMWR highlights services at town hall meeting

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change Service (AAFES) spoke about the new AAFES Buddy List, which allows members to get the inside scoop on specials, sales, new products and events through their e-mail.

Jack Wiers of the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare, and Recreation

(DFMWR) highlighted many upcoming events such as Spouse Appreciation Day, May 28, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., at the Hale Ikena, Fort Shafter.

Weirs also announced Spouse Appreciation Day activities, today, at the Nehelani, Schofield Barracks, from 4-7 p.m.

Wrapping up, Wiers noted the Army Community Theater features "Bye Bye

Birdie" at Richardson Theatre, Fort Shafter, with performances May 8-10, 16,17, 23 and 24.

Mother's Day Sunday brunches are scheduled Sunday, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., at the Hale Ikena, Fort Shafter, and Nehelani, Schofield Barracks. Space is limited, so registration is required.

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Robert Powers re-

minded all about Oahu South chapel services in the community.

The town hall closed with audience questions and answers. Topics of concern were juveniles, curfews, teen centers, pool hours, parental responsibility for their children, housing incentive programs, the Utility Consumption Program, and the Hale Ikena's availability to community members.

# Mental health month is time to clear up behavioral myths

## KRISTEN WARD

TriWest Healthcare Alliance

No one is immune to the effects of deployments. However, deployment may increase the intensity of the experience for you, your spouse or child, resulting in some form of behavioral health issues.

These issues can range from anxiety, depression, eating disorders, post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), substance abuse and even thoughts of suicide.

### Common Misconceptions

Being “Mental Health Awareness Month,” May is the perfect time to learn the truth about some of common behavioral health myths.

**Myth #1:** Behavioral health issues only affect a small popula-

tion of certain groups.

**Fact:** Approximately one in five adults struggle with a behavioral health disorder of varying degrees, making this disorder more common than cancer, heart and lung disease combined.

One in four families will be affected, whether the children, the adults or a combination of both who are suffering. Behavioral health issues do not discriminate; problems can impact anyone, regardless of ethnicity, age or sex.

**Myth #2:** I don’t have a behavioral health problem, I just need something to help me relax.

**Fact:** Often, people self-medicate with drugs or alcohol. However, since alcohol is a depressant, it can lead to an increase in behavioral health symptoms and addiction problems.

Feeling a “high” while on alco-

hol or drugs is temporary. When it’s over, it can lead to more cravings, increased depression or other symptoms.

**Myth #3:** My Tricare benefits won’t cover behavioral health care.

**Fact:** Tricare covers mental and behavioral health care that is medically or psychologically necessary. Arrange a screening with your primary care manager (PCM) who can then help you decide whether to seek additional treatments if symptoms are found.

If you do pursue treatment, Tricare covers up to eight behavioral health visits with a network provider without an authorization.

Active duty service members must receive a referral from their PCM or military treatment facility (MTF) in order to seek treatment outside of the MTF. Active

duty family members do not need preauthorization for the first eight therapy visits with a network provider.

For treatment beyond the initial eight therapy visits, beneficiaries are required to receive authorization.

For more on your benefits, visit the “Beneficiary Services” page at [www.triwest.com](http://www.triwest.com); select “Handbooks and Brochures” and “Behavioral Health Care Benefits” or call 1-888-TRIWEST (1-888-284-3743). You can also Visit the “Mental Health and Behavior” section at [www.tricare.mil](http://www.tricare.mil) for specific coverage and associated costs.

**Myth #4:** Behavioral health disorders are untreatable.

**Fact:** The majority of people with behavioral health disorders

improve when they receive appropriate treatment. Types of treatment depend on your diagnosis, severity of symptoms and preference.

A variety of treatments, including medications and short-term psychotherapies, have proven effective. Once you or your loved one is feeling better, treatment may need to be continued for several months – in some cases, indefinitely, to prevent a relapse.

**Myth #5:** Seeing a provider is my only option for help.

**Fact:** Several options are available for assistance in learning and dealing with behavioral health related issues. They include the “Help From Home” video series featuring military families who have faced the challenges of de-

ployment and reintegration. Other tools are available on the Behavioral Health portal at [www.triwest.com](http://www.triwest.com).

TriWest also provides 24/7 telephone access and crisis intervention services. In the Tricare West Region, simply request assistance by calling 1-866-284-3743.

Further, MilitaryOneSource.com has articles, booklets, audio CDs and other interactive tools to help you learn more about behavioral health issues.

**Final Truth:** If you have more questions about behavioral health, such as signs and symptoms, contact your health care provider for the real story, and to find help for stress, depression, or emotional challenges – which all come with life – when they’re not resolving.

## Rangers: Never thought of quitting

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explained the emphasis behind the training.

“With the experience of Ranger School and previous knowledge from past Rangers who participated in the Best Ranger competition, we knew that each station had physically demanding tasks to complete. [We knew] that after completion there would be only 10 to 15 minutes of rest time before we were back on the move,” added Wohlschlegel.

“Knowing this, we trained each day with tough exercises, with minimal recover time, so that our muscles would become accustomed to those types of demands.”

Patterson completed Ranger School in April 2006. “Becoming a Ranger is recommended for the Infantry branch, so once I put my tab on, I became more of a follower of the competition,” Patterson said. “I can honestly say that Rangers have always been aware of the competition. I even knew about it before I started my career in the Army. It was just one of those things that I had to do and experience for myself.”

Patterson said he selected Wohlschlegel to be the second officer to complete his buddy team because he knew that quitting wasn’t in Wohlschlegel’s character.

At Fort Benning, their Best Ranger competition began at Camp Rogers. It included events at various locations throughout the camp. The teams finished

day one with a 16-mile road march called the “Great Divider.”

“The first day was designed to truly weed out teams that didn’t have the physical endurance to last the competition,” said Patterson.

Day two at Todd Field tested the Ranger teams’ technical proficiency in military skills, including mountaineering, demolitions, communications, medical tasks and employment of hand grenades.

Next, the Ranger team began the orienteering event, which ended at Camp Darby and began the third and final day of the competition.

The last day was designed to identify the most physically and mentally tough, competent Ranger team in the military, based on the combined score of all three days of the competition.

Before Wohlschlegel and Patterson could raise pistols at the Ranger Memorial for the awards ceremony, they had to negotiate the Darby Queen, conduct the helocast parachute jump into the swimming event at Victory Pond, and then pass the finish line in the buddy run.

The event was rigorous, but not once did the pair think of quitting, said both. They had too many elements – their unit and company – that had invested time and effort in them to provide them opportunity to experience the Best Ranger competition.

*(Editor’s Note: Fort Benning Public Affairs provided information for this article.)*

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## Riders show off skills at **STUNT FEST 2008**

Story and Photos by  
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Staff Writer

HONOLULU — The high temperature and blazing sun did not stop motorcycle enthusiasts from donning thick leather jackets and arriving in style to the 2008 Stunt Fest, here, Saturday.

Wheels were in motion as more than 600 people gathered in the parking lot of the Cycle City Harley-Davidson to show off their bikes, watch professional stuntmen perform an array of tricks on dirt bikes and motorcycles, and talk shop with other devoted riders.

Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers (BOSS) jumped aboard selling shaved ice to raise



Stunt rider Steven Hale traveled from Maui to participate in the games at the 2008 Stunt Fest. The festival brought military and civilian riders together to provide motorcycle entertainment in a safe, controlled environment.



Above — Members of BOSS — (left to right) Pfc. Leanna Forbes, Sgt. Sherry Lawrence, Spc. Jason Moss, Spc. Pamela Hardin-Raikies and Staff Sgt. Katherine Turner — serve up shaved ice and awareness about the BOSS program at the 2008 Stunt Fest, Saturday.



Stunt rider Jeremy Niitta, Waianae resident, performs a "high chair" dirt bike trick for the crowd, Saturday. The 2008 Stunt Fest promoted fun and safety for all motorcycle riders.

their bikes before they ever get on the road."

All Soldiers are required to complete the MSC to ride a motorcycle in Hawaii.

The Stunt Fest was the brainchild of Sgt. 1st Class James Gray, 325th Brigade Support Battalion, as a way to promote a positive relation-

### Points of contact

- To learn more about motorcycle safety, contact the Installation Motorcycle Safety Office at 656-9640.
- For more information about BOSS, call 655-8169.
- For more information on the Dominant Breed Motorcycle Club, contact Sgt. 1st Class Gray at 1-757-597-4668.

ship between military and civilian riders and engage the community in outreach. President of the Dominant Breed Motorcycle Club, Gray is an avid rider and speaker on motorcycle safety.

"There is a standard of discipline within the Army that we take to our motorcycle club," said Gray. "We influence the community to do the same when it comes to motorcycle safety."

Stuntmen created the backdrop for the festivities as motorcycles simultaneously rolled across the marked course on one wheel. The smell of burnt rubber filled the parking lot as riders steered their bikes standing on the seats or riding backwards.

The crowd cheered at each trick as more than 20 stuntmen dazzled the attentive participants with an array of maneuvers.

Across the lot, 15 participants prepped their bikes for the Best Bike competition, giving it extra shine and care.

"We have a lot of guys that put so much time and effort into their bikes," said Gray. "We want to give them a chance to show it off."

Vendors lined the parking lot as shoppers tried on vests and helmets and indulged on hot dogs and hamburgers.

"It's great to see all of these people out here celebrating and showing off," said Staff Sgt. Sidney Combs, Tripler Army Medical Center. "They're all within a controlled environment and managed by safety regulations. This is how it should be."

"People are going to do tricks with motorcycles, regardless," said Staff Sgt. Derrick Randonson, Tripler Army Medical Center. "Promoting an event like this takes people off the street and gives them an arena to show what they can do."

Stunt riders from Trickster's, Life Styles LS, Team O, 712, Stunt Fam and Usual Suspects volunteered their time and skills for the Stunt Fest 2008.

"There aren't many places for us to ride and test our limits like this," said Maui resident and stunt rider Shawn Hanohano. "It's great to get in front of a crowd this big and show them what we can do."

Dominant Breed Hawaii, BOSS Hawaii, One World Tribe, Cycle City Harley-Davidson and Sensually Yours sponsored the event.

All proceeds from the event will be donated to charity.

awareness and money for their program as well as inform riders within their organization about motorcycle safety.

"We have a lot of riders in our programs, and we want to make sure they are aware of all safety precautions with motorcycle use," said Spc. Pamela Hardin-Raikies, BOSS president. "We go through so much training in the military, and we want to implement the same training values for our single Soldiers that ride."

Hardin-Raikies explained that quality of life was part of the BOSS motto and understanding all safety regulations was a big part of the program, including completion of the mandatory Motorcycle Safety Course (MSC).

"Within the [MSC] we want to instill the theory of teaching Soldiers before they ride," said Bruce Marshall, safety specialist and rider coach, Directorate of Installation Safety. "We keep people safe by giving them the fundamentals and basics they need to safely maneuver

## Military takes time to thank the men and women behind uniforms

### May 9 is 2008's Military Spouse Appreciation Day

STEPHANIE RUSH  
Pau Hana Editor

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — The old adage, "If the Army wanted you to have a spouse, they would have issued you one" may be well known, but it no longer rings true with the armed services.

In 1984, President Ronald Reagan proclaimed the Friday before Moth-

er's Day as Military Spouse Appreciation Day, and each year, installations hold events and take the time to give thanks to the husbands and wives who support their spouses serving in the military.

According to President George Bush's Military Spouse Day proclamation, military spouses have a long history of supporting their spouse, starting with Martha Washington.

President George Washington's wife would visit battlefields and tend to the wounded, boosting the morale of her husband's troops.

President Bush lauds military spouses. He believes they live with uncommon challenges, such as acting as the single parent and enduring sleepless nights while their spouse is deployed.

Bush's proclamation emphasizes that many spouses are committed volunteers; they continue to serve by helping other military families and their local communities.

"Our Nation benefits from the sacrifices of our military families," President Bush said, "and we are inspired by their courage, strength, and leadership."

### Local Spouse Appreciation Day Events

Around the world, installations are hosting special programs honoring military spouses. In Hawaii, the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii, is hosting a day of indulgence to thank spouses for all that they do.

Schofield Barracks' Spouse Appreciation Day is being held today at the Nehelani, 4-7 p.m.

Fort Shafter's Spouse Appreciation Day observance will be held May 28 at the Hale Ikena, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Spouses are invited to indulge in luxury beauty treatments and enjoy sweet treats like coffees, teas, pastries and chocolate fondue. There will be live entertainment and inspirational speakers, giveaways for all attendees, and door prizes, including airline vouchers, overnight stays at Kilauea Military Camp, shopping sprees and more.

Both events require advance reservations. The deadline for the Schofield Barracks program has passed, but Fort Shafter spouses can register by May 21. Call 438-0376.



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**Mardi Gras Teen Social** – The Schofield Barracks Teen Center will hold a Mardi Gras-themed event, May 9, 7-9:30 p.m. The event is for youth in grades 6-12. Cost is \$3 for members and \$4 for non-members. Call 655-0451.

**10 / Saturday**

**Hawaii Championship Wrestling** – Don't miss your chance to check out the best action local wrestling has to offer at the Tropics Community Activities Center, May 10, 7-9 p.m. Call 655-0002.

**Digital Camera Class** – Learn the basics of camera operation and photo composition, May 10 and 17, 9:30 a.m.-noon, Schofield Barracks and Fort Shafter Arts and Crafts centers. Call Schofield Barracks at 655-4202 or Fort Shafter at 438-1315.

**11 / Sunday**

**Mother's Day Sunday Brunch** – Schofield Barracks' Nehelani and Fort Shafter's Hale Ikena will hold a special Mother's Day Brunch, May 11, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Cost is \$25 for adults, \$18 for children 6-10, \$12 for children 3-5, and free for children 2 and under.

For reservations, call the Nehelani, 655-4466/0660, or the Hale Ikena, 438-1974/6712.

**15 / Thursday**

**Texas Hold 'Em Poker Tournament** – Test your skills against the best of the best at the monthly poker tournament, May 15, 6-9:30 p.m., Schofield Barracks' Tropics. All ID cardholders 18 and older are welcome, but only the first 120 will be able to play. Call 655-0002.

**31 / Saturday**

**Self-Defense Seminar** – Become empowered, increase physical awareness and learn self-defense skills, May 31, 12-2 p.m., Schofield Barracks' Health and Fitness Center.

Local martial arts instructors from the Gracie Academy will be on-hand conducting defense demonstrations and teaching simple techniques that will make everyday situations and times during deployment safer.

Attendees must be 18 years or older, and must wear athletic pants and a T-shirt p.254 AP as no shorts or tank tops are allowed.

This event is for Blue Star Card holders only. Space is limited. Child care will be provided. Call 438-0376; deadline to sign up is May 21.

Blue Star Card holders, become empow-



Army Hawaii Family Housing LLC

**Learning about sea life**

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Getting up close and personal with a Hawaiian sea turtle was surely a first for 2-year-old family member Chandler Gerber. Army Hawaii Family Housing held an Earth Day celebration, here, April 20 at the Kalakaua Community Center.

ered, increase physical awareness and learn self-defense.

**Ongoing**

**Cooking Classes for Children** – Cooking classes, for children over the age of 4, will be held the first four Wednesdays of each month and each one will have a special theme. The cost is \$45 per month, which includes all supplies for each student.

Classes include a free chef's apron and chef's hat for each student. Classes are held at Kalakaua Community Center, Schofield Barracks. Call 655-9818 for an appointment to enroll.

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

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

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

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

**Army Family Covenant** – The Directorate of FMWR has embraced the Army Family Covenant to increase the quality of life for Soldiers and their families, bringing its initiatives to FMWR facilities, programs and events.

The Army Family Covenant is committed

\$15. Call 988-6131 or purchase tickets online at [www.manoavalleytheatre.com](http://www.manoavalleytheatre.com).

**17 / Saturday**

**Pineapple Festival and Parade** – The Wahiawa Pineapple Festival will take place May 17, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Wahiawa District Park. The parade begins at 9 a.m. along California Avenue, kicking off the festivities.

Free parking and a shuttle service will run from Leilehua High School and the festival grounds.

Visit [www.hawaiipineapple-festival.com](http://www.hawaiipineapple-festival.com) or call 227-8229.

**Living History Day**

– The U.S. Army Museum of Hawaii will host a Living History Day to commemorate Armed Forces Day, May 17, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., on the lawn area of the museum at Fort DeRussy.

The event will include static exhibits of modern military Soldiers and equipment, military memorabilia, restored military vehicles, re-enactors in period uniforms and hands-on displays of nongovernment military artifacts.

**19 / Monday**

**Home School Co-Op Meet and Greet** – Schofield Barracks' Home School Co-op will hold a meet and greet, May 19, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., at the Schofield Barracks bowling alley.

Learn about the exciting activities being planned for the 2008-2009 school year and how you can get involved. Contact Rachel Bowers, 954-9366.

**20 / Tuesday**

**Concert Choir Performance** – The University of Maryland concert choir will perform May 20, 6:30 p.m. at the Aliamanu Military Reservation (AMR) Chapel.

Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. for everyone attending the concert. A nursery is provided for children aged 9 months-5 years, as long as they are registered with Child Youth Services or the Child Development Center, have their card and wear closed-toe shoes. Call 836-4599.

**21 / Wednesday**

**Concert Choir Performance** – The University of Maryland concert choir will also

to improving family readiness by standardizing and funding existing family programs and services, increasing accessibility and quality of health care, improving Soldier and family housing, ensuring excellence in schools, youth services, and child care, and expanding education and employment opportunities for family members.

Continue to look for new programs and benefits brought to you by FMWR and the Army Family Covenant. Call 438-2911 for more information.

**Hawaiian Luau Lunch Buffet** – Enjoy the "ono" taste of a traditional Hawaiian-style feast, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., at Fort Shafter's Hale Ikena or 11 a.m.-2 p.m., at Schofield Barracks' Nehelani.

Cost is \$9.95 per person. Call the Hale Ikena (438-1974) or the Nehelani (655-4466) for reservations.

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

**Paint It & Take It** – Ceramic parties offer a unique way to celebrate get-togethers, coffees, children's birthday parties, showers or any occasion. Your Arts & Crafts Center provides a varied selection of ceramic bisqueware to paint and take home.

Call 655-6330 at Schofield Barracks or 438-1315 at Fort Shafter.

**Friday Night Scrappers** – Schofield Barracks Arts and Crafts is holding a new program every Friday night for scrapbooking fun and festivities. The sessions run 6-10 p.m. The cost is \$10, which includes snacks, prizes and demos. Supplies are available for an extra fee.

Join the Arts and Crafts Center for fun projects, refreshments and prizes. Call 655-4202.

**Reservation Policy** – Piliilau Army Recreation Center has announced the reservation of 50 percent of its beachfront cabins for the exclusive use by active duty and reservist personnel during peak periods.

Peak periods include Memorial Day weekend until Labor Day weekend, Thanksgiving weekend, and the weeks prior to Christmas until New Year's weekend.

The previous policy held 10 percent of the rooms for active duty and reservists during peak periods.

The recreation center will release non-committed beachfront cabins 15 days before date of occupancy to all other authorized patrons. Prior to this change, beachfront cabins were released 30 days before desired date of occupancy.

Reservation requests may be made by phone for a maximum stay of 21 nights and are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. A one-night deposit is required on the same day after reservations are made. Reservations can be made one year in advance of desired date of occupancy. Call 696-4158.

perform May 21, 6:30 p.m., at the Schofield Barracks Main Post Chapel.

Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. for everyone attending the concert.

A nursery is provided for children aged 9 months-5 years, as long as they are registered with Child Youth Services or the Child Development Center, have their card and wear closed-toe shoes. Call 655-9307.

**22 / Thursday**

**Student Showcase Night** – Wheeler Middle School, Wheeler Army Air Field, will hold a Student Showcase Night, May 22, 4-6 p.m. Student work from art, band, multimedia, physical education and health classes will be featured. Call Sam Bennett, faculty member, 622-6525.

**26 / Monday**

**Complimentary Admission** – The Pearl Harbor Historic Sites will offer complimentary general admission to all active duty, reserve and retired U.S. military personnel and their family members on Memorial Day, May 26.

Applicable historic sites include the USS Bowfin Submarine Museum and Park, Battleship Missouri Memorial and the Pacific Aviation Museum. The USS Arizona Memorial and USS Oklahoma Memorial already offer free daily admission.

**Ongoing**

**Free DVD Messages** – Family members can record a 30-second video message on DVD to send to their deployed Soldier. The free service is offered every Saturday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., TV2 station, Schofield Barracks.

To reserve your spot, contact Larry Thomas at 295-0205 or e-mail [Larry.Thomas9@us.army.mil](mailto:Larry.Thomas9@us.army.mil).

**Borders Reading Groups** – Borders Waikale hosts three monthly reading groups: Bestsellers, second Wednesday of the month, 7 p.m.; Romance Readers Anonymous, second Thursday of the month, 6:30 p.m.; and International Women's Writing Guide, first and third Wednesday of the month, 7 p.m. Call 676-6699.



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

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

**Fort DeRussy Chapel 836-4599**

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

**Fort Shafter Chapel 836-4599**

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

**Helemano (HMR) Chapel 653-0703**

- Contemporary Protestant Sunday, 9 a.m. – Bible Study Sunday, 10 a.m. – Worship Service & Children's Church

**Main Post Chapel 655-9307**

- Catholic Sunday, 9 a.m. – CCD & RCIA Sunday, 10:30 a.m. – Mass
- Collective Protestant Sunday, 9 a.m. – Worship Sunday, 10:30 a.m. – Sunday School
- Gospel Sunday, 10:30 a.m. – Sunday School Sunday, noon – Worship Service

**MPC Annex, Building 791**

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

**Soldiers Chapel**

- Catholic Friday-Saturday, noon – Adoration
- Liturgical Sunday, 10:30 a.m. – Worship

**Tripler AMC Chapel 433-5727**

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

**Wheeler Chapel 656-4481**

- Catholic Saturday, 5 p.m. – Mass
- Collective Protestant Sunday, 9 a.m. – Worship Sunday, 9 a.m. – Sunday School



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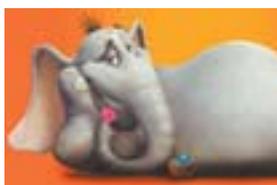
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Friday, 7 p.m.  
Thursday, 7 p.m.

**Penelope**

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Saturday, 2 p.m.

**Tyler Perry's Meet the Browns**

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Saturday, 7 p.m.



**Horton Hears a Who**

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Sunday, 2 p.m.

**Shutter**

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

No shows on Mondays or Tuesdays.

**Community Calendar**

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

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**Army Community Service Closure** – Army Community Service, Building 2091, Schofield Barracks, will close, May 9, at 2 p.m. for fumigation.

Emergency numbers for Army Emergency Relief (655-4927), Military Family Life Center (222-7088) and the Family Advocacy Program (624-7233) will be available despite the building's closure. The ACS computer lab will reopen at 10 a.m., May 10.

**Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month** – The 3rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team and Schofield Barracks will sponsor several free events during Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month throughout the month of May, including the following:

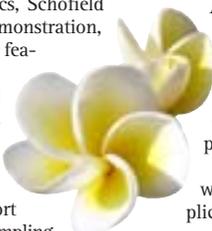
•Daily, until May 31: Art Exhibit in the main Post Exchange Mall at Schofield Barracks. Student work will be featured.

•Friday, May 9: Asian-Pacific American Night, 7-9 p.m., the Tropics, Schofield Barracks. A martial arts demonstration, lion dance and hula will be featured.

•Thursday, May 15: Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month Observance, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., the 9th Mission Support Command Parade Field, Fort Shafter Flats. Enjoy food sampling, sponsored by 311th Signal Command, Theater. Contact Master Sgt. Ricardo Natera, 497-7643.

•Saturday, May 24: Asian-Pacific American Custom Auto/Bike Show, 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., the Tropics, Schofield Barracks.

•Thursday, May 29: Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month Observance, 10:30-11:30 a.m., 3rd Brigade Headquarters Parade Field, F-Quad, Schofield Barracks. Call Sgt. First Class Keith Walker at 352-7313 or 655-0054.



# Hui O' Na Wahine awards nearly \$30K

Story and Photos by **MOLLY HAYDEN**  
Staff Writer

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS – The Schofield Barracks Hui O' Na Wahine Spouses' Club along with more than 80 members of the Army ohana gathered together at the Nehelani Banquet and Conference Center, here, Monday, to honor outstanding members of the community.

The Hui O' Na Wahine awarded approximately \$30,000 in grants and scholarships at the organization's annual Scholarship and Welfare Grant dinner.

"Hui is blessed to have members among us who take education very seriously," said Jennifer James, committee member. "It is

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# Hui O'Wahine recognizes 11 with scholarships

Story and Photo by **SGT. 1ST CLASS JASON SHEPHERD**  
U.S. Army, Pacific Public Affairs

FORT SHAFTER – Robin Sherrod has been taking college classes for years, slowly amassing enough credits to earn a degree. More than 20 years of hard work and dedication will finally pay off in May when she will earn a bachelor's degree in psychology.

But Sherrod won't be finished. She plans on working toward a master's degree in education with the ultimate goal of counseling individuals in education and career vocational development.

Now, after years of her hard work, a special group from Fort Shafter has finally noticed.

April 24, Sherrod and 10 others were awarded a Hui O'Wahine Scholarship in recognition for valuable contributions toward academic excellence and outstanding community service in a ceremony held at Quarters 17 on historic Palm Circle.

"I wasn't expecting it at all," Sherrod said. "This is my first scholarship. It's a privilege to be



Winners of the Hui O'Wahine scholarships take a break during the awards ceremony to take a group photo outside of Quarters 17 at historic Palm Circle, Fort Shafter, April 24.

recognized by people that see your passion for education and acknowledge your hard work."

The Hui O'Wahine Enlisted, Officer, and Department of Defense Civilian Spouses' Club collects

money from consignments from the Fort Shafter and Schofield Barracks Thrift Shops as well as donations from its members to fund scholarships. This year, the group raised \$11,000.

"This year," said Darlene Marshall, Hui O'Wahine Scholarship chairwoman, "the Hui O'Wahine Club staff celebrates its 77th year in the community. This year, like all the years in the past, the Hui

O'Wahine has been blessed with the ability to give back to the community in the form of high school senior scholarship awards and continuing education scholarship awards, due to the success and hard work of all the work and volunteers in the Fort Shafter Thrift Shop."

Nine were awarded the High School Senior Scholarship, which can be awarded to any family member of a Department of Defense employee.

"When I received the phone call from the committee saying I was awarded the scholarship, I was so happy," said Bolivia Hurtado De Mendoza from Mililani High School. "To receive this scholarship, you have to have a good [grade point average] and do lots of community service. You also have to do extracurricular activities and have great school spirit. This means that all my hard work and study in school is paying off."

Two current Hui O'Wahine members were awarded the Continuing Education Scholarship

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# Garrison recognizes local community's volunteers

Story and Photos by  
**KAYLA OVERTON**

U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii, Public Affairs

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS – Volunteers who donated their time and hard work to support the Hawaii Army community received many "mahalos" during the 2008 Installation Volunteer Ceremony at the Nehelani, April 30.

In honor of National Volunteer Week, April 27- May 3, the U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii, Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, and Army Community Service (ACS), hosted the ceremony to recognize community members for their outstanding volunteer service to the Army community.

The five award categories included the Volunteer Family of the Year, Volunteer Ambassador of the Year, Silver Volunteer of the Year, Youth Volunteer of the Year, and Volunteer of the Year.

"These volunteers have taken their time and given it when it counted the most, and the evidence of their sacrifice is seen throughout the installation here in Hawaii and throughout the local community," said Tracey Clark, Volunteer Corps coordinator, ACS.

Brig. Gen. Mark MacCarley, deputy commander, 8th Theater Sustainment Command, and Jackie Duncan (wife of Command Sgt. Maj. George Duncan) handed out the awards.

"The volunteers recognized here today inspire all of us by their examples with their selfless dedication," Duncan said.

The recipient of the Volunteer Family of the Year was the Williams family: Capt. Ryan Williams, his wife Marybeth, and their daughters Elizabeth and Bethany.

Nominated by the 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team (2nd SBCT), the Williams family has a motto it lives by: "When one family member is volunteering they are all volunteering."

The family said it stays busy as they participate in American Youth Soccer programs, church activities, car washes and the Warrior Care Team.

Sara McCaffrey, also nominated by the 2nd SBCT, was the recipient of the Youth Volunteer of the Year award.

McCaffrey volunteers with Girl Scouts, her church, division ceremonies, and the 2nd SBCT's family readiness group (FRG).



**Nominees of the 2008 Volunteer Recognition Ceremony.** The theme of this year's volunteer ceremony is "Volunteers Inspire by Example." The ceremony was held April 30 at the Nehelani, Schofield Barracks.



**Volunteer of the Year.** Family member Sybilla White is 2008's top volunteer.

"I love volunteering, and it's very important we give back some," McCaffrey said.

Edward Walker was the recipient of the Silver Volunteer of the Year. He donates most of his volunteer time to children.



Brig. Gen. Mark MacCarley, deputy commander, 8th Theater Sustainment Command, and Jackie Duncan (wife of Command Sgt. Maj. George Duncan), far left, award Capt. Ryan Williams (not pictured), his wife Marybeth (middle) and their daughters Elizabeth and Bethany Williams as Volunteer Family of the Year.

For example, Walker volunteers as McGruff the Crime Dog, coordinates child identification packets, and participates in local Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) programs.

Volunteer Ambassador of the Year is awarded to a community member who provides volunteer services to an off-

post organization.

Lori Lawson, nominated by the 25th Combat Aviation Brigade, received the award due to her dedication in conducting bible studies, game nights and providing a "Mom's Night Out" program.

Lawson is also the FRG leader for the 209th Aviation Support Battalion.

## 2008 Volunteer Nominees

### Volunteer Family of the Year

- The Fischer Family
- The Gandy Family
- The Ropp Family
- The Williams Family\*

### Youth Volunteer of the Year

- Michael David
- Sara McCaffrey\*

### Silver Volunteer of the Year

- Linda Chevalier
- Edward J. Walker\*

### Volunteer Ambassador of the Year

- Sgt. 1st Class Eric Beat
- Heather Goodier
- Rebecca Highfill
- Lori Lawson\*
- Sgt. 1st Class Russell Matteo
- Sgt. Matthew Walsh

### Volunteer of the Year

- Jessica Kay Ford
- Jennifer K. James
- Melissa Miller-Crowley
- Sherrell Pippen
- Toni Ruiz
- Bethany Watkins
- Mike Wedge
- Sybilla White\*

\* denotes winner

The final award at the ceremony, Volunteer of the Year, was awarded to Sybilla White, who volunteered more than 300 hours with the 2nd SBCT.

As the FRG co-leader, White creates PowerPoint presentations, sends e-mails, visits sick spouses and prepares meals. She also assists with fundraisers and volunteers at the Thrift Shop.

White developed a Family Support Plan for exceptional family members, and the plan was submitted as a local Army Family Action Plan (AFAP) issue. It will be forwarded to the U.S. Army, Pacific, AFAP held in June.

All volunteer winners were awarded Koa wood clocks for their outstanding service to the Army community.

# Schofield Hui: Students, local organizations are recipients

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amazing to see the growth of each recipient and the opportunities they have taken by being a military dependent."

Six individuals received \$11,500 in college scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$2,500. In addition, more than 20 organizations on and off Army posts around the island received welfare grants totaling more than \$18,000.

"This is the highlight of our year," said Charla Dumas, president of Schofield Barracks Hui O' Na Wahine Spouses' Club. "We are so pleased to be able to give back to our community and to those who take personal and professional steps to accomplish great things."

The committee awarded the scholarship applicants based on grades, extracurricular activities and service to the community.

Brig. Gen. Mick Bednarek, 25th Infantry Division commander, praised the Hui for its tireless efforts within the Army ohana and beyond.

"We thank you for recognizing our future leaders," said Bednarek. "We ask a



lot of our Soldiers and even more of our family members."

Bednarek continued by recognizing



Above — Scholarship recipients (from left to right) Darlene Truesdell, Danica Palmer, Amanda Marrero, Jasmine Webb, Maria Geiger and Amanda Williams gather for a keepsake photo after receiving a combined total of \$11,500 in scholarships from the Hui O' Na Wahine for their college and continuing education.

Left — Andy Pike (right), First Command Financial Advisor, awards Danica Palmer with a scholarship for her upcoming college education, as Brig. Gen. Mick Bednarek, commanding general, 25th Infantry Division, looks on. In total, six deserving members of the Army ohana received scholarships at the annual Scholarship and Welfare Grant dinner.

the recipients and praised each individual for the hard work they have put into their education and the community.

An additional honor was highlighted

near the end of the program as Darlene Truesdell was awarded the Wiercinski Scholarship.

Truesdell was also awarded a contin-

uing education scholarship. The new scholarship was named after committee member Jeannine Wiercinski for her ongoing efforts within the Hui.

Among the welfare grant recipients were several organizations from the Schofield Barracks community, including Sgt. Yano Library, the Schofield Sharks swim team, Army Community Service, the Schofield Red Cross, Hale Kula Elementary School, and Solomon Elementary School.

In addition, Moanalua High School, Hawaii FIDO, Tripler Red Cross, and Boy Scout Troop 24 received welfare grants.

The Hui O' Wahine raises money for scholarships and other programs through various fundraisers and money generated through thrift stores at both Fort Shafter and Schofield Barracks.

The Hui O' Na Wahine Spouses' Club is open to spouses of civilian employees and Soldiers of all ranks. Established in the 1930s, the organization has continued to aid the public through significant contributions, while giving its members strong ties to the Army community and each other.

# Shafter Hui: \$11K awarded to seniors, adults continuing their education

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Award.

"In our society, continuing education is one of the things that differentiate us from the rest of the industrialized world," said Col. A.T. Ball, executive officer for Lt. Gen. Benjamin R. Mixon, commander, U.S. Army, Pacific.

"We've got to continue to educate ourselves and transform to meet the changing conditions in our economy and our society," he added. "We applaud everyone's efforts here tonight."

The Gail Corely Scholarship Award was awarded to the most deserving in each of

the other categories. The scholarship is a one-time scholarship provided in honor of a Hui O'Wahine member who works at the thrift shop.

Instead of accepting a donation for her hard work, Gail Corely donated it to award as a separate scholarship.

Sherrod and Joseph Carothers received the Corely scholarship. The recipients knew they were receiving their other two scholarships, but didn't know who was receiving the Gail Corely Scholarship until the names were announced.

After hearing she received the Corely scholarship, Sherrod broke down in tears. "I was really, really excited and was

just thankful and grateful," Sherrod said. "Out of all the people they chose me. It was such a great feeling."

What made it even better for Sherrod was her son, Adrian Rogers, was also a recipient of a High School Senior Scholarship.

"This is a great day for Adrian," she said. "The fact is, he's had some disabilities and he's overcome them. This scholarship has really helped his self-confidence and tells him that he can shoot for the stars."

According to Marshall, recipients are chosen by a ranking system. A panel made up of Hui O'Wahine and communi-

ty members assigns applicants a certain score based on their personal essay, academic achievements, grade point average, community service and personal references. Those applicants with the highest scores receive the scholarship.

Marshall also gave some advice for those wishing to receive the Hui O'Wahine Scholarship next year.

"I would tell them to begin identifying individuals to get letters of recommendations from and take a look at their academic achievements and start listing them," she said. "It's easy to forget what you did in your freshman and sophomore year.

"I'd also advise them to start looking at any community service they give or any job duties that they currently have and start to get involved in the community."

Sherrod has been working hard during the last 20 years to make her education a reality. She hopes to use her scholarship money to help show others that if a person has the will to get an education, he or she can make it happen.

"People say I have this going on or that going on," she said. "I don't think I can [start my education.] My advice to them is to take it one class at a time. The sky is the limit. And most importantly, you're never too old to start."



# May

## 10 / Saturday

**Hawaii Championship Wrestling** – Don't miss your chance to check out the best action local wrestling has to offer at the Tropics Community Activities Center, May 10, 7-9 p.m. Call 655-0002.

## Ongoing

**100-Mile Run/Walk & 50-Mile Swim Clubs** – Record each mile you run, walk or swim and win incentive prizes. Stop by any Army Physical Fitness Center or swimming pool to pick up a log sheet. Call 655-9914.

**Late Night at Martinez Gym** – Martinez Physical Fitness Center, Schofield Barracks, is the place to be on Friday nights. The center is now staying open late, from 9-11:30 p.m.

Join Martinez for volleyball, Make It Take It Basketball, and the Racquetball Challenge Ladder. Call 655-4804.

**Ladies Golf Clinic** – Ladies, looking to improve your golf game? Come to a free ladies golf clinic the first Saturday of every month, 2:20 p.m., at the Leilehua Golf Course driving range. Call 655-4653.

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

The facility features three lighted fields for day and evening play, and they are open for regular, league and youth play, plus private parties and physical training (PT).

Hours of operation are Fridays, 5-9 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays, 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Rental equipment is available, and you can



Maj. Michael Humphreys | 4th Infantry Division Public Affairs

## Playing spades

BAGHDAD — Soldiers Sgt. David Stine, Spc. Alfred Figueroa, Spc. Jared Hicks and Sgt. Mac Pora play a game of spades during some down time at Busmaster Patrol Base in the Sadr City district of Baghdad April 23.

The Soldiers are assigned to the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, but are currently supporting the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, Multi-National Division in Baghdad.

bring your own paint or buy it there.

Instruction is available for those new to the sport. Visit [www.paintballhawaii.com](http://www.paintballhawaii.com) or call 343-3929.

**Youth Dive Team Lessons** – Spring board and platform youth diving lessons are available Monday-Thursday, 4-6 p.m., at Richardson Pool, Schofield Barracks.

Cost is \$63 per month. Call 864-0037 for more information.

**Little Ninja Classes** – Parents or guardians, bring 3- to 5-year-olds to CYS to learn basic Tae Kwon Do skills. At these

classes, children will improve their motor and communication skills, learn to focus, and build confidence and socialization skills.

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

**Volleyball & Racquetball 101** – Learn basic skills and techniques from experienced instructors, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8:30-10 a.m., at Martinez Physical Fitness Center, Schofield.

Courts will be open for free play across the street from the facility. Call 655-4804.



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

### 11 / Sunday

**Hike Oahu** – Join the Hawaiian Trail & Mountain Club on a hike through the Pupukea Summit.

After a long approach on a dirt road, this wet, wild and muddy trail winds through thick guava, then continues on the northern-most portion of the Koolau Summit Trail with both leeward and windward views along the way.

This intermediate hike is 9 miles. Call coordinators Grant and Joyce Oka at 674-1459.

Save the date for these upcoming hikes, too:

- May 17, a 4-mile intermediate hike at Kahaluu Ridge, and
- May 25, a 5-mile intermediate hike at Waiahole Contour.

All hikes begin at 8 a.m., and a \$2 donation is requested of non-members. An adult must accompany children under 18. Hikers meet at Iolani Palace, mountainside.

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

Hikers must keep all trails and lunch sites clear of clutter, as well as treat trees and plants with care and respect. Visit [www.htm-club.org](http://www.htm-club.org).

## Ongoing

**Wahine Sailors** – The Wahine Sailors seek new members. Call for meeting place and times at 235-8392. Cost is \$35 per year or \$5 per sail. All levels are welcome.

**Spring In-Line Hockey** – The Oahu In-Line Hockey League continues. It will be followed by a select teams mini-season, a skills competition and league social.

Contact a registrar for more

details: Richard Pentecost at 372-9270 or Norine Liem at 396-9475. Visit [www.oihl.org](http://www.oihl.org).

**Shafter Bowling** – Unit PT (physical training) bowling is held Monday-Friday, 6-8 a.m. Cost is \$1 per Soldier and includes all games and free shoe rental.

Reservations and a minimum of 20 bowlers is required.

**Jazzercise** – Combine elements of dance, resistance training, Pilates, yoga, kickboxing and more in exciting programs for all fitness levels at Jazzercise Waikele.

Classes are held Mondays & Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m., at the Waikele Elementary School cafeteria. Call 674-1083.

**Waikele Wrestlers** – The Waikele Athletic Club holds wrestling classes for children and adults.

Cost is \$45 per student. Call 671-7169.

**Bass Angler** – Entries are now being accepted for the 18th Annual Military Bass Team Bass Tournament being held May 5-9 at Duke Hollow Lake, Byrdstown, Tenn. To apply or find out more information, visit [www.military-bassanglers.com](http://www.military-bassanglers.com).

**TOPS** – The Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) support group meets every Thursday evening at the Armed Services YMCA. Join others to share weight loss tips, discuss concerns and provide encouragement to each other. Call Cheryl at 696-4423.

**Football League** – The Hawaii Athletic League of Scholars (HALOS) is signing up youth players for its upcoming spring football season. HALOS, a no-weight limit tackle football league for ages 9-14, is a non-profit group that aspires to provide a high-quality experience for kids.

Visit [www.myhalos.com](http://www.myhalos.com), or call 620-8523.

**Wrestlers Wanted** – Hawaiian Championship Wrestling

seeks new members. Persons should be at least 6-feet tall, weigh 250 pounds or have an above average muscular build.

Sports background is preferred. Call 676-8107 for more information.

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

Tee time is usually before 8 a.m.

**Girls' Basketball** – The Hawaii Strikers Club team is comprised of skilled players who have a passion for basketball and can perform as a member of a cohesive team. The selection process is very competitive and requires each player to be a well-rounded individual who performs at a high academic level, exhibits superior sportsmanship qualities, and displays a positive attitude and a respectful and coachable demeanor at all times.

The Strikers are currently participating in weekly National Junior Basketball League of Honolulu games. Practices are conducted three days a week at various locations in the Central Oahu area.

Contact Coach Thompson at 381-7722 or [hawaiistrikers@yahoo.com](mailto:hawaiistrikers@yahoo.com) or visit [www.hawaiistrikersbasketball.com](http://www.hawaiistrikersbasketball.com) for more information.

**Bike Hawaii** – Join Bike Hawaii's professional nature guides and explore Oahu from the rainforest to the reef. Packages include downhill biking, sailing off Waikiki and more. Meals are included.

To schedule adventures, call 734-4214, or toll free 1-877-682-7433. Visit [www.bikehawaii.com](http://www.bikehawaii.com).

**Fleet Feet** – Faerber's Flyers women's running club invites women of all ages and skill levels to join them at the University of Hawaii track at Cooke Field.

The club meets Wednesdays from 5:15-7 p.m. Cost is \$50 per year. Call 277-3609.

# 2nd SBCT builds family ties with Camp Warrior

Day camp allows children of rear detachment and deployed Soldiers to have fun and be Army Strong

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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — The 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat team (SBCT), 25th Infantry Division, Rear Detachment, hosted a children's activity day called Camp Warrior at Area X-Ray here, April 26.

Nearly 300 "little" warriors with camouflaged faces and the determination to overcome all obstacles facing them gathered to become nothing less than "Army Strong" in a daylong boot camp for kids.

The camp was designed to familiarize children with military-style bearing, operations and standards while showing them Soldiers aren't unapproachable.

"Today is just for you [the kids] to have fun and wear yourselves out a little bit for the parents," said Capt. Lawrence Lewis, rear detachment commander, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd SBCT.

The focus of the event was dedicated to children of deployed service members attached to 2nd SBCT or any other unit currently deployed overseas.

"I believe we have planted the foundation for events such as these to be long lasting traditions," said Maj. Adelaido Godinez, rear detachment commander, 2nd SBCT.

The children participated in activities such as camouflage face painting, a miniature physical fitness test, water balloon toss, grenade toss, tug-of-war and a sand castle building contest.

"I think they're going to have fun," said Lisa McCaffrey, brigade family readiness group advisor and wife of Col. Todd McCaffrey, brigade commander.

"FMWR (Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation) donated all of the T-shirts the kids are wearing. It was pretty much a free event for any child of a deployed Soldier and the rear detachment children," she added.

Volunteer Soldiers broke up children into seven groups of 22 and led them to each of the activity stations where four Soldiers explained to the children what the



Children of deployed Soldiers and the rear detachment enjoy a day filled with fun activities called Camp Warrior, which was hosted by 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team (SBCT), 25th Infantry Division, April 26. One of the day's activities included the tug-of-war. The children are excitedly trying to pull their parents over the line.



A miniature physical fitness test is held as one of many of the events during Camp Warrior.

activity was and oversaw safety.

The Soldiers gave children a taste of military bearing, training them much the same way they would be trained during basic training.

The kids learned to march, stand at parade rest and behave like "warriors."

"If you're not doing what the instructor tells you at each station, you'll be doing push-ups," said Godinez.



A family member checks out her new face painting before beginning any of the day's events.

Child and Youth Services manned one of the stations where children could make "gac," a silly putty substance made from glue, borax, water and food coloring.

For many of the children, the favorite spot of the day was the station with water balloons. Even after the activities were concluded, the kids kept coming back to the station until the water balloon launchers were overworked and no longer complied with the children's desire to shoot balloons onto targets down range.

"This station is the artillery simulator station. The kids are going to learn how to launch water balloons at targets and toss grenades," said Staff Sgt. Lucky Trammell, rear detachment first sergeant, 2nd Battalion, 11th Field Artillery (2-11th FA), 2nd SBCT.

The grenade station showcased all of the different types of grenades and their purposes, said Spc. Benjamyn Pressley, ammunition team chief, Battery A, 2-11th FA.

Two wounded warriors who recently returned home from Iraq attended Camp Warrior, and they participated in some of the activities.

Sgt. Abe Smith, from 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment, 2nd SBCT, was injured while in Iraq and had only been home about 30 days.

He helped with face painting and passing out T-shirts. He also walked around greeting children and getting to know the families.

"I know almost all of the kids' dads who are in Iraq right now," said Smith.

Concluding the day's activities, firefighters from the Schofield Federal Fire Department sprayed children with a hose. The kids said they enjoyed running toward the fire truck and getting wet and muddy.

Godinez believes the rear detachment has formed strong bonds and has grown close over the past months since loved ones have been deployed.

"This event was a great success and brought families out of their homes for some down and dirty but good clean fun," said Godinez.

The end result of Camp Warrior was positive, and everyone involved had a great time.

While deployed Soldiers are away from home, events such as Camp Warrior keep loved ones in the rear detachment in good spirits and better equipped to support their warriors downrange.

"We're trying to build a family," said Godinez.