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# Engineers case colors for deployment

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**SGT. KYNDAL GRIFFIN**  
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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS – Soldiers with the 84th Engineer Battalion, 130th Engineer Brigade bid farewell to families, community members and other Soldiers with the symbolic casing of the colors during a deployment ceremony on Hamilton Field, here, Nov. 5.

The ceremony formally began the “Never Daunted” battalion’s 12-month deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

“On this field, you see a great group of volunteers, that encompass not only engineers, but quartermasters, transporters, medical Soldiers, chemical and signal,” said Col. Fabian Mendoza, 130th Eng. Bde. commander. “They are my heroes, and they have worked hard to build a cohesive team that is ready for combat.”

The battalion is no stranger to combat as this will

mark the third deployment for the Sappers. The first group of Soldiers from the battalion were in the air and on their way the day prior to the ceremony, and the rest left the following weekend.

The 84th Eng. Bn. will deploy to Multinational Division-North in Mosul where Soldiers will be tasked with construction missions and training Iraqi engineers.

“Our mission is really threefold,” said Lt. Col. Nick Katers, 84th Eng. Bn. commander. “We will help the Multinational Division-North complete their mission so eventually we will not have to be replaced. We have to take care of each other, and we have to train the Iraqi engineers so they can step up and do this without our help.”

“This team of warriors are trained, tested and validated for combat. They are proven winners,” Mendoza said. “They will soon disembark in an area that lies with uncertainty, but make one point certain, these Soldiers are ready and will not fail.”



Lt. Col. Nick Katers, commander, 84th Engineer Battalion, and 84th Eng. Bn. Command Sgt. Maj. Roy Ward, case the unit's colors during a deployment ceremony on Hamilton Field at Schofield Barracks.



## Football aloha

Wahiawa's Leilehua High School football team, “Mighty Mules,” sends a jersey to link Soldiers to the home team.

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## Office closure

The Fort Shafter Housing Service Office will be closed Wednesday-Friday while moving to its new location, Building 1004, 117 7th Street, Fort Shafter. The office will reopen Nov. 24.

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## Women's conference

The Schofield Barracks Women of Rare Devotion will host a conference Saturday, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Schofield Barracks Main Post Chapel.

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Dr. Charles Kelley, M.D., vice president, KF Development, holds an M4 Carbine while listening to Warrant Officer 2 Michael Parreco, helicopter aviator, 2nd Battalion, 25th Aviation Regiment, 25th Combat Aviation Brigade, describe UH-60 Black Hawk weapons systems.

# Young Presidents tour with CAB

STAFF SGT. CRISTA YAZZIE  
U.S. Army-Pacific Public Affairs

WHEELER ARMY AIRFIELD – Civilian business leaders from the Hawaii Young Presidents' Organization (YPO) gained a better appreciation of Army operations firsthand, Nov. 5, when they donned Kevlar helmets and manned gun turrets, courtesy of the 25th Combat Aviation Brigade (CAB) and U.S. Army-Pacific (USARPAC).

Approximately 44 members of the YPO, a highly influential international organization of

chief executive officers and owners of companies or organizations under the age of 55, with their spouses, started their day at the Battle Command Training Center (BCTC). Lt. Gen. Benjamin Mixon, commander, USARPAC, welcomed the group.

Participants then explored the BCTC through hands-on orientations, simulated maneuvers at the Virtual Squad Training Simulator and Virtual Combat Convoy Trainer; took an aerial tour of military training areas via UH-60 Black Hawks, and visited a static display of aircraft and the equipment at Wheeler Army

Airfield. Each encounter included opportunities for participants to try on, shoot at, or sit in, with experts in each field on hand to answer any questions.

“We allowed them to see how our aviation allows us to engage together. Each individual got to sit in a cockpit, see the after-action review process, and go into the master control room,” said Maj. Jeremiah Simpson, 25th CAB operations officer, who organized much of the event.

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Family member Yvette Simoneau asks a question during the Oahu South town hall meeting.

# Housing dominates town hall

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

ALIAMANU MILITARY RESERVATION – The low rumble of chatter from more than 80 family members quieted as Lt. Col. Mark Boussy, commander, U.S. Army Garrison-Oahu, began the Oahu South town hall meeting here, Nov. 5.

Lt. Col. Thomas Denzler, director, Directorate of Emergency Services (DES), began the briefings with a crime update, which pointed to a rise in crime during school breaks. He also stated that a majority of theft taking place in

military housing on post has occurred with unsecured items. Denzler urged family members to lock up private property.

Denzler also stressed anonymous crime tips and community involvement, inviting family members to the Safe Neighborhood Awareness Program (SNAP), Nov. 20, 6:30 p.m., at the Aliamanu Military Reservation (AMR) Community Center.

Traffic on Tripler Army Medical Center is expected to increase during construction and road repairs, Dec. 8 – Jan. 23. The four-phase construction plan is still in the works.

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# Army Wounded Warrior Program opens its doors to more Soldiers

ELIZABETH M. COLLINS  
Army News Service

WASHINGTON – The Army Wounded Warrior (AW2) Program has expanded its criteria so more severely wounded, ill and injured Soldiers can participate, the program's leaders said in an interview, recently.

Program director Col. Jim Rice and Sgt. Maj. Brent Jurgensen said Soldiers with a combined disability rating of 50 percent will be eligible for the program as long as

the injuries are combat-related.

For example, if a Soldier has a 10-percent rating on his hand, 20-percent on his leg and 20-percent due to traumatic brain injury, he would now qualify for AW2 if those injuries were combat-related. In the past, Soldiers were required to have a 30-percent disability rating for a single injury or illness.

“As we were laying out the criteria for the Army Wounded Warrior Program in a briefing for senior leaders, one of the responses was that they thought maybe the program

wasn't as inclusive as it needed to be. That they had, in their visits to Army installations, come across Soldiers and families who needed the support of programs like the Army Wounded Warrior Program,” said Rice. He and Jurgensen pointed out that those Soldiers may be more in need of assistance than the wounded Soldiers who were traditionally eligible for the program, founded in 2004.

“It is the right decision to make,” said Jurgensen. “This population captures what our

mission is and that is to take care of the most severely wounded and ill Soldiers and their families. This change in eligibility criteria just kind of capitalizes on that ... so we can reach those Soldiers who have that need.”

Soldiers with a disability rating of 30 percent for a single injury or illness, whether combat-related or not, remain eligible for the program as well. These Soldiers have

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# Soldiers keep up the family business

KYLE FORD  
News Editor

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS – There are as many father and son businesses as there are professions – movers, roofers, landscapers and even junkyard men have proudly tacked on “and Son” to their names.

While the Army is not likely to be renamed “and Sons” anytime soon, sometimes soldiering is the family business.

One father and son team recently deployed to Iraq with the 25th Infantry Division.

“It's a cool experience, that me and my father will be at war at the same time,” said Pvt. Rick Mateus, D Company, 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment.

“How many fathers and sons can say they went to a war zone together?” agreed his father, Maj. Norm Lawrence, deputy G2 for the 25th Infantry Division Headquarters.

Deployments aren't new to this family, though. Lawrence has deployed to Afghanistan twice, and this will be his second deployment to Iraq. However, this deployment is definitely different for Sandra Lawrence, wife to Norm and mother to Rick.

“I have mixed emotions about my son going off to war,” she said. “On one hand, I'm proud of him. On the other hand, it was really tough seeing him get on the bus for the airplane and knowing he wasn't just going to a soccer game.”

The major, a proud father of his Soldier, is also a parent who worries about his son.

“It's special having my son follow in my footsteps, kind of staying in the family business,” he added.

“At the same time, being a Soldier in the Army is a serious job and people get hurt,” Lawrence said. “But if I'm not willing to see my son go to war, then I shouldn't be going either.”

Lawrence joined the Army

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Commander's Corner

# Cell phone policy to revoke driving privileges

**LT. COL. MARK BOUSSY**  
Commander, U.S. Army Garrison-Oahu

As part of an on-going effort to promote and enforce safe driving practices, effective Dec. 1, all personnel cited for using cell phones while driving on post will be subject to a suspension of their driving privileges.

This new U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii (USAG-HI) Policy 34 applies to all motor vehicles, whether tactical, nontactical, privately owned and government-owned, operated on U.S. Army installations in Hawaii.



Boussy

Vehicle operators on a U.S. Army installation in Hawaii and operators of government-owned vehicles shall not use cellular phones unless the vehicle is safely parked or unless they are using a hands-free device. The policy also applies to push-to-talk and walkie talkie devices. The wearing of any other portable headphones or other listening devices (e.g. iPod) while operating a motor vehicle is prohibited. Failure to use a hands-free cell phone device impairs driving and masks or prevents recognition of emergency signals, alarms, announcements and the approach of other vehicles.

**Policy is Punitive in Nature**

Failure to obey the provisions of this directive constitutes disobedience of a lawful order and may result in disciplinary action under Article 92, Uniform Code of Military Justice, as a violation of a lawful order. Civilians, contractors and visitors to the installation who fail to comply with this policy are subject to administrative action to include loss of driving privileges on post and removal

In addition to the new cell phone policy drivers should be aware of other traffic violations on Army installations.

**Driving under the influence (DUI)**

Driving under the influence citation will result in suspension of on-post driving privileges for one year and require successful completion of an approved Alcohol Education or Treatment Course and the USAG-HI approved Defensive Driving Course.\*

**Speeding (points assessed)**

- 1 to 10 miles per hour over = 3 points
- Over 10 but less than 15 over = 4 points
- Over 15 but less than 20 over = 5 points
- Over 20 miles per hour over = 6 points

**Driving while suspended (DWS)**

Driving while suspended will result in suspension of on-post driving privileges for five years (this includes both DWS in violation of state law and DWS in conjunction with Garrison policy).\*

**Seat belt violations (points assessed)**

- Failure of operator or occupants to use available restraint system devices while moving = 2 points
- Failure to properly restrain children in a child restraint system while moving (when child is 4 years of age or younger or the weight of the child does not exceed 45 pounds) = 2 points

**Storage of open containers with intoxicating liquors**

Storage of open containers containing intoxicating liquors will result in suspension of on-post driving privileges for 90 days.\*

**Driving with no valid insurance, registration or license**

Driving with no valid insurance, registration or license will result in suspension of on-post driving privileges for 90 days.

**Reckless driving**

A reckless driving citation will result in suspension of on-post driving privileges for six months.\*

**Fraudulent use of plates**

Fraudulent use of plates, tags or emblems will result in suspension of on-post driving privileges for one year.

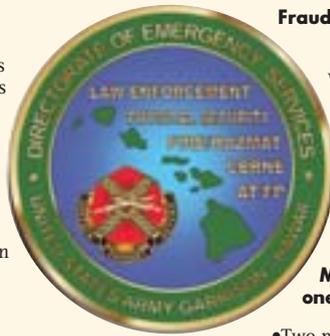
**Receipt of four parking tickets within one year**

Receipt of four parking tickets within one year will result in a 90 day suspension of on-post driving privileges.

**Multiple traffic offenses within one year**

- Two moving traffic offenses within one year will result in suspension of on-post driving privileges for 60 days.\*
- Three moving traffic offenses within one year will result in suspension of on-post driving privileges for six months.\*
- Four moving traffic offenses within one year will result in revocation of on-post driving privileges for a period of three years.\*

\* The star indicates that a violator must complete a U.S. Army Garrison-approved defensive driving course.



For more detailed information concerning this policy, refer to USAG-HI Policy Memorandum 34. See related policies and penalties in the above box.

days after ticket is issued unless the alleged violator requests a hearing within this period to the USAG-Oahu commander.

## Strong societies depend on absolute values for moral critique

**CHAPLAIN (CAPT.) NATHAN P. MCLEAN**  
Deputy Community Chaplain,  
Fort Shafter Chapel Community

You can learn a lot from people by simply asking questions.

A simple truth I have learned from asking questions is that Soldiers enjoy what personal freedoms they get in the Army. It is understandable. Military service makes many demands on the lives of Soldiers and their families. Consequently, Soldiers appreciate boundaries — especially when those boundaries enhance their personal freedoms.

Just as many Soldiers and families find guidance and comfort through relationship with God. However, some find religion or this God of rules invades their personal freedoms even further as he limits what ought to or should be done in life.

For reasons like this, many Soldiers I have met have adopted a sort of ethical relativism. They have decided that what is right or wrong (ethics) is relative. That is to say, if I believe something is right for me, then it is right for me. If I believe something is wrong for me, then it is simply wrong for me. Another person has very little say in what is right or is not right — for me. Truth, they conclude, is relative.

This sort of relative morality is present in our services and, I think, it is a very important issue. Discovering a good system of determining what is right and what is wrong is of the utmost importance when we consider our development as human beings.

Our legacy as a responsible individual hangs in the balance and stems, in part, from our ethical system. We should take great care when we consider which system is rational and dependable as we inevitably ethically contribute our part toward our own development, the development of our children, and to our nation.

Let us then consider briefly the notion that all truth is relative. An ethical statement about truth made by a relativist would be: there is no absolute truth. This, of course, is a ridiculous statement. The statement itself is a statement of absolute truth. It is a statement that is known in epistemological circles as self-referentially absurd. That is, as the statement refers to itself, it makes no sense. Or as a good Southerner might interject: it's philosophical hogwash. However, it can be said in all

good reason that there are absolute truths. We find no contradiction in this statement.

Let us also consider some of the implications brought from a philosophically pure system of ethical relativism. A life or culture built upon the mantra of what is right for me is right for me and no one can say it is wrong brings dire consequences. If one truly believes that all truth is relative, one loses our moral critique. Moral critique is our ability to look back on our behaviors as an individual or society and criticize right from wrong. For example, one would be unable to point back to arguably the greatest sin in our nation's history, slavery, and say with all certainty and conviction that we were as a society completely wrong. The best a relativist could say is that slavery is not our choice today as a nation, but one could not speak to its immorality.

Another adverse effect is just as noticeable. Without absolute truths, we lose the ability to have moral reform. Are we getting better as a nation, morally speaking? The relativistic purist must answer this by stating it cannot be known. From our earlier example, a relativist is compelled to say that the United States is not better off with the abolition of slavery. The U.S. is simply different. We have not grown and we have not diminished ethically as a society. We are just employing different value systems today than we did at other times in our national history.

Of course, most of us know this to be absurd. Strong societies like the United States depend on absolute values to employ moral critique, or to set policies for moral reform, or to teach values, such as equality, liberty and justice — all of which are based on a system which holds certain truths to be self-evident or absolute.

Since the inception of the military, we have used truths to bring about the good order and discipline of units for the purpose of fighting wars, deploying for policing actions, or simply deploying to fill sand bags during a natural disaster. Absolute values have been and continue to be a vital role in our service. Let us never fall prey to the irrational consideration to do otherwise.



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## 159 days since last fatal accident

Number represents fatal accidents as defined by Army Regulation 385-10, which is inclusive of all active component U.S. Army units and personnel. Current as of 11/14/08.

# Voices of Ohana

If you've quit smoking before, why did you start again?



(Smoker) "I want to quit smoking when I have kids."

**Angel Hsu**  
Directorate of Human Resources  
CAC Operator



(Smoker) "I've tried several times to quit. Stress and the urge to smoke again got real strong."

**Eddie Mapano**  
Directorate of Human Resources  
Human Resources Technician



(Quitting) "If I were to quit and start again ... Boredom."

**Sgt. Doug Medford**  
D Co., 3-25th Avn. Regt.  
CH-47 Technical Inspector



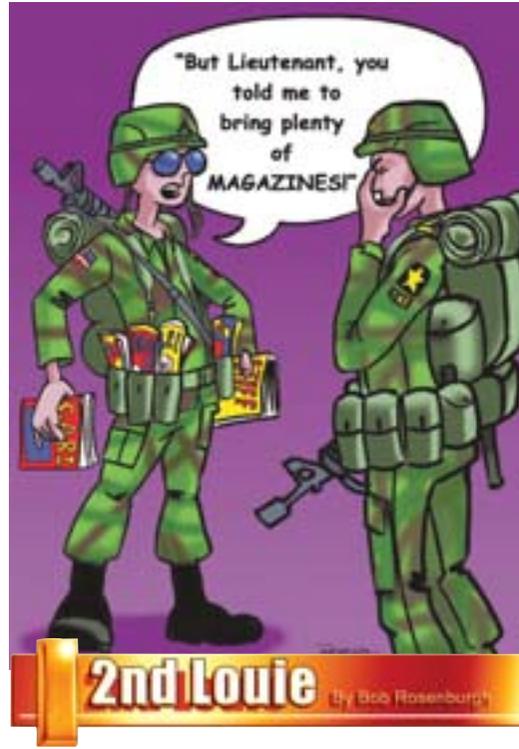
(Smoker) "I don't know, stress, family."

**Lee Misong**  
Directorate of Human Resources  
Human Resources Assistant



(Nonsmoker) "Stress. It's something that everyone does when they get downrange."

**Pfc. Paul Reyes**  
40th Quartermaster  
Petroleum Supply Specialist



# Jersey unites Gimlets, Leilehua Mighty Mules

Story and Photo by  
**CAPT. BENJAMIN ROARK**  
1st Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment

BAGHDAD — Over the rustle of the windward breeze, through the pineapple fields and the hum of the stadium lights, the sound of a referee's whistle cuts the night air. It's Friday night and the Leilehua High School Mighty Mules take the field in their quest for gridiron victory and pursuit of another state title.

Thousands of miles beyond the roar of the cheers and the clash of helmets, fans of a different sort are cheering with the rest of the crowd. The Soldiers of the 1st Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment "Gimlets," share a close tie with the students and families at Leilehua High School because many are in fact just that — family.

Leilehua's proximity to Schofield Barracks plays a large part in the make up of

its student body and fan base. Nearly 25 percent of the students who attend are from military families. Several Gimlet Soldiers have sons or daughters who attend the school.

The Mighty Mules hold a special place in the Gimlets' hearts due to this, but also for the link to home that it gives them as they enter their last few months of a 15-month deployment.

"The Gimlets and Gimlet families are proud to be a part of the Leilehua family as I myself have a sophomore daughter there," said Lt. Col. Mario Diaz, Gimlet commander. "We look forward to returning to them and enjoying our reunion in Hawaii once our mission here is done."

Recently, the students of Leilehua High School and their Mighty Mule football team sent a school football jersey to the Gimlets to show their aloha and support

for these hometown Soldiers.

"I walked out of the office and there was someone wearing a Leilehua jersey," said Sgt. 1st Class Edward Kea, intelligence manager for the Gimlets. "It caught me off guard, but after that, I was the first in line to put it on and throw up the shaka." Kea's son plays football for Leilehua.

The jersey traveled extensively through the Gimlet area of operations in the Abu Ghuraib region west of Baghdad.

Soldiers use the jersey to help bridge the cultural gap between the U.S. and Iraq, often explaining the difference between football and soccer to their Iraq Security Force partners.

The jersey will continue to make its way around the Gimlet units, serving as a tangible piece of home, a link to family and friends, and a symbol of the aloha spirit.



Soldiers from A Co., 1st Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment "Gimlets," 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, stop for quick photo in Abu Ghuraib, west of Baghdad, Oct. 28. The football jersey, donated by Leilehua High School's Mighty Mules, was used to bridge the cultural gap between U.S. and Iraqi Soldiers.

# Training center experience invaluable for Task Force 'Hammerhead'

Story and Photo by  
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FORT IRWIN, Calif. — The Soldiers of Task Force "Hammerhead" used their recent National Training Center (NTC) rotation to further sharpen their technical and tactical expertise and take back lessons learned from Fort Irwin, Calif.

Task Force "Hammerhead," led by Lt. Col. Gregory Baker, commander, 3rd Battalion, 25th Aviation Regiment, 25th Combat Aviation Brigade (CAB), and augmented by Soldiers from the CAB's other elements, provided a multitude of aviation support functions to the 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, 93rd Military Police Battalion, and 4th Engineer Battalion, during the 25th CAB's last of a series of NTC rotations.

From newly minted to seasoned veteran, Soldiers learned invaluable lessons that should further their combat experience while maintaining the brigade's lethal functionality. Much of the emphasis was placed on training new Soldiers or other team members heading toward their first deployment.

"I like this more for the new guys to show them how things work and get them used to being away from home," said Spc.



A Soldier from the 209th Aviation Support Battalion, 25th Combat Aviation Brigade (CAB), prepares the tail rotor of a UH-60L Black Hawk for transportation back to Hawaii.

Alan Morgan, an aviation electrician, D Co., 3-25th Avn. Regt. "It allowed the new (Soldiers) to get better on the aircraft and give them a little more hands-on time."

Even senior leaders within the task force used the rotation as a training platform to help accomplish refining their younger

Soldiers' skill sets.

"Before (my Soldiers) came out there they didn't have any sense of the procedures for personnel accountability, how to process casualties and casualty operations," said Sgt. 1st Class Lynn Irvin, S-1 NCOIC for TF "Hammerhead." "Now that we've been here they know all the procedures and they know what to do."

Sgt. 1st Class Julia Krampe, first sergeant, D Co., 3-25th Avn. Regt., who has previous experience at NTC, also enjoyed training.

"There's lots more training than I remember last time I was here because I was a crew chief," said Krampe. "I learned a lot while I was out here, mainly about how to do my job better with personnel and weapons accountability, and systems."

The task force kept its aircraft off the ground and in the fight with a 97 to 99 percent rate of pilots being able to fly, according to Morgan.

"We all worked

together and let the guys that haven't deployed yet see that you have to rely on other people," said Morgan. "And if you don't, then the mission is not going to get done."

One clear key in the task force's success was communication.

"The lesson that I've taken from this training is basically communication," said Irvin. "That's very important with the battle staff and everything going on in daily operations."

Teamwork and cohesion are critical in task force operations since there are often external units involved in its operations. TF "Hammerhead" worked early on to set conditions for success.

"Our integration with 1/1 Cav. started with our leadership recon in July. The early recon gave us a great chance to get to know each other and talk about objectives for the rotation," said Baker. "We went to Fort Hood in late August for our leadership training program. It was another great opportunity to integrate with the units. By the time I got (to NTC), I really felt like they were part of the family."

Baker, on his seventh NTC rotation, also saw the advantages of the task force's efforts.

"There are tons of lessons learned on this rotation. I think participating in three rotations in a row is going to be a great benefit for the brigade," said Baker.

# 94th AAMDC promotes motorcycle safety mentorship

Story and Photo by  
**PFC. ASHLEY M. ARMSTRONG**

94th Army Air and Missile Defense Command Public Affairs

**FORT SHAFTER FLATS** – The feel of air rushing against the body, the speed-induced adrenaline rush, the power of the bike, the freedom of the ride; all can be appealing aspects of operating a motorcycle. Though motorcycle riding has its draw, it still poses obvious dangers.

The 94th Army Air and Missile Defense Command began its Motorcycle Mentorship Program with a motorcycle safety ride here, Nov. 7, to help ensure adequate safety awareness among motorcycle riders in the unit.

“There are numerous benefits to riding a motorcycle; personal pleasure, fuel economy, but it still is inevitably dangerous,” said Sgt. 1st Class Michael Herbst, motorcycle mentor, 94th AAMDC.

The purpose of the Motorcycle Mentorship Program is to establish voluntary installation-level motorcycle clubs where less experienced riders and seasoned rid-

ers can create a supportive environment of responsible motorcycle riding and enjoyment, according to the The U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC) Safety Plan, Appendix 4.

“Overall, the biggest benefit of the program is to hopefully provide education and practices that will enable the participants to be better riders. The biggest danger of riding is inexperienced riders trying to ride out of their capabilities,” said Herbst.

Whether it be challenging road conditions, lack of experience or driving irresponsibly many factors contribute to accidents.

According to the state Department of Transportation, there were 17 reported motorcycle deaths on Oahu in 2007 and among them four were not wearing helmets.

“The Army has experienced an increase in motorcycle fatalities in the past few years. Within the battery we have a healthy number of motorcycle riders and it seems the interest and popularity of motorcycle

riding is growing,” said Capt. Michelle Toyofuku, battery commander, 94th AAMDC.

During the safety training, participants began with a vehicle inspection to ensure each rider had a properly operating vehicle and the proper gear. Then they conducted a group ride using proper safe-riding techniques.

“The training focused on the key elements of safe riding – swerves, curves and stops,” said Herbst.

After discussing laws, specific safety techniques, and answering questions, riders did a run through of a Motorcycle Rider Evaluation, similar to the one conducted by U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii’s Safety Office. Participants were graded on different maneuvers including abrupt stops, turns and figure eights.

The intent of the training was not only to practice safe riding techniques, but to also give riders the opportunity to become more familiar with their fellow riders in the unit and the mentorship program itself, said Herbst.

“Many first line leaders are not motorcycle riders themselves so are unable to provide specific guidance or assess their Soldiers’ motorcycle riding, knowledge and skills. With the Motorcycle Mentorship Program, experi-

enced riders within the unit are able to educate and train newer riders on a range of topics from proper PMCS to group riding techniques,” said Toyofuku.



## News Briefs

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

### 14 / Today

**Native American Indian Heritage Month** – U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii and Team Equal Opportunity, Hawaii will observe Native American Indian Heritage Month, today, 10-11:15 a.m., at the 9th Mission Support Command complex, Fort Shafter Flats. Admission is free. Call 438-5111.

**Office Closures** – Wheeler Ammunition Supply Point, Naval Magazine Lualualei and Pohakuloa Training Area Ammunition Supply Point will be closed through Nov. 26 to conduct a close-out of all issue/turn-in transactions and initiate a 100-percent, wall-to-wall inventory of munitions.

Normal operations will resume Nov. 28. No transactions will be conducted other than (real time) world/deployment emergencies for support or a U.S. Army-Pacific Directive stating support requirements. Call 656-1649.

### 17 / Monday

**Awards Ceremony** – The public is invited to the Sgt. Audie Murphy and Dr. Mary Walker Awards Ceremony, Nov. 17, 2 p.m., at the 9th Mission Sup-

port Command Auditorium, Building 1554, Fort Shafter Flats.

### 19 / Wednesday

**Office Closure** – The Fort Shafter Housing Service Office will be closed Nov. 19-21 while moving to its new location, Building 1004, 117 7th Street, Fort Shafter. The office will reopen Nov. 24. Call 438-1518.

### 22 / Saturday

**Modified Traffic Patterns** – During the Hale Kula Fun Run, Nov. 22, 7-10 a.m., traffic will be affected on Trimble Road, Schofield Barracks.

Trimble Road (between Humphreys and Cadet Sheridan roads and between Beaver and Maili roads) will be closed to all vehiclular traffic.

Between Cadet Sheridan and Beaver roads, Trimble Road will be open to one lane contra-flow.

## Ongoing

**Athletic Field Closure** – The following athletic fields will be closed due to an irrigation system being installed:

- Patriot Park, Nov. 10-23;
  - Watts Field, Nov. 24-Dec. 14;
  - Wheeler Army Airfield’s baseball fields, Dec. 15-31.
- Call 655-9915/9654.



Sgt. 1st Class Stacy Russell | 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment

## Hallowed re-enlistment

**FORD ISLAND** — Capt. Cory Marlowe, commander, 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment Rear Detachment re-enlists Staff Sgt. David Butler (left) and Staff Sgt. Abe Smith on the USS Arizona Memorial, Nov. 3. After reciting the oath, both Soldiers raised the flag at the Memorial before it opened for visitors.

# Tour: Group experiences Army

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"When you do functions like this, it gives our guests a better understanding, and since we all live on a small island together, it makes it easier for us to co-exist," said Simpson. "The Army has to do training with all our equipment, so now they get to see what it all entails."

Participants expressed enthusiasm for the tour.

"The amount of complications with equipment were more than I expected. I definitely see the Army from a different perspective now," said Jason Chun, president of Island Title Corporation, while manning the gunner's position from a UH-60 Black Hawk.

"I was surprised at how heavy the helmets are. It's a lot to carry for one person," said Chun's wife, Hannah, as she tried on the individual body armor and Kevlar helmet. "I'm glad we got to experience all the hands-on aspects of this day."

The group finished with lunch and a visit to the Warrior Transition Center, where YPO members Jeff Swartz, president of Islander Group, and Michael Pietsch, president of Docutrieve, presented a check for \$1,000 on behalf of the YPO to the Warrior Transition Center.

During the lunch, Mixon thanked participants for visiting and expressed hope that they had gained a better understanding of the U.S. Army through the day's activities.



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Kent Untermann, a member of the Young Presidents Organization, dons Army protective equipment and gets a feel for the gunner's seat in an M1151 Up-Armored humvee as Spc. Shaun Makarewich, truck driver, 209th Aviation Support Battalion, 25th Combat Aviation Brigade, describes the vehicle's protective features.

"What we're doing with all of you today, we do with a big heart and dedication, because it's your military," said Mixon. "When I say your

military, it's with a capital 'Y' — Your military — not my military, because it belongs to the taxpayers and American citizens."

# Housing: Patience urged during development

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Col. Matthew Margotta, commander, U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii (USAG-HI), took the microphone for a 30-minute briefing on housing, addressing many concerns from the audience.

Margotta explained in order to understand the housing process fully, the past, present and future of military housing needed to be discussed. Margotta stated prior to 2004, thousands of old and poor-condition homes remained on the installation, and the types and number of homes did not support population demographics.

In 2005, the Army entered a 50-year lease with Actus Lend Lease to build new homes, renovate old and historic homes, and manage

property. Although it is a partnership between the Army and Actus, Actus is the managing partner, according to Margotta.

Actus recently signed a 10-year, \$2.3 billion development plan, the largest privatization project in the Department of Defense. The construction will build homes as well as communities, including community centers, play areas and parks. Due to rising construction, labor and fuel costs, as well as market rate adjustments, the 10-year plan was extended to 13 years.

Margotta said the overall goal was to increase effectiveness and efficiency to better serve residents and asked for the military ohana's patience.

More than 1,500 new homes have been built across U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii installa-

tions since 2005, and nine communities are currently in development. The goal is to build more than 5,000 new homes and renovate approximately 2,500 more.

Subject matter experts from a number of agencies then addressed questions from the audience.

Many concerned parents raised issues of juvenile problems in south neighborhoods, asking if those issues should be discussed with housing or the military police. Other residents chimed in, saying the problems were the parents' responsibility.

Family member Lakisha Canady-Toussaint concluded the question-and-answer portion of the meeting with a passionate speech, encouraging family members to give the command time to resolve issues.

# Deploy: Generations fight together in Iraq

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because it seemed like a good idea at the time.

"I was 17 and not going to college," he said. "My father was a 30-year veteran, and my brother was in the Army."

After he enlisted, he took advantage of the officer training course program to become the leader he is today.

For Sandra, her husband has always been a Soldier, but her son will always be her son.

The young private who used to wear his dad's uniform is proud to wear his own uniform today and to have the opportunity to serve.

"My dad's been a big role model in my life," Mateus said. "As a (military) brat, I got to see the things he's done and the places he's been. Now I get to do it."

As gung ho as all infantrymen tend to be, Mateus decided to enlist in the infantry, because he feels it is the backbone of the Army. He plans to change jobs as his career progresses.

The pair getting stationed in Hawaii at the same time was a surprise to everyone. Lawrence had chosen Hawaii after attending the command group officers course, and Mateus found out his duty station while at basic training.

"It's ironic that (my son) gets stationed here in Hawaii, like a cat you try to get rid of that just keeps coming back home," said Sandra jokingly.

Overall, the family is glad to be near each other at home and on the battlefield.

"Rick succeeds in everything he does," said the major, who intends to see Mateus a couple times while they're deployed. "The best thing about him being close by is we can see him succeed, and we can



Maj. Norm Lawrence and son, Pvt. Rick Mateus, get together before they deploy to Iraq.

be here if he has problems."

Father and son are both devoted to the Army.

"I love what I do," said Lawrence. "I love saluting the flag every morning. I get paid and enjoy my job every day. Not many people can say that."

Mateus agreed, saying it feels good to put on the uniform and knowing that people appreciate what the Army does for our country.

Still, age and experience show up in their separate outlooks. The young Soldier looks forward to having some fun in the infantry.

"The infantry is the only way to serve, the only way you can make a change on the ground," said Mateus.

The major has a broader outlook on the Army.

"Five years ago I would have said the same thing," Lawrence said. "Today, I realize it's about combat multipliers like combat engineers and civil affairs people. The infantry is a good way to go at the beginning of your career because it gives you a base of experience."

Whether at the beginning of their career or toward the end, both say they will continue to do what they love until they don't enjoy it anymore.

# Beating tobacco addiction keeps the Army strong

It only takes about 100 cigarettes to get addicted

**BRAD TAFT**

U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine

ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, Md. — As a Soldier, you are part of a team that is not just strong, but Army Strong. You have physical strength, mental strength and emotional strength. You are “strong enough to get yourself over” and “strong enough to get over yourself.” This strength can help you win the fight against the fiercest addiction you may ever face — tobacco addiction.

Tobacco addiction comes on gradually. You try a few cigarettes and think it isn't too bad. You feel more alert, ready for anything. It is not that expensive either. Just a few bucks a day to feel good.

But soon, you smoke whenever you can, at whatever the cost; not just in money, but in time and in relationships. Now, you



don't want to feel good by smoking; you just want to avoid the bad feeling that comes when you don't smoke. This is addiction, and it only takes about 100 ciga-

rettes to go from “trying it out” to addiction.

You probably feel the addiction in the time it takes you to go outside for a smoke,

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For more information:  
**American Cancer Society,**  
[www.cancer.org/docroot/subsite/greatamericans/Smokeout.asp](http://www.cancer.org/docroot/subsite/greatamericans/Smokeout.asp)  
**Quit Tobacco, [www.ucanquit2.org](http://www.ucanquit2.org).**

or in your personal relationships, or in your wallet. What's worse, you may feel it physically in your performance and readiness.

According to the U.S. surgeon general, smoking has negative effects on nearly every organ of the human body. Smoking is directly linked to the two leading causes of death: coronary heart disease and cancer.

Cigarette smokers are two to four times more likely to develop coronary heart disease than nonsmokers. The risk of dying

from lung cancer is more than 23 times higher among men who smoke cigarettes and about 13 times higher among women who smoke, compared with those who have never smoked.

In addition, recent onset smoking has been linked to a serious and sometimes fatal illness called acute eosinophilic pneumonia, which has occurred among young service members in Iraq.

Maybe smoking is something that should concern you. Tobacco use negatively affects your health. Why not fight tobacco addiction? For many Soldiers, fighting tobacco addiction is the hardest fight they will ever have.

The Great American Smokeout is Nov. 20, a day when smokers are encouraged to go without smoking. If you can't stop smoking for just one day, then you probably are addicted to tobacco. If that's the case, let your health care provider know you need help to begin fighting the addiction.

# Warrior: Newly eligible Soldiers will automatically be contacted by program

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typically lost a limb, vision or hearing, have suffered severe burns or have severe post-traumatic stress disorder or traumatic brain injury. About 3,400 Soldiers are currently enrolled in the program.

Newly eligible Soldiers don't have to do anything to enroll in AW2. The program will contact them, and even if Soldiers and their families don't want to participate or need assistance, program officials said AW2 will keep them on the rolls and periodically check in.

With a ratio of 30 Soldiers and families to one advocate, AW2 can assist Soldiers with everything from finding medical care, to getting disability benefits

from Social Security and the Veteran's Administration to finding employment and educational opportunities, said Rice.

Even something as simple as helping Soldiers move can make a huge difference to them, said Jurgensen, who speaks from experience. He became AW2's senior enlisted advisor after two severe combat injuries. After an infection left him temporarily unable to use a prosthetic, AW2 found three college students to help set up his new house.

Jurgensen was wounded in 2004 in Iraq when a bullet ricocheted through his face, his jaw and down his throat. After extensive rehabilitation, he decided to rejoin his unit in Iraq, only to be hit with a rocket-propelled grenade three weeks before his unit

was supposed to return home. The attack killed one Soldier and left Jurgensen with a skull fracture, injuries to his right hand, right leg, and enough damage to his left leg to require amputation.

“When I woke up I really thought my life was over as I knew it,” he said. “Here's a person who prided himself in his career, his physical fitness and his capabilities of leading Soldiers and just like that it's gone. But you learn. I'll never forget one of the people who walked into my room. He was a double amputee from the Vietnam era. He walked in, and maybe it was the drugs, but I never noticed anything. He sat down and we were talking and he said, 'I'm a double am-

putee myself.' It kind of made you think.”

The program means so much, he said, because Soldiers like him are proud. He said he would never have asked for help if AW2 hadn't recognized he needed some.

“I could tell you stories all day long. I could tell you stories of a young lady I met in California who spent the last four years either in a military hospital, a (Veterans Administration) polytrauma hospital or a civilian hospital, who went home for the first time ... She went from being in a coma for six months to walking me out to my car. Those things are great.

“I met a young man on the same trip. Also, spent the last four years of his life

in a hospital or a polytrauma, quadriplegic from the neck down, blows in a tube to move his wheelchair around. But for the first time in his life, he is looking to find a caregiver and an apartment for himself,” Jurgensen said.

Both he and Rice pointed out that the AW2 program works with families as well, and, in fact, that family members are often their primary contacts.

The program is distinct from the Warrior Transition Units around the Army, although about 800 AW2 Soldiers are in WTUs as well. The majority, however, have already transitioned to civilian life, and a small percentage have returned to active duty.

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2008

Members of the Special Forces Association, Chapter VIII, ride the parade route in a 2.5-ton truck, courtesy of the Hawaii Military Vehicle Preservation Association.

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## Hawaii communities honor veterans

**KAYLA OVERTON**

U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii Public Affairs

WAIANAË – The Waianae Military Civilian Advisory Council (WMCAC) honored veterans and service members during its annual Veterans Day Parade and Hoolaulea (Hawaiian party), here, Saturday.

Founded nearly 30 years ago, WMCAC was established with the goal of building a lasting relationship centered on poise and respect between the military and the Waianae community.

Honoring those who have served, spectators gathered along the streets to watch the parade, which ran between Pokai Bay and ended at the Waianae Mall, where the Hoolaulea was held.

"The parade spreads awareness about the Army and the services in our community," said Rocky Naeole, WMCAC president.

The color guard for the parade included Soldiers from the 25th Infantry Division and Sgt. Roly Tabon, cadet, Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC).

Capt. Kris Okimoto, grand marshal of the parade, represented his family and father, retired Col. Kenneth Okimoto. The Okimoto family owns and operates the Waianae Store and has donated food and beverages in support of WMCAC events for many years.

Retired Maj. Gen. Herbert Wolff, one of the original founders of WMCAC in 1979, was honored in the parade as he rode in a one-ton command truck.

A marching unit from the 25th Infantry

Division marched the parade route while military vehicles including a humvee, Stryker and a tactical fire fighting truck rolled through the parade route. The Hawaii Military Vehicle Preservation Association loaned a few of its restored military vehicles, including a two-ton truck, which the Special Forces Association used during the parade.

The Waianae High School band and 19 JROTC units from surrounding high schools also marched during the parade.

"There were 33 entries in the parade. Each year our support for the parade gets bigger and bigger," said Suzanne Leonida, WMCAC membership chairperson.

The Hoolaulea held after the parade featured military vehicles, static displays, a K-9 working dog, food booths, crafts, hula dancers and live music.

After the parade, 16 high school JROTC units participated in a drill meet.

Local elected officials in attendance included, Hawaii Senator Colleen Hanabusa, State Representative Karen Awana and State Representative Maile Shimabukuro.

In addition to the parade in Waianae, the Hilo community on the Big Island honored veterans with a parade along with more than 50 military organizations, veterans groups, Boy and Girl Scout units, JROTC units, military, county and high school bands and floats.

Two UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters did a flyover along the route and was a parade highlight.



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Sgt. Jorge Nunez, 13th Military Police (MP) Detachment K-9 section, answers questions with Kora at his side during the Hoolaulea held after the parade.



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The color guard leads off the 2008 Waianae Military Civilian Advisory Council's Veterans Day Parade.



Chicpaul Beccera | U.S. Army Garrison-Pohakuloa Public Affairs

Pohakuloa Training Area (PTA) employees and family members wave from their float to crowds along Kamehameha Avenue, in Hilo, during Saturday's Veterans Day Parade. The bronze-colored memorial to a fallen warrior was sculpted from chicken wire and paper mache by PTA employees.



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Kainani Highland, 9, gets firsthand experience in a humvee at the 2008 Waianae Military Civilian Advisory Council's Veterans Day Parade.



**14 / Today**

**Family Fun Fridays** – Don't miss the kick-off party for Family Fun Fridays at the Tropics, today, 6 p.m. This is a new program that will be available on the first and third Fridays of each month providing fun and games for families and kids of all ages.

At the kick-off party enjoy door prizes, video games, family table games, volleyball, pizza specials and the chance to make your own sundaes. Call 655-5697.

**Baby Massage** – Babies are intuitive, and their sense of touch is highly developed. Therefore, in addition to many health benefits, time spent massaging your baby greatly increases your communication and helps you understand your baby's moods, needs, desires and expressions. Call 655-4227 to register. (This is a three-part consecutive series limited to 10 parents with their babies. Babies should be between 4 and 8 months old.)

The class meets today, at Aliamanu Military Reservation's Community Chapel; and Nov. 19, 9-11 a.m., at Army Community Service, Schofield Barracks. Call 655-4227.

**Holiday Craft Sale** – The annual Holiday Craft Sale at Fort Shafter's Arts & Crafts will take place today, 11 a.m.-6 p.m., and Nov. 15, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Take advantage of quality craftsmanship at affordable prices on a wide variety of merchandise including stained glass, Hawaiian quilts, ceramic and pottery pieces, jewelry, koa boxes, framed artwork, hand-thrown raku vases and much more. Call 438-1315.

**Waikiki Party Bus** – Party in Waikiki and let FMWR be the designated driver, today. Pick-up time at Schofield Barracks' Information, Ticketing and Registration (ITR) is 9 p.m. Pick-up at Fort Shafter Richardson Theatre is at 9:30 p.m. Drop-off is approximately 9:45/10 p.m. at the Waikiki Royal Hawaiian Shopping Center.

Return pick-up time is 3 a.m. at the Hale Koa. Drop-off at Fort Shafter is at 3:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. at Schofield Barracks' ITR. The Party Bus operates twice a month. Check out [www.mwrrmy-hawaii.com](http://www.mwrrmy-hawaii.com) for dates, prices and reservations. Call 655-9971 or 438-1985.

**15 / Saturday**

**Beach Clean-Up** – Participate in America Recycles Day by helping to clean-up

**Community Calendar**

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

**14 / Today**

**Sexual Assault Prevention** – The Army has launched a new and improved Sexual Assault Prevention program Web site as part of its new I.A.M. Strong sexual assault prevention campaign. Visit [www.preventsexualassault.army.mil](http://www.preventsexualassault.army.mil).

**Native American Indian Heritage Month** – U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii and Team Equal Opportunity, Hawaii, will observe Native American Indian Heritage Month, today, 10-11:15 a.m. at the 9th Mission Support Command complex, Fort Shafter Flats. Call 438-5111.

**Employment Workshop** – Army Community Service (ACS) will host "Ten Steps to Federal Employment," a workshop open to military family members, military personnel and Department of Defense employees, today, 9-11 a.m., at ACS, Schofield Barracks. Call 655-4227 or register online at [www.acsclasses.com](http://www.acsclasses.com).

**15 / Saturday**

**Operation Property Identification** – The Directorate of Emergency Services will hold "Operation Property Identification," Nov. 15, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., at the Schofield Post Exchange entrance.

Community members can take advantage of the on-site bicycle registration, property ID engraving and ownership documentation.

Engraving bikes, scooters, skateboards and high-value items or easily pilfered property will aid in identifying, recovering and returning your property if it is stolen. Call 655-5170.

**Season of Brokenness** – The Schofield



Kole Miller | 25th Infantry Division Protocol Office

**Aloha bid to Tropic Lightning**

WAIHIWA — Maj. Gen. Robert Caslen Jr., commanding general, 25th Infantry Division, accepts a banner from the Veterans of Foreign Wars-Hawaii (VFW) at an aloha ceremony during the Wahiawa/Whitmore Village Neighborhood Board meeting, Nov. 5. Presenting the banner are Joseph McCloskey, state commander, Disabled American Veterans, Hawaii, and Domingo Los Banos, VFW Post 1572.

area beaches, Nov. 15, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Transportation is available for the first 12 participants, and the clean-up site will be Kualoa Regional Park, Hickam Harbor or Bellows, to be determined based on surf reports available Nov. 14.

Call 330-9455 by Nov. 14 for the final site determination. This activity is for ages 5 and up, and rubber gloves and trash bags will be provided. Bring sunscreen, water and closed-toe shoes. Call 655-0143.

**Daddy Boot Camp** – The Family Advocacy Prevention team offers a Daddy Boot Camp class, Nov. 15, 9 a.m.-noon, at Army Community Service, Schofield Barracks. This class offers hands on training so new dads can be confident and effective parents. Call 655-0596 to register.

**16 / Sunday**

**Beach Bus** – Outdoor Recreation will offer a beach bus shuttle service to area beaches around Oahu, Sundays. The bus will depart the Outdoor Recreation Center, Schofield Barracks, at 10 a.m.

The bus will also pick up patrons at Fort Shafter's Richardson Theatre at 11 a.m.

Cost is \$3 per person, and all ages are welcome. Children under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian, and parents must provide their own car seat for children as required. Seats are limited to 15 per shuttle trip. Call 655-0143.

**17 / Monday**

**Blue Star Card Preview Night: High School Musical** – Sign up by Nov. 17 for free tickets to High School Musical, sched-

uled for Nov. 19, 7:30 p.m., at Fort Shafter's Richardson Theatre. Transportation is provided and free pupus will be available before the show. Spaces are limited. Call 655-0111/2.

**Active Parenting Class** – Army Community Service, New Parent Support Program will offer a one day parenting class for parents of children ages 1-4 years old, Nov. 17, 9-11 a.m., at ACS, Schofield Barracks; and Nov. 24, 9-11 a.m., at Aliamanu Military Reservation's Community Chapel.

Class will teach parenting skills to enrich the parenting experience; teaching parents how to recognize developmental milestones, and responding to difficult behavior in children. Call 655-4227 to register.

**Ages and Stages of Infant and Child Development** – Understanding the ages and stages of normal child development will help you understand how to care for and encourage your child. Class meets Nov. 17, 2-4 p.m., at Army Community Service, Schofield Barracks; and Nov. 25, 9-11 a.m., at Aliamanu Military Reservation's Community Center. Call 655-4ACS (4227).

**18 / Tuesday**

**After School Fun** – Celebrate Mickey Mouse's birthday, Nov. 18, 3:30 p.m., at Fort Shafter's library. Call 438-9521.

**19 / Wednesday**

**Children's Councils** – Be an active community voice on behalf of special needs children with specialized educational plans and behavioral support serv-

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, Nov. 21 and 28, 9-11 a.m. Register online at [www.acsclasses.com](http://www.acsclasses.com) or call 655-4227.

**23 / Sunday**

**Piano Concert** – The Honolulu Piano Teachers Association and the University of Hawaii Music Department will host the All-Star Benefit Concert for Music Scholarships, Nov. 23, 4 p.m., at the University of Hawaii-Manoa Orvis Auditorium. Admission is \$20.

For ticket information, contact Michelle at 864-5229.

**26 / Wednesday**

**Thanksgiving Chapel Services** – The Religious Support Office will hold the following events and services in support of Thanksgiving:

- Community Thanksgiving Potluck and Service, Nov. 26, 5:45 p.m., at Aliamanu Military Reservation's (AMR) Chapel
  - Ecumenical Service, Nov. 26, 6 p.m., at the Schofield Barracks Main Post Chapel (MPC)
  - Thanksgiving Day Mass, Nov. 27, 9 a.m. at both AMR's Chapel and Schofield's MPC
- Call 836-4599 or 655-9307.

**27 / Thursday**

**Commissary Closure** – The Schofield Barracks Commissary will be closed, Nov. 27, in honor of the Thanksgiving holiday. Call 655-5066.

**December**

**6 / Saturday**

**Band Concert** – The U.S. Coast Guard Band will hold a concert, Dec. 6, 7 p.m., at the Waikiki Shell.

The concert is free and open to the public but tickets are required. For a maximum of four tickets, visit [www.HonoluluNavyLeague.org](http://www.HonoluluNavyLeague.org) or call 422-9404.

ices, Nov. 19, 6:30-8 p.m., at Leilehua Golf Course; and Nov. 25, 6-7:30 p.m., at Moanalua High School.

**20 / Thursday**

**Couples Communication** – The Family Advocacy Prevention team will offer a Couples Communication class, Nov. 20, 3-4:30 p.m., at Army Community Service, Schofield Barracks. The class will focus on building effective communication skills, which can help improve relationships and break down barriers. Call 655-0596.

**High School Musical** – For a limited time only, come see High School Musical and get two-for-one tickets for active duty Soldiers on opening night, Nov. 20 and Nov. 21, 7:30 p.m., at Fort Shafter's Richardson Theatre. Don't miss this chance to watch the hit Disney musical live and up close. Call 438-4480.

**Exceptional Bowling** – Families with special needs individuals are invited to enjoy bowling at the Joint Forces Bowling Bash, Nov. 20, 6-8 p.m., at Schofield's Bowling Center. Reservations are required. Call 655-1551.

**Resource Workshop** – The New Parent Support Program (NPSP) will hold a Resource Group Workshop, Nov. 20, 9-11 a.m., at Army Community Service (ACS) at Schofield Barracks.

The workshop provides important information on the Nurturing Parent curriculum, resources available in the community and short videos on preventing shaken baby syndrome and basic newborn care. Call 655-4ACS (4227).

**Ongoing**

**Operation Special Delivery** – Are you expecting and your spouse is deployed? Operation Special Delivery offers free doula services to expecting women who have deployed spouses.

Doulas are trained and experienced professionals who provide continuous physical, emotional and informational support to the mother before, during and just after birth.

Visit [www.operationspecialdelivery.com](http://www.operationspecialdelivery.com) for an application.

Professional doulas are also available in the Oahu area to meet your needs if you do not qualify for this program.

Visit [www.dona.org](http://www.dona.org) or [www.cappa.net](http://www.cappa.net) for a list of certified doulas in your area.

**Protestant Women of the Chapel** – Protestant Women of the Chapel meet every Tuesday, 9-11:30 a.m., at Schofield Barracks' Main Post Chapel. Join us for encouragement, laughter, hope, friends and faith. Limited, free, pre-arranged childcare is available for children registered at the Child Development Center. Call Rebeca Highfill at 554-5704.

**Art and Essay Contest** – The Army Services YMCA is now accepting entries for its annual Art & Essay Contest.

Children of active duty, Reservist or Guard Soldiers are encouraged to write an essay about their military hero or illustrate their military family in a drawing. Illustrated entries will be accepted through Feb. 20, 2009 and essays will be accepted through March 20, 2009.

Winning entries may be used for promotional materials. Savings bonds are awarded for top entries. Visit [www.asymca.org](http://www.asymca.org).

**Pets of Patriots** – The Hawaiian Humane Society is looking for volunteers for the Pets of Patriots program, which finds someone willing to foster the pets of deployed service members. Call 356-2217 or visit [www.hawaiianhumane.org](http://www.hawaiianhumane.org).

**Worship Services**

**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
- Buddhist 1st Sunday, 1 p.m.

**Fort Shafter Chapel**  
836-4599

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

**Helemanu (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, 9:30 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

**This Week at the MOVIES Sgt. Smith Theater**

Call 624-2585 for movie listings or go to [aafes.com](http://aafes.com) under realtime movie listing.



**Igor**

(PG)  
Friday, 7 p.m.  
Sunday, 2 p.m.

**Nights in Rodanthe**

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



**Ghost Town**

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

**Tyler Perry's The Family That Preys**

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

No shows on Mondays or Tuesdays.

# 205th MI cleans out its closets for needy families

Story and Photo by  
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500th Military Intelligence Brigade Public Affairs

FORT SHAFTER — Let's be honest. We all have that one closet, or maybe it's even the garage, full of stuff we no longer use, need, want or even remember having until PCS movers arrive to pack-up our belongings.

And yet, we don't bat an eye when we give those same PCS movers the green light to pack and ship these objects of insignificance to our next duty station — all to find a new closet or garage to call home.

The good news is that there is help. One way we can rid ourselves of excess stuff is to give it to those who are in need.

Recently, 205th Military Intelligence Battalion, 500th MI Brigade

Soldiers conducted a "Clean Out Your Closet" charity drive to help open those abandoned closets and pull out the forgotten contents for donations.

"Most people brought in clothes, especially children's clothes," said Cpl. Nancy Croft, a key organizer of the drive. Croft said the drive also accepted any nonperishable foods and household items that were still in good condition.

So much stuff was donated over the past month that the battalion's command group area was overflowing with items to be given away.

"I would get a smile on my face every time I walked into work and saw large garbage bags of stuff waiting for me," Croft explained. "But the most overwhelming feeling came once everything was boxed up and I realized how much

stuff we actually collected."

By the end of the month, the battalion had outdone its expectations. In total, more than 35 boxes of toys, clothes, nonperishable foods and household items were collected and donated to the Armed Services YMCA on Wheeler Army Airfield.

"The food donations will go into our emergency food locker and will assist Soldiers and their families who are struggling financially," said Dela LaFleur, Schofield and Wheeler ASYMCA branch director. "Many of the clothes and household items will also assist these families. Some may be used in a 'yard sale' from which the proceeds will be used to purchase additional items to be shared with families in need."

As an added benefit, the items will be distributed by the end of



Cpl. Nancy Croft, 205th Military Intelligence Battalion, hands off the first of many boxes of donated items to Dela LaFleur, Armed Services YMCA branch director, Nov. 4.

year, helping before and during the holiday season.

"Past experience tells us that families benefiting from the dona-

tions are rewarded not just with the material items," LaFleur said, "but with a reduction in stress levels as they're able to provide for

their children."

While the "Clean Out Your Closet" drive is over, many still have lingering feelings about the amount they gave, its effect on Soldiers involved, the future benefactors of the donations and the ASYMCA.

"So many Soldiers put forth the effort to go home and clean out their closets just for this event, and the leadership in the battalion was incredibly supportive," Croft said. "I would definitely do this again. Hopefully I will be here for it next year."

"We are all overwhelmed by the generosity of the 205th," LaFleur said. "Their efforts to support us provide the means for us to better serve the people of our community. To be able to share the moments when (those in need) receive the generosity of others is a really powerful experience."

# CYS2 increases benefits, free child care for military ohana

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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — With the Department of the Army's ongoing commitment to increasing quality of life for Soldiers and family members, Child, Youth and School Services (CYS2) has increased benefits and expanded services within the past months and has many more in the works.

Since the signing of the Army Family Covenant in November 2007, Army posts in Hawaii have seen improvements in family programs and quality-of-life initiatives.

The most significant and popular covenant perk has been the free child care provided by CYS2, according to Sarah Horrigan, the AFC program for the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (DFMWR).

Within the past 10 months child care benefits have expanded significantly as a result of the Department of the Army's commitment to increasing quality of life for Soldiers and family members.

For spouses of deployed Soldiers, or Mission Level 1 families, the Army Family

For more information on all benefits, call or visit the AMR or Schofield Barracks CYS2 Central Registration Offices.

•Oahu South CYS2 Office  
Building 1782  
Aliamanu Military Reservation  
833-5393  
Hours: Mon-Fri, Walk-in, 8 a.m. – noon  
Appointments, 1–4 p.m.

•Oahu North CYS2 Office  
Building 556, Heard Ave.  
Schofield Barracks  
655-5314/8380  
Hours: Mon-Fri, Walk-in, 7:30 – 11 a.m.  
Appointments, noon–4 p.m.

ly Covenant gives them the 16 free hours of monthly care, four free SKIES instructional classes, two free youth sports, a 20-percent reduction on full- or part-time

care fees, and hourly care discounted to \$2 per hour. Families of wounded warriors also receive the 16 hours; four free Schools of Knowledge, Inspiration, Exploration and Skills (SKIES) instructional classes, two free youth sports registration waivers, and discounted \$2 hourly care. Additionally, wounded warrior families receive unlimited care during medical appointments and full- and part-time care fees are reduced to Fee Category 1 of the Army Fee Policy.

Families serving under temporary change of station (TCS), permanent change of station (PCS), (unaccompanied tour) or temporary duty (TDY) (90-180 days) orders are Mission Level 2 families. These families receive 16 hours of free child care, two free SKIES instructional classes, one free youth sports registration waiver, and hourly care discounted to \$2 per hour.

Mission Level 3 families include all rear detachment families and they are entitled to 5 hours of free child care monthly, two free SKIES instructional classes, and discounted \$2 hourly care and one free CYS2 team/individual sport per child/youth.

The elimination of the CYS2 registration fees has significantly increased family en-

rollment and participation, according to Sylvia Scully, CYS2 outreach director.

"As more and more people realized we are not charging \$18 registration fees we have seen a significant jump in registration and participation in parent's night out," said Scully. "Prior to the registration fee waiver, we saw an average of 80 to 90 children at one parent's night out. Now we service 150 children in a typical night."

Family readiness group (FRG) members are also eligible for free care during group meetings through short term alternative care centers (STACC).

To qualify for the free care the meeting must fall into the category of one of the "3C's" — care, communication or concern. "Care" meetings include activities that support the Soldiers downrange or volunteers of the care teams doing their job when the unit suffers a casualty. "Communication" meetings include activities that promote communication of official information to the FRG members. Lastly, "concern" meetings include activities that promote mutual support to the FRG members (not more than three hours). Free child care is not authorized for any

fundraising activities.

Additional options for military families, including adult sitters, are currently being developed at CYS2, according to coordinator Debra Blanchard.

"We need adults who are interested in being part of the CYSitter program," said Blanchard. "This would provide additional support for families during this time of deployment when our child development center hourly programs may be full."

All sitters receive free training and listed as certified sitters of CYS2. An extension of the current youth program targeting teens is looking for volunteers to open their home and share talents.

The "neighborhood activity home" program provides an educational environment for teens to learn a new skill or express themselves creatively. Activities or projects might include book clubs, tutoring, art and music activities, and sports related skill-building activities.

The programs and benefits offered through the Army Family Covenant serves as a token of appreciation and respect the sacrifice of deploying Soldiers and families members.



Lt. Gen. Benjamin Mixon, commander, U.S. Army-Pacific, poses with Gail Fuller, Tropic Lightning Museum director, while presenting a silk Qom rug to the museum.

## Mixon shares historical rug with 25th ID museum

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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Sixty square feet of 25th Infantry Division (ID) history were added to the Tropic Lightning Museum, Nov. 5, when Lt. Gen. Benjamin Mixon, commander, U.S. Army-Pacific (USARPAC), presented the museum with a silk Qom medallion rug from Iraq.

“The Army decided to loan this beautiful, historic rug to the Tropic Lightning Museum in honor of our Soldiers and their families because its significance will now be a permanent part of the 25th Infantry Division’s legacy,” said Mixon.

The rug was initially presented to Mixon while he commanded the 25th ID during the 2006-2007 deployment, by Nechivan Barzani, Prime Minister of the Kurdistan Regional Government. Barzani donated the rug in honor of the 25th ID’s extensive work and contribution to the security and quality of life of the Kurdish people of Iraq. The rug represents the gratitude of the Kurdistan Regional Government to the Multinational Force for liberating the people of Iraq.

“We are grateful to Lt. Gen. Mixon for presenting this artifact for exhibition in the Tropic Lightning Museum,” said Gail Fuller, director, Tropic Lightning Museum. “Not only is it noteworthy in the history of the 25th Infantry Division’s role in the global war on terrorism, it’s a beautiful example of the tradi-

tional art of rug making. It will be prominently displayed in the 25th ID global war on terrorism gallery.”

At Mixon’s request, the Administrative Assistant to the Secretary of the Army specifically authorized the rug to be retained in Hawaii as property and loaned to the Tropic Lightning Museum for public display.

Schofield’s Tropic Lightning Museum is open Tuesday – Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and is closed on Sundays and Mondays. For more museum information, call 655-0438.

According to the USARPAC Staff Judge Advocate (SJA), since the rug came from a senior foreign official, it is therefore considered to be a foreign gift, which makes it subject to very special rules. Any gifts received by military officials of any rank from foreign officials must be evaluated under these rules.

For any military person receiving a foreign gift, if it is valued less than \$335, the individual is normally free to keep it as a personal item, as long as that person consults with their SJA.

The rug will be featured in a gallery dedicated to showcasing the support of the 25th ID in the global war on terrorism.

## Spectacular views accentuate new AHFH community

ARMY HAWAII FAMILY HOUSING  
News Release

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Many believed the most beautiful views in Army Hawaii Family Housing (AHFH) communities would be found in the newly developed Red Hill community. Following a blessing, Nov. 6, celebrating the completion of the first 50 of 141 planned new homes, those believers were joined by dozens of new converts.

Spectacular views of Pearl Harbor and dramatic vistas of Halawa Valley are by far the community’s greatest natural attributes.

“Our team of urban planners and architects did a tremendous job addressing the challenges of building on steep slopes and positioning homes to take full advantage of not just the beautiful views, but maximizing the amount of natural light in homes,” said Claire Johnston, project director, AHFH. “We are very proud of this neighborhood development that supports our vision to build sustainable communities that preserve the natural environment.”

Home features include design elements to help cool a home naturally and reduce heat gain, photovoltaic systems, solar hot water and Energy Star-rated appliances.



Courtesy Photo

Spectacular views of Pearl Harbor and Halawa Valley are among the greatest natural attributes of the Red Hill community, which will be home to families from all branches of service.

Service members interested in living in the Red Hill community may contact AHFH’s South Regional Office at 275-3800.

Throughout the community’s development and design phase, AHFH worked closely with the 14th District of the U.S. Coast Guard. Coast Guard families have always been a part of the Red Hill community, and last week’s event commemorated the Coast Guard’s

first-ever privatized homes.

“I’m pleased that members of the Coast Guard will continue to be part of our community and benefit from the housing and family support services made possible through privatization and our AHFH partnership,” said Col. Matthew Margotta, U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii commander.

Families will begin moving into homes this week, and new parks, tot lots and a swimming pool are among the amenities families will enjoy upon completion of the community in summer 2009.





### 14 / Today

**Turkey Trot** – Trot on a treadmill, through Nov. 20, at the Helemano Military Reservation Physical Fitness Center to win great prizes. Reach a distance of 5K and you could be eligible to win prizes to be awarded Nov. 21. Call 653-0719.

### 15 / Saturday

**Pro Bowl Tickets** – Tickets for this season's Pro Bowl go on sale at Schofield Barracks Information, Ticketing and Registration (ITR) Nov. 15, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Seats are available throughout the stadium, but there is a four-ticket limit per person. Don't miss this once-in-a-lifetime benefit of living in Hawaii. Call 655-9971.

### 16 / Sunday

**Blue Star Card Tour de North Shore** – Enjoy a 5-mile round trip bike tour of the North Shore, Nov. 16, 7 a.m.-1 p.m. Stops will include various beaches and Ted's Bakery. Transportation is free but bike rentals are \$5. Call 655-0111/2 for reservations.

### 19 / Wednesday

**Workout Without Walls** – Trying to get in shape but the same old routine has you unmotivated?

Outdoor Recreation gives you the chance to try a different workout in a new location every week.

The next class is Nov. 26, 8:30-11 a.m. Classes will be held every Wednesday. Each session costs \$10.

Participants must sign up in advance to meet the 3-person minimum by the Tuesday before each week's class. Call 655-0143.

**Blue Star Series: Powder Puff Playoffs** – Registration is due Nov. 19 for the Blue Star Card Powder Puff Playoffs, beginning Nov. 22, at Martinez Gym.

Teams must have 6 players. Individuals and groups with less than 6 players can be combined.

E-mail Aubrey.Kiemnec@us.army.mil or call 655-0111/2 for full rules or to register.

## Ongoing

**Twilight Golf** – Pay half the green fee and enjoy the afternoon at Nagorski Golf



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## Pass, set, spike

HONOLULU — Soldiers from the 9th Mission Support Command, the California National Guard's 40th Infantry Brigade Combat Team and the Indian army's 49th Brigade go all out in a volleyball game during Sports Day, part of Exercise Yuhd Abhyas, recently.

Course, Fort Shafter. Twilight golf begins at 11:05 a.m., Monday-Friday. Not available during holidays. Call 438-9587.

**Little Ninja** – Classes are now being offered at Aliamano Military Reservation's (AMR) Youth Gym, Saturdays, 9-9:45 a.m., for children ages 3-5. The cost is \$35 per month. Call the AMR Child and Youth Service's Registration Office at 833-5393.

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

**Bowling Parties** – Wheeler Bowling Cen-

ter's eight lanes are available for private parties on Saturdays and Sundays for \$120 per hour. A three-hour minimum and \$1.75 shoe rental apply. Call 656-1745.

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

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

**Golf 'Til You Drop** – Catch this all-you-can-golf special every Thursday at Walter J. Nagorski Golf Course, Fort Shafter. Pay one fee and play as many holes as you want. Call 438-9587.



Send sports announcements to community@hawaiiarmyweekly.com.

### 15 / Saturday

**Hawaii Streetball Association** – The final Hawaii Streetball 3-on-3x3 Tournament will be held Nov. 15, 10 a.m., at Washington Middle School, Honolulu.

Youths, ages 6-15, are also invited to participate in the "Off the Bench" youth basketball clinic, hosted by University of Hawaii and professional basketball player Test Whitlock, at 9 a.m.

Call 218-4060 or register online at www.hiteamsports.com.

**Skimboarding Contest** – The Hawaii Amateure Skimboard League will host a skimboarding contest, Nov. 15, 7 a.m., at Sandy Beach. Entry fees start at \$35 and include a T-shirt. Visit hawaiiiskimboardleague.com.

### 16 / Sunday

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

This is one of our "wow" hikes, a strenuous loop around the high country back of Moanalua Valley. We may be able to spot rare lobelias in bloom along the summit ridge.

This advanced hike is 11 miles. Call Kris Corliss or Larry Oswald at 638-7268.

Save the date for these upcoming hikes, too:

- Nov. 22, a 6-mile advanced hike through Nanakuli Ridge.
- Nov. 23, a 6-mile intermediate hike through the Kaneohe Hillside.

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

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

Hikers must keep all trails and lunch sites clear of clutter, as well

as treat trees and plants with care and respect.

Visit [www.htmclub.org](http://www.htmclub.org).

### 22 / Saturday

**5K Run & 1 Mile Walk** – The Hale Kula Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization will sponsor a Fun and Fit 5K Run and 1-mile walk, Nov. 22, 7 a.m., at Sills Field, Schofield Barracks.

Awards will be given to the top male and female runners.

Race tickets are \$20 for ages 4 and older, which includes the race entry fee, racing chip, number and race T-shirt (limited quantities). Registration forms can be turned in at Hale Kula Elementary School, by mail or at the race.

Call 622-6389 to pick up a race packet.

## December

### 11 / Thursday

**Golf Tournament** – Registrations will be accepted through Dec. 11 for the Waianae military Civilian Advisory Council Golf Tournament, scheduled for Dec. 19, noon, at Leilehua Golf Course.

Registration fees start at \$70 and include green fees, cart and banquet. Call Les Akeo at 696-6026 for a registration form.

## Ongoing

**Youth Boys' Soccer** – Crush Soccer Academy (West) is looking for boys born between Aug. 1, 2001-July 31, 2002 to form an 8-years-and-under competitive soccer team that will compete in the Hawaii Youth Soccer Association Winter League (January-March 2009).

Practice begins in November. Some playing experience is required.

Contact Coach Katie Knight at 778-1266.

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

To schedule adventures, visit [www.bikehawaii.com](http://www.bikehawaii.com) or call 734-4214.