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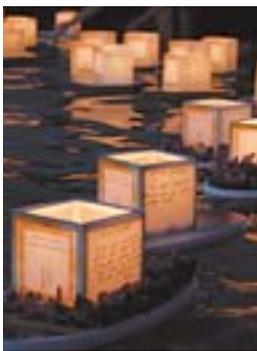
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Aiko Brum | U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii, Public Affairs

'Heave! Ho! You go, girl!'

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — The U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii, team pulls itself to a victory during the tug-of-war challenge at the Garrison Organizational Celebration, Friday. Team anchor and community relations specialist, Kayla Overton, said, "After hard work, our garrison team pulled through for a second-place finish."

Water savings needed

CHRISTINA DOUGLAS
Staff Writer

WHEELER ARMY AIR FIELD — U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii, Directorate of Public Works (DPW) is asking the Army community in Oahu to help conserve water.

The Schofield Barracks water plant is running at half its normal capacity due to problems with two of its four well pumps, said Karl Santa, mechanical engineer, DPW Utilities Division, USAG-HI.

The well pumps serve all of Schofield Barracks, which uses about 3 million gallons per day, as well as Helemano Military Reservation, which uses about 500 million gallons per day, he explained.

Both Schofield and Helemano residents can support water conservation efforts.

"The main thing is avoiding unnecessary water use," said Santa. "Small changes can add up to big savings."

The well serves is about 30,000 people. If each person uses about 100 gallons per day, on average, and we reduce that by 10 gallons, we will save about 300,000 gallons per day, said Santa.

One way to reduce the number of gallons used is to water your lawn before 9 a.m. or after 5 p.m.

Observing these watering hours is extremely important, said Santa. The evaporation rate during the day is 10 times higher than it is at night.

The problems with two of the four well pumps is not permanent.

"The water pumps are expected to be repaired within the next two weeks," said Santa. "We are working hard to resolve this problem as quickly as possible."

For additional information, contact Karl Santa at 656-1027.

Broncos learn 'Mufi's maxims'

Story and Photo by
MAJ. DERRICK CHENG
3rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team Public Affairs

HONOLULU — With the Pentagon's announcement of the next seven brigades and division headquarters slated to deploy to Iraq later this year, one of those brigades sought advice from an Iolani School graduate for his years of government and community experience.

Leaders from the 3rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team (IBCT) "Broncos," 25th Infantry Division, met with Mayor Mufi Hannemann, May 23, at his Honolulu Hale office for insight into city government as they prepare for the unit's next deployment to Iraq.

Col. Walter E. Piatt, commander, 3IBCT, sought counsel from Hannemann as the mission in Iraq evolves from security operations to expanding the Iraqis' capacity for governance and economic development.

The Army's changing role in Iraq involves



Mayor Mufi Hannemann displays his support to the 3rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team "Broncos," after sharing "Mufi's maxims" with the Army leaders such as Col. Walter E. Piatt.

additional skills not inherent in military training, and Oahu's local leader was recognized as an invaluable resource for continued progress.

"The next phase is government and capac-

ity building," said Piatt. "Building government at the lowest level and building an economy is not second nature for us, but it is the way ahead in Iraq."

Hannemann hosted Piatt, along with Command Sgt. Maj. Anthony Marrero, 3rd IBCT, Lt. Col. Sam Whitehurst, commander, 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry Regiment, and the 2-35th Inf. Regt.'s Command Sgt. Maj. Thomas Jones.

The former chairman of the Honolulu City council gathered the four members of the brigade at his conference table. Hannemann reiterated to the uniformed leaders the importance of host nation sensitivities and engaging citizens at the local level to clearly convey plans, goals and objectives.

"Go to the neighborhoods and be actively engaged in the community. Show [the Iraqis] you are real human beings," Hannemann

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TSGLI adds 'boots-on-the-ground' rep

U.S. ARMY HUMAN RESOURCES
COMMAND
News Release

WASHINGTON — Traumatic Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance (TSGLI) is reaching out to more Soldiers and their families at Schofield Barracks by adding a Soldier Family Support Specialist (SFSS) to the program.

Lt. Col. Mike Berry's expertise will ensure Soldiers write and file claims that could result in as much as \$100,000 being awarded to an injured Soldier.

SFSSs, such as Berry, are subject matter experts who have diverse

knowledge about the TSGLI program and expertise in briefing and assisting Soldiers and their families with the claims process.

Specialists like Berry will work closely with Warrior Transition Units and the Soldier Family Assistance Centers at military treatment facilities (MTFs), so Soldiers have access to needed services.

The addition of SFSSs will improve communication efforts, ultimately increasing the number of approved TSGLI claims.

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94th AAMDC enlists breathalyzer

Story and Photo by
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94th Army Air and Missile Defense Public Affairs

FORT SHAFTER FLATS — The 94th Army Air and Missile Defense Command is currently promoting a breathalyzer pilot project that enhances the commander's Drunk Driving Prevention and Awareness Campaign.

"Safety is a top priority in the 94th AAMDC," said Col. Aaron Zook, additional duty safety officer, 94th AAMDC.

He said the command became aware of the program through the efforts of Staff Sgt. Matthew Hilton, supply, property book noncommissioned officer, 94th AAMDC.

Hilton first noticed the device on a friend's key chain and wasted no time putting the "wheels in motion" to get the 94th AAMDC fully engaged.

"As soon as I saw it, I did some research and got

on the phone with contacts at headquarters, Department of the Army," said Hilton.

The money for the breathalyzers came from Capitol Hill Congressional Funds, Hilton said.

Currently, Soldiers assigned to the Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 94th AAMDC, have not been issued the breathalyzers, and are waiting to receive training, said Hilton.

SEE BREATHALYZER, A-7



Natural Resources reaches out in the name of conservation

Story and Photos by
CANDACE RUSSO
Oahu Army Natural Resources Program



Volunteers take in the view at the Kaala Summit before removing invasive plants like *Juncus effusus*, or "soft rush."

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — What do a hunter, an artist and a high school student have in common? The Oahu Army Natural Resources Program (OANRP) recently learned the answer — a desire to know more about their natural environment and a willingness to devote invaluable time to this cause.

Natural Resources also has learned that providing educational opportunities to the public is re-

ciprocated by dedicated volunteers providing help to OANRP staff.

As a Directorate of Public Works environmental program, Natural Resources aims to conserve and protect endangered species on Army training lands here. Hawaii is home to more endangered species than any other state in the U.S. and 80 percent of Hawaii's endangered species live on Army training lands.

The work is strenuous, the goals are impressive, yet the staff is small.

Roughly a dozen staff regular-

ly hike miles of trails across hundreds of acres of land on the island's two mountain ranges. Each person hauls the tools of the trade: hand saws, pruners, shovels, herbicide and, occasionally, a chain saw.

The staff considers the work rewarding; however, at times it can seem overwhelming. Hence, Natural Resources ramped up two of its valuable mainstays in 2007 — education and volunteers.

OANRP created an outreach plan that builds on the momen-

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We want to hear from you...

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

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In The Spotlight

Garrison commander puts things in perspective

In the first of a two-part series, USAG-HI's senior leader reviews initiatives

KYLE FORD

Staff Writer

After nearly a year as commander of U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii, Col. Matthew Margotta has many things to be proud of in the Garrison, but he's most proud of the Soldiers the garrison supports and the people who support them.

When Margotta took command last June, he had a simple agenda: convey a sense of purpose to all the Garrison's workers.

"I've made it pretty clear to everyone that the only reason we're here is to provide quality services and support to our Soldiers, our families, our retirees and everybody within the Garrison community," Margotta said.

Supporting families is top on the colonel's list of successful Garrison initiatives. In the past year, there has not been a period of time without a significant number of Soldiers deployed.

"I think we're going to be in a time of persistent deployments at least for the near future," Margotta said. "So, I see, once again, our main focus and our most important mission is going to be — one, to support the training of those units and Soldiers as they get ready to deploy, and two, once they do deploy caring for the families that they left behind in our charge."



Col. Mathew Margotta
USAG-HI Commander

When Soldiers are deployed, it's up to the Garrison and the Army communities to ensure families are taken care of, so Soldiers can focus on their jobs.

"I think we've done a remarkable job providing assistance and support to those family members whose Soldiers are deployed," Margotta said.

He mentioned the "Blue Star" Card program and the great new initiatives and support provided by the Army Family Covenant.

The Garrison has pushed the envelope for Army Family Covenant support, according to Margotta.

"We've taken what the Army has given

us as its prescribed and established programs and expanded them," he explained.

Some Hawaii-specific initiatives include extended hours for the gymnasiums, free towels for use at the gyms, and a new outdoor recreation program, to name some recent initiatives.

"Everything that an individual or family needs, we should be able to provide, for the most part, on our installations."

Next on the Garrison commander's list of successes is the support of Wounded Warriors.

This year the Garrison established the Warrior Assistance Center, Hawaii's Soldier Family Assistance Center. This was done through the concerted effort of many people, Margotta said.

The Directorate of Public Works renovated an entire building in about three months to get it up and operational, he added.

"We also have Heather Partain, our dynamic Warrior Assistance Center director, and her team," Margotta said. "They have really moved out on providing a variety of different services, support, events and everything else, outside of their medical treatment, to take care of our wounded warriors and their families. Heather and her

team have done a remarkable job.

"From my perspective," Margotta continued, "we are setting the standard for the rest of the Army when it comes to how to care for our wounded warriors."

Margotta sees his mission as Garrison commander the same way Lt. Gen. Robert Wilson, commander, Installation Management Command sees IMCOM.

Wilson recently came out with a saying to the effect of "IMCOM is the Army's home."

"I'm not sure how it came about, but it makes sense to me," Margotta said. "What we're trying to provide — from the Garrison and IMCOM perspective — is a place where our community members can live, work and play in the best environment that we can possibly provide them."

It's the village concept, according to Margotta. The Garrison accomplishes its objectives by providing facilities, quality of life services, barracks, training support and everything else.

"Everything that an individual or family needs, we should be able to provide, for the most part, on our installations," he said.

"Our job is to take care of our Soldiers and our families and the other members of our community," he added. "Basically [our job is] to do the best we can with the resources that are provided us, to provide the best quality of life and customer service that we can for them."

(Editor's Note: In Part Two, next week, Col. Margotta shares his views on the future of USAG-HI and his philosophies.)

DES Straight Talk

It's 11 p.m., do you know where your children are?

LT. COL. THOMAS DENZLER

Director, Directorate of Emergency Services

Parents, we need your help! Lately, our installations and housing areas have experienced problems with vandalism, thefts, graffiti and property destruction.

The Directorate of Emergency Services' crime statistics indicate these crimes are being generally caused by our very own juvenile family members.

Fortunately, most children are great kids and positive forces within our community. It's the select few who vandalize the neighborhood or steal from their neighbors who remain the concern.

All parents are strongly encouraged to re-

main involved in the lives of their children and do their best to know what their children are doing while parents are not home.

Enforcement of the U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii (USAG-HI), curfew policy is an important first step.

The current curfew policy states that children 14 through 17 years of age will be inside their own or someone else's quarters between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m., unless they are under the supervision of a parent, guardian



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or family member 18 years of age or older.

For children 13 years of age or under, the same requirements must be met between the hours of 9 p.m. to 6 a.m.

Knowing the signs of misconduct may prevent juvenile misconduct: combative or disruptive behavior on the school bus or in school, destruction of personal or community property, and disrespectful or illegal conduct.

Criminal behavior cannot be simply dismissed as "kids being kids."

As deployments continue to place hardships on families with one less parent in the household, additional challenges in raising children are certainly magnified; we all

must ensure our children are being responsible members of our neighborhoods.

Community members are encouraged to contact the provost marshal office if they observe any illegal or suspicious conduct in their neighborhoods. Concerned citizens are often the eyes and ears of the community for law enforcement.

As stated in last week's Hawaii Army Weekly, we must take a community-based approach to complement law enforcement officers' efforts in deterring crime and keeping our neighborhoods safe.

Let's sustain this approach in keeping our younger family members out of harm's way and on the proper path to success.

LIGHTNING SPIRIT

Chaplain says, none of us can say there is no God

***CHAPLAIN (MAJ.) A.F. VONSEGGERN**

45th Sustainment Brigade Chaplain

Before deploying in participation of Operation Iraqi Freedom II, chaplains and assistants from the Division Support Command (DIS-COM) had the opportunity to attend training at Landstuhl Regional Army Medical Center.

The training consisted of briefings on patient and staff ministry, operating room procedures, morgue orientation, a whole array of hospital-type related issues, and a day in a ward with Soldiers recovering from injuries sustained in Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom.

The Soldiers were an encouragement to me and others who experienced the training. I specifically recall one of the individuals who had back surgery. He told his account.

He was on guard duty at a gate to a compound in Baghdad. He was pulling sentry duty from an M113. Hundreds of protesters were outside this compound, and up to that point, there had been no violence, just a "peaceful demonstration."

As the Soldier described the incident, the moments became like an automobile moving by in slow motion, and then a car suddenly exploded. Scores of Iraqi civilians, the Soldier said, were killed. Many more were wounded.

In the smoke and the hysteria that ensued, he continued, there was also a lot of confusion. The Soldier had been blown off of an armored personnel carrier, flat on his back, thus the cause of his back problems.

In a rush, the Soldier and several other wounded U.S. service members were loaded into a vehicle for transport to medical treatment. As he and his fellow Soldiers were being moved, it was brought to their attention that there were no U.S. fatalities in the explosion.

But in the explosion and the confusion, some casualties were expected.

There were none.

The Soldier testified he had never been very religious, but when the news of the absence of fatalities was revealed, one of his companions made the comment, "Who says there is no God?" The Soldier agreed.

All the Soldiers had recognized that a miracle had taken place. No U.S. Soldiers had been killed in the incident. To them, obviously, a miracle that only the Lord could have performed had taken place.

In our lives, we bear witness to miracles every day that testify to the presence of the Lord. These miracles may not be as drastic as this car bomb on the streets of Baghdad, but for that one person who is willing to pay attention, that person will take notice.

These miracles may be simple things like a flower in blossom — to simply write a flower off as a "natural occurrence"

is to miss the full picture.

How many people can create a flower and cause it to bloom? Yet, the Lord reveals in his Word that we are arrayed in much more splendor than that flower.

In the miracle of creation, so much is beyond our ability and comprehension that the creation itself stands as a testimony of the presence and ability of the Lord.

Our lives are full of these reminders, which point their finger at us and ask, "Who says there is no God?"

If we are honest, each one of us would have to shake his or her head and admit, "I can't."

One of the greatest joys of serving with the U.S. military is listening to veterans, such as this Soldier in Landstuhl, tell their stories and their accounts. Time and time again, as each veteran repeats an account, it becomes obvious that the Lord *does* know what he is doing.

Many is the time I have listened to an account and discovered unless the Lord was there to intervene, the worst could have happened.

This past weekend, we commemorated Memorial Day, a day we paused to remember those who have gone before us. Yet, everyday, many of us have accounts we can recite that bear witness to the presence of the Lord and the record of his activity in our lives.

May we each take advantage of each day to become the richer for it.



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The season runs June 1–Nov. 30, so stay vigilant for turbulent shifts in weather.

If a hurricane is approaching Hawaii, you will learn about it from radio and TV news reports, collected from the National Weather Service in Honolulu.

Stay tuned to HACN TV2 in Army Hawaii Family Housing for specific guidance, respond to instructions on the AHFH CallMax automatic telephone system and comply with directives from Military Police via public address systems.

Emergency shelters are located on Oahu Army installations. You will be advised when to proceed to your assigned shelter. When you get this notice, take your family and your Emergency Readiness Kit to your assigned emergency shelter.

Review the 2008 AHFH Hurricane Readiness trifold pamphlet, now, which lists Oahu Army emergency shelters and items you should have in your readiness kit. Download the pamphlet at www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil - under the left side "Hazard Awareness" link.

Off-post military must determine their area shelter from their local phone book, visit www.oahucivildefense.com or call 523-4122.

Voices of Lightning: How did you use your IRS tax rebate?



"I bought new clothes for myself and the family."

Betty Hilliard
Family Member



"Invested in TSP and applied it toward credit debt."

Maj. Bobby Patterson
45th Sus. Bde.
S-3 Operations



"My wife is landscaping the backyard right now."

Sgt. Chris Shaidnagle
412 Theater Eng.
Cmd, Hawaii Det.
Eng. Specialist



"I haven't gotten it yet, but would use it to bring my wife here from Kansas."

Joe Walden
Retiree



"Paid off credit cards."

Amanda Wong
Family Member

2SBCT 'Warrior' medics aid 150 residents of Hatim Mutliq

Story and Photos by

SGT. 1ST CLASS CHRISTINA BHATTI
2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team Public Affairs

CAMP TAJI, Iraq — Local residents lined up outside the gates of the school in Hatim Mutliq, northwest of Baghdad, May 22.

They waited in anticipation for the opportunity to see a doctor, many of them with an endless list of health issues.

Such was the scene for the village doctor and two Iraqi Army medics, along with six health care providers from the 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team (SBCT) "Warrior," 25th Infantry Division, Multi-National Division – Baghdad, which rendered what aid it could to approximately 150 potential patients.

Many of the residents faced a plethora of issues that could not be addressed at a medical operation such as this one. The mission of the medical team was to provide acute and self-help care.

"While the Iraq's Ministry of Health (MoH) is getting better, it is still not equipped to provide adequate care to the people of Iraq," said Sgt. Mark Davenport, senior medic, 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment, "Wolfhounds," 2nd SBCT.

The MoH standard is to have one clinic for every 40,000 people. However, the closest clinic to the village of Hatim Mutliq is the Taji Market clinic, which is located approximately 15 miles away.

Further complicating the challenge of traveling to the clinic is the fact it is undergoing phased construction, which has reduced its capacity to approximately 300 people per day and has limited its medical capabilities as well.

The NIAC system provides an avenue for the Iraqi people to apply for government assistance and coordinate medical care for complex medical issues that cannot be handled locally.

The NIAC works with various nongovernmental organizations (NGO), in



Capt. Ken Smith and physician assistant assigned to 1-27th Inf. Regt., checks the legs of a child, who is unable to stand or walk, during a medical operation (MEDOP) in Hatim Mutliq, northwest of Baghdad, May 22.

addition to other large sponsors, to facilitate various humanitarian assistance efforts in Iraq. It also helps to coordinate travel for treatments that are to be performed abroad.



Dispensing medication. Dr. Ahmed Adanan Ahmed, a local village doctor, looks over a box of medication and vitamins during the medical operation.

Even with the help of NIAC, care is limited. The system can only arrange medical services that are provided by the supporting organizations they work with.

Medical operations, such as this, are good for getting care to those who might possibly never see a doctor, said Ahmed. However, he said, they can also create false hope among the residents.



Getting ready. Sgt. Mark Davenport, senior medic assigned to 1-27th Inf. Regt., organizes medications. All of the meds and vitamins dispensed during the MEDOP were donated by non-governmental organizations.

"The people think the American doctors can fix everything out here, and that is not realistic," he said.

The medical providers of 2nd SBCT expressed similar sentiments.

"There are so many people that come in with problems that we just cannot fix," Forrester said. "All we can do is urge them to trust the Government of Iraq."

By the end of the day, the providers helped as many patients as they could and gave out almost all the medications donated by various NGOs. Ahmed received the remaining medications so he could continue to care for the people in the village.



Sgt. 1st Class Jason Shepherd | U.S. Army, Pacific, Public Affairs

New leadership

FORT SHAFTER — Col. Jay George (left) accepts the 196th Infantry Brigade colors from Lt. Gen. Benjamin R. Mixon, commander, U.S. Army, Pacific, in a ceremony held at historic Palm Circle, May 22. George takes over as commander from Col. Tom Guthrie, who had held the position since July 2006.

Wolfhounds make a difference

SPC. JOHN AHN

1st Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment,
2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team

CAMP TAJI, Iraq — Working together with the Iraqi Army (IA) is an important step in the success of this war — as well as an important step in Iraqis taking charge of their nation.

A fire team showing a unified coalition front line force at a Joint Security Station near Camp Taji, northwest of Baghdad, is a model for a successful transition from a dependent Iraq to a sovereign nation that can secure the people.

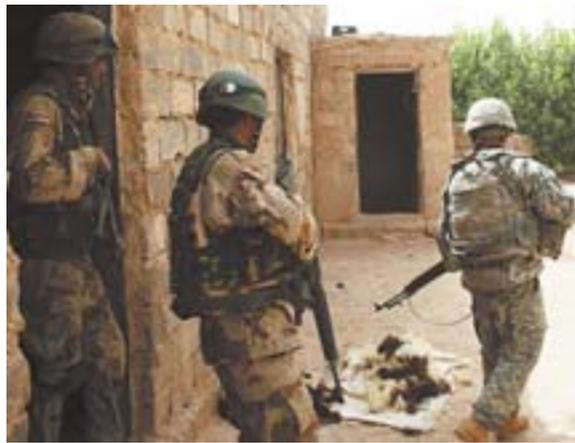
The fire team consists of both Multi-National Division – Baghdad Soldiers and IA soldiers from the 36th Brigade, 9th Iraqi Army Division.

Sgt. Michael Rios serves as a team chief, 27th Infantry Regiment "Wolfhounds," 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team "Warriors," 25th Infantry Division.

The formation of the combined group initially came together out of sheer necessity when Rios' Soldiers were reassigned to other duties or left the area for Environmental Morale Leave.

The sudden moves forced the U.S. and Iraqi Soldiers to learn to work together and overcome linguistic barriers.

Overcoming those barriers was a challenge, said Rios, but they were



Staff Sgt. J.B. Jaso III | 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment

Securing Taji. Sgt. Michael Rios (right), an infantry team leader assigned to Company A, 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment "Wolfhounds," 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team "Warriors," leads his team through a house in the Taji Qada, northwest of Baghdad, where they conduct searches to locate enemy weapons and activity, May 6.

eased through the use of interpreters and hand signals.

"The most amazing aspect of the fire team is that we speak so little to each other," Rios said. "We work mostly by hand signals and knowing glances."

Acknowledgement, he added, is made by a simple nod.

"They work like any other fire team in a modern army," he said. "They know their jobs, take direc-

tions from their leader and execute. They are well rehearsed and work flawlessly together."

Rios said he believes in the IA's ability to work as members of a team.

In fact, he added, they train together every chance they get. During their available free time, they come together to work on close-quarters combat drills, practice search techniques for vehicles and

buildings, and constantly refine their battle-drill skills. All team members know what they are expected to do when hostile contact is made.

"He is a good leader," said Hamed, an IA soldier from the 36th Bde. who has been on Rios' team since the beginning. "[He's] patient and decisive, and very funny, too."

Even with the language barrier, Rios is passing on his knowledge and preparing the IA soldiers to be future leaders. He said his vision is to be a force multiplier by being an example so that these soldiers can one day show their future soldiers how to be proficient warriors.

Rios said he demands excellence from his team and doesn't allow them to give less than their best.

"I want 100 percent from them, their undivided attention. If they work hard now and train properly, when it comes to firefights and real-life matters, they won't have to think about it," he said. "I want them to identify what they must do and execute."

The tough training and expectations have brought the Soldiers of these two diverse cultures together to form a close-knit team. They have become brothers in arms.

Combined Arms Support outlines new Logistics Corps

SGT. COREY STRAND

45th Sustainment Brigade Public Affairs

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS – The 8th Theater Sustainment Command (TSC) hosted Maj. Gen. Mitchell H. Stevenson, commanding general, U.S. Army Combined Arms Support Command, as he spoke to logistics officers and noncommissioned officers at the Sgt. Smith Theater here, May 19, about the new Logistics Corps.

The Logistics Corps was approved by the Chief of Staff of the Army, May 2, 2006, and becomes effective July 1 of this year.

The basic branch for Logistics will bring together officers from the Quartermaster, Ordnance, and Transportation branches. The change had long been discussed among Army logisticians and leaders because of the increasingly multifunctional nature of support on the modern battlefield.

“Army leaders of the 21st century need



Stevenson

to be pentathletes,” said Stevenson. “They need to personify the warrior ethos in all aspects, from warfighting to statesmanship, to enterprise and management.”

Nowhere is this more important than for logistics officers, he said.

“Logistics officers must be multifunctional logisticians,” Stevenson said. “Fifty-one percent of captains’ assignments call for a multifunctional duty position, instead of merely a transportation officer or a supply officer.

“By the time the officer reaches the rank of lieutenant colonel,” he continued,

“seventy-three percent of the positions are multifunctional.”

While the Logistics Corps includes all commissioned officers, warrant officers and enlisted Soldiers in the Quartermaster, Ordnance and Transportation branches, only commissioned officers in the grades of captain and above, who have completed the Combined Logistics Captains Course, will be branched as a logistics officer.

“By adopting this approach, commissioned officers will begin to focus on developing as multifunctional logisticians, capable of planning, integrating

and executing sustainment operations,” Stevenson explained. “However, they also will maintain their proficiency in one secondary area of concentration functional area of expertise.”

Enlisted personnel and warrant officers will remain in one of these branches while also being members of the Logistics Corps.

Prior to becoming logistics officers, second lieutenants will be initially commissioned into the Quartermaster, Ordnance or Transportation branches because most initial officer assignments call for a functional area of expertise.

Shore gets a reduced general courts-martial

**25TH INFANTRY DIVISION
PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

News Release

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS – The convening authority for the 25th Infantry Division (ID) granted clemency May 20 in the case of U.S. v. Spc. Christopher P. Shore. Brig. Gen. J. Michael Bednarek, former commanding general and General Court-Martial Convening Authority for the 25th ID, made his decision after carefully considering the record of trial, the staff judge advocate’s recommendation and all of the matters submitted on behalf of Shore by his attorneys.

Bednarek reduced the original finding of guilty of aggravated assault with a loaded firearm to a

finding of guilty of simple assault. Bednarek also granted clemency in regard to Shore’s adjudged sentence, changing the original sentence of a two-grade reduction in rank, a written reprimand and 120 days of confinement to only 72 days of confinement.

Seventy two days equated to the number of days that Shore had already served.

Shore was released from the Ford Island Naval Brig, May 1, after Bednarek granted a deferral of confinement pending action on the case as requested by Shore’s civilian attorney, Michael Waddington of Augusta, Ga., and recommendations from Shore’s chain of command.

‘Watchdogs’ bid aloha to command sergeant major

Incoming command sergeant major is the first engineer to take responsibility of 8th MPs

Story and Photo by

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8th Military Police Brigade Public Affairs

The Soldiers of the 8th Military Police (MP) “Watchdog” Brigade honored their top noncommissioned officer in a change of responsibility ceremony, May 15, at Sills Field.

Command Sgt. Maj. Freddie L.T. Brock entrusted the responsibility and care of his Soldiers and families of the brigade to Command Sgt. Maj. Dale Moran.

“Today we are making history,” said Col. Scott Jones, commander, 8th MP Bde. “We say farewell to an outstanding CSM, Command Sergeant Major Freddie Brock, and welcome to engineer Command Sergeant Major Dale Moran – the first engineer ever to hold the position of a command sergeant major of an MP brigade.”

Brock first took responsibility of the Watchdog brigade in Korea and then successfully re-stationed the brigade to Hawaii five months prior to the established deadline – all while still maintaining the operational readiness of Soldiers and units deploying from Korea in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

“Command Sergeant Major Brock has coached, taught and mentored our leaders and Soldiers, followed by training them to a razor’s edge,” said Jones. “Everyday they sacrifice their personal comfort and are ful-



Command Sgt. Maj. Dale Moran of 8th MP “Watchdog” Brigade receives the noncommissioned officer sword from Col. Scott Jones, commander, 8th MPs, during the command sergeants major change of responsibility ceremony, May 15, at Sills Field, Schofield Barracks.

ly prepared to put their lives on the line to protect you and our families. They are America’s next guardians of freedom.”

Brock’s follow-on assignment will be to

serve as the provost sergeant major, Office of the Provost Marshal General, at the Pentagon.

Moran was previously the 84th Engineer Battalion command sergeant major.

Bus shuttle available at Schofield & Wheeler

Riders are asked to give comments about the new shuttle in a survey

U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii, offers a lunchtime shuttle bus service — for traffic relief, gasoline savings and “greener” living — which makes runs between Wheeler Army Air Field and popular lunchtime destinations on Schofield Barracks.

The shuttle runs from 11:15 a.m.-1:15 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Schofield stops include Burger King, the Post Office, Martinez Physical Fitness Center, the Bowling Center, the Schofield Inn, the 25th Infantry Division Headquarters, and the Post Exchange.

Wheeler pick-up points include 25th Combat Aviation Brigade Headquarters and Wheeler Bowling Center.

The shuttle also stops at a number of other locations around the airfield.

To ensure the service is as useful as possible, patrons are asked to complete the survey at the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Web site, www.mwrarmyhawaii.com.

Click on the “Click here to take the survey” link on the homepage and provide feedback.

Soldiers give Air Force tips in urban combat training

Story and Photos by
AIR FORCE TECH. SGT. CHRIS VADNAIS
Air Force News Hawaii

HICKAM AIR FORCE BASE – Soldiers don't knock politely before entering a suspected terrorist hideout. They kick the door down, clear the building's rooms for their own safety, and then assess the situation. The battlefield airmen who fight alongside Soldiers need to know how to do these things the same way Soldiers do them.

Hence, joint terminal attack controllers (JTAC), found a unique place to train for close-quarters battle: in one of Hickam's base housing areas. Part of a tactical air control party (TAC-P) team, these battlefield airmen live and work with Army ground units, and their main function is to coordinate air strikes in support of combat operations.

Teamwork requires plenty of practice. So, JTACs are seeing a growing amount of urban combat downrange. Close-quarters battle training is incredibly valu-

able for them. "At any time, a JTAC can find himself at the company level – or even at the platoon level – on a clearing team," said Tech. Sgt. Mark Kistler, a JTAC assigned to the 25th Air Support Operations Squadron at Wheeler Army Air Field.

That's why one of Hickam's old neighborhoods, currently scheduled for demolition, is so valuable to Kistler and his teams. While abandoned buildings may not seem too useful to some, they're much better, and more realistic, than where the JTACs usually train.

"Normally we are limited to a range-type complex where they have all kinds of restrictions," said Tech. Sgt. Kistler. "You don't get the atmosphere of being in a real urban environment," he said.

"Here, we're able to come in to houses and apartment-style buildings like you might see over in theater, and they can get real-life training dealing with stairways, dealing with objects that are inside – like bathrooms and kitchens –



Tech. Sgt. Richard Setlock and Airman First Class Daniel Meyer execute their attack plan as part of a breach team during training in a base neighborhood.

that you normally don't get to see so much in the urban training areas here in Hawaii," Kistler explained.



Airman James Aldridge posts security at the front door of a Hickam housing unit as part of a breach team during training in a base neighborhood, May 7.

Natural: Volunteerism soars to an all-time high

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tum already established by Oahu's conservation community. Barely a year into development, the plan has already inspired more than 30 volunteer service trips into the forests of Oahu's Waianae Mountain Range.

The program is structured so that volunteers work for several hours, and in return, OANRP staff teaches them about the area's natural history.

The reciprocal relationship began with only a few volunteers and but has blossomed into more than 200 regular volunteers – many eager to visit these beautiful, isolated areas.

The outreach efforts offer the opportunity to experience one of only two native bogs on Oahu or one of the last remaining mesic forests in Hawaii. Mesic refers to a habitat with a moderate amount of moisture.

At Mount Kaala, part of a rare bog habitat was overrun with an invasive weed deceptively named "soft rush." Eighty volunteers helped remove 35 large bags – the 33-gallon size – of this sharp and tough weed and then transplanted more than 40 native *hapuu* tree ferns.

In Kahanahaiki forest, numerous volunteer service trips resulted in weed removal and the planting of more than 500 common native trees, shrubs and ferns, helping restore the forest to a more native state.

Participants in these and other projects have been as diverse as the habitats. Groups have included high school students from a Hawaiian immersion school, middle schoolers from a local school near the OANRP baseyard, college students from the University of Hawaii and Kapiolani Community College, and a hula group.

In addition to its volunteer service trips, OANRP Outreach is



Helping to restore areas in Kahanahaiki forest, volunteers plant hundreds of common native plants after weeding out invasive species.

working to increase awareness about natural resource issues in the military community. New instruction has been added to the monthly Army Environmental Compliance Officer training curriculum, and young people are learning more about career opportunities in Natural Resources at career fairs.

To date, outreach specialists have reached more than 800 students on Oahu in grades 5-12. Since October 2007, OANRP Outreach volunteer efforts have totalled almost 1,800 volunteer hours or roughly \$25,490 worth of free labor, based on the average salary of a Natural Resources field technician.

However, the true value of volunteerism does not have a dollar amount. Endangered habitats are being restored, and the Oahu community is getting the rare opportunity to experience significant ancient and current Hawaiian culture, and to learn about issues affecting endangered species.

Additionally, the Army and the public are cultivating a relationship, the value of which can only be viewed as intrinsic.

Military ohana gather to remember fallen warriors



Retired Sgt. 1st Class Don Cook, Military Order of the Purple Heart (center,) places a flowered wreath at the base of the flag pole as veterans Moses Pakiki (left) and James Kaleonhano look on. Military personnel and family members gathered in remembrance of fallen warriors at the Schofield Barracks Post Cemetery, Memorial Day.



Six-year-old Caleb Samson wraps his arms around the headstone of his grandfather, James Clotildo Paraz Anguay, at the Schofield Barracks Post Cemetery. Samson and his family attended the Memorial Day celebration to honor the memory of their beloved grandfather, as well as all deceased service members who gave their lives for America.



Col. Matthew T. Margotta, commander, USAG-HI, addresses the crowd at the Memorial Day Remembrance Ceremony, "Remembering Our Past," Monday.

Story and Photos by
MOLLY HAYDEN
Staff Writer

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Riri Anguay-Samson knelt down in front of the grave belonging to her father, James Clotildo Paraz Anguay, and placed fresh flowers on the site.

Samson, along with friends and family members, then gathered in a circle around the grave, held hands, and prayed in honor of the Army veteran.

"We grew up in Ewa Beach, but Schofield Barracks was always home as well," said Anguay-Samson. "My father called this his 'old stomping grounds'; it was only right he be buried here."

More than 70 members of the military ohana gathered in honor of fallen Soldiers, veterans and family members who dedicated their lives to our nation at the U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii, Memorial Day Remembrance Ceremony at the Post Cemetery, here, Monday.

The ceremony, "Remembering Our Past," brought honorees, guest speakers and military personnel in a solemn celebration of freedom.

Memorial Day commemorates men and women of the armed forces who perished while in military service to their country.

First enacted to honor Union Soldiers of the American Civil War, it was expanded after World War I to include casualties of any war or military action.

"Peace has a price and sometimes that price can be very high," said Col. Matthew T. Margotta, garrison commander, USAG-HI. "... Our tradition is to honor each and every man and woman — the great and the small, the celebrated and the little known — each as a patriot and each as a hero."

As Margotta spoke to the crowd, the sky briefly wept in remembrance as family members scrambled underneath the tents to stay dry.

"Those who die in battle deserve their

special honor. These Soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines knew in their hearts that they might be called on to give their utmost ... the ultimate sacrifice," continued Margotta. "Still, they placed themselves in harm's way because of an inescapable conviction that there are simply some things worth dying for."

As the ceremony continued, the sky opened up allowing the sun to peek through.

Three honored members of the Military Order of the Purple Heart placed a flowered wreath at the base of the flagpole to pay homage to Soldiers of war.

"I lost a lot of friends in both Korea and Vietnam," said retired Sgt. 1st Class Don Cook, Military Order of the Purple Heart. "This day is not just a picnic day; it's a day to honor their sacrifice."

Master Sgt. Cecil G. Allen, acting Command Sgt. Maj., USAG-HI, and Vice Cdr. Joseph McCloskey, American Legion, Post 56, Mililani, participated in the ceremony. They placed lei below the half-mast American flag. Each saluted the flag to commemorate fallen Soldiers and celebrate those who continue to serve.

"It is an honor to be a part of this ceremony," said Allen. "There are many Soldiers in harm's way, and we celebrate all who couldn't be here and those who have served in the past."

"They are all near and dear to my heart," added Allen.

A 21-gun salute by Soldiers of the 25th Infantry Division broke the serenity of the cemetery grounds and reinforced the solemn nature of the occasion.

Taps rang loudly from a bugle as attendees bowed their heads to reflect and remember fallen Soldiers.

"God bless those who protect our freedoms, and their families. God bless the United States of America. And God bless those who gave their lives in our service and bought our liberties with their blood," said Margotta.

Forces in harm's way take time to reflect, honor comrades

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SGT. MARK MATTHEWS

Multinational Division - Baghdad Public Affairs

CAMP LIBERTY, Iraq — A hero is defined as being a person of distinguished courage or ability, admired for his brave deeds and noble qualities. A hero is also a person who, in the opinion of others, has heroic qualities or has performed a heroic act and is regarded as a model or ideal.

As the warm Baghdad sun rose higher in the clear blue sky, Multi-National Division - Baghdad (MND-B) Soldiers gathered in front of the division's headquarters building to pay their respects and remember the heroes who paid the ultimate sacrifice for freedom during the Memorial Day ceremony, here, Monday.

"Today is that one day out of the year we take time to remember our fallen and the sacrifices they made for the freedoms we share on a daily basis," said Command Sgt. Maj. John Gioia, senior enlisted leader, MND-B and the 4th Infantry Division.

"In this case, we take time today to memorialize 75 of our fallen comrades. It's a very special day," he continued.

For some, Memorial Day may mark the beginning of summer, a day off of work, or just another Monday. For Soldiers, however, the day means much more than that. It's a day to say thank you to the ones who gave everything.

"I think Soldiers who wear this

uniform possess great moral courage and character," Gioia said. "It's not about going to barbecues and fireworks. It's about wearing this uniform and going into harm's way — protecting our nation so that others can enjoy the freedoms we all share."

Gioia has personally attended every memorial ceremony for each MND-B Soldier who has fallen. He said that each one feels like another piece of the fabric of his soul is taken away and that ceremonies like this remind him that it wasn't all for not.

Although ceremonies are held throughout the U.S., conducting one in Iraq adds a sense of purpose and meaning for the heroes of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"I think it is important here, in Iraq, to honor Memorial Day because we are here to protect and provide security for the Iraqi people," said Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Jim Carter, division chaplain, MND-B and the 4th Inf. Div.

"It's important to remember that we are honoring, not just our Soldiers," the chaplain continued, "but we are also honoring our Iraqi brothers as we are here to support them and their land against the radical extremist-criminals who seek to take away our freedoms."

The Day of Remembrance has been a longstanding tradition in the U.S., and the 4th Inf. Div. commanding general reminded

Soldiers that it wasn't just the fallen Soldiers they were honoring, but their families as well.

"For over 104 years, Americans have gathered on Memorial Day. We do this to honor our fallen heroes, but we really gather to honor America's broken hearts, those who were killed in the cause for freedom and the families who were left behind," said Maj. Gen. Jeffery Hammond, commanding general, MND-B and the 4th Inf. Div. "We honor their lives; we honor their sacrifices and the dream they died for, their children."

To conclude the commemoration, Gioia read the names of the 75 fallen heroes who paid the ultimate sacrifice.

A 21-gun salute reverberated throughout the gathering before an honor guard cased the national colors.

A bugler from the 4th Inf. Div. band played Taps to pay homage to the memories of the brave men and women of MND-B who gave their lives for freedom.

"Clearly, no one understands the meaning of Memorial Day more than [Soldiers]," Hammond said. "We see it, we feel it, and our generation has lived it."

Scouts honor service members

Story and Photo by
MOLLY HAYDEN
Staff Writer

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — As the sun rose behind the Koolau Mountain Range, sleepy-eyed Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts gathered at the Post Cemetery, here, Monday, to honor fallen Soldiers and family members for their greatest sacrifice.

In keeping with the Scout oath to "help keep the United States a strong and fair nation by learning about the system of government and responsibilities as a citizen," scouts gathered in remembrance to honor Soldiers buried at the cemetery.

Bearing miniature flags and flowered lei, Scouts from Wheeler Army Air Field, Schofield Barracks and Wahiawa placed dedications on each grave. In less than an hour, colors of red, white and blue blanketed the gravesites at the post cemetery.

"I like doing stuff like this," said Boy Scout Patrick Guinness, Troop 24, Schofield Barracks. "It's nice to remember these people."

The Scouts finalized the ceremony by raising the American flag, saluting and stating the Scout oath during morning colors.

"The tradition has been the same for the past 25 years," said Les Stewart, chief, Casualty and Mortuary Affairs operations in the



Scouts and family salute the flag in remembrance. More than 100 Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and family members gathered in the early light of Memorial Day to place flags and flowered leis on graves of the military ohana buried at Schofield Barracks Post Cemetery.

Pacific. "The Scouts gather for the memorial service and decorate each gravesite."

"Each year we have more and more community involvement," added Stewart, "and the Scouts volunteer and conduct the ceremony."

Birds chirped in rhythmic song as Boy Scout Michael McCaffrey, Troop 24, Schofield Barracks, played taps on the ceremonial bugle. He was honoring his father who is currently serving in Iraq.

"This teaches the Scouts a bit about their civic duty," said Scout

Master Eric Beat, Troop 24, Schofield Barracks. "It gives them an opportunity to give back to the community and learn about individuals who gave all for their country."

As the ceremony ended, the more than 100 in attendance walked around the historic cemetery paying respects to military ohana buried on post.

"We remember our fallen Soldiers as well as those currently serving in Iraq and Afghanistan," said Stewart. "We are all family ... and our family is here."

BOSS of 94th AAMDC serves up 'fixins' for homeless

Single Soldiers join local church to feed stomachs and share compassion

Story and Photo by

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94th Army Air and Missile Defense Command

HONOLULU – Soldiers from the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers (BOSS) program at the 94th Army Air and Missile Defense Command (AAMDC) took the time to do some good deeds by volunteering at the Next Step homeless shelter in Kaka'ako, May 16.

"It is a benefit just to give. You feel like you have changed someone's life and that's the real prize," said Spc. Justin A. Scales, BOSS, 94th AAMDC. "It's like winning a championship to me."

Soldiers from BOSS have accompanied Trinity Baptist Church to assist in serving food at the shelter four times this year. BOSS also organized a clothing

drive throughout the command and gave the donated items to the shelter.

"Getting BOSS involved in volunteer activities shows the community that we are here for them, not only on the front line but also here at garrison," said Sgt. Ciji Evans, BOSS president, 94th AAMDC, and a member of Trinity Baptist.

She encouraged BOSS to help serve food after the church announced that it needed additional volunteers to help serve.

"The church buys the food but usually doesn't have enough servers ... that's where BOSS comes in," Evans said.

The church has donated food to the shelter since June 2006, not long after it opened, said Derick Johnson, church deacon.

The Next Step Shelter is a temporary shelter located in an old warehouse. Volunteers from Hawaii Helping the Hungry Have Hope (H-5) run the shelter.

Approximately 40-50 out of 170 of the current residents are children said Keoki Kapanui IV, volunteer, H-5.

"It was shocking to me how many kids there are," said Scales.

Even though serving food at the shelter can't end homelessness or world hunger, the mere act of volunteering to serve and giving clothes has the potential to influence the lives of the residents at the shelter and volunteers.

"I choose to participate because even though it might not seem to me like I am doing that much, I can see in their faces that it means a lot to them," said Scales.

The food and service did not go unacknowledged.

"The people at the shelter are so grateful. They come through the line and all you hear is, 'thank you, thank you, thank you,'" said Evans.

"When you go give to someone who is so appreciative, you leave there with a sense of pride," she added.



Spc. April C. Dillard, left, a member of the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers program at 94th Army Air and Missile Defense Command, scoops spaghetti onto the plate of a temporary resident at the Next Step Homeless Shelter in Kakaako during a BOSS volunteer activity, May 16.

Mayor: Mufi gives advice for new OIF mission

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emphasized. "Relate to the population, and know the people on a personal level."

According to the mayor, communication to the population and receiving their feedback is essential. "You need to communicate your decisions and give the community the opportunity to question them," Hannemann said.

Marrero welcomed Hannemann's insight and valued the time with the elected official.

"It's great to hear how a government leader sees his role in providing for the citizens and empowering the people," said Marrero. "The mayor's methods reflect our role in Iraq, empowering the Iraqis to govern

themselves."

During the course of the discussion, Hannemann introduced the commanders and noncommissioned officers to "Mufi's Maxims," 12 principles the mayor abides by as he governs the city and county.

Many of the maxims reflect the Army's own leadership principles, but are discernible through the mayor's own personal priorities, which include "lead by example and live by core values – family first, treat people fairly, watch your health, and make the job fun."

These tenets of leadership were not lost to the Soldiers seated at the table and drew respect from each member of the small audience.

"We asked the mayor for his advice on governing a diverse, multicultural city and county with numerous

agendas," said Piatt.

"His response was a lesson in leadership."

Hannemann offered to assist the brigade with further professional development, helping to provide access to the county's department heads and their expertise in areas such as environmental services and water supply.

"Together we are developing a plan to utilize the many departments of the county to help us train for the city management problems we will certainly face in theater," said Piatt.

The mayor's final maxim from the list of 12 sums up the Bronco Brigade's overall intent in Iraq during their upcoming deployment: "Leave the place better than you found it."

TSGLI: New advocate to help

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SFSSs have been placed at 10 critical MIFs across the country. The program, which is supported by the Department of Veterans Affairs, has provided \$180 million to traumatically injured Soldiers.

"TSGLI SFSSs are a critical link between the Soldier and medical community," said Berry. "I am here to assist with the timely and accurate submission of TSGLI claims, ensuring Soldiers and their families get the compensation they deserve for traumatic injuries."

"Training SFSSs then deploying them to key MIFs makes them a permanent fixture to the TSGLI infrastructure and will expand our reach to the men and women of the armed forces," said Col. John F. Sackett, who leads the TSGLI Branch under the Army's Human Resources Command, in Alexandria, Va.

"Through this new initiative," Sackett continued, "we are demonstrating our ongoing and ever-increasing commitment to help traumatically wounded or injured Soldiers and their families in their time of need."

Breathalyzer: Device helps Soldiers police themselves

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Yet, two subordinate units – Detachment-3, Shariki, Japan, and 1st Battalion, 1st Air Defense Artillery, Okinawa, Japan – have started the project by distributing key chains to members of their units.

"For 1-1 ADA Battalion, the breathalyzer enhances the Soldiers' capability to self-police fellow Soldiers and empowers them to make better-educated decisions," said Zook.

Detachment-3 deals with more contract workers than Soldiers.

"The primary purpose is to serve as an

unofficial indicator of intoxication for all personnel on site," said Capt. William Hunter, commander, Detachment-3. "The expectation is that we would eliminate the possibility of intoxicated individuals on site and provide us a tool to help answer the question of 'how do we know if they've been drinking?'"

Detachment-3 did not stop with just handing out the breathalyzers. The unit is providing continuous health protection and substance abuse education, said Hunter.

In addition, the unit has also already implemented procedures to assess the effectiveness of the breathalyzers.



Sgt. Corey Strand | 45th Sustainment Brigade Public Affairs

Punchbowl salute

HONOLULU — Soldiers from the 45th Sustainment Brigade take part in a joint color guard at the 9th Annual Roll Call of Honor at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, Sunday, in honor of Memorial Day. The roll call annually honors the men and women who have been “wounded by an instrument of war in the hands of the enemy.”

News Briefs

Send news announcements for Soldiers and civilian employees to community@hawaiiarmy-weekly.com.

June

2 / Monday

Spouse Information Meeting — The next Spouse Information Meeting (SIM) is scheduled for June 2, 9 a.m., in the Post Conference Room.

Schofield Advisory Council Meeting — The next Schofield Barracks PX/Commissary/Nehealani Advisory Council Meeting will be June 2, 10:15-11:15 a.m., in the main Post Conference Room. This bimonthly forum of representatives allows the council and patrons to exchange ideas and information. Call 655-0497.

3 / Tuesday

Inspirational Speaker — U.S. Army, Pacific, and the 25th Infantry Division will host guest speaker, Dave Roever, an injured Vietnam veteran and inspirational speaker, June 3-4 at Schofield Barracks and Fort Shafter.

Roever will share his heart-wrenching story about triumph in the face of adversity. He has spoken to thousands of Soldiers all over the country and overseas to include Iraq and Afghanistan, of-

fering guidance and instilling hope for the future.

Roever will speak at the Prayer Lunch, June 3, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., and with spouses, 3:30-4:30 p.m., at the Nehelani, Schofield Barracks.

He will also speak at the Prayer Breakfast, June 4, 6:30-8 a.m., at the Hale Ikena, and again from 3-4 p.m., to Soldiers and civilians at Richardson Theater, Fort Shafter. Call 438-3886.

4 / Wednesday

Fire Warden Training — Army regulation mandates every unit to have an assigned fire warden. Unit fire wardens are responsible for all fire safety related topics specific to their unit.

Fire warden training will be held for north side unit representatives at the Sgt. Yano Library, Conference Room, Building 650, Schofield Barracks and at the Federal Fire Department Headquarters, 650 Center Drive, Building 284, Pearl Harbor, for south side unit representatives.

Upcoming northside training dates are June 4 and 9. Classes will be held from 9:30-11:30 a.m., and seating is limited to 20 participants.

Upcoming southside training dates are June 4 and 9. Classes will be held from 10 a.m.-noon and are limited to 20 participants.

To reserve your seat, contact Battalion Chief David Jimenez at david.d.jimenez@navy.mil or 471-3303, ext. 632.

10 / Tuesday

25th Infantry Division Flying V — Col. Jeffrey Eckstein, chief of

staff, 25th ID, will relinquish command to Col. Thomas Guthrie at Schofield's Sills Field, June 10, 1 p.m., in a Flying V ceremony.

14 / Saturday

Army Ball — You're invited to attend the USARPAC Army Ball at the Hilton Hawaiian Village commemorating the Army's 233rd birthday, June 14, 6 p.m.

During the ball, the USARPAC Noncommissioned Officer, Soldier and Community Leader of the Year will be honored.

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

17 / Tuesday

Signal Corps Regimental Association — The Hawaii Chapter of the Signal Corps Regimental Association will host a luncheon on June 17, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., at the Nehelani, Schofield Barracks. Brig. Gen. Robert Brown, TITLE, 25th Infantry Division, will be the guest speaker. The topic is “Information Technology and the Agile-Leader Mindset.”

Cost is \$15. Call Maj. J.C. Norris, 311th Signal Command, 438-4221 or e-mail jan.norris@shafter.army.mil.

19 / Thursday

Marketing Yourself for a Second Career — The Army Career and Alumni Program (ACAP) Center will sponsor a free seminar, “Marketing Yourself for a Second Career,” June 19, 9-11:30 a.m., at the Small Post Conference Room, Schofield Barracks.

Call ACAP at 655-1028 for more information.



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the Garrison Organizational Celebration

The Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation team puts some muscle into a tug-of-war against the Directorate of Public Works (DPW). Moments later, DPW fell.

Directorates compete for the perpetual trophy in Friday's 2008 GOC at Bowen Park

Story and Photos by
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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Totally enjoyable and relaxing best described the Garrison Organizational Day, according to an informal poll of participants who attended the picnic at Bowen Park, Friday.

U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii (USAG-HI), held its annual Garrison Organizational Celebration, May 19-23, a weeklong opportunity for service members, civilian employees and contractors to enjoy some camaraderie, outside their work environment.

“A second reason,” said Col. Matthew T. Margotta, commander, USAG-HI, “was to give our folks who work very hard for us some time to just have fun.”

“Some of these people work seven days a week. They do a great deal for us. What better way to recognize all their collective efforts than to get together and celebrate with some fun,” the commander explained.

Different from last year, directorates took charge of numerous events, such as the 5K Fun Run/Walk, golf, bowling, field



Josiah Valentin (left), son of Chrissie Acosta of the Directorate of Human Resources, and Valencia Williams, daughter of Victoria Williams of the Alcohol & Substance Abuse Program, show off their climbing skills in the bouncy house.

events, 3-on-3 basketball, and even a Texas Hold’Em tournament. Enough activities took place to ensure that something would appeal to everyone, said Kathy Giannetti, event organizer and director, Leisure Activities.

“I thought it went well, since we brought back the directorate competitions,” said Aubrey Kiennec, recreation specialist. “I thought that inspired more participation and more involvement in the games.”

“Bingo was a big hit, and we gave away lots of really good prizes,” she continued. “A lot of people liked the food from the Nehelani, too.”

According to Giannetti, preparations for the organized fun began six months prior. Each of the garrison’s six directorate teams came up with a unique activity, and the command hosted a T-shirt logo contest to spark anticipation and creativity. The funds raised from the sale of T-shirts helped fund the celebration.

Elizabeth Thunstedt, recreation specialist, submitted the winning entry.

“It’s just

something I like to do,” Thunstedt said.

Rain threatened to spoil the fun late Friday afternoon, but a large crowd still remained for karaoke and to see who would take home the perpetual trophy, which was awarded to the directorate that scored the highest accumulated point total, tabulated from the points they had earned for placement in each activity.

The Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation took first-place honors. USAG-HI, composed of the command group and various smaller directorates, placed second. The Directorate of Public Works took third.



Annette Cooper, who works at USAG-Oahu, ensures she hasn't missed a number that could net a coveted bingo prize.



Spc. Chris Uhl, a military working dog (MWD) handler, acts as a decoy and flees the scene of a crime. MWD Balto, a patrol explosives detector dog, takes up the chase and snags the “criminal” to the delight of onlookers.

Left — Bryson Kamakura, a forestry technician with Installation Safety, rolls his tire and directorate to a first-place victory during the tire relay.



2 / Monday

Fourth of July Picnic Area Reservations – Picnic area reservations will be available for purchase by Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR)-eligible patrons, June 2, 9 a.m.

The 20-foot x 25-foot reserved areas are the only place inside the Fourth of July Spectacular event where canopies, barbecues and other picnic gear will be allowed. Non-MWR-eligible patrons can begin making reservations June 16. Each area costs \$60, and cash and checks will be accepted. Call 655-0111/0112.

Active Parenting Class – Army Community Service's (ACS) New Parent Support Program will hold a one-day parenting class for parents of children ages 1-4 years old.

The class will teach parenting skills to enrich the parenting experience, teaching parents how to recognize developmental milestones and respond to difficult behavior.

The class will be held June 2 and 16, 9-11 a.m., at ACS, Building 2091 at Schofield Barracks and June 12, 9-11 a.m., at the Aliamanu Military Reservation Chapel. Call 655-4227.

Healthy Beginnings – Want to know the best way to prepare the body for pregnancy? Learn how to live a healthy lifestyle in the Healthy Beginnings Class, which will be held June 2, 9-11 a.m., at the Sgt. Yano Library, Schofield Barracks.

The class will look at diet, exercise and ways to reduce stress and promote relaxation. Call 655-8002.

3 / Tuesday

Autism Support Group – Meet others and share stories at the Aliamanu Military Reservation Chapel, June 3, 5:30-8 p.m. Dinner is included. Call for free child care. To register, call 655-4777/0596/4791.

6 / Friday

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.

11 / Wednesday

Scrapbooking Open Studio – Have a



Kelly Rodden | Solomon Elementary School May Day Committee

Shake your tail feathers

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — First grade students dance to "Hawaiian War Chant" during Solomon Elementary's May Day festival, held here, May 30.

Students made their own lei and shakers for the performance, and each grade performed a different dance. The ceremony was dedicated to the bravery and commitment of the men and women of the armed forces and their families.

ton of photos you'd like to scrapbook and just can't seem to find the time? Carve out a couple of hours, so you and your friends can enjoy a special program designed just for you, June 11, 10 a.m.-12 noon, Schofield Barracks' Arts & Crafts Center.

A nominal \$3 table fee will be charged, but die cutters and tools are included. Call 655-4202.

July

1 / Tuesday

Recreation Storage – Beginning July 1, a new Recreation Vehicle (RV) and boat storage area will be available for use at Fort Shafter's Auto Skills. Boats, jet skis and other RVs can be stored for \$30 a month. Call 438-9402.

Ongoing

Auto Services – Get your oil changed, transmission services performed, tires rotated and other auto services performed at the Auto Skills Centers while you're at work. Call 438-9402 (Fort Shafter) or 655-9368 (Schofield Barracks).

Summer Camp Registration – Register now for youth summer camps at local youth and teen centers. Most camps begin June 9 and run for up to six or seven weeks.

• **School Age Day Camp:** June 9-July 25, at Aliamanu Military Reservation (AMR), Fort Shafter, Schofield Barracks and Hele-

mano Military Reservation (HMR) Child Youth Centers (CYS), Monday-Friday, 5:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

Children must have completed kindergarten through fifth grade to participate. Fees are paid on a weekly basis and determined by Department of Defense total family income categories. Fees include breakfast, lunch, snacks, entry fees and transportation on field trips and program supplies and staff costs.

Parents may enroll their children in one or more weekly camp sessions. Current CYS patrons can register at their nearest youth center. New CYS patrons can register at Schofield Barracks or AMR CYS Registration Offices. Call 655-5314 (Schofield Barracks) or 833-5393 (AMR).

• **Teen Center Camp:** June 9-July 18, at AMR and Schofield Barracks teen centers, Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Youth must have completed sixth grade through twelfth grade to participate. Cost is \$30 per week per youth and includes all entry fees and transportation on field trips. Participants need to bring their own sack lunch and money for snacks.

Camps focus on water sports, adventure activities, sports, cultural awareness, leadership and character building. Register at Schofield Barracks or AMR CYS Registration Offices. Youth from HMR and Fort Shafter are welcome to participate in camp.

Fourth of July Essay Contest – Submit an entry in the Fourth of July Spectacular Patriotic Essay Contest by June 20. Prizes include meet and greet passes to meet Billy Ray Cyrus, July 4.

Building 589, Schofield Barracks.

Call Pfc. Daniel Stott at 655-1130.

Vacation Bible School – Registration is now open for this summer's Vacation Bible School (VBS), entitled "Power Lab - Discovering Jesus' Miraculous Power."

The Schofield Barracks program will run June 9-13, 9 a.m.-noon, at the Main Chapel, Building 790. The Aliamanu Military Reservation (AMR) program will run July 14-18, 9 a.m.-noon, at the AMR Chapel, Building 1790.

VBS is an interactive, religious education program for children in fourth-sixth grades. The program features Bible stories, drama, crafts, songs and recreation.

Volunteer positions are still available for parents and college or high school students. Call 655-6645/4461 (Schofield Barracks) or 839-4319 or 833-8175 (AMR).

12 / Thursday

Ke Kani O Ke Kai Summer Concert Series – The Waikiki Aquarium, Honolulu, will continue its annual oceanside concert, featuring some of the island's top performers this year. The series will highlight singer-songwriters and feature live entertainment on the lawn, food by various restaurant partners and fun for the entire family.

Concert dates (and artists) are June 12, Kaukahi; June 26, HAPA; July 10, Jerry Santos and Jay Larrin; July 24, Eddie Kamae; and Aug. 7, Willie K.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m.; concerts begin at 7. Aquarium galleries and exhibits will remain open throughout the evening.

Each concert is \$25 for adults, \$10 for juniors (ages 7-12) and free for children ages 6 and younger. Admission for Friends of Waikiki Aquarium (FOWA) members is \$18 for adults and \$7 for children. Food will be sold separately.

Due to space limitations, only the first 500 reservations will be accepted. Call 440-9015 or visit www.waquaquarium.org.

13 / Friday

Successful Interviewing Skills Workshop – A key component to any job search is the ability to sell one's self to a potential employer. This workshop will prepare at-

For first-sixth graders, the essay question is "What does the fourth of July mean to me?" and for seventh-twelfth graders and adults, the essay question is "What does Army Strong mean to me as a Soldier or family member?"

Soldiers and their family members are eligible to participate and essays should be dropped off at Army libraries by close of business, June 20.

Visit your local Army library or www.mwrmilitaryhawaii.com to obtain an entry form.

Fort Shafter Thrift Shop – Browse the Thrift Shop for all your décor. Normal business hours are Tuesday and Friday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., and consignment hours are 9-10:30 a.m.

Donations and volunteers are always welcome as the Thrift Shop is the main fundraising venue for the Fort Shafter Hui O Wahine Spouses club.

All profits are donated to charities and scholarships in the military and local community.

Call 842-1074 or visit Building 342, Pierce St.

All-American Girls – Visit Army FMWR libraries in May and June to learn how you can win a "Kit Kittredge, an American Girl" prize, as well as an all-expense-paid shopping spree to an American Girl store.

You can log on to www.ArmyMWR.com for details and enter to win. One entry will be provided to children ages 6-16 each time they visit the library and check a book out. Call 655-8002.

tendees for the interview process. Workshops will be held June 13, 9-10:30 a.m., at Army Community Service (ACS), Schofield Barracks, and June 19, 10-11:30 a.m., at the Outreach Center, Fort Shafter. Call ACS at 655-4227 (Schofield Barracks) or 438-9285 (Fort Shafter). Register online at www.acsclasses.com.

DEFY Summer Camp – The deadline to apply for the U.S. Pacific Command's Drug Education for Youth (DEFY) program is June 13. DEFY is open to 9-12 year old military and Department of Defense family members, July 8-18.

This weeklong summer camp takes place at Hickam Air Force Base's Air National Guard office, Building 3417. Cost is free and includes lunch, snacks, a backpack, T-shirt, hat and water bottle, for all participants.

Call 477-9327/9599 or visit the Web site, www.donhq.navy.mil/defy, for an application.

14 / Saturday

"Brick Art" Lego Presentation – Pearlridge Center's Uptown and Downtown Center Courts will showcase Nathan Sawaya's Lego creations, June 14-July 20 as part of Hawaii's yearly free summer educational presentation.

The brand new sculptures, each made of thousands of Lego blocks, feature pieces specifically designed for the exhibits titled "Aloha Pencil," "Hanging on the Dog," "Green," "Spider," "Dodge" and "Swim."

In addition to the large-scale sculptures, an interactive play area will allow families to let their imaginations run wild and build their own creations Saturdays and Sundays for the duration of the exhibit.

The presentation will be available during center hours.

17 / Tuesday

Free Online Job Training Classes – Attend job search training from your home or office. All you need is a phone and a computer. Join Army Community Service June 17, 10-11 a.m. for a class on Strategies for Private Sector Resume Writing. Register at www.acshieremployment.com and click on the TeleSeminar link under the Virtual Classes header.



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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30 / Today

Employment Orientation – Prepare for the job you want. Attend an Army Community Service (ACS) Employment Orientation and get employment information on federal, state, private sector and staffing agencies.

Reference materials, job listings, computers, Web tour and more will be available for use.

Orientations will be held at Schofield Barracks, ACS, May 30, June 6, 20 and 27, 9-10:30 a.m. An orientation will be held at Fort Shafter's Outreach Center, June 5, 10-11:30 a.m.

Child care vouchers are available if children are registered and space is reserved by a parent.

Call ACS at 655-4227 (Schofield Barracks) or 438-9285 (Fort Shafter). Register online at www.acsclasses.com.

31 / Saturday

Pipe Dreams Skate Demo – Pipe Dreams, an active outdoor apparel store in Honolulu, will hold a skate demonstration and skateboard exhibition, May 31, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Aloha Tower Marketplace at pier 10.

The demonstration will feature several professional skateboarders. Pipe Dreams' Skate Demo will feature a DJ and prize giveaways. Validated parking is available at Pipe Dreams. The event is open to the public and free. Visit www.pipedreamssurfco.com.

June 2 / Monday

Spouse Information Meeting – The next Spouse Information Meeting (SIM) is

scheduled for June 2, 9 a.m., in the Post Conference Room.

Schofield Advisory Council Meeting – The next Schofield Barracks PX/Commissary/Nehelani 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.

7 / Saturday

Operation Homefront Donation Drive – American Savings Bank will hold its monthly "First Saturday" community program, June 7, at each of its locations to collect local-style snacks for Hawaii-based troops serving overseas.

Hawaiian coffee, macadamia nuts, local cookies, dried fruits, seafood and crack seed are requested.

All proceeds benefit troops from Hawaii and their families.

Donations will be distributed to troops deployed all over the world during Fourth of July celebrations.

All 48 locations of American Savings Bank will accept donations and games. Prizes and a live radio remote will be featured at the Pearlridge Shopping Center, Uptown, location, June 7, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

9 / Monday

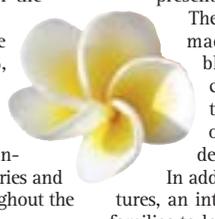
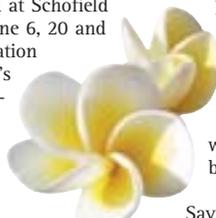
Casino Night Volunteers – Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers (BOSS) is looking for 10 volunteers to help out with the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) Summer Camp Casino Night, scheduled for June 9, 5-9 p.m. at the H.R. Erdman YMCA, Waialua.

Volunteers will be needed to help set up and work as casino workers for more than 100 children living with neuromuscular diseases.

BOSS is also accepting donations on MDA's behalf for various summer camp programs.

Items needed include snack items, arts and crafts supplies, medical supplies, gift certificates, toys and prizes.

All donations need to be dropped off by June 1 at the BOSS office, the Tropics,



Prom Night

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

Tyler Perry's Meet the Browns

(PG-13) Saturday, 4 p.m.

Horton Hears a Who

(G) Sunday, 2 p.m.



Street Kings

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

The Ruins

(R) Thursday, 7 p.m.

No shows on Mondays or Tuesdays.

Memorial Day celebration is strong and glowing

Story and Photos by
MOLLY HAYDEN
Staff Writer

HONOLULU — “What’s Memorial Day?” A young boy asked as he looked up at his mother curiously.

“You know how we have a big party on your birthday to celebrate the day you were born?” replied his mother. “Well here we celebrate those who are no longer with us and think good thoughts about them.”

The keiki seemed satisfied with this answer as his mother hurried him through the crowd of thousands at Ala Moana Beach Park for the 10th Annual Lantern Floating Hawaii, here, Monday evening.

Hawaii residents and island visitors of various cultures, religions, ages and ethnicities gathered to honor loved ones who have passed away, those who have lost their lives in war, and pray for a harmonious and peaceful future.

The ceremony, called Toro Nagashi, brought more than 30,000 people together in harmony along a half-mile stretch of beach to experience the tenth year of this unique tradition in Hawaii.

The inaugural Lantern Floating Hawaii was held Memorial Day 1999 at Keeki Lagoon. The event was held there annually until moving to Ala Moana Beach in 2002.

“The Lantern Floating ceremony has become a favorite Memorial Day tradition, a touching tribute to deceased loved ones, and a message of hope and healing,” said Mayor Mufi Hannemann in a recent press release.

“This ceremony reaches out with a universal poignancy and is one of the

many unique cultural expressions that has enriched the multiethnic heritage that makes Hawaii so special,” the mayor said.

Sixteen-hundred paper lanterns fixed on wood bases adorned prayers and names, as well as personal messages for loved ones lost and hopes for harmony and world peace.

“This one is for all my bruddahs lost in Vietnam,” said Army Veteran “Bo” Kaihili. “They are my heroes.”

Leading up to the release of the glowing lanterns, Grammy award-nominees Keola Beamer and Raiatea Helm, renowned local musician Amy Hanaialii, and dancers from H’lau Hula Olana and H’lau N Mamo O Puuanahulu performed patriotic songs and traditional Hawaiian dances.

As the sun started to slip beyond the horizon, her Holiness, Shinso Ito, Head of Shinnyo-en, officiated a Buddhist service for hope, peace and harmony.

Though conducted in Japanese, the ceremony was translated into English.

“Setting afloat lanterns on Memorial Day from the shores of Ala Moana beach represents joy and tranquility,” said Ito. “... By reaching out to others, you can experience lasting joy.”

When the sun was no longer in sight, the lanterns were cast out to sea, drowning out the lights of Waikiki and illuminating the waters of the Pacific.

Participants watched teary-eyed as their glowing invocations traveled farther away from shore, creating a warm and personal connection with loved ones.

An ambiance of compassion and understanding, without any boundaries of race, religion or lifestyle, drifted amongst the crowd.

“This has been an amazing experi-



Residents and island visitors of various cultures, religions, ages and ethnicities gather on Memorial Day to honor loved ones who have passed away by casting more than 1,500 floating lanterns filled with prayers and peace into the ocean.

Right — Alana Cammack, left, and Emma Buchthal, construct a lantern decorated with names of friends and family they wish to honor for Memorial Day.



ence,” said Ohio resident Kelly McFadden. “It’s unlike anything I’ve ever seen before, such a peaceful feeling.”

Numerous volunteers constructed the lanterns prior to the event.

Lantern Floating Hawaii is officiated by the Buddhist Order, Shinnyo-en and sponsored by N’Lei Aloha Foundation. The mission of the foundation is to create a “lei of aloha” in the community by fostering ohana values and nurturing harmonious relationships.

Red Cross asks, are you prepared for the 2008 hurricane season?

BECKY LAPOLICE-MURPHY
American Red Cross

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — We have no guarantee that this hurricane season will be as quiet for the U.S. as the past two seasons, so America needs to be ready.

Although the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration is predicting a “slightly below average hurricane season” for the central Pacific, it is important to remember to take appropriate safety measures.

Fewer-than-expected U.S. landfalls during the past two years may have lulled some people into a false sense of security, but we do know that being prepared can save lives and property during a disaster.

The American Red Cross urges everyone to dust off their disaster supplies kit and get better prepared now for a variety of disasters such as hurricanes and the high winds, flooding and tornadoes that may accompany them.

Surprisingly, even after a major disaster such as Hurricane Katrina, only 4 in 10 households (43 percent) along the Gulf Coast currently have a disaster supplies kit.

In addition, post-Katrina preparedness has only slightly improved in the number of residents who have an evacuation plan — 47 percent in 2007 com-

pared to 41 percent in 2004.

The American Red Cross is eager to get the word out to be prepared. A new “Be Red Cross Ready” program is a comprehensive initiative designed to help people prevent, prepare for and respond to emergency situations.

In three simple steps Red Cross says, 1) get a kit, 2) make a plan, and 3) be informed, so families can better prepare

to deal with a crisis situation.

Get a kit. Gather enough emergency supplies to meet your needs. A portable kit, stored in a sturdy, easy to carry, water-resistant container should have enough supplies for three to five days, or longer when chances are power may not be restored immediately.

The Red Cross also recommends having at least two weeks’ worth of supplies at home and keeping a smaller kit in the trunk of your car. Check your kit and replace the stock every six months.

Whether you purchase a kit or choose to build your own, develop a checklist to ensure everything is there when you need it, too.

Make a plan. Discuss with your family the disasters that can happen where you live. Establish responsibilities for each member of your household and plan to work together as a team.

Plan how you will communicate and meet after the disaster. Each adult in the

household should know how to turn off utilities such as electricity, water and gas.

Make sure everyone knows where the emergency supplies are and practice your plan.

Don’t forget to include your pets; stock up on food and water for pets and plan for their care if you have to evacuate.

Be informed. Know what to expect with disasters in your area. Identify how local authorities will notify you of important information before, during and after the disaster.

Contact your local American Red Cross chapter about available disaster education and training courses. Get trained in CPR and first aid so you have the skills and confidence to provide care in case help is delayed.

Volunteer with your local chapter to assist in disaster preparedness and response. Most of all, learn what you can do to prepare for disasters and share

what you have learned with family, friends, coworkers and neighbors.

For more information on “Be Red Cross Ready,” go to www.redcross.org for an online tutorial or contact your local American Red Cross at the Schofield Barracks Service Center, 655-4927, or the Hawaii State Chapter, 734-2101.

The Red Cross is here to help you before and after emergencies occur. With your help, we will all “Be Red Cross Ready” for the 2008 Pacific hurricane season.

About the American Red Cross. It shelters, feeds and counsels victims of disasters; provides nearly half of the nation’s blood supply; teaches lifesaving skills; and supports military members and their families.

The Red Cross is a charitable organization, not a government agency, and depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its humanitarian mission.

On The **WEB** Get more information at www.hawaiiaredcross.org.



Ongoing

Pool Fees – It's almost summertime, are you ready to get wet? Monthly passes are available for use at any Army pool.

Active duty Soldiers can use all pools for free. Family members and retirees can purchase individual monthly passes for \$12 or monthly family passes for \$20. Department of Defense and Army and Air Force Exchange civilians can purchase individual monthly passes for \$15.

All passes are valid from the first day of the month until the last day of the same month, at any pool.

Call Richardson Pool, Schofield Barracks, 655-9698; Tripler Army Medical Center's Pool, 433-5257; Helemano Military Reservation's Pool, 653-0716; or Aliamanu Military Reservation's Pool, 833-0255.

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.

Karate Classes – Children ages 5 and older can learn Do Shudokan karate at these physical fitness centers: Aliamanu, Fort Shafter, Helemano or Schofield's Bennett Youth Center.

All youth students must be registered at CYS; cost is \$35 per month.

A discount is offered for two or more family members.

Also, adults 18 and older can learn Do Shudokan karate at the Aliamanu Physical Fitness Center, Mondays and Wednesdays, 7-8:30 p.m.

Cost is \$40 per month. Call instructor Joseph Bunch at 488-6372 or 265-5476.

Volunteer Coaches – Interested in volunteering to be a Youth Sports coach? Contact the nearest youth sports director today.

Call 836-1923 for AMR, 438-9336 for Fort Shafter/Tripler, 655-6465 for Schofield, or 655-0883 for HMR.

All Army Sports – Soldiers interested in applying for Army-level sports competitions must apply with their Army Knowledge Online (AKO) account at <https://armysports.cfsc.army.mil>.

Faxed copies are no longer accepted by the DA Sports Office. Call 655-9914 or 655-0856.

Personal Training and Massage Therapy – Both are now available at Fort Shafter, Tripler Army Medical Center and Aliamanu Military Reservation (AMR) physical fitness centers.

Massage sessions are an hour long, personal training sessions are 50 minutes long.

Prices for both services range from \$70 per session to \$1100 for 20 sessions.

Call 438-1152 (Fort Shafter), 433-6443 (Tripler) or 836-0338 (AMR).

Mom and Baby Yoga – Get fit with your baby at Mom and Baby Yoga, Wednesdays, 9:45 a.m., at the Heath and Fitness Center, Schofield Barracks.

Mats are provided, but moms should bring a small towel or blanket for their babies to lay on. Call 655-8007 to register.

Sharks Youth Swim Team – Come join the Sharks Youth Swim Team. Applicants must be Level 4 or higher swimmers.

Tryouts are held at the Richardson Pool, Schofield Barracks, Fridays at 3 p.m. The club fee is \$35 per month. Call 655-9698.

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.



Send sports announcements to community@hawaiiarmyweekly.com.

31 / Saturday

Miss Rodeo Hawaii – May 31 is the deadline to submit an application for the Miss Rodeo Hawaii pageant, which will be held Sunday, June 22. Women, ages 19-26, with riding ability and knowledge of professional rodeo competitions are encouraged to apply. Call 349-1479 or visit www.rodeoohahu.com.

June

1 / Sunday

Hike Oahu – Join the Hawaiian Trail & Mountain Club on a graded hike through the Waiawa Ridge.

A long approach on a dirt road leads to the Schofield portion of this historic roller coaster of a trail. Expect a muddy route that is somewhat overgrown near the Koolau Summit with native plants and birds along the way. Get views of Kahana Valley and the windward coast at the summit.

This advanced hike is 9 miles. Call coordinator Arnold Fujioka at 551-0227.

Save the date for these upcoming hikes, too:

- June 7, a 6-mile intermediate hike at Tatalus Ridge
- June 15, a 12-mile advanced hike at Aiea Ridge

Most hikes begin at 8 a.m., and a \$2 donation is requested of non-members. An adult must accompany children under 18. Hikers typically meet at Iolani Palace, mountainside but for this hike, the meeting place is at Kemoo Farm's parking lot, 8:30 a.m.

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.

14 / Saturday

Patriot 5K Run/Walk – U.S. VETS, a home for former homeless veterans, and the Iroquois Point Island Club, will hold a 5K run/walk, June 14, 5 p.m., in Ewa Beach. Funds raised will help bring more veterans into the U.S. VETS program, which helps clients become self-supporting through workforce development.

Pre-race ceremonies feature a free concert with Corey Oliveros, games for children and food at 4 p.m.

The entry fee is \$25 per person, \$20 for military. Any entries post-marked after June 6 will be \$30.

Late entries will be accepted until the morning of the race.

Call 682-6051 or visit www.pacificsportsevents.com for more information.

"Build the Track!" Motorsports Show – The Aloha Tower Marketplace will host the Oahu Motorsports Advisory Council's "Build the Track!" Motorsports Show, June 14, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

"Build the Track!" will showcase more than 100 race vehicles (such as road, drift and sprint cars), as well as street bikes, go karts and custom-modified performance vehicles.

The vehicles will be parked on the Boat Days Promenade in front of the Aloha Tower, throughout the marketplace, Pier 11, and along Pier 9, overlooking the water.

Admission is free. Call 782-7432 or visit www.buildthetrack.com.

21 / Saturday

Hawaii Rifle Association – The Hawaii Rifle Association's 15th Annual Shooting Sports Fair

will be held June 21, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m., and June 22, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., at the Koko Head Shooting Complex, Honolulu.

Participants can enjoy the various shooting venues and firearms available for use.

Displays of modern and historic firearms will include the action pistol, air guns, air soft, archery, black powder muzzle-loaders, high power rifle, hunting firearms, metallic silhouette, military small arms and cowboy firearms.

Eye and ear protection are mandatory and will be available for purchase at the fair.

No alcohol is allowed at any time and a lunch wagon will be on-site both days.

The Hawaii Rifle Association is a nonprofit group dedicated to promoting shooting sports in Hawaii.

Call 271-8117.

Mo-rale, Welfare and Recreation is accepting entries for the 2008 10-Mile Race Around Wheeler Army Airfield, scheduled for June 14 at 6:45 a.m.

The race, the qualifying event for Soldiers wishing to represent Team Army Hawaii, is open to active duty Soldiers, as well as retired Soldiers, other military working or residing on an Army installation, National Guardsmen, Army Reservists, their adult family members and Department of Defense, and Army and Air Force Exchange Service civilians working on an Army installation.

The fastest times for the first four male and first two female active duty Soldiers will represent Team Army Hawaii, which is sponsored and funded by U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii.

Soldiers are required to submit their commander's authorization to be considered for the team, and entries must be received by June 4, 4 p.m., at the Health and Fitness Center, Schofield Barracks, or the Physical Fitness Center, Fort Shafter.

Soldiers can purchase a T-shirt for \$10 or enter without a T-shirt for free. All other eligible runners can purchase a T-shirt for \$18 or enter without a T-shirt for \$8.

Runners wishing to apply can call 655-9914 or e-mail Peterson.Burke@us.army.mil.

Make it a 'Fan-tastic summer' with MWR

MARGARET MCKENZIE

Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Public Affairs

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) patrons can win valuable prizes simply by eating hot dogs at participating MWR food and beverage facilities this summer.

Patrons who participate in the "Fan-tastic Summer" promotion may become eligible to win the grand prize of a trip for four to see the New York Yankees play in one of the last games in the old Yankees Stadium in New York City.

The trip includes four tickets behind home plate, airfare, lodging and \$2,500 spending money.

Other prizes include his and hers customized Dream-Seat leather recliners featuring the winner's favorite team, a 36-inch flat-screen television, a digital high-definition sports camcorder with 10X zoom, and a \$150 gift card to Major League Baseball's online store.

Sponsored by Hebrew National, the "Fan-tastic Summer" promotion features a frequency card program: buy six half- or



quarter-pound hot dogs and receive a quarter-pound hot dog free.

When customers redeem their frequency cards for their free hot dog, they may enter their name into a sweepstakes drawing for a chance to win any of the "Fan-tastic Summer" prizes.

The "Fan-tastic Summer" promotion replaces the "Dress the Dog" promotion, a similar program held last year in partnership with Hebrew National.

Last year a Soldier was awarded the grand prize of a car, but opted to receive the cash equivalent instead.

"Having the other military services involved with the 'Fan-tastic Summer' promotion creates a great opportunity for all military families to participate and win great prizes," said Kristen Kea, events planner for the events division of business programs. "MWR facilities that are participating get the opportunity to offer their customers a quality product and a chance to win prizes at the same time.



This promotion runs through July 31. To learn more, log on to www.mwrpromotions.com.

"I think that the grand prize is the biggest attraction," said Kea. "It is a once-in-a life-time opportunity to see the Yankees play in their old stadium — 'The House That Ruth Built' — by simply eating at MWR restaurants and snack bars.

"We are really excited to have both the Marine Corps and the Coast Guard facilities participate in the promotion again this summer," Kea said.

Shopping spree, other prizes up for grabs

ARMY & AIR FORCE EXCHANGE SERVICE
News Release

DALLAS — The Army & Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) is giving its customers an opportunity to tell AAFES what they think about their exchange benefit.

Through June 9, military shoppers can log on to www.aafes.com and take a brief, approximately 12-minute survey, letting AAFES know in what areas the exchange excels as a retailer and where room may be available for improvement.

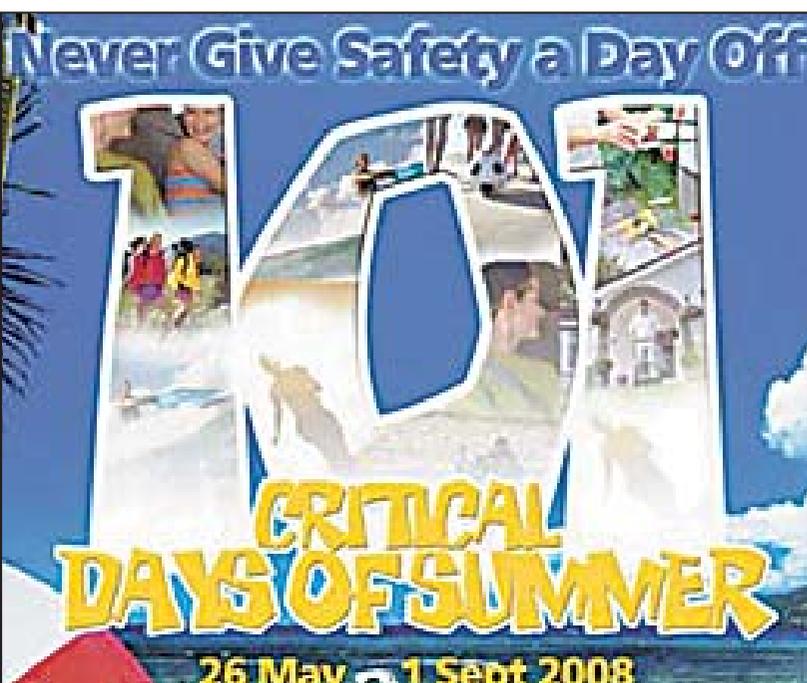
"AAFES is your store, and exchange operations are only as good as you make them," said Lt. Col. Dean Thurmond, chief of communications, AAFES. "More than 25 percent of AAFES associates are military spouses or family members, and they depend on feedback and support to enhance the benefit.

"This is the military community's opportunity to let us know what it will take to make [AAFES] their first choice," he continued.

In addition to the opportunity to provide input, every survey participant will receive a 10 percent off coupon for an on AAFES purchase of \$100 or less. Additionally, three grand prize winners will receive a \$500 AAFES shopping spree.

AAFES is a joint command, directed by a Board of Directors that is responsible to the secretaries of the Army and Air Force through the Service Chiefs of Staff.

AAFES has the dual mission of providing authorized patrons with articles of merchandise and services and generating non-appropriated fund earnings as a supplemental source of funding for military Morale, Welfare and Recreation programs.



AAFES holds contest to salute military spouses

ARMY & AIR FORCE EXCHANGE SERVICE

News Release

DALLAS — The time has come to give recognition to military spouses who have gone above and beyond to help deployed troops and their families.

The Army & Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) will hold its "Patriot Family Salutes the Military Spouse" calendar contest through July 28. The contest began May 11.

Entrants are invited to write an essay of 300 words or less explaining what the nominee has done to support the military community during a deployment. Nominees must be authorized AAFES shoppers.

The 12 winners will receive a \$500 AAFES shopping spree and have their essays published, along with their photos, in a "Military Spouse" calendar that will be available at all AAFES base and post exchanges in early November.

"I can't wait to read the entries," said Richard Sheff, chief marketing officer, AAFES. "This is a great opportunity to highlight the difference military families are making in their communities."

A complete description of the "Military Spouse" contest rules can be found online at www.aafes.com/Patriot_Family/essay.asp.

Entries must be postmarked or e-mailed to Patriot Family at aafes.com no later than July 28, 2008. No purchase is necessary to win.