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 Due to renovations and space needs, the Crossroads Coffeehouse will stop operating at Ka'ala Recreation Center, effective immediately, and will reopen at another location (to be announced). Call Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Lawrence Conway at 655-9355.

CG's Scramble
 Spend payday activities at the commanding general's golf scramble at Leilehua Golf Course on Schofield Barracks, at 12 p.m., Nov. 5. All tee assignments are reserved on a first come, first served basis. To register, call Staff Sgt. George Bradshaw at 655-8836 or e-mail bradshawg@schofield.army.mil before Saturday. Include name, rank and unit in the e-mail.

Annual Anti-terrorism Exercise from Nov. 1-18
 Exercises will be accomplished through a series of short notice, one day situational training exercises. The Anti-terrorism office and U.S. Army Garrison Hawaii are endeavoring to create an exercise with minimal impact on the community's activities while protecting families, installations and islands from acts of terrorism. Call Robert C. Marsh at 655-5212 for more information.

Halloween 'trick or treating' hours
 Official Halloween hours are Sunday, Oct. 31, from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

AMR Chapel "Hallelujah Night"
 Will be held Sunday from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. at AMR Chapel. The chapel will provide two hours of games, prizes, devotions, music, and fellowship. The continuing goal at AMR Chapel is to provide a wholesome, spiritually oriented program for toddlers, children, pre-teens, teens, and other family members. Register at the chapel during duty hours and on Sundays. For more information and registration contact AMR Chapel at 836-4599.

Macomb Gate Closure
 The gate located on Schofield Barracks will be closed Nov. 9 - 10 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for technicians to install Christmas decorations along Macomb Road.

Gate closure is necessary for pedestrian and driver safety. Traffic should enter through Foote, Lyman or McNair gates during the closure. Contact Department of Public Works at 655-0585 for more information.

Soldiers help restore stability

Spc. Sean Kimmons
 25th ID (L) Public Affairs

KIRKUK AIR BASE, Iraq – To rid Anti-Iraqi Forces and establish stability within the once hostile city of Samarra, 1st Infantry Division executed Operation Baton Rouge Oct. 1.

During the initial attack, five U.S. Army task forces were positioned to disrupt AIF activity from the city of about 150,000 people. One of those task forces was Task Force 1-14 Infantry from 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 25th ID (L).

"We basically took the western flank of Samarra while the decisive operation went to Task Force 1-26 Infantry [1st Inf. Div.]," said Capt. Michael McCarthy, the assistant opera-

tions officer with TF 1-14 Inf. The operation was comprised of a brigade-sized force of U.S. and Iraqi Security Force troops who helped take back the city from insurgents.

About 500 Soldiers from TF 1-14 Inf. to include elements from Company B, 65th Engineer Battalion and Co. B, 1st Bn., 62nd Air Defense Artillery were involved in the operation.

According to a CNN article, Samarra, which is about 70 miles north of Baghdad, had more than 2,000 Iraqi insurgents and 250 foreign fighters in the city before the operation took place.

Soldiers of TF 1-14 Inf. used previous experience from military operations in Najaf, Mosul



Staff Sgt. Klaus Baesu

Soldiers from Company A, 1st Battalion, 14th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division (Light) out of Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, conduct search and attack operations Oct. 1.

and Kirkuk to capture 17 AIF detainees and many weapon caches during Operation Baton Rouge.

The seized weapons caches included mortar rounds, rocket-propelled grenades, small arms and improvised explosive devices.

"The Soldiers did exactly what they were supposed to do and executed the basics to standard," McCarthy said.

Pfc. Derrick Cochran, a M14 gunner with Co. B, TF 1-14 Inf., said previous Najaf missions helped him and fellow Soldiers improve reaction time and how to search for IEDs in Samarra.

"We got used to reacting to a hit and fade attack and where

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Scouts making a difference



Adam Elia

Boys from Cub Scout Troop 166 and Webelos Den scrub a cannon at the Tropic Lightning Museum in support of Make a Difference Day Oct. 23. (Read full story on Army units' and organizations' community service activities on pages A-4 and A-5.)

Hawaii community, USARPAC partner for homeland defense

By Mary Markovinic
 U.S. Army Pacific, Public Affairs

A Blackhawk helicopter soared through the air to MedEvac a patient to the nearest hospital. An explosive ordnance device specialist rushed to respond to a report of unexploded ordnance. A man, enveloped in a white HAZMAT suit, inspected a suspicious package.

These are not scenes from Iraq or Afghanistan. They are examples of how the military and Hawaii's state and local civil authorities work together to ensure the safety of the people here.

"We have a remarkable working relationship with state and local authorities," said Maj. Gen. William H. Brandenburg, deputy commander of U.S. Army, Pacific and of Joint Task Force Homeland Defense.

"We work together daily through our many mutual aid agreements. We also now have an excellent communication system in place for our home-

land defense program."

Major Gen. Robert G. F. Lee, Hawaii's adjutant general and director of civil defense added, "Our partnership with the military is vital to the continued protection of Hawaii's residents and visitors, and the state's critical infrastructure.

"Moreover, it is a relationship that both civilian and military leaders in Hawaii embrace with mutual respect and commitment. I agree with General Brandenburg; it is a remarkable relationship."

Even with many service members deployed, military members do their best to assist local civilian authorities when needed. Cooperative support is provided through mutual aid agreements and also under the umbrella of Joint Task Force Homeland Defense, or JTF-HD.

Brandenburg said through JTF-HD, "The military supports civil law enforcement, providing any needed emergency assistance through the Defense Support to Civil Authorities program. This pro-

gram helps keep the people of Hawaii and our area of responsibility safe and protect our critical infrastructure."

JTF-HD replaced the original Joint Rear Area Coordinator, or JRAC, that was established after the 9/11 attacks. The purpose of the program was to clearly outline the type of support the military would provide to civil authorities to help deter, or respond, to a terrorist threat or a natural disaster.

This is an evolution of the many mutual aid agreements that have grown over the years.

Under the Military Assistance to Safety and Traffic program, the 68th Medical Company supported 49 missions with more than 70 hours of flying time in support of this program.

Army National Guard units, 25th Infantry Division (Light) and U.S. Marines have provided helicopter fire bucket support to help fight local brush

25ID MIA returned home to American soil

Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command
 News Release

Remains believed to be associated with missing Americans from World War II and the Korean and Vietnam Wars were flown into Hickam Air Force Base Oct. 22. This marked the fifth, and final, remains recovery operation in North Korea for the year.

During the mission, Joint POW and MIA Accounting Command teams operated near both Unsan County and the Chosin Reservoir.

Unsan County, about 60 miles north of Pyongyang, is where battles between communist forces and the U.S. Army's 1st Cavalry and 25th Infantry Divisions took place in November 1950. Approximately 382 Americans are still missing from Unsan.

The Chosin Reservoir is where the 1st Marine Division and the Army's 7th Infantry Division fought Chinese forces in November through December 1950. Approximately 1,000 Americans are still missing in action from battles there.

The U.S. government, the Department of Defense, and the JPAC are committed to scientific excellence and the fullest possible accounting of all Americans still missing as a result of our nation's conflicts. JPAC continues to fulfill the nation's promise to the families of POW and MIA and those Americans still waiting to come home.

A joint honor guard memorialized the arrival of the remains as they were borne from the rear deck of a military aircraft. Following the arrival ceremony, remains were transported to the JPAC's Central Identification Laboratory where the forensic identification process began.

Since 1996, 32 joint operations have been conducted in North Korea resulting in the recovery of more than 200 missing Americans.

Today, there is one American still missing from the Gulf War, more than 1,800 from the Vietnam War, 120 from the Cold War, more than 8,100 from the Korean War, and more than 78,000 from World War II.

(Editor's Note: For JPAC mission information log on to www.jpac.pacom.mil)

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The Hawaii Army Weekly welcomes letters and commentaries from readers. To submit call the editor at 655-4816 or e-mail editor@hawaiiarmyweekly.com.

The deadline for articles is the Friday prior to the week of publication. Send all articles in Microsoft Word or text format.

OPINION & COMMENTARY

Fight today for more secure tomorrow

Commentary

By Col. Chuck Callahan
8th Medical Brigade

The global war on terrorism is a political football game whose run is well into mid-season. Gallons of ink have been spilled by both sides rooting for and against the team on the field. Armchair quarterbacks trade Monday morning critiques from bar stools to computer terminals.

Mine is a different perspective as I stomp the dust of Kuwait, Kandahar and Baghdad from my boots.

I am a simple guy: a Soldier who happens to be a doctor. This global war strikes me as a relatively straightforward problem, though I admit that the solution is daunting.

There are six billion people in the world today. At this moment, a finite number of them are willing to give their lives to kill me, my wife and my children. These enemies existed before our invasion of Afghanistan and Iraq, before Abu Ghraib, as the events of 9/11 bear witness. Some of these enemies may exist in our country. But most

do not. As a Soldier, it is my job and that of my colleagues to find and fix, close with and destroy these enemies. They need to be captured and brought to justice.

We could wait to go after them until they declare themselves, until they target Houston or Hollywood. But I do not want to expose my loved ones to that risk. They must be brought to justice wherever they are. Every nation on earth shares the risk and the responsibility. Americans are certainly not the only targets.

Nations that stand with us against these enemies are our friends. Those who won't are not. Those who harbor or would harbor them are our enemies. It is simple. We cannot afford to wait. The world is not the same as it was in the '40s, '50s, '60s or '90s when we faced regional groups with ambitions hindered only by technological impotence. They would have reached out in hatred to destroy us. They merely lacked the means.

Today our enemies do not. A dirty nuclear bomb, a release of weapons-grade smallpox, a cyber-bomb that cripples the Internet, all are within the enemies' reach.

As I have met and worked with Soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines in all the theaters of

Southwest Asia, it strikes me that these men and women know this. They are active-duty kids from Brooklyn and middle-aged men and women from Missouri deployed with their Reserve and Guard units yet again. They all understand. This is our generation's Normandy. It is our Guadalcanal. We hate being away from home. We certainly didn't choose the fight we are in. But we will be in it as long as there exists that finite number of people in the world who hate us, who retain the motivation and the means to do us harm.

Therein lies the second piece of the puzzle. Consider this: We are training an Army in Afghanistan to defend the government and fight terrorists. We are raising a nation in a place where many people drink from the same stream that they use as a toilet. It is a place where one in four children die before age 5, and one in 12 women dies in childbirth.

This is the training ground of our enemy, and this country is decades away from joining us at the table as a developed nation.

We discuss "rebuilding" in Iraq. In Afghanistan, it is a matter of building from the ground up a nation where one has never really existed before. The nuances are

complex, but the realities for a doctor are simple. I turned away from the bedside of a dying child in a non-U.S. hospital in Afghanistan when the doctor told me that nothing could be done. I am not sure. But I know in America we would have tried.

Can we focus our national energy on building the healthcare system of this nation to the point where that infant would have had the same chance mine would have had? Is this not an effort worth our national soul or limited American attention span?

This summer, while dozens of pampered, yet deserving, athletes battled in Athens, thousands and thousands of America's sons and daughters risked their lives in the hovels of Afghanistan and Iraq laboring to build and rebuild these fledgling nations. But we do not read about their stories or even think of them often enough. If we are to be successful in Southwest Asia, it will not be a matter of this administration or the next. This is a fight that will take decades to win. And it is these young people who will win it.

But these complexities are beyond me. I am a simple guy. It strikes me, though, that if our enemies are finite, we might further

diminish their number by taking away their ability to recruit from the children of the next generation. These potential enemies are the same children American Soldiers mingled with and cared for in Mosul, Iraq, and Masar-i-Sharif, Afghanistan.

Consider a child whose first memories of America are the faces of the doctors and nurses in uniform, struggling to save her after she stepped on a mine. What will this child and her parents think of the Americans they have met? And more importantly, will their memories make them less likely to become our enemies?

Time alone will tell. Unfortunately, it will be a long time. It will take the next president's administration at least, I think, and probably several more beyond it. The question is whether we, a drive-through, microwave, no-wait, take-a-pill nation, will endure it.

For the sake of all of our children, I hope so.

(Editor's Note: Col. Chuck Callahan is deployed to Camp Arifjan, Kuwait. He has been chief of pediatrics at Tripler Army Medical Center since 1998. These are Callahan's own views, not written in any other capacity.)

For the boys: A tribute to our husbands

Commentary

By Sarah Burdan
FRG Leader, 411th Eng. Bn.

It seems that in the chaos of life we are not always able to express ourselves. We may lack the time, the words, and the opportunity. If I may be so bold I would like to step in and represent the wives...all of them, to express our feelings to our Soldiers.

My Husband, What a precious word that is to me. Husband...I pause when I read it; I linger to hear it when it is spoken. Husband, it echoes in my heart and calls forth memories of our times together. Hero, father, warrior, lover, friend, protector they are all

wrapped into one word: Husband. One name, yours, and I am awed by the love that we share and the honor I feel to be your wife.

The days fly by and the nights never seem to end. I am learning how to seize the moment, and so I am seizing this moment to tell you how thankful I am for you.

You are my hero. You are my hero now as you fight, guard and work. You are my hero at home as you lead our family, play with kids and take out the garbage. I love you.

I respect you and honor you more than I can put into words. You are such a wonderful provider for me and our family. I might not have mentioned it before but I appreciate your provision for us very much.

You have always been the place where I run. You have been my com-

fort and my protector. It is your arms I long for in the dark and cold nights. Your shoulders I lean on. Your words I crave to hear your wisdom, your direction, your advice. I never understood how much I leaned on you. How much you are a part of me, and how much I need you.

I will and I can endure this separation. However, when you come home know that I have needed you. I need you now and I will forever. I can endure and operate on survival mode, but I need you! Never doubt that.

The time will go by and some day I will be in your arms again. I will be kissing you and everything will be okay. It always seems to be when I am in your arms. It is a magic you weave around me...no matter what is happening if I am in your arms it

all melts away.

I dream of you at night. You are my lover and I am yours alone. I am waiting and longing for your return. To the time when we will be united again and our hearts will be one. I wear many hats. I am a career woman, a housewife, a cook, a maid, a laundress, a mother, caretaker, a student, a friend, a sister and a daughter. However, above all I am your wife. That is my most cherished title.

I want you to know that I am yours alone. I will always be. Your heart is safe with me. I will not compromise you. My only desire is to bring you honor. I hope that when you return you will see all the work that I have done and be proud. I want you to know that I am doing my best.

I know that there will be a transitional period and that life will not be the same as when you left. I know that it will be a difficult time but I want you to know that I love you and that is all that matters - I love you and I need you. Everything else is secondary and we can work that out. Time will pass by again and any problems with it.

Thank you for faithfulness to me, our family and country. I am proud to say that I am married to a United States Soldier. I am proud to take your name and I am so proud of you.

Be safe and smart and come home to me. I will be here...waiting for your return.

I love you,
Your wife
(Editor's Note: E-mail Sarah Burdan at sburdan@411engineers.us.)

Voices of Lightning

What are you going to be for Halloween and what is your favorite candy to receive?



"I'm going to be an angel and I hope to get a lot of bubble gum."



"I am going to be a scary witch. My favorite candy to receive is Reese's Pieces."



"I am dressing up as Ariel, the Little Mermaid. I want to get chocolate."



"My costume is Cinderella and I like M and Ms the best."



"I'm going to be a monster, a scary monster and I like all chocolate."



"My costume is a racecar driver. My favorite candy to get is lollipops."

Adrianna Taylor
age 3
Family Member

Jasmyne Douglas
age 10
Family Member

Savannah Welten
age 3
Family Member

Reka Ramirez
age 4
Family Member

Ira Pula
age 3
Family Member

Cameron Carpenter
age 3
Family Member

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MPs curb violence through presence patrols

By Staff Sgt. Bradley Rhen
CTF Thunder Public Affairs

BAGRAM AIR FIELD, Afghanistan – Despite a strong U.S. and coalition military presence in Afghanistan, many parts of the country remain untamed. Even the area surrounding the largest coalition base in the country can still be a dangerous place.

For that reason, military police leave the friendly confines of Bagram Air Field every day to conduct presence patrols. The 58th Military Police Company, based out of Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, conducts many of these patrols.

Nearly every day since the company deployed here in April, Soldiers from the company have patrolled the surrounding area. Sometimes they get out of their vehicles and interact with locals, and some days they just drive through the many small villages in the area.

Whatever the case may be, the MPs are performing a valuable mission: they are letting the people of the areas surrounding the base – whether friendly or not – know that there is a U.S. military presence there.

“You go out there and engage with the local nationals just to show them that we do care, and we’re here to help them and not to hurt them,” said Staff Sgt. Marc Jones, a squad leader for the 58th MP Co.

Jones was the convoy commander for a three-humvee convoy that headed out of the Bagram gates around 7:30 a.m. on Oct. 23. He said the company does one day mission and one night mission every day.

Jones said the mission changes constantly. Every time they go out, they go to different areas, and sometimes they will do thermal surveillance operations where



Staff Sgt. Bradley Rhen

Afghan children gather to look at a humvee at a stop during a presence patrol by the 58th MP Co. Oct. 23 near Bagram Air Field, Afghanistan.

they will just sit somewhere and survey a riverbed or known avenues of approach into the BAF area.

Throughout the five-hour mission Oct. 23, the Soldiers would have to negotiate some treacherous terrain, and at one point found themselves in the middle of a crowded village bazaar.

Jones said each village has its own bazaar day, and the one the

convoy drove through is one of the larger bazaars he’s seen.

“As you go out there, you get to know the area and which days are the bazaar days, but that was a surprise to us today,” Jones said.

Often times, Jones said the MPs get out of their vehicles and interact with the public face to face, and hand out footballs, candy, pens, paper and coalition-produced newspapers in the local lan-

guages. They didn’t get out of their vehicles on this particular patrol, though, because they are respecting the Muslim religious observance of Ramadan.

In addition to increasing relations with the local populace, Jones said these types of patrols help provide security for personnel stationed at Bagram Air Field.

Spc. Cherie Giroux was the only female on the mission and was the

driver of the lead vehicle.

As the driver of the first vehicle, Giroux has a responsibility to ensure other vehicles don’t interfere with the convoy. It’s an important responsibility, but she said she doesn’t let it go to her head.

“I don’t want to run everybody off the road just because I’m ignorant, but if somebody interferes with the convoy or tries to push me off the road, I have to make sure they can’t,” Giroux said.

When locals see Giroux driving, often times they are shocked, she said. Under the Taliban regime, women weren’t allowed outside their homes without a male escort, they weren’t allowed to go to school and they were denied health care. They certainly weren’t allowed to drive a vehicle.

Considering the way the Taliban used to treat females, Giroux said it gives her a special feeling knowing she is in such a situation.

“When they see me driving – even at Bagram – they’re kind of in shock about it, but it’s my culture and I’d rather help them than anything else,” she said.

Jones, who has also been on about 100 missions, said it’s easy for him to avoid complacency.

“I look at the faces of all my Soldiers, because I have to bring them all home,” he said.

However routine these missions may have become over the past six months, Jones said he definitely thinks he’s making a difference in Afghanistan.

“I call my wife and I tell her all the time that I’m pleased with what we’re doing because I know in my heart we’re definitely making a difference with the people,” he said. “They get to see our face and it’s a friendly face, and hopefully the message we’re portraying to them is we’re here to help and we’re not the bad guys.”



Above and below: Volunteers measure patio area dimensions, level the surface and then Sgt. Niagara M. Durham (right) and other members of Company C, 25th Aviation, spread gravel on the patio at Child and Family Services on Schofield Barracks.



Brian Sanchez and George McCumber, Department of Public Works plumbers, repair a water fountain at Wheeler Elementary School.

Above: Synchronized mopping. Staff Sgt. Fiona Wells and Cpt. George Roberts, HHD 30th Signal Bn., scrub the USS Missouri decks during the Saturday Make a Difference Day at Pearl Harbor. Inset: CW3 Lorenzo Clemons wire brushes the deck to remove rust, preserving the U.S.S. Missouri.

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Community members pull together for Make A Difference Day 2004



Capt. Robert Hoover from HHC DISCOM cuts away debris from the Wahiawa Botanical Gardens during an early MADD project Oct. 21.

By Spc. Daniel P. Kelly
Assistant Editor

Hundreds of Soldiers, servicemembers, Army civilians and family joined in making neighborhoods better in the 14th Annual Make a Difference Day Oct. 23.

Army units and organizations from Schofield Barracks, Fort Shafter and across Oahu participated in more than 53 volunteer projects around the island ranging from cleaning the U.S.S. Missouri in Pearl Harbor, to cleaning up Sunset Beach.

"Make A Difference Day, sponsored by USA Weekend Magazine and the Points of Light Foundation, is the nation's largest day of community service," said M. Franco Salvoza of USA Weekend.com. "This year, volunteers pre-registered more than 2,300 service projects to benefit an estimated 30 million people."

President George W. Bush sent greetings and words of encouragement to Make A Difference Day volunteers, including Soldiers in Hawaii. "The strength of America lies in the hearts and souls of our citizens," Bush said. "Across our country, people are making a difference in our communities by donating their time and talents to help those in need," he said.

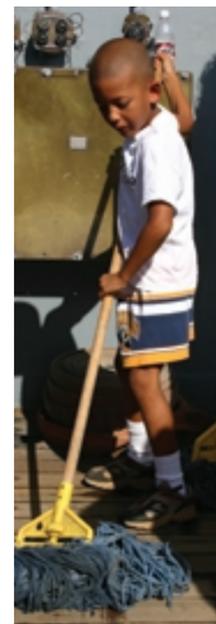
Sixty-two Co. C, 25th Aviation Rgt. Soldiers and family members were out in force to help several communities on Saturday. They contributed by participating in washing, painting and beautifying projects on North Shore, Wheeler Elementary School, Wheeler Army Air Field, Prudential Real Estate, Mililani and Child and Family Services, Ewa Beach.

Soldiers from the 30th Signal Battalion also made a difference by chipping, grinding, varnishing and painting the decks of the U.S.S. Missouri.

"This is where we come for reenlistment and promotion ceremonies," said Lt. Col. Lynne Daley, 30th Signal Bn. commander. "Cleaning the U.S.S. Missouri feels like we get a chance to give something back to the community and the ship."

Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 30th Signal Bn. 1st Sgt. Robert Copeland also helped in improving the historic ship. "The U.S.S. Missouri is a great project for the Make a Difference Day," Copeland said.

"Not only can we make a difference in the community by helping to keep the Missouri in shape, but it is also a project with special ties to the military and its



A Family member mops aboard the "Mighty Mo."

history. Moreover, the Soldiers get a chance to come out here and visit the ship and live history."

While Soldiers and family members were giving the U.S.S. Missouri some atten-

tion, Brownie Troop 66 was at Schofield Barracks learning that life is more than self and family.

"We want the kids to have a sense of helping the community," said Veronica Lile, Brownie Troop 66 troop leader.

Around 20 Brownies and family members participated in Make a Difference Day on Schofield Barracks. Their project was to clean the exterior of the Hui O Na Wahine Thrift Store.

Members raked, swept, and washed sidewalks and parking areas to give the Thrift Shop a Brownie makeover.

Family member, Damon Lile, 11, helped his sister's troop at the Thrift Shop and then his brother's Cub Scout Pack at the Tropic Lightning Museum.

"This is my third Make a Difference Day," Damon said. "It's all about helping the environment and people by volunteering. And, it's really fun."

Cub Scout Troop 166 chose to commit their energies to the Tropic Lightning Museum in what is becoming a Make a Difference Day tradition.

Nearly 40 boys and their parents met at the museum to rake the grounds, pick up trash and power-wash all the static displays.

"A few years ago, the museum allowed the scouts to use one of their rooms for

our meetings. As a way to give back, we cleaned up the exterior of the building and washed all the vehicles," said Greg Oerman, Webelos Den leader.

"Cleaning up on Make a Difference Day at the Museum has become a tradition.

"It's all about character building. The boys think they are having fun and we are building character when they're not looking," Oerman said.

Joel Mendez, 9, is a Webelos, and said this was his first Make a Difference Day.

"It makes me feel good," he said.

(Editor's Note: Joy Boisselle, Rafi Grant and Sgt. David Joubert contributed to this article.)



Left: Laura Kwon, an English as a Second Language teacher at Solomon Elementary plants flowers with the assistance of Allyson Judy (blue) and Ashley Lassiter.

Below left: A Soldier from 2-35 Infantry Rear Detachment paints the safety rails of the handicap accessible ramp at the Tropic Lightning Museum.

Below right: Department of Public Works employees Victor Lee, Ezell Palmer, Gary Soriano and Rick East cut wood for repair of benches and stairs at Wheeler Elementary School Oct. 23.



Briefs

Starting a Small Business – Are you interested in starting a small business? Army Community Service and the Business Action Center will be presenting this workshop on Nov. 4 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., ACS classroom, building 2091, Schofield Barracks. Learn about resource materials, govern-

ment contracts, loan programs and financing, and business information centers. For reservations, call 655-2400.

Free Admission to Hawaiian Waters Adventure Park – All active duty, Reservist, National Guard and retirees get free entry to Hawaiian Waters Adventure Park On Veterans Day, Nov. 11. Pre-sale tickets are still available, but free

tickets are limited. Contact ITR offices on Schofield Barracks at 655-9971 or Fort Shafter at 438-1985.

IAW Policy Memo USAG HI-11 Place of Duty for Soldiers is at Designated Parent Teacher

Conferences – A strong presence at PTCs is what helps make schools strong. It facilitates parental involvement and also keeps an open dialog with the child's teacher.

Parent Teacher Conference dates by school:

- Wheeler Elementary – Friday
- Wheeler Middle – Friday.
- Leilehua High – Nov. 8 – 10.
- Solomon Elementary – Nov. 15 – 24.
- Fort Shafter Elementary Friday – Nov. 1.

For more information contact the appropriate school.

The Army Community Service Centers Closure

Dates – ACS will be closed on Monday, Nov. 8 on Fort Shafter from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. On Schofield Barracks 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. This closure will allow staff to participate in the annual ACS Volunteer Awards and Appreciation Luncheon. For more information, call Alohalinda Bolosan at 655-2390.

Schofield Barracks and Shafter ID Card Sections

Closed – Nov. 12 Schofield Barracks and Fort Shafter ID card sections will be closed. Normal business hours will resume at 7:30 a.m. on Nov. 15. For more information, call Master Sgt. Constance Ceasar at 655-2959.

SAEDA/OPSEC Briefs in November – The Hawaii

Resident Office, 205th Military Intelligence Battalion will present community subversion and espionage directed against the army and

operations security briefs in November at Fort Shafter, Schofield Barracks and at Tripler. Soldiers and D.A. civilians are required to receive a SAEDA brief at least once a year. Dates and locations are as follows:

Nov. 15, 10 – 11 a.m. at Kyser Auditorium, Tripler

Nov. 17, 10 – 11 a.m. at Sgt. Smith Theater, Schofield Barracks

Nov. 30, 2 – 3 p.m. at Richardson Theater, Fort Shafter

Contact your unit security manager for more information or call the 205th MI Bn. at 438-1872 or e-mail 205mihro@shafter.army.mil.

Tricare Special Pharmacy Bulletin – In the transition to a new retail contract beginning on June 1 some patients and providers may have been inconvenienced by the enforcement of Tricare's long-standing mandatory generic drug policy. While the Department of Defense seeks documentation that may have been previously submitted to validate medical necessity, any beneficiary who has received a brand-name product when a generic alternative exists within 180 days from the date of the extension, (from Dec. 21, 2003 through June 18, 2004), will be allowed to continue receiving the brand-name product for a grace period of 180 days from June 18. (This timeframe was extended on Oct. 13 for an additional 60 days, a total of 180 days, and now expires Dec. 12, 2004.)

For more information about the Tricare Pharmacy program, visit the Tricare pharmacy Web site at www.tricare.osd.mil/pharmacy/ or call (877) 363-6337.

The Schofield Barracks Military Police Found

Property Office – has several items in its possession. You will need to provide valid identification, a detailed description of the property, and proof of ownership to retrieve lost or stolen items. The Found Property office is located at the Provost Marshal Office, Bldg #3010 Lyman Rd. Schofield Barracks. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday 7 a.m. - 3 p.m. daily. If you have items that have been lost or missing, you can contact SSG Bundra or Mr. Roberts at 655-7114.

Commissary Now has Internet Coupons – The Defense Commissary Agency is helping customers increase their savings by making Internet coupon links available under a new section at the links page at www.commissaries.com.

“Although we sell groceries at cost, we are always seeking new resources to help our customers increase their savings,” said Patrick B. Nixon, chief executive officer for DeCA. “As the trend toward Internet coupons grows, this section of our Web site will continue to grow as well.”

Along with top Web sites for military grocery coupons, the new section has a link to a new site that offers a choice of English or Spanish; and for customers who prefer more traditional coupons, another link offers commissary shoppers the opportunity to sign up for coupons by mail.

Time Off For Voting Policy – In accordance with DoD Regulation 1400.25-M, excused absence may be granted to permit an employee to report to work three hours after the polls open or leave work three hours before the polls close, whichever involves less time away from work. For example, if

polls are open 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., an employee with duty hours of 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. may report to work at 9:30 a.m. The 30 minutes of excused absence would permit the employee to report to work three hours after the polls open.

2005 All Army Sports Application Deadline Dates – Men's and women's sports:

Bowling Nov. 1; Boxing Nov. 2; Cross-Country Nov. 29; Wrestling Dec. 15; Taekwondo Mar. 5; Triathlon Mar. 11. Men's sports: Volleyball Mar. 5. Women's sports: Soccer Feb. 14; Volleyball Mar. 19. Athlete application, DA Form 4762-R January 2001, must be signed by the Soldier's commander and submitted to the U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii installation sports director. Applications are available at all Army Hawaii gyms. Obsolete editions are not accepted. The sports office is located in the Ka'ala Recreation Center, building 556, Schofield Barracks. For more information call 655-9914 or 655-0101.

OCS Selection Board –

The next D.A. Officer Candidate School Selection Board is scheduled to convene the week of Jan. 24. Soldiers who wish to be considered by this selection board must submit their applications through command channels to Military Personnel Division, D.A. Boards Section, Trailer 14, Room 4, on Ayers Ave, Schofield Barracks Nov. 1-18. The Installation Structured Interview Panel will convene Dec. 6 to interview qualified applicants. Specific interview dates, times, and location will be provided to each individual applicant. Eligibility criteria and application procedures are outlined in AR 350-51. For more information call Nan Lucero at 655-4511 or Corinne Queja at 655-1845.

Anthrax Vaccination Program Paused

Department of Defense News Release

The Department of Defense is currently reviewing a preliminary injunction issued today by the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia regarding the department's anthrax vaccination program.

The injunction did not question the safety and effectiveness of the anthrax vaccine or the immunization program in the DoD. The injunction centered on FDA procedural issues stating that additional public comment should have been sought before the FDA issued its final rule in December of 2003.

The Defense Department's anthrax vaccination program is an important force protection measure. Research conducted by several prominent medical experts and a report by the National Academy of Sciences has

determined that the anthrax vaccine is safe and effective for all forms of anthrax exposure.

As a result of the injunction, the Department of Defense will pause giving anthrax vaccinations until the legal situation is clarified.

Today's ruling is similar to the judge's injunction issued in December 2003. At that time DoD paused the vaccination program pending clarification of the legal issues. The 2003 injunction was lifted roughly two weeks later.

DoD remains convinced that the anthrax immunization program complies with all the legal requirements and that the anthrax vaccine is safe and effective.

A copy of Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld's memorandum concerning the action is at <http://www.defenselink.mil/news/Oct2004/d20041027anthrax.pdf>

Disability Awareness Month: Success knows no limitation

By John A Emmert
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Soldiers can become disabled at any time and instantly face great challenges, one who knows told a crowd in the Pentagon's Hall of Heroes Oct. 19.

Spc. Nicola Harvey related her experiences as a Soldier who became disabled in Iraq as she participated in the Army's 2004 Disability Employment Awareness Month event. The program was sponsored by the Army's Office of the Administrative Assistant, Equal Employment Opportunity.

The theme of the program was "You're hired! Success knows no limitations." Speakers urged those in attendance to focus on the abilities of potential employees, not their disabilities.

Harvey was deployed to Iraq with the New Jersey National Guard's 253rd Transportation Company when she was injured Aug. 5, 2003, in Baugi. An explosion shattered her truck's windshield and filled the cabin with debris.

Her injuries included cuts on her body, a cut cornea and glass fragments in her eyes, she said. She learned a month later that pieces of glass will remain in her eyes and she received the Purple Heart Jan. 28.

Harvey said she was one of the lucky few who came home right away and found a job. A lot of the Soldiers coming home are having problems, she said, and don't know about the programs available to them.

"Companies that include people with disabilities in their diversity programs increase their competitive advantage," said guest speaker Jody Wildy, diversity program manager, Office of Disability Employment Policy, U.S. Department of Labor.

When workers with disabilities are hired "employers gain a qualified, stable and diverse workforce; people with disabilities get jobs, and society saves money that previously funded public benefits and services for people with disabilities," said Wildy, who lost her legs in a drunk driving accident.

The healthcare, manufacturing and construction industries are already reporting difficulty finding skilled workers, she said.

Workers with disabilities represent a large pool of potential applicants, said Sheila Young, disability program manager, Directorate of Equal Employment Opportunity.

Unfortunately, a large number of individuals with disabilities are unemployed or underemployed despite their desires to work and make a contribution, Wildy said. People with disabilities still experience discrimination.

The most difficult barrier to overcome, aside from the physical and systemic barriers, are the attitudes people carry regarding people with disabilities, Wildy said. People think they know what is best for peo-



Sgt. Lorie Jewell

Jody Wildy lost both legs above her knees after a 1991 car accident caused by a drunk driver. She has been working in the disability field for 12 years, most recently serving as a program manager in the U.S. Labor Department's Office of Disability Employment Policy. Wildy was a guest speaker at a Disability Employment Awareness 2004 event Oct. 19 in the Pentagon.

ple with disabilities and what they can and can't do.

"When people look at me, they look at what I can't do rather than what I can do," said Wildy.

If she and a person without a disability both applied for the same position and both applicants have the same experience, whom do you think they are going to hire, asked Wildy. They are going to hire the person without the disabilities because of silly mindsets like disabled people are more prone to accidents or that they will cost more. In fact, it costs less than \$500 to provide an accommodation for a person with a disability.

Pentagon Chaplain Col. Ralph Benson summed up the feeling and general message of the program during the ceremony's invocation. He said it is important to celebrate our physical limitations and see in our disabilities the power of hope and determination that can be instilled in a workplace and a community that respects each person for the depth of their character and not blinded by the handicap that can be seen.

More information on Veteran's Disability Resources can be found at www.va.gov.

Information on the Job Accommodations Network, the ADA and small businesses can be found at www.jan.wvu.edu.

Employment Assistance Referral Network can be found at www.earnworks.com. It connects employers to employment service providers who have direct access to candidates with disabilities.

Disability related information available throughout the federal government can be found at www.disabilityinfo.gov.

U.S. elections are on Tuesday: Will you vote for your future?

By Spc. Daniel P. Kelly
Assistant Editor

With U.S. Presidential elections just three days away, if you haven't registered to vote or voted already, chances are you're going to have to wait until the next election to participate.

Some Soldiers and civilians found registering to vote and casting their ballot can be both difficult and easy.

Debbie Ursva works at the Post Exchange on Schofield Barracks, and unlike many Soldiers stationed here, is a hometown resident of Hawaii.

"If you want to see things change you have to vote," Ursva said.

For Ursva, registering to vote was just taking a trip to the Department of Motor Vehicles where she was automatically registered when renewing her driver's license.

Ursva has cast her vote and said every vote counts — even in Hawaii, which gets four electoral votes.

"I think it's unfair we get so little (electoral votes)," she said. "Hawaii has a lot of people."

While Hawaii is one of the smaller elec-

toral states, other states have more. For example, Indiana has 11.

Pvt. 2 Josh Harding, an Indiana resident, just got out of Infantryman Advanced Individual Training in Fort Benning, Ga. Harding is 18, and this year is his first chance for election. At least it used to be.

"I won't get to vote because I didn't register in time," Harding said.

Harding came to Schofield Barracks Sunday, and said the ability to [register] to vote while in training wasn't easy.

"During basic training we got a briefing (on elections) by our company commander," Harding said, "and I think it's important that you get what you want. You have to know the candidates and be involved if you want to help make a change."

But Harding said he and fellow infantryman didn't get to watch a lot of news, or learn much about the candidate because they were constantly training, as is most of the Army today, for war.

Harding said although he won't be able to vote this year, he hopes to vote during the next election.

Second Lt. Lindsey Dane, 25th Infantry

Division (Light) voting assistance officer, has a job to help Soldiers in the Division get registered and give them a chance to vote under the Army's policy.

The voting-assistance campaign with the personal-empowering slogan "It's Your Future: Vote for it" is the driving force behind Dane's mission here.

"My job is to be as helpful as I can to unit representatives," Dane said.

Dane helps unit voting assistance representatives get information to their Soldiers, and believes voting effects all people in the United States.

"You can say you aren't political," she explained, "but the presidential elections will have an effect on you."

With thousands of U.S. Soldiers and all servicemembers deployed in Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom, the fate of their service and sacrifice come down to one person — The President of the United States; and while not every servicemember may have voted this time, Dane said one thing is clear.

"If you're the one defending this nation, shouldn't you have a say in who's running it?" she asked.

Deploying Soldiers getting priority for laser eye surgery

By Donna Miles
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – Many people choose laser eye surgery because they think it will make them more attractive or save them from having to grapple to find their glasses all the time.

But for an increasing number of Soldiers, laser eye surgery isn't a cosmetic or convenience issue. It's about saving lives on the battlefield.

"The bottom line is that if you're in the middle of a fight and you can't see the enemy before they see you, you're dead," Army Lt. Col. Scott Barnes, an ophthalmologist at the Warfighter Refractive Eye Clinic at Fort Bragg, N.C.

Barnes said that motivation has spurred special operations and 18th Airborne Corps Soldiers at Fort Bragg to flock to the clinic at Womack Army Medical Center "in droves," hoping to get laser eye surgery before their upcoming deployments.

"We're operating full speed ahead," said Barnes. He said the clinic is giving priority to combat troops on deployment orders.

Fort Bragg isn't alone. Throughout the military services, there's a growing recognition that eyeglasses can be a battlefield liability.

Dirt, grime and lack of convenient hygiene facilities make contact lenses impractical in combat zones. On the other hand, eyeglasses break and fog up when subjected to the rigors of combat, like jumping out of airplanes, diving underwater, or crawling through dirt and sand, Barnes said. Some Soldiers complain that they interfere with night-vision goggles or gas masks.

And although the military runs mobile eyeglass fabrication labs to replace broken eyeglasses,

Barnes said they simply can't be as responsive as the 24-hour commercial eyeglass shops that dot American shopping centers nationwide.

Barnes said some troops question what might happen if they are taken prisoner and their captors take their glasses away from them. "How can you have any chance of escaping if you can't see?" Barnes said they ask.

"The threat of having to go without glasses can be a psychological factor for a Soldier who is dependent on his glasses," Barnes said. "It boils down to the fact that eyeglasses can be a liability."

Barnes said he'd like to be able to provide laser eye surgery for any Soldier who wants it, but that limited time and resources force him to give priority to troops most likely to see combat.

The military has come a long way since 2000, when DoD first began allowing people with two common forms of laser eye surgery to enter the military with a medical waiver.

Now all the services offer laser eye surgery for their members, although rules vary about who's eligible to receive it and what military jobs they're able to fill.

The Army's first Warfighter Refractive Eye Clinic, at Fort Bragg, opened its doors in May 2004 and has conducted about 16,000 of the surgeries, Barnes said.

The Army now operates four other clinics to include Tripler Army Medical Center. In addition, Barnes said the Army conducts laser eye surgery at two centers where it also teaches the procedure.

(Editor's Note: read the entire article here: www.defenselink.mil/news/Oct2004/n10252004_2004102506.html.)

Journalist recounts journey from Hawaii to Afghanistan

By Staff Sgt. Bradley Rhen
CTF Thunder Public Affairs

BAGRAM AIR FIELD, Afghanistan – Over the past 10 months, thousands of Soldiers have deployed from Hawaii to Iraq and Afghanistan. There's always a big hub-bub the day they leave, and the next time they're heard from is usually after they get to their destination.

In between, there's usually a long, boring flight with several stop-overs, and most likely some interesting stories, along the way.

That was the case for me when I left for my deployment to Afghanistan Oct. 11. All told, it took me four days to get here, including stops in San Francisco; Bangor, Maine; Shannon, Ireland; and Incirlik Air Base, Turkey, before a nice two-day layover in beautiful Manas Air Base, Kyrgyzstan.

From the beginning, I knew my trip would be wonderful when I got on the plane at Hickam Air Force Base. I had hoped there would be some empty seats so I might be able to stretch out. Lucky me, I ended up in the middle seat between two other Soldiers, and I can assure you the seats were not designed for someone who is 6'2."

After San Francisco, the next stop: Bangor, Maine. Little did we know we would have to run a gauntlet of older men and women who were dishing out handshakes, shoulder slaps and hugs. Many of them were wearing hats and shirts indicating that they were veterans, and the fact they were at the airport before 9 a.m. local time was indeed heartwarming.

The USO had cell phones they let us use and all kinds of free cookies and candy for us. They also had cutouts of newspapers posted on the wall that had pictures of service members who had been killed overseas. Many of the photos had messages written next to them like "R.I.P." by friends who passed through Bangor on their way back to the states. Reading those messages, the reality of my deployment really began to set in.



Staff Sgt. Bradley Rhen (left) faces the cold, Middle Eastern weather after leaving Hawaii for Afghanistan in October.

After Bangor, we flew to Shannon, Ireland. It was strange seeing more than 100 American Soldiers in uniform walk through an airport in another country. Hungry for a snack, I bought a cold chicken and stuffing sandwich and a Coke for a measly \$7. What a deal.

When we walked into the terminal at Incirlik Air Base, Turkey, we were pleasantly surprised to find game one of the American League Championship Series on TV. Despite the fact the Yankees were beating the Red Sox 8-0 and the game seemed out of reach, many of us sat and watched, perhaps because we didn't know how often we would be able to watch TV during our deployment.

After Turkey, we continued our eastward journey. No one was really sure where we were stopping. Most were sure we were going to one of the "stans" – Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan,

Tajikistan. When we first landed, no one was quite sure where we were. After asking around, I found out we were at Manas Air Base, Kyrgyzstan, near the capital of Bishkek.

Nearly 32 hours after leaving Hawaii we arrived at what a few of us would call home for the next two days as we awaited our flight to Afghanistan: a huge tent with hundreds of beds and cots on the floor and one big-screen TV.

After the two and a half hour flight and a "combat landing" that caused a couple people to lose their lunch we touched down at Bagram Air Field. Four days after leaving Hawaii, I finally made it to the place I had been preparing for since early August. If the rest of my deployment is anything like the journey I went on just to get in-country, I will have a lot of stories to tell when it's over.

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fires. Federal Fire also provides support to local fire departments when needed.

The Army's 706th EOD team works with local police departments to help remove unexploded ordnance on the islands of Oahu and Hawaii.

The USARPAC Chemical, Biological, Radioactive, Nuclear and Explosives, or CBRNE, program works with other services and state and organizations to ensure first responders have the right equipment and training to deter, or defend against, a chemical or biological attack.

Stability

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to look for IEDs," Cochran said.

This was important as TF 1-14 Inf. Soldiers were subject to numerous enemy attacks throughout the operation, but with no life-threatening injuries.

To ensure safe maneuverability for the Soldiers throughout the operation, snipers were positioned on rooftops throughout the city.

Cochran was one of those snipers and used the vantage point to watch out for his squad.

"When you are in a city environment, you don't know where the enemy is going to be," Cochran said. "I'm there to make sure my squad and fire team make it across streets without getting picked off when they move from building to building."

Following the 24-hour initial attack, TF 1-14 Inf. conducted presence patrols, paid minor claims for damaged buildings and interacted with the community through other civic operations.

During a foot patrol, some community members showed their appreciation for what the U.S. Army and Iraqi Security Forces did in the city.

"A mother and her small child thanked me for getting

the thieves out of the city," Cochran recounted. "I felt really good about the mission after they thanked me.

"Our mission was a success. If the Iraqis continue to do their part then the city should stay safe," Cochran added.

TF 1-14 Inf. also helped secure the Green Zone of Samarra, which is a protected area where the Samarra mayor and Iraqi Security Forces were able to set up and start running the city's basic infrastructure.

"If we had to go it alone, without the support of the military, we could not possibly provide the level of security that is in place in Hawaii today," said Edward T. Teixeira, vice director of civil defense.

"While it is virtually invisible to our citizens and visitors on a daily basis, those of us who work in homeland security and emergency management at the state and county levels, know we can depend on all of our important military partners," Teixeira concluded.

(Editor's Note: The JTF-HD area of responsibility also includes at least 12 countries, or territories and their territorial waters and airspaces.)

COMMUNITY & SPORTS

ROTC RANGER CHALLENGE

comes to Oahu



Cadets start the two-mile run, one of three events in the Army Physical Fitness Test at the Ranger Challenge, Bellows Air Force Station.

Photos and story by Spc. Charles Hayes
Staff Writer

Every year at colleges and universities that offer the Reserve Officers' Training Corps program, cadets across the nation volunteer to compete in an event known as the Ranger Challenge.

"I think about my career and where I want it to go and that's why I volunteered to compete. I may never go to Ranger school, but I pushed myself to test my strengths," said Cadet Brian Mirr from the University of Hawaii ROTC.

"The purpose of Ranger Challenge is to engage cadets in tough mental and physical competition, enhance leader development, develop team cohesion, and develop healthy competition among ROTC battalions," said Lt. Col. Jim Johnson, University of Hawaii Army ROTC professor of military science.

The Ranger Challenge team from the school that earns the highest number of points overall will win the title of Task Force Pacific Rim Ranger Challenge Champion and take home the trophy.

In the past, the Ranger Challenge took place at the University of Alaska at Fairbanks and the University of Guam. This year however, on the home ground of the University of Hawaii, the three schools competed here on Oahu at Bellows Air Force Station on Oct. 22.

The day began early with a physical fitness test at 6 a.m. for nine cadets from each school. The test is the Army's standard to judge a person's level of physical performance. Test events include two minutes of pushups and sit-ups, and a 2-mile run done in as little time as possible.

Once the cadets finished the Army

Physical Fitness Test, they move on to the land navigation event. Each school breaks its group up into teams of two or three cadets. There are 40 points and the teams are given 90 minutes to successfully navigate to each point.

The cadets then move into a round robin with three events, traverse a one-rope bridge, complete a M16 disassembly and reassembly, and the simulated grenade throw.

The final event of the day was the 10-kilometer foot-march with rucksacks and rubberized weapons. The lead-off team was from the University of Guam, which had the highest point total from previous events.

"Teamwork was a huge part of the Ranger Challenge. We supported each other and helped each other through each event, whether it was a team effort or just cheering on buddies," said Mirr. "ROTC as a whole brings the group closer. We are a close-knit group."

"The Ranger Challenge competition requires a fair amount of work on the part of the cadets who compete and the cadre members who organize it, but it is one of the highlights of the year from which many stories originate and grow into local legend. The PACRIM competition is like no other in the nation in terms of distances that the cadets and cadre travel," said Johnson.

"The prospect of interacting with members of ROTC programs from such remote locations is one of the special aspects, which we value," he added.

This year, the University of Guam took top honors and the title of Task Force PACRIM Ranger Challenge Champions. This is the fifth year that University of Guam has held the title.

Below: A Cadet from the University of Alaska at Fairbanks ROTC tosses a dummy grenade in the notional-grenade toss event of the ROTC Ranger Challenge.

Top right: Cadets had to cross the stream using teamwork. Each member of the team had their own specific job and purpose to help get the bridge completed and all of the members and their equipment across the water.

Bottom right: Cadet Raave Leopele from the University of Hawaii ROTC swims across a stream during the one rope bridge event of the Ranger Challenge. After all of the cadets on his team finished crossing, it was his job to untie the rope and swim across to rejoin his team.





This Week at the MOVIES

SGT SMITH THEATER

TODAY
Cellular
7 p.m. (PG-13)

Saturday, Oct. 30
Napoleon Dynamite
2 p.m. (PG)

Cellular
7 p.m. (PG-13)

Sunday Oct. 31
Paparazzi
7 p.m. (PG-13)

Monday - Thursday
Closed

HICKAM AFB MOVIE SCHEDULE

TODAY
Hero
7 p.m. (PG-13)

Saturday Oct. 30
Sky Captain And The World Of Tomorrow
2 p.m. (PG)

Hero
7 p.m. (PG-13)

Sunday Oct. 31
Sky Captain And The World Of Tomorrow
2 p.m. (PG)

Sunday Oct. 31
Hero
7 p.m. (PG-13)

Monday and Tuesday
Closed

Wednesday Nov. 3
Wimbeldon
7 p.m. (PG-13)

Thursday Nov. 4
Wimbeldon
7 p.m. (PG-13)

Harvest Week at the Tropics - Oct. 29 - Teen Monster Bash for 9 - 12 graders (ID cards will be checked to verify age and grade), 7 - 10 p.m. Cost: \$3 for Child and Youth Services members, \$4 for non-members. MacGregor's Market will be open for service. Live DJ, contests and more.

Oct. 30 - Fright Night from 6 - 10 p.m. Join us for a night of games, costume contest, (prizes will be awarded for the best costume for ages 4 and younger, 5 - 8 and 9 - 12 age divisions and the spookiest family - minimum 3 people), and much more. Scooby Doo Cartoon marathon 6 - 8 p.m., Adult scary movie at 8 p.m.

Halloween Monster Bash - It's a graveyard smash with costume contests, light pupus, drink specials, games and prizes at the Nehelani, Schofield Barracks Oct. 29, 7 - 11 p.m. Adults only. 655-4466.

What's happening at your Nearest Bowling Center? - American Hero's Bowling League- Join the league, bowl 18 sessions and earn one of six Viz-A-Ball bowling balls celebrating

America and the Armed Services. Call Schofield Barracks Bowling Center at 655-0573 for more information.

Aloha Hawaii Invitational Bowling Tournament - Watch the Aloha Hawaii Invitational that will be held at Schofield Bowling Center Nov. 21 at 10 a.m. Call 655-0573 for information.

Junior Bowling - Junior Bowling with instruction for beginners and bowling techniques for other experienced junior bowlers is available every Saturday at the Fort Shafter Bowling Center. Call 438-6733 for information.

Five Game, No Tap Tournament - Tournament is held every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month at the Schofield Barracks Bowling Center. This month's will be held only on Nov. 7. Check-in at 1 p.m. Cost is \$20. Call 655-0573 for information.

Cosmic Bowling Parties - Celebrate a special function with a cosmic bowling party. Available at Fort Shafter, Schofield Barracks and Wheeler Army Air Field Bowling Centers.

Call the nearest center for information.

Blue Star Card Bowling Special - Bowl for \$1 a game at the Schofield Barracks Bowling Center, Monday - Friday until 5 p.m. (excludes federal holidays). Call 655-0573 for more information.

Commissary Dash N' Grab - Enter for a chance to win the next Commissary Dash N' Grab event that is scheduled for Jan. 27 at 7:30 a.m. Entry boxes are located at the commissary, Army Community Service or Tropics, all located on Schofield Barracks. Three finalists will be chosen at the January Town Hall Meeting. MWR Blue Star Card members are automatically entered to win. Finalists will be notified. Open to active duty families and spouses. This event will be held quarterly. Event is sponsored by Army Hawaii Family Housing, DECA and MWR.

MWR Pet Kennel - The MWR Boarding Kennel located at the Halawa State Quarantine site in Halawa is an outdoor facility open to cats and dogs only. The cost

to board a dog is \$14, second family dog in same kennel, \$10. Cats are \$10 per day, second family cat in the same kennel is \$5. Limited spaces are available for eligible patrons who include active duty, DoD civilian, retirees and Reserve personnel. Blue Star Card Holders receive 10 percent off. Call 368-3456 for more information or reservations.

"The King and I" Preview - Blue Star Card Holders are invited to watch a free "The King and I" presentation at Fort Shafter's Richardson Theatre with free appetizers Nov. 17, 6:30 p.m. Round trip transportation is provided from Peterson Child Development Center on Schofield Barracks, but seating is limited. Transportation reservations must be made by noon on Nov. 15 by calling 655-0111 or 655-0112. Free child care is offered at Peterson to Blue Star Card Holders beginning at 6 p.m. Call 655-8313 for information.

Monday Night Football - Enjoy free pupus and live Monday night football at Waianae Beach Club beginning at 4 p.m. with karaoke to follow. Join the fun with drink specials and door prizes. Call 696-4778 for more information. Also at Reggie's, live on satellite at 4 p.m. or repeat at 7 p.m. with ice cold beverages and pupu specials. Call 655-4466.

Donate a Stuffed Animal - Help fulfill a child's Christmas wish by donating a stuffed animal before Dec. 3. Donations will be accepted at Pililau Army Recreation Center, Fort Shafter Auto Craft Center and at the Directorate of Community Activities building 350 on Wheeler Army Air Field. Call 696-6026 for information.

Community Packing Days - Do you need materials, tape or wrapping paper for your care package? The Fort Shafter library will have materials available on Nov. 7 and 21 and the AMR library will have materials available on Nov. 13. Available from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Participants are

responsible for postage and taking packages to the post office. Call 438-9521 or 833-4851 for information.

Tropics November Food Special - Try St. Louis ribs, full rack only \$14.50 or a half rack \$9.50, both offered with two sides. Call 655-0002 for information.

Parent's Night Out - Nov. 13, from 6 - 11 p.m. drop off the kids at Child and Youth Services and enjoy an evening out. Fees for Parent's Night Out are as follows: E-5 and below are \$15 for one child and \$5 each additional child. E-6 and above pay \$20 for one child and \$5 for each additional child. If child is not registered with CYS, a \$15 registration fee is applicable. Reservations are on a first come first served basis. Call the registration and referral office for more information: Schofield Barracks at 655-5314 or AMR at 833-5393.

Family Readiness Group Fundraiser - Fundraiser is available on Dec. 4, for the annual Holiday Fun Fest event held at AMR Community Center. Open to all FRGs. If interested in participating call 833-0920 after 2 p.m.

Vehicle Safety Inspections - Bring your car to the MWR Auto Craft Center from the 1st to the 15th of the month and receive \$2 off the normal price of a vehicle inspection. Non-tinted window cars cost \$10. \$15 for tinted windows. Call Fort Shafter at 438-9402 or Schofield Barracks at 655-9368.

Mongolian BBQ - Select from a large variety of meats and vegetables, and we'll grill them to personal preferences Nov. 10 beginning at 5 p.m. at the Nehelani, Schofield Barracks with seating at Reggie's. Cost is \$4 for the first four ounces and \$.65 each ounce after. Reservations required by calling 655-0660.

Hawaiian Luau Lunch Buffet - Taste a local cuisine buffet at Reggie's Restaurant on Schofield Barracks Nov. 19, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Perfect for office parties. Cost is \$8.95. Call 655-4466 for information.

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Motorcycles are leading cause of driver fatalities: Safety, education are key

By Spc. Sarah A. Brewer
Contributing Writer

In the state of Hawaii approximately 2 percent of the registered vehicles are motorcycles however they account for more than 15 percent of motor vehicle fatalities. Army-wide vehicle accidents have also taken many lives.

"The Army lost 266 Soldiers to accidents in FY04 – the highest number since 1991," said Brig. Gen. Joe Smith, director of Army Safety.

"For those not deployed, a whopping 79 percent of those deaths occurred while the Soldiers were behind the wheel of a vehicle. In the CENTCOM theater, driving accounted for 60 percent of our accidental deaths," said Smith.

FY05 is quickly heading down the wrong path for the Army. To date, POV accidents account for 75 percent of the FY05 accidental deaths – this equates to one Soldier dying on the road every other day.

The Army has already lost 13 Soldiers: six of them died in cars, three on motorcycles this past weekend.

"We don't have them finalized, but the initial reports indicate two of the fatalities came when the Soldier operators were doing wheelies," said Smith. Other Soldiers witnessed both events, yet no one spoke up.

"First-line leaders need to uncover and stop this type of dangerous activity," emphasized Smith.

Many Soldiers ride motorcycles here in Hawaii since it is a cheaper form of transportation in both vehicle cost and the cost of gasoline.

Master Sgt. Edward Penafield of the Motorcycle Safety Office offers tips for Soldiers who already own a motorcycle or who are interested in buying one.

According to Penafield, Army Hawaii installations follows Maj. Gen. Olson's motorcycle policy. The following items must be worn at all times, both on and off post by Soldiers and on post for all civilians.

DOT Approved helmet (DOT sticker will be on the helmet)

- Goggles
- Full-fingered gloves
- Reflective vest with following



safety.army.mil/ pages/media/posters.html

Required protection for motorcycle drivers - whether on or off post.

- items:
- Color must be orange, lime green or red
- Two reflective stripes, one inch thick or more, on both front and back of vest
- If a backpack is worn, vest must cover pack or additional vest must be worn over backpack
- Over ankle boots or shoes
- Long pants, preferably denim
- Possess a Motorcycle Safety Card

Additional tips gathered from several websites include the following:

- PMCS your motorcycle
- Keep headlights on at all times
- When line of sight is restricted, reduce speed
- Before proceeding through intersection, check left, check right, check front, check right, then check left again
- Keep 2-4 second following distance between motorists
- Flash brake light when slowing down or stopping
- Always use turn signals

Despite these preventative measures Smith asserted, "Motorcycle operation is the most risky type of vehicle driving."

Other drivers often don't see a bike on the road and two wheels offer far less traction and control for the operator.

The power-to-weight ratio is much higher than other trans-

portation and crash protection, even with personal protective equipment is minimal.

These factors and more are cause for leader concern and aggressive involvement.

Smith encourages leaders to find out who owns motorcycles in the unit and find out what training and experience they have.

The Motorcycle Safety Office on Schofield Barracks now offers three motorcycle safety courses for those interested in purchasing a motorcycle.

The basic course is required for all Soldiers before riding a motorcycle. The on post course provides a motorcycle for Soldiers to ride before buying their own.

In addition to the basic course, a modified basic course is available for those who own a motorcycle and are semi-familiar with riding but have not taken the basic course.

An experienced rider course is also offered for those who have been riding for more than a year, but would like to improve their skills.

For more information call Master Sgt. Penafield or Sgt. 1st Class Malabanan at 656-9640 or 656-1715 regarding Maj. Gen. Olsons policy.

See AR 385-55 for information about the appropriate gear to be worn while on a motorcycle, both on and off duty.

Commentary: Reunion – the final frontier?

By Michele Adams-Thompson
Contributing Writer



Are we there yet? I know I'm not the only one who is incredibly relieved to see the word in print, much less to think it might be coming in range on my own personal radar. All these long months of thinking about the deployment and finally we get to start preparing for something so much more hopeful, so much more happy – reunion!

Bottom line up front, there is a lot of solid research in from the last decade of military deployments and here's the deal: after everything we've been through with this deployment, we are just now getting to the most important stage for both the Soldier and spouse.

Read that again to make sure you understand it – this is the most important stage.

I see that uncomprehending, slightly wary look on your face. Yes, after all the growing, limit-stretching, boundaries-of-tolerance experiences we've had forced on us over all these long months, we are just now getting to the important part.

Sure, the baby was hospitalized for a week and you had to lean on all your friends to take your other two preschoolers, and yes, that was the same week your dad had a heart attack back home which was also the same week your Soldier's unit came up for patrol duty in one of the war's worst hot spots.

All these things may be true, and lots more that were

as many reasons why this deployment is unlike any other as there are reasons why every day brings us some new twist or turn.

Adjustment, transition, finding the "new normal" – whatever words you want to give to it, the truth is, adjustment is inevitable and no one and no family is exempt, period. The research seems to constantly underscore this point and still there will be many of us caught by surprise and some of us even slightly undone by it.

Expect and plan on things to be different - everyone's grown, learned, changed and this is normal, healthy and we should be counting on it. Expect the transition to take time so plan to take it slow as you get to know each other again. Expect some tension along the way, so keep a handle on unrealistic expectations about the way you imagine things will be when your Soldier comes home.

Finally, communicate, communicate, communicate! Look for the feelings underneath the issues that surface and find words for them. While you're doing this, resist the strong urge to be defensive and remember that you and your Soldier are on the same side, both trying to come to terms with the transition.

None of us has to do this alone. There are many resources available to us here in our own community and online as well. Check out the resources at www.mwrarmy-hawaii.com or call ACS at 655-2400.

a lot worse, but the families who've already done this are here to tell us that we are just now getting to the most important part of the deployment which is getting ready to welcome our Soldier home.

Redeployment and reunion are about the Soldier finding his or her place in the family again.

It's ultimately about the process of the dust settling and every member of the family finding the "new normal", moving on with life as healthy persons and as a happy family. Surviving ends up merely being a step toward thriving in spite of everything we've been through in this deployment.

Maybe you've been through a deployment before and you're about to check out of this discussion. Think again. No two deployments are the same. You have never been through this deployment before. A year is a long time and the dynamics of a year apart are not the same as being apart for six or even nine months.

Maybe the last deployment you hadn't started having your children yet or maybe the kids were still living at home. Your health may have taken a different turn or situations in your extended family have shifted and some of those shifts have involved you in a new way. There are

Commentary Lightning Spirit:

"Greater love has no man than this"

By Chaplain (Maj.) David Baum
Family Life Chaplain

In 1921 the British people, in an elaborate ceremony, buried an unknown British warrior from WWI in a "Tomb of the Unknown Warrior" inside that magnificent church, Westminster Abbey, in the city of London.

The tomb was placed just a few feet inside the entrance of the church in the very center of the floor, in the middle of the main walkway.

When the current British monarch's mother, Queen Elizabeth, was married in 1923, she laid her wedding bouquet of white roses at the tomb immediately after entering the sanctuary and before proceeding ahead to the location of the marriage ceremony. It was a dramatic act symbolizing her high regard for the incredible sacrifices made in WWI.

There she was, decked out in the most beautiful manner a woman can be dressed, mere moments away from becoming one of the most powerful, wealthy, and respected women of the world and she paused to honor a warrior.

In setting her bouquet at the resting place of that soldier she intentionally shifted every eye off of her beauty and importance and directed attention onto the sacrifice of that unnamed warrior.

To this day every royal bride has followed her example and set her bouquet at the tomb when married at Westminster.

Many of us find ourselves with similar opportunities when we consider the losses from deployed units from our community. We all have the opportunity to honor them or ignore them and continue life concerned only about our personal agendas.

Though we have no bridal bouquet in our hands, we too recognize chances to give to them what they deserve.

The details of those duties vary but we have a common opportunity to respond. For those who personally knew those who have died there are unique and intimate obligations and commitments that ought to be satisfied.

Friends of those who have fallen are to remember their service in the many ways that our profession and culture recognizes and brings fame to Soldiers who have earned it.

For others, our confrontation with their sacrifices generate a more common inspiration to similar bravery and selflessness. But regardless of our prior con-

nection with the departed, proper response dictates that their death obligates us to act.

How will we find what is needed in ourselves to respond to their loss in a way they deserve?

Engraved around one side of the marble cover of that tomb, in Westminster Abbey, sitting right in the middle of the floor near the entrance are the words, "Greater love has no man than this..."

This is a quote from the Bible, John chapter 15, verse 13 where Jesus told his followers, "Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends."

Jesus let his followers know that the awfulness of his coming death was not some out of control act. Then he made it clear that he considered them, and us, "friends."

In other words, He loves us. Our departed Soldiers' selfless acts of courage and performance of duty on our behalf bring to mind God's perfect love. It is in considering His love that we find the strength to bear the pain we have at their passing and find the strength to fulfill our commitments to them.

When Jesus predicted that He would show His great love for us by laying down His life for us He gave us reason to have faith that though the death of loved ones is awful, it is not evidence to despair that the world is out of control.

He is in control even though the unfolding of events may tempt us to believe chance and chaos govern events.

God remains king even though Soldiers die and we must face their loss. His Son will return and rule. He loves us and will help us. We know this because He called us friends and He willingly laid down His life for us.

At Westminster Abbey the woman who later became Queen, gave honor to a warrior who had nothing, not even a name. Some of our Soldiers have given their lives so that we might be free and safe. The King of all Creation, Jesus, offers us love, peace, life.

May God's power and love sustain all who grieve.

(This article is adapted from a message Baum delivered at a Service of Prayer and Remembrance at Main Post Chapel, Oct. 20. He also provides family, marriage, and individual pastoral counseling and can be reached at 655-9460, 655-9307 or david.baum@Schofield.army.mil.)

Hale Kula sponsors fall festival, raises funds for school supplies

By Bethany Nied
Contributing Writer

The Hale Kula Elementary School on Schofield Barracks held its annual Fall Festival fundraiser Oct. 23.

"I think it's a good way to tell the community to come and support our school," said Jerry Haywood, a fourth grade student at the school.

"The purpose of the festival is to give the teachers the opportunity to raise money for extra classroom supplies and field trips ... Mostly, it's a good opportunity for families to come out and have a fun day with their kids," said Andrea Katz the Parent Teacher Association president.

Spectators enjoyed hours of entertainment featuring the acrobatics of dancers, gymnasts and cheerleaders. There was a dynamic karate demonstration, and the K-9 military police dogs captivated the audience with their unique abilities.

Vendors lined the walkways selling a variety of merchandise. Crafters displayed patriotic art, handmade beauty remedies, scrap booking materials, jewelry, and more.

The weather was not a



Bethany Nied

Cheerleaders from Hale Kula perform a full extension for spectators.

deterrent. Many families and community members came out to enjoy the festivities.



Bethany Nied

A young visitor gets his face painted by a volunteer while other children wait for their turns at the Hale Kula Fall Festival on Schofield Barracks Oct. 23.

"It started slow because of the rain, but the sun came up and it's packed now," said PTA member Beyra Leon.

In addition to the entertainment there were plenty of fun activities to participate in. Booths set up on the elementary schools grounds had challenging obstacle courses, games, face painting, and plenty of prizes to be won. There was also a

menu to please many kids' pallets including pizza, cotton candy and baked goods.

"I'd say it was successful... There weren't as many people as last year but fundraising wise we did about the same," Katz said.

The festival not only benefited the school but contributing FRGs were able to sell products or sponsor game booths to raise money for their own causes.

75 youth empowered by training

By Dino W. Buchanan
HED Public Affairs

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Honolulu District and the State of Hawaii Department of Health, Clean Water Branch helped more than 75 students learn about water quality Oct. 15.

The 7th through 12th grade students braved rainy conditions to participate in the 2004 World Water Monitoring Day at four sites within the Manoa Valley and Ala Wai Watershed.

During the five-hour event, students created a water quality snapshot of the Ala Wai Watershed under the supervision and guidance of Army engineers and the Clean Water Branch.

"This was a fun and safe field investigation and a lift off point to taking action in a water quality improvement project," said Iwalani Sato, co-event coordinator who works at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Pacific Regional Visitor Center.

"We (event organizers) recognize and applaud our local schools' dedication and commitment to improve the Ala Wai Watershed through hands-on education. The most visible sign of event success



Dino W. Buchanan

Two students prepare to test a water sample from the Manoa Stream at Manoa Valley District Park. More than 75 students from four schools participated in the 2004 World Water Monitoring Day Oct. 15.

are the students who are confident and empowered with valuable skills including data collection, critical thinking and action-taking," Sato concluded.

Before sampling the water, participating federal, state and University of Hawaii representatives told the students why the Ala Wai Watershed and World Water Monitoring Day are important.

Derek Chow, Ala Wai Canal project manager for the Corps,

told students, "All of us working together today to monitor water in the Ala Wai Watershed clearly demonstrates our deep concern for the place we live.

"As you test the water today, take notice of your surroundings and imagine how our actions result in the items found in the water," said Chow.

Students doing the hands-on portion, collected and measured water samples using kits provided by the Army Corps of

Engineers.

At the Manoa Valley District Park, students rotated through various sampling stations manned by the scientific experts on hand who provided information on topics ranging from ecosystem restoration and flood reduction to fish identification and landscaping.

"There was a keen awareness by my students that this monitoring impacts the quality of the watershed and what they do in their backyard affects everyone down to the ocean and beyond," said Karen Langdon, a science teacher at Jarrett Middle School.

Michael Wong, hydrologic engineer for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers said, "Most of the environmentalists were amazed at the sophistication of their questions and interest in the event."

Hudson Minshew, water quality specialist from the Department of Agriculture said, "Today these students were learning and evaluating cutting-edge data that will be used by state and federal environmentalists to evaluate the area where they live.

"Today, they were the environmentalists," Minshew concluded.

Town hall focuses on redeployment, family concerns

By Joy Boisselle
Staff Writer

The Schofield Barracks Deployment Town Hall meeting held Oct. 19 at the Sgt. Smith Theater shifted toward redeployment information, specifically targeting Tropic Lightning Soldiers currently serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Meeting highlights

Operations - Maj. Jonathan Neumann, deputy operations officer, United States Army Hawaii, covered calendar highlights through December. Preparations for redeployment of OIF forces are well under way, Neumann said.

Neumann announced a "No-Notice Anti-terrorist Exercise" coming in November. The goal of the exercise is to improve USARHAW security and "make sure our bases are safe and secure."

Military Police - Col. Kevin T. LaMar, commander of the U.S. Army Military Police Brigade - Hawaii, briefed the attendees on

current crime statistics for USARHAW.

LaMar said, "I am here to dispel the rumors and misrepresentation of facts relating to crime." He reported that there has been no increase in crime statistics since deployments began in January 2004.

Additionally, the biggest reason for crimes was unsecured property, such as unlocked bikes, open vehicles with valuables in plain sight, and open houses.

LaMar said, "There has been no increase in rape or attempted rape or an increase in indecent or alleged indecent assault in our communities." Most incidents reported concerned Soldier against Soldier in the barracks where alcohol was a contributing factor.

Legal Assistance - Lt. Col. Mike Isacco, staff judge advocate, USARHAW, discussed legal issues concerning family readiness groups and fundraising.

The authorized FRG informal fund level is \$1,000, with some

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exceptions. Funds must be used to support the entire group and private businesses and elected officials should not be solicited for funds.

Finally, Soldiers must be off-duty volunteers to assist FRG fundraising activities.

Army Community Services - Brian Dougherty, deputy ACS chief, introduced the Ready 4 Reunion program. Included in the program is a lecture series designed to assist and prepare families and spouses with homecoming issues, reunion seminars beginning in December, and a CD will be mailed to families specifically targeting reunion resources and issues. Contact ACS at 655-2400 for more information.

Question and Answer

What do we do in the event of a hurricane here? We recently conducted our annual hurricane drill. Go to the unit rear detachment commander. They can tell you where your shelter is located, what to bring, and how you will be notified.

What is the priority for renovations of older quarters? Each area has a timeline for renovations or new construction; however, plans have not been finalized yet. As soon as the timeline becomes available, it will be shared with the residents. We are

currently trying to get vacant quarters up to standard in anticipation of new occupants.

How will utilities be determined? We are several years out before residents need to worry about utility bills. However, new construction has many energy-saving features, such as double panel walls, solar panels, and cells designed to collect electricity for use in the neighborhood.

Soldiers now receiving BAH with privatization no longer qualify for food stamps and some other programs, what is being done? Many organizations and elected officials are working the issues, but there is not a lot we can do. Soldiers should go to ACS for financial counseling to see if they will be affected.

The next town hall is scheduled for Nov. 16, 6:30 p.m. at the Sgt. Smith Theater. This is a monthly opportunity to get the latest information from community representatives as well as have concerns answered by USARHAW leadership.



Spc. Daniel P. Kelly

Jason Baysa competes at the Special Olympics pre-qualification tournament Saturday at the Schofield Barracks Bowling Center.

57 teams 'bowl 'em out' on Schofield for Special Olympics

By Spc. Daniel P. Kelly
Assistant Editor

Fifty-Seven four-person bowling teams from around Oahu gathered to compete for a spot in Hawaii's Special Olympics at the Schofield Barracks Bowling Center Saturday.

Colorful bowling balls hit hard on wooden waxed floors followed by the sound of exploding pins during the tournament entitled "Unified Bowling," which hosted teams of special olympic hopefuls; friends and family members.

"They can be bowling with anyone from their teachers to their parents," said Olga Goo, area director and event coordinator for the Special Olympics.

Goo said the special athletes are well trained and "A lot of times our athletes will outscore their parents.

"All the people you see here had at least eight weeks of bowling training," she said.

"They love it."

Sonya Knight, who's father is in the Marine Corps, volunteered at the event, and said helping physically and mentally handicapped people is personal.

"It's fun," she said. "I like to help out because my little sister has Downs Syndrome, and I hope she'll be able to do this some day."

Ribbons were awarded at the qualifying round, and winners will go on to the Hawaii finals held Dec. 4 at Kaneohe Marine Corp Base.

"They need to compete here (at Schofield) to get to the state finals," Goo said.

Ralna Aki was in charge of the Schofield Barracks Bowling Center during the tournament. She said the Special Olympics approached Schofield Barracks, and the Bowling Center was more than happy to oblige.

"We host the Special Olympics every year," Aki said. "We enjoy helping out the Special Olympics. It gives [the athletes] something to look forward to, and they get really excited."

NFL donates \$250,000 for Pat Tillman USO center in Afghanistan

By Staff Sgt. Bradley Rhen
CTF Thunder Public Affairs

BAGRAM AIR FIELD, Afghanistan – The National Football League announced Oct. 14 that it will donate \$250,000 to help build a USO center here in memory of former Arizona Cardinals player and Army Ranger Pat Tillman.

Tillman, who played four seasons with the NFL's Arizona Cardinals, was killed April 22 during a firefight in southeastern Afghanistan after his patrol was ambushed near the village of Sperah, about 25 miles southwest of Khowst.

Tillman was so moved by the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, that he abandoned his professional football career, walking away from a three-year, \$3.6 million offer from the Cardinals to enlist in the Army in 2002. He eventually graduated from Ranger School and was assigned to the 75th Ranger Regiment, where he served with his brother Kevin, who gave up a budding career in the Cleveland Indians' minor league organization.

The center will be located at the passenger terminal here and will include televisions, internet service, a phone center, a coffee shop and a small shoppette run by the Army and Air Force Exchange Service, said Maj. Bryan Carter, deputy director of personnel for Combined Joint Task Force 76 at Bagram Air Field.

Carter said the NFL wanted to give back, in somewhat the same spirit as Tillman, who sacrificed so much for what he believed in.

"We lost a great role model, football player and American, and I think it's a great tribute for the NFL and USO to give back and honor Corporal Tillman like this," he said.

Because of its location at the passenger terminal, Carter said transients moving in and out



Cpl. Pat Tillman

of Afghanistan will be able to use the center as well as the service members stationed at Bagram.

Currently there is no such morale and recreation center to serve the estimated 20,000 U.S. service members in Afghanistan.

According to an NFL press release, commissioner Paul Tagliabue said he conceived the idea for the center

last May while visiting U.S. bases in Germany and initiated discussions with the USO shortly thereafter.

"We have been associated with the USO since our first players tour to Vietnam in 1966 and are proud to extend our support in memory of Pat Tillman in this tangible way," Tagliabue said. "Pat personified the best values of America and the National Football League. He was an extraordinary team player – whether it was with the Arizona Cardinals or Army Rangers. This is part of Pat's tremendous legacy to his extended military family."

"The USO is extremely pleased to have the National Football League join us in our efforts to connect the people of America with its defenders," said Ned Powell, president and CEO of the USO World Headquarters. "This donation will help expand our mission to a critical area, and support U.S. forces serving in Afghanistan. We are proud to honor the memory of Pat Tillman in this way."

The exterior of the center was already complete, and construction on the interior was scheduled to begin by Oct. 20. The goal is for the center to be completed in time for the holiday season, and a tentative grand opening is scheduled for Dec. 15.



1st Lt. Kevin McLeary

Game two Wednesday night, Oct. 20, at Schofield Barracks had the 406th MI Bn. taking on the sharply-dressed, yellow-jerseyed and "underestimated" 125th Fin. Bn.

ADA wins 19-6 over MSB; MI stomps FIN 27-0

By 1st Lt. Kevin McLeary
Contributing Writer

Oct. 20 offered two flag football match-ups at Stoneman Field on Schofield Barracks.

It was Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 62nd Air Defense Artillery versus Co. B, 725th Main Support Battalion.

They were followed by 406th Military Intelligence Bn. versus 125th Finance Bn.

The first game started off with a series of strong defensive stances. The ADA's opening drive looked like a certain score, but the opportunity was stolen with a MSB interception.

The MSB hammered their way back to mid-field, but were stopped short of a first down and were forced to punt. Pinned deep in their own territory, ADA quickly gained some breathing room and took "first blood" with a 40-plus-yard pass in dramatic fashion to the left hand corner of the end zone.

ADA followed up with the game's only extra point conversion. After forcing a punt on a drive, kept alive on a

penalty, ADA was unable to produce more points before halftime despite three long pass attempts.

The MSB had first possession in the second half, but seasawed yardage on penalties and ended up punting deep, but were unable to stop the ADA return until they reached near mid-field.

On an option left, ADA opened that drive with a run that almost scored. ADA then closed the deal with a quick out to the right, but failed on the conversion.

Down 13-0, MSB returned the ensuing kick to about the 38-yard line. They moved quickly on a leaping, one-handed fingertip catch followed by a solid run up the left sideline that put them first and goal.

On their third run attempt, they slipped one into the end zone to cut the lead to seven. Fired up and ready to rumble, MSB sacked the ADA quarterback for a loss before a series of short passes and quarterback keepers that put ADA 1st and goal.

ADA scored on a quick pass up the middle on second

down to widen their lead to 19-6.

Down two scores, the clock was too fast and the pressure too much for MSB, who finished the remaining minutes with three incompletions and a game-clinching interception by ADA. Final score ADA 19, MSB 6.

Game two had the 406th MI Bn. taking on the sharply-dressed, yellow-jerseyed, "underestimated" 125th Fin. Bn.

MI certainly did not underestimate their opponent, coming out strong and forcing a three-and-out punt on 125th's first possession and picking up seven on three plays for their first drive.

Not much seemed to go 125th's way as their next possession was also a three-and-out, with their third down play marred by a fumbled snap.

When MI tried to get cute by calling a flea-flicker, 125th stepped up and snatched an interception but had it called back on a defensive penalty. Just when it looked like 125th had stopped the drive again, MI got a reprieve off

another pass interference penalty. 125th maintained their composure despite their frustration and regained possession off of downs.

125th's next possession was a quick three-and-out, and MI returned the punt into Finance territory. It was first and goal after a wild sweep to the left side, and they finished the drive on third down increasing their lead to 14-0.

After a remarkable return by 125th well into MI territory, 125th closed out the half scoreless with consecutive incompletions.

MI opened the second half with an acrobatic 40-yard pass to the goal line, the receiver falling backward upon reception revealing unauthorized spikes on his shoes.

The referees then penalized MI 10 yards for an equipment violation.

MI looked to be stopped after a bungled pitch left and consecutive incompletions, but Finance gave them new life with a roughing penalty.

Perhaps a bit over-enthusiased by their fortune, MI nearly blew it by setting



1st Lt. Kevin McLeary

In the first game of the night Oct. 20, 1st Bn., 62nd Air Defense Artillery, one player maneuvers through the opponents' defense with success.

themselves back twice in the next three plays with false starts. However, MI's persistent attacks finally succeeded with a lob to the left corner of the end zone, increasing their lead 21-0.

With time getting slim, Finance desperately tried to get back in the game, but to no avail. Their best run of the game was called back on

a flag-protecting penalty, and their drive was cut short by an interception which was returned past the 10.

MI scored yet again on a quarterback keeper but failed on the conversion. The game was called on time, with the final score of MI 27, 125th 0.