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## Soldiers head to Pakistan to aid relief efforts

Story and Photos by  
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On a sunny Sunday afternoon, a day in which seemed to bring happiness and joy, Soldiers with the 25th Infantry Division (Light) were waiting to deploy to a

place filled with sorrow and tragedy.

After the fatal tremor that shook Pakistan, India and Afghanistan, military leaders within the 25th ID (L) leaders were on hand as Soldiers departed for a humanitarian mission on a massive scale.

More than 60 Tropic Lightning Soldiers with Company B, 214th Aviation Regiment and 2nd Bn. 25th Avn. Rgt. set out on a mission to aid the victims of the quake.

Soldiers will be providing food, water and shelter to those in need.

Maj. Gen. Benjamin R.

Mixon, 25th ID (L) and U.S. Army, Hawaii, commander, briefed the Soldiers of what they will come across in Pakistan at the Air Mobility Command terminal on Hickam Air Force Base, where they departed from.

"There are hundreds of thousands of people without

shelter, without food, without fresh water or proper medical care," he said, "and you have the work force element that is going to bring aid into these regions."

Before Mixon's remarks were finished, he gave the

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Pic. Kyndal Brewer

## Mastering rappelling

Wives of Soldiers from 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment, officially became Jane Wayne Rappel Masters, Oct. 14, during the battalion's annual Jane Wayne Day. See page B-1 for more coverage.

## Lei, Stetsons help launch 5-14th Cavalry

Spc. Amanda Flemett  
Staff Writer

SCHOFIELD BAR-RACKS — Commanders donned their Stetson hats as their wives were presented yellow lei, the color of the cavalry, for the historic activation ceremony of the 5th

Squadron, 14th Cavalry Regiment, on Sills Field here, Oct. 14.

With the upcoming Stryker Brigade Combat Team, the need for cavalry assets was evident and recognized with the activation of the 5-14th Cav.

The activation coincides

with the needs of a changing Army. Units are becoming more modular with the launch of Stryker brigades, and the 5-14th will assist in the transformation of Hawaii's Stryker brigade.

"We determined that the [Stryker] brigade didn't have the reconnaissance

capability internal to it, and that's what 5-14 Cav. is," said Maj. Charles Scott Mitchell, S-3 officer.

The unit was officially activated as a reconnaissance, surveillance, and target acquisitions squadron in

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## Soldiers, civilians honor 556th PSB first sergeant

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Mourners grieve alongside each other during a memorial service for 1st Sgt. Lesly Williams.

SCHOFIELD BAR-RACKS — Soldiers, civilians and co-workers lined the steps leading into the Soldier's Chapel here to honor 1st Sgt. Lesly Williams of the 556th Personnel Service Battalion, Oct. 13.

The day was heartbreaking for 556th PSB, as the unit had gathered to remember the life of the first ser-

gant who brought joy, happiness and wisdom to them all.

"This service will give us the opportunity to express our appreciation for his service and his life," said the battalion commander, Lt. Col. Bruce Jenkins. "First Sergeant Williams made a difference in our unit, in his service both at home and station, and downrange ... all fully."

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## DoD seeks affordable health care

Samantha L. Quigley  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The Department of Defense is working to stem the rising cost of its military health system, which has essentially doubled since 2001, a senior defense health official said.

In 2001 military-health-system spending was about \$18 billion; today it is more than \$36 billion. And in the next four to five years, it is likely that the total budget will exceed \$50 billion, Dr. William Winkenwerder Jr., assistant secretary of defense for health affairs, told the military personnel subcommittee of the House Armed Services Committee during a hearing here Wednesday.

"The increase in health care cost is not unique to the military," he said. "What is unique for us is the goal to provide world-class medical care for all those who have served and continue to serve our country."

Providing that level of care for nine million beneficiaries while keeping it affordable for the long term is the primary goal, he said. And just like the private sector, the military is facing many obstacles to achieving that goal.

Winkenwerder said that caring for military retirees is the "principle underlying factor" of the rising costs. If trends continue, officials estimate that by fiscal 2009 75 percent of the budget will be spent on paying for retiree health care.

"Just 20 to 25 percent [of the budget] will be spent on active duty service members and their families," he said.

Other contributing factors include rising pharmacy costs. This can be linked, in part, to implementation of the Tricare Reserve Select coverage, which expands benefits to reserve-component personnel and their family members who meet eligibility. A pharmacy-benefits program with a standardized drug formulary is helping to keep the \$5 billion pharmacy budget from growing larger.

Legal opposition from large drug companies has stymied DoD's attempts to obtain retail discounts.

Tricare contracts, fully implemented in fiscal 2005, use best-practice principles aimed at improving beneficiaries' satisfaction and controlling private-sector costs. Other cost-management measures include performance-based management of military medical facilities and a quality-management program to help control costs.

Cost is only one issue the military health system is facing. Senior medical officials from the military service also

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Winkenwerder Jr.

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# How does Iraq fit into the war on terror?

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WASHINGTON — Critics of the Iraq War allege that there was no connection between Iraq and the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the Pentagon and World Trade Center. But Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice maintains the attack and actions in Iraq are linked.

Rice spoke on NBC's "Meet the Press" with Tim Russert, Sunday.

"When we were attacked on Sept. 11," Rice said, "we had a choice to make: We could decide that the proximate cause was al Qaeda and the people who flew those planes into the buildings ... or we could take a bolder approach, which would say that we had to go after the root causes of the kind of terrorism" produced in the Middle East.

The United States, Rice said, decided to take this bolder approach, which involves transforming the Middle East along freer and more democratic lines. A freer and more democratic Middle East, she

explained, is far less likely to produce terrorists who will forever threaten catastrophic damage on the United States.



Rice

"There is no one who could have imagined a different kind of Middle East with Saddam Hussein still in power," she emphasized.

Rice acknowledged the difficulty of transforming the Middle East, but said that real progress is being made.

"We have ahead of us the prospect — and I think the very good prospect — of a foundation for a democratic and prosperous Iraq that can solve its differences by politics and compromise," she explained.

That type of country could be "an anchor" and an example for the nations in the region, she continued.

Rice cited recent progress in Lebanon, Palestine and Egypt.

"This is a Middle East that is in transformation to something far better than we have experienced for the



Petty Officer 1st Class Alan D. Monyelle

**Soldiers from the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment patrol an area in Tal Afar, Iraq, Oct. 13, where a suicide bomber killed and injured dozens of civilians.**

last 60 years when we thought that we could ignore democracy and get stability — and in fact we got neither," Rice said.

If the United States were to give up on Iraq, she added, then we would "condemn generations

of people in the Middle East to despair ... [and] generations of Americans to fear and insecurity. The Iraqis are taking this [democratic] process seriously," Rice said, "and we just need to help them have a chance."

*Lightning Spirit*

## Rainbows are a reminder of God's promise

Chaplain (Capt.)  
Luis V. Kruger Jr.  
*2nd Battalion, 35 Infantry  
Regiment Chaplain*

One of the many sights that I appreciate about the islands is the rainbow. The clarity and rich saturated colors spanning the mountains or pineapple groves is beautiful to behold.

On the mainland, catching a rainbow that arches across the horizon is a rare sight, depending on one's geographical area. The frequency and beauty of rainbows here in Hawaii surely must have inspired "Iz" (Israel Kamakawiwo'ole) to sing his version of "Over the Rainbow."

This song is a classic that is fun and captures the heart of all those who hear it:

"Somewhere over the rainbow,  
Skies are blue,  
And the dreams that you dare to dream,  
Really do come true.

Some day I'll wish upon a star  
And wake up where the clouds are far behind me.

Where troubles melt like lemon drops,  
Away, above the chimney tops,  
That's where you'll find me..."

Did you catch those words: "[Our] dreams really do come true" and "troubles melt like lemondrops"?

Perhaps the reason it is so popular is because of the message of hope it brings. In this song, rainbows are promises for tomorrow, reminders of hope and a better future. How appropriate it is to hear this Hawaiian native sing this song about rainbows to encourage us. As well, the song is appropriate because rainbows are a reminder of God's promise to us in Genesis 9:16-17:

"When the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between me and all living beings on earth. That is the sign of the promise which I am making to all living beings."

The rainbow is a reminder of a specific promise that God made to Noah and to us; it can also serve to show us that our creator is a God of promises. He puts his character on the line

and seems to yield himself to his creation.

As creator, God doesn't have to make any promises to anyone at anytime; yet, he does because he cares about his creation and he desires to have a relationship with us.

God makes promises that we can rely on and that help us with living day to day. Without the promises of God, our future could look awfully bleak at times.

If everything is dependent on ourselves, without anyone above the situation, situations would seem hopeless. We all need hope of a better tomorrow or for strength to get through the day.

Throughout the Bible, many promises apply to life, right where we are at. Years ago, "Our Daily Bread" published a devotional about God's promises. The article stated that a promise from God is a statement we can depend on with absolute confidence. Absolute confidence.

Many of us don't have absolute confidence in many people, if any. In our day, because so many promises are broken, we hesitate to bank on a person's promise. Sadly, some of us don't have absolute confidence in

God's promises either.

We can reflect on God's promises and the fact that we can have absolute confidence in him. God will keep his promise to his children, as many verses testify, including the following:

- Of God's presence, "I will never leave thee." (Hebrews 13:5)
- Of God's protection, "I am thy shield." (Genesis 15:1)
- Of God's power, "I will strengthen thee." (Isaiah 41:10)
- Of God's provision, "I will help thee." (Isaiah 41:10)
- Of God's leading, "And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them." (John 10:4)
- Of God's purposes, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." (Jeremiah 29:11)
- Of God's rest, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28)
- Of God's cleansing, "If

we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9)

- Of God's goodness, "No good thing will he withhold from them that work uprightly." (Psalm 84:11)
- Of God's faithfulness, "The Lord will not forsake his people for his great name's sake." (1 Samuel 12:22)
- Of God's guidance, "The meek will he guide." (Psalm 25:9)
- Of God's wise plan, "All things work together for good to them that love God." (Romans 8:28)

Life is hard and difficult at times; no matter what profession we are in or where we live. This isn't news to us. The good news is that we are provided promises — just like the rainbow — to deal with heartaches.

When we are frustrated, burdened, fatigued or stressed about the things of life, when we need help in getting through the day, we should consider that a providential, omnipotent, all-knowing, and loving God cares.

**Getting it straight:**  
The unit of the defender in the photograph depicted on page A-1 of the Oct. 14th edition was incorrectly identified. The proper unit designation is 5th Squadron, 14th Cavalry Regiment. Cavalry regiments are composed of troops and squadrons, not companies and battalions. Kudos to 1st Sgt. Charles Stafford of D Troop, 5-14th, for his keen eye.



Spc. Juan F. Jimenez

### Initiated!

(Left to right) Retired Gen. David Bramlett, president of the Wahiawa Wailua Rotary Club, and Roz Cooper, district governor of Hawaii District 5000, initiate Maj. Gen. Benjamin R. Mixon into the Rotary Club at the Leilehua Golf Course, Oct. 13.

## Voices of Lightning: What's the best holiday?



"...New Year's, because I get a fresh start."

**Spc. West Liberty**  
HHC, 2nd Bde.  
Infantryman



"...Christmas, because that's when my family comes together to eat and receives gifts. It's so much fun."

**Reka Balas**  
Family Member



"...Thanksgiving, because it's the holiday to give thanks for everything you have and spend time with your family."

**Maj. Anthony Bozeman**  
U.S. ARC Fort McPherson  
Logistics Officer



"Christmas. It's for family to spend time together and have fun ... and the snow of course."

**Spc. Elizabeth Kozak**  
Co. C, TMC  
Mental Health Specialist



"...Three Kings Day. We remember the birth of Christ, and we spend time with family."

**Sgt. Maj. Jose A. Figueroa**  
94th AAMDC  
Sergeant Major

# 'Earth-moving company' joins 29th Engineer Bn.



Sgt. 1st Class Carlos Vazquez, motor pool sergeant for 29th Eng. Bn., ground guides a 32-ton scraper vehicle from 82nd Eng. Co. (CSE) off a shipping vessel at Pearl Harbor, Oct. 14.

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PEARL HARBOR — Wearing a reflective belt and moving his arms back and forth, Sgt. 1st Class Carlos Vazquez slowly guided a 32-ton scraper vehicle down a ramp attached to a shipping vessel docked here.

Vazquez and other 29th Engineer Battalion Soldiers assisted in the download of 109 pieces of equipment belonging to the 82nd Engineer Company (Combat Support Equipment), Oct. 13 and 14.

As part of the ongoing 29th Eng. Bn. transformation, the 70-Soldier company and its equipment rested from South Korea to Schofield Barracks. The 29th is also expecting to have "Sapper" combat engineer units re-assigned to it.

"We're an earth-moving company," Capt. Jonathan Johnston, commander of 82nd Eng. Co., boasted about his unit's equipment.

With its scrapers, bulldozers, small emplacement excavator (SEE) trucks and other tactical vehicles, the 82nd has the capability to build and improve roads, trails, ranges, airfields, base defenses and fighting positions, and to also provide humanitarian and natural disaster relief.

"We do everything. You give [a mission] to us, and we'll figure out a way to do it," said Sgt. Weston Farnsworth, acting operations sergeant for 82nd Eng. Co.



A small emplacement excavator (SEE) truck from 82nd Eng. Co. (CSE) is loaded onto a trailer.

Similar to the 84th Eng. Combat Bn. (Heavy) on Schofield Barracks, the 82nd offers another heavy engineer equipment asset to U.S. Army, Hawaii.

"With the dual mission going on in Iraq and Afghanistan, you'll have the availability to split engineer forces," Farnsworth said.

To help out with the upcoming 84th ECB deployment to Iraq, eight Soldiers from the 82nd volunteered to be attached to the battalion.

2nd Lt. Derek Thomas, a maintenance officer with 29th Eng. Bn., is optimistic of what the engineer company can do for the Oahu community when not deployed.

"It's good to have another asset on the island, so we can get involved in construction projects

to improve the island," Thomas said.

The new assignment for 82nd Eng. Co. also brings new training opportunities to 29th Eng. Bn. Soldiers, and vice versa.

"A lot of our mechanics are interested in their equipment and would like to get licensed," Thomas explained. "It should be a good professional experience for me, [since] I'll get to work with some equipment that I wouldn't normally get to work with."

"We have a lot of cross training we want to do," Johnston said about the 82nd. "I have different MOSs [military occupational specialties] that we train on, but not at a particular level," he emphasized about new training opportunities.



U.S. Army Photo

Col. Howard A. Killian, USAG-HI commander, awards the installation-level Philip A. Connelly Award to the dining facility manager Staff Sgt. Seamus Allen, Sgt. Adam Taylor (middle) and Spc. Milinda Hodges.

## HHC of 29th Engineer gets logistics excellence praise

1st Lt. Melody Varner  
29th Engineer Battalion

Many times the daily grind of support operations is overlooked.

However, from food service to maintenance support, from supply transactions to resourcing training, daily operations and field exercises within the 29th Engineer Battalion would not be successful without the support of Headquarters and Headquarters Company.

The Supply Excellence Award and the Philip A. Connelly Award programs highlight logistical excellence at the small-unit level. HHC, 29th Eng. Bn., has been recognized for outstanding food service support and supply room excellence.

The Supply Excellence Award was created to enhance the Command Supply Discipline Program and to provide a way to recognize individual Soldiers.

In September, the HHC supply room, the NBC (nuclear, biological and chemical) room and the Arms room competed in the U.S. Army, Pacific, Supply Excellence Award to determine

the best supply room in the Pacific theater. Having been chosen as the winner, HHC will now move on to the Department of the Army competition.

The Philip A. Connelly Award was created to improve the professionalism of food service personnel, which results in the best possible food service to Soldier diners.

The dining facility located on Fort Shafter was inspected in the Small Dining Facility Category at the USARPAC level of the Philip A. Connelly Award.

The dining facility will compete next in the DA-level competition to be held Nov. 2.

HHC's dedication to logistical excellence has become a standard for other units to follow across USARPAC.

By winning these awards, the Soldiers of HHC have shown that they are ready for any challenge that is set before them, whether it is their everyday support mission or a field training exercise to the Pohakuloa Training Area on the Big Island of Hawaii.

The 29th Engineer Battalion's motto is apropos: "We Succeed!"

## CFC edges up



The Combined Federal Campaign collects donations to help benefit a listing of more than 1,800 nonprofit organizations.

"Without our donations," said Capt. Andrew Thompson, CFC agency project officer for the 25th Infantry Division (Light), "these organizations would not be able to survive. We all use these charities, so take a minute to give back to all they have done ... and what they will do for you in the future."

# 39th MPs compete in warfighter contest

Staff Sgt. Earl W. Moore III  
39th MP Detachment

Every year, in the fall, the Military Police Corps Regiment celebrates its Regimental Week at the home of the MP Corps, Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. Officers, non-commissioned officers, Soldiers and visitors from around the world gather to celebrate the MP Corps' birthday.

The regiment dates back to Sept. 26, 1941, making the recent celebration the corps' 64th birthday. Most anticipated, each year, is the prestigious MP Warfighter Competition.

Military police teams from around the globe competed in the ninth annual event by testing their strength, stamina, skills and competence in warrior drills. Teams had begun training several months prior to the competition began.

During training Soldiers pursued a rigorous and intense physical training program. Just what events they would have to tackle was unknown before the competition.

Team leader Sgt. Christopher Robinson, driver Spc. Eric McKee and gunner Spc. Elocadio Urias represented the Fort Shafter Military Police Battalion. All three are members of the 39th Military Police Detachment.

During the four-day contest, Sol-



Courtesy Photo

**Military Police from various units around the world, traveled to Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., home of the Military Police Corps, to celebrate the birthday of the Military Police Corps Regiment. Soldiers endured rigorous and intense training from obstacles to 15-mile ruck marches.**

diers showed their mettle in the 7.3-mile orienteering run dressed in battle dress uniforms (BDUs) and kevlar, with an M-16 rifle, load bearing vest, interceptor body armor with two plates and a 45-pound rucksack.

A written and hands-on quiz tested Soldiers on Skill Levels 1 and 2 Common Tasks. All compet-

ing also needed to successfully negotiate the Warrior Tower, which consisted of a one-, two- and three-rope bridge where Soldiers rappelled from 45 feet above ground.

The obstacle course and humvee push proved equally difficult, as well as the physical assessment that evaluated Soldiers wearing

BDUs. They ran a 6.2-mile course, over various terrain, while carrying an M-16 rifle, and then a repetitious ammunition can carry of twenty 60-pound ammo cans for approximately 25 meters, and some elevated push ups and elevated sit-ups proved strenuous.

Each Soldier qualified on the M-4 carbine and M-9 pistol. Each was

required to correctly disassemble, assemble and perform a functions check of the M-4 carbine and M-9 pistol.

As if the contest hadn't already been challenging enough, stamina was further tested by the final challenge. Soldiers dug down deep to complete the 15-mile endurance ruck march.

When the last Soldier completed his tasks, judges assembled all units for the Warfighter Awards Ceremony and the MP Corps Anniversary Picnic.

Three exemplary young warriors pushed their bodies to the point of exhaustion and fought through injury to complete the competition. They said that at some points their bodies said to quit, but their hearts said never. Each said he relied totally on his inner strength to finish the ruck march.

For onlookers, many said seeing all the Soldiers give everything they had was a truly eye-opening experience. It was amazing how much Soldiers learned how hard they could push themselves to accomplish the task, they added.

Throughout the MP Warfighter Competition, teamwork and determination were the ingredients that enabled all Soldiers to give their best.

The 39th MP Detachment Soldiers embodied their unit motto, "Never Quit."

# NCOs from Singapore unite with U.S. for PALEX '05

Sgt. Maj. Errol J. Snyder Jr.  
1st Battalion, 21st Infantry "Gimlets"

The 2005 U.S. Pacific Look Exchange (USPALEX) was a big success this year, according to participants. The 1st Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment, "Gimlets" were no strangers to the program, having been involved with the 2003 USPALEX program.

The Gimlets sent four noncommissioned officers (NCOs) to Singapore for a month-long exchange with the Army of Singapore. NCOs were attached to the School of the Infantry and attended the Leadership Course.

Staff Sgt. Daniel Newsome of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1-21st said, "I learned a lot while we were there about the Singaporean culture, as well as their Army and how they operate." He continued, "Surprisingly, they are not much more different from us, than I had previously thought. It was a great experience, and I am glad I got to be a part of it."

Four senior NCOs from the

Army of Singapore hit the ground running, heading straight to Central Issue Facility for equipment issue. The next day they witnessed the 1-21st Gimlets observe "Gimlet Day," which pitted all the battalion's companies against one another in a series of events, to include marksmanship, Soldier skills and sporting events.

The companies scored various points, depending on where they finished, to decide the "Top Company" in the battalion. The Top Company earned the right to bear the cupped "Steel Gimlet," a 90-pound, 6-foot-tall actual Gimlet, as the trophy till the next Gimlet Day.

Warrant Officer 1 Felix Suresh of the Army of Singapore said, "I really like this event. It really shows the American Soldiers' esprit de corps, pride, fitness level ... and it brings them together for comradeship."

Singapore NCOs converged upon Air Assault School's "Zero Day" at Stoneman Field. They said they were a bit nervous, but it never showed as they breezed through

the Army physical fitness test and obstacle course. Each impressed the entire Air Assault School cadre, right away, the cadre reported.

The Singapore NCOs' dedication and commitment were apparent throughout the course. All elected to stay late and come in on weekends for extra assistance.

Warrant Officer 1 Ho Kian Lee, a command sergeant major in the Singapore Airborne Regiment, said, "We just want to be sure to do the right thing and make sure we are standing tall on the parade field on graduation day."

Lee, being a graduate of the U.S. Army's Ranger School, Jump School, and the Pathfinder Course, had no trouble in making it to Stoneman Field for graduation, in tow with his three companions. All stood tall, though admittedly a little tired from a 12-mile road march.

The NCOs continued their exchange and training by joining the Gimlets at the Coaches Course. There they were taught the basics of rifle marksmanship and how to teach others the same.



Courtesy Photo

**Soldiers from the U.S. Army and Singapore Army low crawl under a barbed wire fence as part of an obstacle.**

They also spent some time at the NCO Academy for a couple of days observing training. Once familiarized with many of the systems the U.S. Army uses to execute its mission, they observed how the NCOs of the U.S. Army operate.

Ho said, "I am really impressed with the NCOs of the Gimlet Bat-

talion. I wish I had more like them in my unit."

The day arrived when the four NCOs had to leave the Gimlets. They all received unit coins and certificates and letters of achievement. The Singaporeans gave the Gimlet Battalion a plaque from the Army of Singapore.

# Army changes PLDC to Warrior Leader Course

Army News Service  
News Release

WASHINGTON — The Army announced that its Primary Leadership Development Course was renamed the Warrior Leader Course, Saturday, and officials said the new name reflects changes made to PLDC curriculum during the past year.

The course has been redesigned to better prepare Soldiers for asymmetrical warfare. It now includes lessons learned in Iraq and Afghanistan, said Brig. Gen. James M. Milano, the Army's director of Training under G3.

"The new WLC will not only prepare Soldiers for traditional challenges, but irregular challenges as well," Milano said, after reviewing all the changes made to the curriculum this past year.

WLC now emphasizes the skills and knowledge small-unit leaders need to excel in, in a contemporary operational environment, Milano said.

## Academy helps revamp course

"We are a nation at war. We have taken the lessons learned from our deployments and incorporated them into our revised leadership course," said Col. David Abramowitz, commandant of the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy, which played a major role in redesigning the PLDC curriculum.

"These changes add rigor and relevance to the course and improve leadership skills and confidence in our junior leaders," Abramowitz said. "The course is revolutionary and warrants a name change."

Warrior Leader Course is the right name for the new course, Abramowitz said, because it "espouses the tenets of the Warrior Ethos."

PLDC used an instructor-centered, exposure and feedback system. Instruction consisted of lecture, classroom-based practical

exercises, and a cognitive skills test. A short field training exercise was the practical exercise used to evaluate combat leader skills.

The FTX, though, lacked standardization throughout the Army, said retired Sgt. Maj. Ron Schexnayder of the G-3 Leader Development Division. He said a different approach was needed to produce a competent, innovative, adaptive and agile combat leader required by the current operational environment.

## Changes stem back to ATLDP

The NCO phase of the Army Training and Leader Development Panel, known as ATLDP, was not about "fixing" the NCO Corps; rather, it was an introspection to determine how the Army could make a professional NCO Corps even better, Schexnayder said.

Since ATLDP, he continued, the Army has been in the process of transforming the NCO Education System in an effort to design a system that would not dilute the warfighting focus of NCOES.

NCOES must remain focused on NCO core areas of leading, training, maintaining standards, caring for Soldiers, technical competencies and tactical warrior skills, Schexnayder said, while integrating greater conceptual and interpersonal skills.

Changes in the modular Army and operational environment now require decentralized leadership skills, Schexnayder added. He said a small unit leader is needed who can employ all warfighting functions rapidly.

## Modular force needs versatile NCOs

The modular force structure and contemporary operational environ-



Spc. Juan F. Jimenez

**Sgt. Danielle Barnaba-Chin teaches a class at the NCO Academy on Schofield Barracks and uses Spc. Gisselle Williams as a demonstrator, Oct. 18.**

ment relies heavily on small-unit tactics. The demands of today's battlefield require leaders who can think independently, Schexnayder said.

"The WLC places the responsibility of training individual Soldier skills back on the junior leader," said Command Sgt. Maj. James E. Dale of the Sergeants Major Academy. "This course prepares him/her to assume that role."

## WLC is battle-focused

Graduates of WLC will have experienced standards-based, performance-oriented and battle-focused training, which supports squad-level operations, Schexnayder said.

Every specialist (promotable) and sergeant in an all-volunteer Army require training as combat leaders, he said.

The WLC is now tailored to the environment in which the Army operates today, Schexnayder continued. Every student now receives detailed squad-level combat leader training.

The WLC incorporates recent lessons learned, Schexnayder said. As such, he said the course constantly adapts to world threats by incorporating the experience from the battlefield. Combat skills are trained and reinforced upon arrival, "Weapon immersion" is emphasized throughout the new course.

Training and evaluation as a combat leader now applies to every Soldier. Evaluation is centered on the NCO's ability to demonstrate troop-leading procedures in current threat-based scenarios.

## New STX is now 96 hours

The combat focus of the course culminates in a 96-hour Situational Training Exercise or STX. Nine battle drills and 39 warrior tasks are the framework driving the planning, preparation, rehearsal and execution of all squad operations. This STX is competency-based, battle-focused, grounded in a combat scenario, driven by troop-leading procedures, officials said.

Instructors must complete certification before leading and evaluating students. The WLC also requires trainers to have squad leader and platoon sergeant experience and to be certified to teach the entire curriculum.

## NCOES has been changing since World War II

The post-World War II NCO

Academies at division level began a great tradition of NCO education that continues today. The concept was later adopted Army-wide, but it initially provided education only to Combat Arms Soldiers. PLDC integrated Soldiers from all fields, but instructors were not certified.

The Warrior Leader Course is the first course to apply the same combat leader-specific training standard for all Soldiers, regardless of gender or background, Schexnayder said.

## G-1/G-3 set long-term goals

The long-term goal is to train all specialists with promotion potential at the WLC, Schexnayder said. He said the course will teach specialists how to be an NCO and focus on leading, training, caring, maintaining and warrior skills.

The WLC will prepare Soldiers for promotion to sergeant and for assignments in teams, crews and squads. Conceptually, graduating Soldiers could be appointed to corporal upon graduation, he said, effectively symbolizing their transition from "follower" to "leader."

Gerald Purcell, a retired sergeant major now serving as a personnel policy integrator for G-1 Enlisted Professional Development, said "In concert with this philosophy, and in an effort to ensure all Soldiers are trained before the Army asks them to perform at the next level, only corporals would attain eligibility for recommendation to sergeant."

These goals are strictly long-term, explained Schexnayder, adding that there is currently no timeline to implement such requirements for promotion to sergeant.

*(Editor's Note: Information was provided by G-3 Leader Development Division for this article.)*

# Johnson urges team building as he departs Installation Management

Ned Christensen

Installation Management Agency

WASHINGTON — The Installation Management Agency said farewell in a recent ceremony to outgoing director Maj. Gen. Ronald L. Johnson as he leaves IMA to take over as deputy chief of engineers and deputy commanding general of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Johnson, who thought of himself as the IMA quarterback, "passed the football" to IMA principal deputy director Philip E. Sakowitz in an Arlington, Va., ceremony hosted by Lt. Gen. David W. Barno, assistant chief of staff for installation management.

Sakowitz will serve as acting director until incoming director Maj. Gen. Michael D. Rochelle assumes the post in late October.

Johnson assumed the directorship of IMA August 2004, and leaves following a year that saw dramatic growth and promise for the future in IMA, despite being filled with the turbulence of changing times and sustaining an Army at war.

"Ron Johnson probably had the toughest two-star job in our Army during his 14 months here in IMA," said Barno. "If you look at what we've asked him to do, leading 78,000 people across 110-plus installations, scattered literally across the globe, with increasing missions and decreasing people — that's about as tough a sledding as you can get, and he has done that magnificently well."

"We've got more folks under ... this organization than we have in just about any corps-level fighting force in the Army," Barno continued.

The Army's principal deputy assistant secretary for installations and environment, Geoffrey D. Prosch, talked about the short, but eventful, history of transforming installation management and the many responsibilities installations have. He enumerated the many IMA accomplishments of Johnson's tenure.

"There's no way we could have mobed [mobilized] and demobed [demobilized] 300,000 Soldiers in the last two or three years without IMA," Prosch said.

"The 101st Air Assault Division deployed to Iraq with the body armor of the 25th Infantry Division. In the old days, we never would have had visibility of that," Prosch explained.

Prosch also attributed to IMA the promise of 90 percent funding for installations, the development of common standards for installation services and the creation of the Installation Management Board of Directors, which brings the Army senior leadership together twice a year to discuss installation issues.

"This is hard ... this is really hard," Johnson said as he took

the podium for his parting remarks.

Johnson spoke of the exhilaration of looking forward to a new assignment, but also of regret at work undone due to being called away early in his term.

As he often has, Johnson used the framework of a true story to sum up the importance of what IMA does.

He told the story of Spc. Micheaux Sanders, who deployed to Iraq as a new recruit in 2003 and distinguished himself when his tank unit responded to an Iraqi insurgent attack on a cavalry patrol.

Sanders received the Silver Star for exposing himself to enemy attack, shooting until he ran out of ammunition and throwing rocks after that, despite being wounded in the shoulder.

Johnson said Sanders, when asked why he fought so hard, replied that he fought to uphold the Warrior Ethos and because he wasn't distracted by concerns for his family back home on an Army post.

"Why? Because he knew that you, all of us, the Army's city mayors, were taking care of business," Johnson explained. "Remember, we support all the Spc. Sanders and all of the Soldiers around the world."

Johnson was a tireless advocate for IMA's mission of improving Soldiers' well-being by standardizing services on installations.

He often cited the examples of corporate giants Home Depot and McDonald's, who meet customer expectations by offering the same predictable look and products everywhere in the world they are located, while still accounting for the variations

made necessary by demographics or geography.

He was particularly passionate about Common Levels of Support (CLS), which for the first time quantifies the cost of running installations and shows what happens when funding lags. He credited CLS with providing the solid data to sell the Army leadership on funding installations to 90 percent of required funding levels.

At the same time, Johnson decided to hold implementation back a year to make sure it was right when fully deployed. He actively pushed business process redesign and the Lean Six Sigma model to find efficiencies and improve processes.

Johnson compared the February 2005 decision to fund installations at 90 percent of base operations and 90 percent of facility maintenance and sustainment requirements to the Army College Fund in terms of significance to sustaining Army recruiting and retention.

"Ninety-ninety [funding for installations] is a huge decision, and I encourage each and every one of you to use the very best judgment and professionalism in figuring out how to deliver to our people the very best without wasting a single dime," Johnson emphasized. "I'm encouraged by what we've done and I'm even more inspired by what you have yet to do."

"This ceremony ... is indeed about the great service of a wonderful organization," he added. "It is my belief that at sometime in the future ... as we look back at what we've done here with IMA ... someone will say that this was the single most important decision that the Army made, to stand up this organization."



Johnson



Rochelle

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**The Wave** — This Fort Shafter worship service meets each Sunday at 9 a.m. in the Fort Shafter dining facility. For more details, call Chaplain (Capt.) James Lester at 438-1816.

**Newcomers Orientation** — Every other Tuesday, the Fort Shafter Army Community Service is hosting its Newcomers Orientation Tour for Soldiers and family members transitioning to the island of Oahu, to familiarize newly assigned personnel to the Hawaiian culture, customs, language, surrounding communities, Hale Koa Hotel and various points of interest on the island.

Registration is required and seating is limited. Call ACS Fort Shafter at 438-9285 for registration or questions.

**Purple Heart** — The president of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Hawaii chapter, Thomas Tanaka, is extending a one-year free enrollment in the local MOPH chapter to all MOPH recipients from Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

Interested recipients of the Purple Heart should contact Tanaka at 988-2820 for more details.

**Road Closing** — Hewitt Street (from Trimble Road to Floyd Street) will be closed Monday through Oct. 28 from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. to install underground electrical duct lines.

For more information, contact Matt Forney at Actus Lend Lease, 748-8200.

**Organization Day** — Veterans of the 29th Engineer Battalion (Topographic) are cordially invited to attend the 29th Eng. Bn.'s Organization Day, Saturday, Oct. 29, at the Polynesian Culture Center.

If you are interested in this event, contact Capt. Jesse Jones, adjutant, at 438-6689 or e-mail jesse.a.jones@us.army.mil.

**Hawaii Army Reserve Opportunities** — Are you leaving active duty and want to continue earning points towards retirement? Have you transferred to Hawaii and are now looking for a unit?

Join a local points-only Reserve unit and continue your military career while maintaining your benefits (commissary, post exchange and SGLI). Drills are Monday or Wednesday evenings at Fort Shafter Flats, and all ranks and any MOS are eligible.

Annual training and other professional

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# Chinooks, crew members ready for Pakistan

Story and Photos by  
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HICKAM AIR FORCE BASE — One by one, the long helicopter blades of a CH-47D Chinook were disassembled in preparation for an urgent Pakistan deployment.

Just later, the Chinook was left blade-less and ready for C-17 aircraft transportation.

Four Chinooks from Company B, 214th Aviation Regiment, and 60 Soldiers from the company and other Aviation Brigade units, deployed last weekend to support Pakistan humanitarian assistance operations following that country's Oct. 8 earthquake.

An estimated 54,000 people died in the quake, and as illness and winter sets in, the death toll is projected to grow.

The Chinooks will be capable of transporting food, water, supplies and medical assistance to those suffering. They also have the capability to carry casualties.

"We can bring them roughly 15,000 to 20,000 pounds of supplies," said Spc. Michael Hodgson, a Chinook crew chief with Co. B, 214th Avn. Rgt.

Pakistan's rough terrain could present a danger to the Chinook crews who need to fly in close to deliver supplies to ravaged villages. However, this mission won't be the first test for the Chinook crews since many of the



Workers from Lear Siegler Services, Inc., unhook a blade from a CH-47D Chinook helicopter that is being prepped for C-17 aircraft transportation, Oct. 13.

crew members worked out of Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan, last year.

"From our experience in Afghanistan, I believe that we are prepared for the humanitarian missions," said Spc. Scott Madden, Chinook crew chief with Co. B, 214th Avn. Rgt.

Madden added, "We've done [relief missions in Afghanistan] during the winter time, delivering blankets and food to the snowed-in areas in the mountains."

Before the crew members could begin their Pakistan mission, they made the Chinooks transportable. Twenty workers from Lear

Siegler Services, Incorporated, executed this task. Armed with tools and skills, the workers dismantled each Chinook to make it fit into a C-17 aircraft. The process for one Chinook took about six to eight hours.

Armando Peters, quality assurance for LSS, Inc., assisted in the lifting of the Chinook blades and overall teardown, Oct. 13.

Peters, a former light engineer instructor for Co. B, 214th Avn. Rgt., is familiar with Chinooks and deployments. So are many of his coworkers.

"Most of us are prior service, so we know the deal," Peters said.



Each of four CH-47D Chinook helicopters that deployed to Pakistan took four to six hours to disassemble.

## Relief From A-1

Soldiers a little advice.

"I want you to be safe," he said, "and make good decisions."

Chief Warrant Officer Fred

Hedgecock, a CH-47D Chinook Cargo Helicopter pilot with Co. B, 214th Avn. Rgt., just returned from the division's deployment to Afghanistan about six months ago.

He said the hardest part of this deployment was only

having four days to prepare.

"I think my last deployment really helped me out for preparing for this one," Hedgecock said. "This is a good deployment because we're helping people in need."

## Medical

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addressed attracting and retaining medical personnel.

Army and Navy officials reported that medical school scholarships available for service members went unclaimed this year. Recruiting and retaining certain medical personnel has largely been affected by operations tempo, Vice Adm. Donald C. Arthur, the Navy's surgeon general, said.

"We've only deployed 40 percent of our medical force," he said. "But in that 40 percent are all of our surgeons, our anesthetists, our [operating room] technicians. And those people are growing weary of the constant deployment — two or three or more times. Our challenges

are in recruiting those ... specialties."

Officials hope that more predictable deployment windows will help with retention, Arthur said, adding that the three services are working together to look at recruiting strategies.

The Air Force reported no problems with health-professions scholarships going unclaimed this year, Lt. Gen. George P. Taylor, Air Force surgeon general, said. The Air Force and the other services are suffering from the same nursing shortage that's affecting the private sector. Taylor said several factors affect recruiting and retention.

"There is ... a fair amount of uncertainty in the force now, because of not only the warfight and the probability and the chances of deployment," Taylor said, "but also coming through the Base

Realignment and Closure process"

BRAC has caused military medical personnel to wonder what and how the changes will affect them, he said.

The panel praised the military's medical force and strides made in improving battlefield survival. Placing state-of-the-art surgical and medical care far forward on the battlefield has enhanced battlefield health care for operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom, Maj. Gen. Joseph G. Webb, Army deputy surgeon general, said. It is this ability to treat an injury within minutes of it occurring that has saved so many lives.

The panel also mentioned the preparations being made should there be an avian influenza pandemic. Commands have been provided with information and are planning their responses, Winkenwerder said.



Spc. Amanda Fiemett

Lt. Col. David S. Davidson proudly accepts the new colors for the 5-14th.

## Cavalry

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line with the 1st, 2nd and 4th Squadrons already activated in the Ft. Lewis, Wash., and Alaska Stryker brigades.

The 5th Sqdn. is the first of its kind. There has never been a 5th Sqdn. with the 14th Cavalry Regiment in the 104 years of the regiment's history.

The squadron will combine an intelligence asset that was only used before in the division headquarters, by using the abilities to maneuver "the lethality, protection and digitalcon activity," said said Col.

Stefan J. Banach, 2nd Brigade commander.

"We will provide reconnaissance and surveillance for the brigade using a variety of means. We've got a surveillance troop with ground surveillance radar and targeting acquisitions capability, as well as three reconnaissance troops in Stryker reconnaissance fields," Mitchell said.

During the ceremony, the 14th Cav.'s history was recounted from beginnings in Ft. Leavenworth, Ks., 1901 to present, and the reason for the activation of the new unit was also clarified. Then the

new commander of the unit, Lt. Col. David S. Davidson addressed his troops.

"I am humbled to stand before such a remarkable group of troopers and to be given the opportunity to take command of the newest cavalry squadron in the United States Army," he said.

As Davidson quoted the words of the first commander of the 101st Airborne Division, Maj. Gen. William C. Lee, in 1942, he set the measure of the 5-14th Cavalry.

"You have no history, but you have a rendezvous with destiny."

## 556th PSB

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His ability to lead and train Soldiers was his greatest achievement for the military, many remembered fondly. He was always aware of where his commander was, as well as his Soldiers, and how to protect all from danger.

He had returned from a tour in Afghanistan, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, as his last mission for the Army, and he was in

the process of separating from the military when a fatal car accident — believed to be caused by a speeding driver — tragically ended his life and the life of his 2-year-old daughter, Alana.

Wife Lesa Williams and son Lesly Williams Jr, age 5, survived the accident, but both are in critical condition at a hospital in Tennessee.

Feelings of anger, grief and shock were expressed by members of the unit at the sudden loss of a man who was

called friend, leader, Soldier.

"He will be remembered as a caring leader and a good friend and a good peer ... an outstanding role model. He did everything he could to make sure everybody was taken care of," said Capt. Jason T. Edwards of 556th PSB. "This is absolutely unbelievable and sad."

Though overwhelmed with sadness, Soldiers of the unit said they will remember Williams with admiration, love and respect.

# Supreme Court will hear case on recruiters' access

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WASHINGTON — A case concerning colleges' rights to receive federal funding but bar military recruiters from campuses because of disagreements over homosexual policy is scheduled to be argued before the Supreme Court this session.

The 1996 "Solomon Amendment" provides for the government to deny federal funding to institutions of higher learning if they prevent ROTC or military recruitment on campus. In December, the court will hear a case arguing that the law impinges on the free speech rights of colleges and law schools.

"The Solomon Amendment establishes that for military recruiting, which is an important public function, to be done, the schools have to provide [the Defense Department] at least the level of cooperation that they give to other employers," said Bill Carr, the deputy undersecretary of defense for military personnel policy. "That's a reasonable quid pro quo, and federal funding being contingent on that seems reasonable, as well."

At the heart of the controversy is the military's "don't ask, don't tell" homosexual-conduct statute. The military's policy prohibits homosexual conduct and forbids service members from revealing homosexual orientation. The policy also forbids commanders from asking service members about their sexual orientation.

However, many institutions of higher education forbid discrimination based on sexual preference. They look at U.S. laws governing the

military's homosexual policy as discrimination.

Before New York Rep. Gerald Solomon introduced his legislation in 1994, a total of 12 colleges and law schools had banned military recruiters from their campuses, officials said, and others threatened to do the same.

Solomon argued that it was hypocritical of colleges to accept federal money on one hand and deny the federal government access on the other.

In November 2004, the Court of Appeals for the 3rd Circuit ruled against DoD in a case brought by the Forum for Academic and Institutional Rights. The group, an association of law schools and law faculty, asked the court to enjoin enforcement of the Solomon Amendment because it abridged free speech. The court agreed, but halted enjoinder pending the government's appeal.

Without the Solomon Amendment, officials fear colleges would "find ways to make military recruiting just hard," Carr said in an interview. In the past, recruiters and commissioned officers had to run "gauntlets" of protesters to get to interview rooms, he said. That behavior "has a chilling effect on recruiting and, in turn, drives up recruiting costs," Carr explained. "It makes recruiting harder, and recruiting is hard enough."

Carr said the military is following the law of the land. "The don't ask, don't tell law 'is a choice the nation has made about its military,'" he said. "And if the nation has asked that of the military and the military complies with it, then it is incongruous for the military to be punished for following the statutes."



# USE YOUR HEAD WEAR YOUR HELMET

# 94th AAMDC activates at Fort Shafter

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FORT SHAFTER — As the U.S. Army continues its transformation to meet the security challenges of the 21st century, it has now officially provided the Asia-Pacific theater a first line of defense with the recent activation of the 94th Army Air and Missile Defense Command.

The 94th AAMDC unfurled its colors during a ceremony Oct. 14, at the historic Palm Circle on Fort Shafter.

This ceremony marks the activation of the third Army Air and Missile Defense Command: two in the active component and one in the reserve component.

The 94th AAMDC is the newest addition to the modular Army and is tailored for joint and or multinational operations. It is a command headquarters element that provides command and control for Army air defense units, and it will assist in planning theater level air and missile defenses.

“In this region of the world there is a rapid growth in the number of air-delivered weapons systems,” said Lt. Gen. John M. Brown III, U.S. Army, Pacific commanding general and the reviewing officer for the ceremony. “Things will change; we’ll keep all our existing missions, but we will also become a warfighting headquarters.”

“The 94th AAMDC is an integral part of the headquarters transformation,” Brown added.

The activation and stationing of the 94th AAMDC in the U.S. Pacific Command theater of oper-



Pouroto Ngaropo (kneeling) presents Lt. Gen. John M. Brown III, U.S. Army, Pacific, commanding general, with a teka, a customary gift informing locals that the 94th comes in peace and brings prosperity to the land, clearing all negative influences.



Seward



Above — Col. Kelvin L. Bright (center), 94th AAMDC chief of staff and commander of troops, and his staff salute during the “National Anthem.”



Right — During the activation ceremony, a Polynesian warrior sounds the conch shell, representing the universal sound of the sky and earth through which Hawaii was created.

ations ensures the Army’s contribution to the Theater Air and Missile Defense fight and supports the joint forces commander’s intent.

“Today, we join the U.S. Army, Pacific in its vigilant fight

against the Global War on Terrorism. We support our Commander in Chief’s overall plan in homeland security.

“We are actively engaged in critical exercises preparing our forces, building cooperation

with our coalition partners and ultimately preparing the 94th AAMDC for success in any future contingency,” said Col. John E. Seward,

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# Army fully funds family programs

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WASHINGTON — More than \$200 million has been earmarked this fiscal year for Army family programs said the Army’s top personnel officer.

“We’ve been pushing this for years, and it’s gotten better and better every year,” said Lt. Gen. Franklin L. Hagenbeck, deputy chief of staff, Army G-1, one of numerous speakers during a three-day family forum Oct. 3-5.

Family readiness groups are an official program of the Department of the Army and, as an official program, commanders can now use mission funds to support FRGs the same way they support other mission activities. Hagenbeck said the Army is counting on families’ feedback to help ensure the money is properly allocated.

“Too often we focus exclusively on those of us wearing uniforms, but I will tell you that all of you in this room recognize full well that it’s much, much more than that,” Hagenbeck said speaking at the family forum, part of the Association of United States Army’s annual meeting. “We need in many instances to do a better job than we do today in recognizing all the families, spouses and supporting agencies that reside inside our Army and all their components.”

“There’s so much to click on your wrist may grow tired,” said Col. Dennis Dingle, director of the Army’s human resources policy directorate, who stressed military families’ needs to serve, live, connect and grow.

Dingle said that as of Sept. 29, about 268,000 Soldiers have used the Rest & Recuperation Leave Program, instituted in 2003. About 40,000 Soldiers used the program before DoD started paying for flights from Dallas or Atlanta to the airport closest their homes, but only about 3,500 have sought reimbursement for air

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# New civilian personnel system will debut soon

Department of the Army  
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Get more details at  
<http://cpol.army.mil/library/general/nsps/>.

responsive system of civilian personnel management.



A: Section 9902 of Title 5, United States Code, enacted by the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2004 (Public Law 108-136, November 24, 2003) gives the Department of Defense the authority to establish a more flexible civilian personnel management system.

NSPS will allow the Department to be a more competitive and progressive employer at a time when the country's national security demands a highly

NSPS, once its design is finalized, will likely include changes in the way civilian jobs are graded and classified (a shift to Pay Bands), in the way the employee and manager performance objectives are set, managed and rewarded (Pay for Performance), in the way the Department works with its unions (Labor Relations), in the way the Department hires, promotes and adjusts its workforce size (Staffing Flexibilities) and in the way the Department addresses personnel issues, discipline and appeals.

Q: What does the implementation of NSPS mean to me?

A: NSPS will establish new rules for how civilians are hired, assigned, compensated, promoted and disciplined. NSPS will also contain elements that address the Department's labor relations, within the framework of merit principles, veterans' preference and employees' rights to organize and bargain collectively.

Q: What is the timetable for NSPS implementation?

A: NSPS will be implemented in phases beginning late in 2005 or early 2006. Full implementation will occur over several

years as aggressive, event-driven milestones are achieved.

Q: What is pay banding?

A: Pay bands encompass occupational career groups that combine occupations and positions that are similar in terms of type of work, mission, developmental/ career paths, competencies and/or skill sets. The smaller number of pay bands simplifies job classification and broadens pay ranges.

Q: How will my pay be affected upon conversion to NSPS?

A: The law requires that civilian employees suffer no loss of pay as a result of being converted into NSPS. Once covered by

NSPS, the pay bands and performance management aspects of the final NSPS design will determine employees' pay.

Q: Will NSPS do away with bargaining units and employee unions?

A: No. The proposed NSPS regulations do not affect the right of employees to participate in labor organizations and bargain collectively. The implementation of the NSPS labor relations system will not eliminate unions or bargaining units.

The NSPS labor relations system recognizes the important role that unions play in the workplace, and preserves that role under NSPS.

# New Army senior enlisted advisor to aid Joint Chiefs

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American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The senior enlisted advisor to the chairman will spend more time listening than talking, he said during a Pentagon interview Oct. 11.

The Joint Chiefs chairman, Marine Gen. Peter Pace, chose Army Command Sgt. Maj. William J. Gainey as the first senior enlisted advisor to the highest-ranking military

officer last month.

Gainey will serve as the chairman's eyes and ears on enlisted force matters. The sergeant major will advise the chairman on enlisted education, health, welfare, morale and housing issues for service members in joint billets.

"The key to that is joint," he said, explaining he won't get involved in service-specific matters. "They already have senior enlisted advisors [for that]," he said.

He will, however, work closely with the service senior noncommissioned officers, and they will constantly share information and impressions with one another.

"All six of us working together — because the Coast Guard is a big part of this too ... the winners are the service members," Gainey explained.

He said that military and civilian leaders owe service members four things. First,

they need to give service members "all the responsibility that they can hold. Then we have to give them the authority they need to be responsible," Gainey contin-

ued.

Thirdly, Gainey said, the military must hold people accountable for their actions.

"People want that," he explained. "Everyone wants

to be accountable for their actions, good and bad."

Finally, Gainey said, senior personnel must stand ready to assist service members when they stumble.

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development opportunities exist. Contact Maj. Pepper at 655-6192 or Sgt. Maj. Kahalehoe at 228-3323.

**Prior Service** — The U.S. Air Force is currently accepting applications for prior service members to reenlist and go Air Force. Recruiters will be accessing 40 prior service applicants for Fiscal Year 2006.

The five positions available are in combat control (1C2X1), tactical air command and control (1C4X1), SERE (1T0X1), pararescue (1T2X1), EOD (3E8X1), regional band (3N1X1) and premier band (3N2X1).

Also, the Air Force will be recruiting approximately 34,000 non-prior service members this fiscal year, which includes high school seniors or anyone up to the age of 27.

If you'd like to go Air Force in any of the listed positions, contact Tech. Sgt. Sutton at 486-7003 for more information.

**Combined Federal Campaign** — The 2005 Hawaii-Pacific CFC will run through Oct. 28, and this year's theme is "Heroes of the Pacific – Be One!" The 25th Infantry Division (Light) is the designated Army agency for all Army units participating in Hawaii's campaign, and staffs look forward to coordinating an effective and rewarding campaign.

As the largest workplace charity campaign in the country, and the only campaign authorized to solicit and collect contributions from federal employees in the workplace, the mission of the CFC is to promote and support philanthropy.

For more details, contact Capt. Andrew Thompson at 655-3984.

**Town Hall Meeting** — The quarterly Schofield Barracks Town Hall meeting will take place Nov. 8 at 6:30 p.m. at Sgt. Smith Theater. The town hall meeting is your chance to hear what's happening around post and to address questions to key personnel in attendance.

Forums like town hall are in place to serve the community's needs and to make our community better. All Soldiers and family members are encouraged to attend.

**Native American Club** — All who are interested in learning about various Native American cultures, or who would like to share their pride in their tribal affiliation with others should contact me Sgt. Quiocho (an enrolled member of the Oglala Lakota, the Sioux Tribe of the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota) at 656-5698.

Plans are underway to gather people together to create a Native American Cultural Club and share heritage with each other and the military community, as well as establish relationships with the local Intertribal Council of Hawaii.

**Strong Marriages** — Do you want to strengthen your marriage? Take a day off work? Spend some time alone without the kids? Stay overnight at a hotel at no cost to you?

If your answers are yes, see your unit chaplain about the "Building Strong and Ready Families" program.

# New ACU is sharp, convenient

## Every Soldier will be wearing the Army Combat Uniform by the end of 2007

Story and photo by  
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Imagine not having to iron your uniform or spend money taking it to the cleaners, just so you could look professional. Or, imagine not having to shine your boots or worry about getting them scuffed up during the duty day.

All of these wishes are about to come true with the distribution of the new Army Combat Uniform (ACU).

ACUs are the new high-speed uniform replacing the pioneering Battle Dress Uniform (BDU).

The new uniform is equipped with Velcro and a zip-up front that is more convenient to work with, said Sgt. Wayne Langley, 125th Signal Battalion multi-channel radio operator/maintainer.

"The boots are also more comfortable, especially when you are deployed," said Langley, in regards to his experience with the new ACUs in Iraq.

The Velcro is used to fasten the name tapes and unit patches onto

the uniform. Along with Velcro, angled pockets and additional, larger cargo pockets are added on the uniform to store more combat-related items, giving Soldiers a better opportunity to be more efficient in their job.

The uniform also contains elbow and knee inserts to protect Soldiers from cuts and bruises when they train downrange.

"The overall appearance is a lot sharper than the BDUs, in my opinion," said Langley.

Not only does the uniform have a new and improved look, its wrinkle-free material will save Soldiers money over time.

"I don't have to take my uniform to the cleaners at all anymore," explained Langley. "It's more of a wash-and-wear process, and I save a lot of money doing so."

Sgt. Jason Ignacio, 125th Sig. Bn. intelligence and security section noncommissioned officer in charge, said he couldn't wait until the new ACUs were distributed division-wide.

"They're cool. They have a lot of new gadgets, and the boots are

a lot more comfortable than the combat boots we currently wear," Ignacio said. "I like them very much and want to get mine."

By the end of 2007, the new ACUs will be worn Army-wide.

As of Oct. 1, the Army began issuing the uniform to Soldiers in basic training and will continue distribution Army-wide.

Standing confidently wearing his new high-tech uniform, Langley smiled and said, "I am proud to be wearing this uniform."

**Sgt. Jason Ignacio, 125th Signal Bn. Intelligence and security section NCOIC, admires the new Army Combat Uniform of his co-worker, Sgt. Wayne Langley.**



# More Soldiers now eligible for eArmyU

Army News Service  
News Release

WASHINGTON — Changes in re-enlistment criteria effective Oct. 1 broaden eligibility for Soldiers to participate in the eArmU laptop enrollment option, officials said, and extend the program's no-laptop option to all officers.

Under the new requirements, the majority of active-component Soldiers in the rank of private first class and higher may be eligible to sign up for online college courses and receive a laptop computer to use in the program, officials said. Laptop enrollees will be required to successfully complete at least 12 semester hours of course

work in three years.

The number of Soldiers approved for the laptop enrollment will be constrained based on program funding, officials said.

The eArmyU "no laptop" enrollment, now called "eCourse enrollment," will also be extended to all officers beginning this month, officials said. With eCourse enrollment, Soldiers use their personal computers to participate in the program on a course-by-course basis and receive all the same benefits as laptop enrollees as part of tuition.

eArmyU tuition includes textbooks, Internet Service Provider, 24/7 technology support, a "boot camp" tutorial, and online academic tutoring and mentoring.

Officers and commissioned war-

rant officers incur a two-year, active duty service obligation beginning upon the ending date of the last class for which tuition assistance was received.

The Army launched eArmyU in 2001 to offer eligible Soldiers the opportunity to work toward a college degree or certificate online. The program began with selected installations and was expanded Army-wide this year. To date, more than 60,000 Soldiers have taken courses from 29 regionally accredited colleges and universities.

All active-component Soldiers who want to participate are required to have approval from an Army Continuing Education System counselor as well as their commander. They must follow the docu-

mentation and timeline procedures for processing of the eArmyU Participation Agreement, which must be returned within 30 days of issuance.

There is no "service remaining requirement" with the eCourse option. However, Soldiers must have sufficient time in service remaining to complete the eArmyU course in which they are enrolling.

The laptop option is available to Soldiers in the rank of specialist to staff sergeant, with less than 10 years of service and staff sergeants to sergeants major with more than 10 years of active service in an indefinite status, with more than three years to their retention control point, officials said.

Active duty privates first class, with less than 24 months time in service (those Soldiers who entered on a 15-month-plus training enlistment option) may also be eligible.

Soldiers may re-enlist or extend to meet the three-year service remaining requirement, officials said. They said enlisted careerists not currently in an indefinite status must re-enlist and become indefinite.

More extensive eligibility information is located on the eArmyU Web Page at [www.eArmyU.com](http://www.eArmyU.com) under "View Eligibility Checklist" and in the Frequently Asked Questions.

*(Editor's Note: Information provided by Human Resources Command Public Affairs.)*

## 94th AAMDC

From A-9

94th AAMDC commander.

During his remarks, Seward took the opportunity to give special thanks to guests from out of town, guests who are no strangers to the 94th AAMDC: Col. (R) David Casmus, last commander of the 94th Air Defense Artillery Brigade in Darmstadt, Germany, and wife Socorro Casmus.

"It is a distinct honor to have you participate in our unit activation as the last commander of the 94th. You tie us to our past, and may you always find us faithful as we accept the torch you have passed

us today," Seward said.

Casmus, a guest speaker, admitted he was thankful for the invitation to attend and participate in the ceremony.

"I am extremely proud to witness the unfurling, once again, of the 94th's colors. I am darn proud that the First Line of Defense patch is back in the active Army and worn on these Soldier's sleeves again," he said. "I am extremely confident that the Soldiers and their leaders will live up to the past glory of the 94th.

The ceremony itself featured the 25th Infantry Division Marching Band, 94th AAMDC Soldiers and a traditional Polynesian Maori welcome.

## Funds

From A-9

fares they purchased out-of-pocket.

"We want those [other] Soldiers to come in," he said. "We owe them the reimbursement."

### Virtual family readiness groups online'

Brig. Gen. John A. Macdonald, commander of the U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center, outlined how the multi-component family support network and virtual family readiness groups provide support and information to assist Soldiers and families before, during and after deployments.

Macdonald said surveys indicate that 87 percent of enlisted families have a computer in their home and 93 percent of officers' homes are computer equipped, thus explaining the Army's creation of more and more Web sites to spread the wealth of its programs.

"You can't expect the industrial age of leaving personal lives at the fence," he

said. "We did that for awhile and we had baby carriers on the bleachers during [physical training] ... We've gotten smarter than that."

Next phase: Operation Ready

Macdonald touched on refining Operation Ready, the next phase of Army Family Team Building, Family Readiness Groups, Military One Source and the Web site [www.MyArmyLifeToo.com](http://www.MyArmyLifeToo.com), among other programs provided by CFSC.

Everything discussed in the forum is designed to simplify life for Army families, he said.

"We want to make every Soldier and every family feel that they can do anything that they want to do," said Brig. Gen. Russell L. Frutiger, U.S. Army Europe's deputy assistant chief of staff, G-1, adding that the Army views deployment as a family affair. "It's just a totally new way of doing business."

*(Editor's Note: Tim Hipps writes for the U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center.)*

# COMMUNITY & SPORTS



## Wives go ARMY

Story and Photos by  
Pfc. Kyndal Brewer  
Staff Writer

On a rainy Friday morning, about 20 camouflaged figures began a tedious death-defying mission that only true Soldiers can execute. They performed tasks few of their gender could accomplish.

Wives of 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment, "Wolfhound" Soldiers performed duties their spouses carry out on a daily basis during the annual Jane Wayne Day, Oct. 14.

"We do this to help spouses," said Maj. Mario Diaz, the battalion executive officer, "so that by the end of the day, they will have a good idea of what we do as a unit and have some appreciation for what their husbands do on a day-to-day basis."

The event began at the aid station. Spouses received briefings about the abilities of medics in the battalion who take care of their Soldiers.

Medics demonstrated various types of treatment they give Soldiers when they get wounded

on the battlefield or in garrison.

When the briefing was over, spouses rotated to the next station, the camouflage station, where Soldiers gave them a quick class on how to properly apply "cammo" to their faces to look like a Soldier. Then, many spouses took the opportunity to apply cammo to themselves.

After their transformation to Army Soldiers, spouses loaded onto buses to journey to their next event. Soldiers and wives headed out to East Range. There, wives rappelled off a 60-foot wall, which all Soldiers learn to do in their basic combat training.

Along with rappelling and other activities, spouses tackled combative and weapons training. Each received the opportunity to fire the M-4, M-249 and the 240, first with blank rounds, then with live rounds.

"I think days like this are a great chance for the wives to understand what their spouses do during the day, and what they talk about when they get home," said Spc. Chris Harlan, an infantryman in 1st Bn., 27th Inf. Reg.

The spouses really seem to enjoy when the battalion gets the chance to do events like this because, not only is it fun, but it also helps build a stronger family readiness group, Diaz explained.

"I like it because we get to experience and understand what our husbands do when they go to work everyday," said Virginia Harlan, wife of Spc. Chris Harlan. "We have a better understanding of what they do, and it's adventurous."

Above — Sgt. Jeremy Bixler helps his wife Betty, by applying her camouflage.



Right — Soldiers step up to help when instructors were teaching spouses how to tie a Swiss seat for the rappelling event.



Spc. Jason Phillips (in background), field medic with 1st Bn., 27th Inf. Rgt., teaches Carla Wooldridge how to give her husband, Spc. Brandon Wooldridge, an IV.



Above — Erika Day (center) shows her warrior face after her husband applied camouflage to make her look like a Soldier.



Right — Sherie Emerson experiences difficulties while rappelling from the tower, but once she gets going, she is okay.



**MWR Briefs**  
Serving America's Army in Hawaii

**OCTOBER**

**21 / Today**

**NAF Property Sale** — Need an office chair or a set of dishes? These items and more will be available at the NAF property sale located at the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Supply warehouse, Building 1598, Fort Shafter, on Oct. 21 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Sales will include golf carts, office and home furniture, golf course equipment, restaurant equipment and more.

All property will be sold "as is" and only cash or checks will be accepted for payment. There is no preview opportunity for property prior to sale.

As an added incentive to buy, your sales receipt will entitle you to receive \$1 off the cost of a luau lunch at the Hale Ikena on Oct. 28. For more information, call 438-3492.

**CYS Open House** — Child and Youth Services presents "Lights On After School" and CYS Open House, today, at the Heleman Youth Center, Building 25B, from 3 to 5:30 p.m.

Come enjoy door prizes, games, displays, bouncer fun, entertainment and CYS and community information.

Help celebrate after-school programs and learn about services for kids within your community. For general event information, contact Sandy Salisbury at 655-5525.

**Pasta Bar at Reggie's** — Interested in creating your own signature pasta dish? Visit Reggie's today from 5 to 8 p.m., and

choose from a variety of pastas, sauces and other extra ingredients to design your perfect Italian meal.

"Build Your Own Pasta Night" features adult pricing at \$8.95 and children, ages 3 to 12, at \$4.95. Call 655-4466 for more information.

**October Auto Craft Specials** — During October, paint booth rental is \$8 per hour (regularly \$10) and the



Spc. Juan F. Jimenez

**It's pumpkin time!**

**Dina Williams shows her son Aiden, 4, what pumpkins look like before Halloween while shopping at the Schofield Barracks Commissary, Wednesday.**

charging circuit check is \$10 (regularly \$12). For more information, call the Schofield Barracks Auto Craft Center at 655-9368 or the Fort Shafter Auto Craft Center at 438-9402.

**22 / Saturday**

**Army Photo Contest** — The deadline for the 2005 Army Photo Contest is today. Entry forms are available at both the Fort Shafter or Schofield Barracks craft centers. For more information, call 438-1315 or 655-4202.

**26 / Wednesday**

**Wine and Dine** — Enjoy a gourmet four-course dinner including soup and salad, appetizer, entrée and dessert. Each course will be served with a selected wine. Dinner starts at 6 p.m. and cost for adults is \$29.

Reservations are recommended and will be taken from Oct. 3 through 21. For more information or to make reservations, call 655-4466.

**28 / Friday**

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

**NOVEMBER**

**4 / Friday**

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

**ONGOING**

**Family Child Care** — Individuals interested in caring for children in their home should inquire with the Child and Youth Services Family Child Care Program. Benefits include free training, additional income, and flexible hours.



For more information, call the Aliamanu Military Reservation's Family Child Care office at 837-0236, or the Schofield Barracks Family Child Care office at 655-8373.

**Army Soldier Show** — Performer and technician nominations are now being accepted for the Army Soldier Show. If you are interested in participating or want more information, call the Leisure Activities Office at 655-0112 or 655-0111.

**Mystery Shopper Program** — Are you up for the challenge? The Directorate of Community Activities is looking for volunteers to participate in the Mystery Shopper Program. DCA uses this program to evaluate facilities and identify employees providing legendary service.

Mystery shoppers are asked to anonymously shop at various facilities or activities. Approximately three hours may be required for each assignment, and shoppers will be provided any money that is required for their shopping visit.

Shoppers will also be asked to attend an in- and out-brief where they can briefly explain their shopping experience. If you are up for the challenge and want to have some fun at the same time, call 656-0078.

**Homeschool Support Group** — Homeschool students are invited to join biweekly group meetings where activities include arts and crafts, field trips, science experiments, computer classes and more.

Call 655-2263 to obtain a copy of the current calendar or to learn more about registration.

**Youth Sponsorship** — If you are new to Hawaii and between the ages of 5 and 18, CYS has a welcome gift for you, and a youth sponsor who wants to be your friend. Call 655-2263 for more information.

**HACN TV2 Schedule**

- Morning**
- 6:00 Sign On
  - 6:26 Coqui Frog Invasion in Hawaii
  - 6:47 Welcome Home Redeployment Guam
  - 7:00 Bulletin Board
  - 7:30 What's Down the Drain
  - 7:41 White Face
  - 7:55 Water Safety
  - 8:00 Hawaii Army Report
  - 8:30 Army News Watch
  - 9:00 Pentagon Channel
  - 10:00 White Face
  - 10:15 Change of Command Ceremony 25ID (L) & USARHAW
  - 10:20 Bulletin Board
  - 10:50 Welcome Home Redeployment Guam
  - 11:04 Coqui Frog Invasion in Hawaii
  - 11:26 VATV #2
  - 11:52 Inside Afghanistan 8/31/05
  - 12:00 Hawaii Army Report
  - 12:35 Pentagon Channel

- Afternoon**
- 2:00 Inside Afghanistan 9/08/05
  - 2:12 Bulletin Board
  - 2:42 Welcome Home Redeployment Guam
  - 2:55 Shamu: The Rhino Story
  - 3:30 Coqui Frog Invasion in Hawaii
  - 3:50 Hurricane Safety
  - 4:00 Pentagon Channel

- Evening**
- 6:00 Hawaii Army Report
  - 6:30 Community Focus
  - 6:47 What's Down the Drain
  - 6:56 Change of Command Ceremony 25ID (L) & USARHAW
  - 7:00 NFL: Football Follies
  - 8:00 Bulletin Board
  - 8:30 Inside Afghanistan 8/31/05
  - 8:42 What's Down the Drain
  - 8:50 White Face
  - 9:06 Volunteers
  - 9:21 Welcome Home Redeployment Guam
  - 9:34 Inside Afghanistan 8/22/05
  - 9:45 Safety Video
  - 9:49 Coqui Frog Invasion in Hawaii
  - 10:10 NFL: Ice Bowl
  - 11:25 Bulletin Board

- Overnight**
- Pentagon Channel

**Community Calendar**

**OCTOBER**

**21 / Today**

**Leilehua High School Craft Fair** — Leilehua High School is hosting a craft fair in the high school cafeteria on Nov. 5; however, deadline for vendor sign-up is Oct. 21. The craft fair will benefit the Class of 2006's graduation party, which is an alcohol/drug-free event that is held for graduates each year.

Anyone who would like to be a vendor can call or e-mail Moana Agliam, at 330-6143 or kumuhula1064@yahoo.com. Interested vendors should contact her as soon as possible, as indoor spaces will be given out first.

**Hawaii's Miss 2006** — Applications are still open for Hawaii's Miss 2006, a pageant for young ladies up to 16 years of age. No pageant or modeling experience is necessary, and every contestant goes home a winner.

Several different age groups are offered in the competition. Cost to enter is \$100 and includes lessons in poise, walking, speech (if applicable) and etiquette. The application deadline is Oct. 21.

The pageant will be held on Sunday, Nov. 6, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Aloha Tower Marketplace Center Atrium, and admission to the pageant is free. For more information on the pageant, call 384-7659.

**22 / Thursday**

**Make A Difference Day** — The 25th Infantry Division (Light) and U.S. Army, Hawaii, will participate in the 7th Annual Make a Difference Day on Saturday, Oct. 22. Last year,

community members participated in 35 volunteer projects throughout the island. This year, more than 80 projects will be available for community agencies and units.

Projects available include everything from painting homes, assisting the elderly and building a gazebo at Fisher House, to cleaning up streams and beaches. Something will be available for everyone.

If you would like to adopt a project or get more information about this very worthy community effort, contact Cathie Henderson at 655-2398 or e-mail hendersonca@schofield.army.mil.

**Make a Difference Day at Barbers Point** — Ameri\*Corps VISTA, Volunteers in Service to America, will be holding a canned food drive and book drive at Barbers Point Commissary on Saturday as part of Make a Difference Day activities. Donations will be accepted from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and will benefit the Onemalu Homeless Shelter.

Contact Tiffany Walsh, the VISTA Coordinator at Iroquois Point Elementary at 499-6504 for more information about the event or about volunteer opportunities within her organization.

**25 / Tuesday**

**Volunteer Medical Assistant Program** — The American Red Cross at Schofield Barracks along with the Post Medical Clinic is offering its Volunteer Medical Assistant Program. Applications will be available at the Red Cross office on Oct. 25 with a deadline of Nov. 15.

This class will start on Feb. 12 and run for seven weeks. For requirements and information, call Beth Weber at 655-4927.

**26 / Wednesday**

**Bishop Museum** — Attention educators, Bishop Museum will host the 6th annual Educator's Evening on Wednesday, Oct. 26, from 4 to 8 p.m. Educators will have an opportunity to experience various educational programs offered by the museum

by visiting interactive stations and participating in presentations and discussions throughout the campus.

Education programs will include Holoholo Science Outreach, Ola Na Mo'olelo

Cultural Outreach, the Sleepover program, the Lending Box program, Planetarium and Starlab shows and upcoming workshops for teachers.

The highlight of the evening will be a sneak preview of the new Science Adventure Center exhibit. Educators will also have a chance to win a free visit to the museum for their class or education group, in addition to discounts on outreach programs and resource materials.

Refreshment will be served. For more information or to make reservations, call 848-4168 or email education@bishopmuseum.org.

**27 / Thursday**

**Resume Seminar** — The Army Career Alumni Program (ACAP) is offering a Federal Resume Writing Seminar on Thursday, Oct. 2, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. All ACAP clients and their family members are welcome to attend.

Call the Schofield Barracks ACAP Center at 655-1028 to reserve a place in this lunchtime class.

**29 / Saturday**

**Shafter Elementary Fall Festival** — Shafter Elementary School will be hosting a Fall Festival at Fort Shafter on Oct. 29 from noon to 5 p.m. Activities include many bouncers provided by Inflatable City, concessions, games, free "Trick or Treat," a cake walk and much more. Contact the school for more information.

**NOVEMBER**

**3 / Thursday**

**Starting A Small Business** — Are you interested in starting a small business? Army Community Service (ACS) and the Business Action Center will be presenting a

workshop on Nov. 3 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Schofield Barracks ACS Classroom, Building 2091. Participants will learn about resource materials, government contracts, loan programs, financing, and business action centers. For reservations, call 655-2400.

**4 / Friday**

**ACS Employment Orientation** — Take the first step in finding the job you want at employment orientation workshops to be held Fridays on Nov. 4 and 18 from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at the Schofield Barracks ACS Building 2091. Participants will learn how to prepare for the job search process and receive employment information on federal, state, private sector and staffing agencies.

Also, the ACS employment resource center will be explained, including the reference materials, job listings, and computers that are available for use. Call 655-2400 to register.

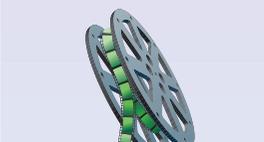
**5 / Saturday**

**Leilehua High School Craft Fair** — Remember, Leilehua High School is hosting its craft fair in the high school cafeteria on Nov. 5. For more information, call or e-mail Moana Agliam, at 330-6143 or kumuhula1064@yahoo.com.

**6 / Sunday**

**Honolulu Harbor Festival** — The 6th Annual Honolulu Harbor Festival is set to sail on Sunday, Nov. 6, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Hawaii Maritime Center and Aloha Tower Marketplace, Honolulu Harbor Piers 7 to 11. Come set a course to celebrate the rich maritime heritage of Hawaii at this great annual event. Festivalgoers will enjoy a canoe regatta, tugboat hula competition, great food, live entertainment, fun contests, great prizes and interactive, harbor-themed booths.

The Honolulu Harbor Festival is free and open to the public. For more information, call the Hawaii Maritime Center at 523-6151.



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

**Today**  
40-Year-Old Virgin  
7 p.m. (R)

**Saturday**  
March of the Penguins  
2 p.m. (G)

**Saturday**  
40-Year-Old Virgin  
7 p.m. (R)

**Sunday**  
March of the Penguins  
7 p.m. (G)

**Wednesday**  
40-Year-Old Virgin  
7 p.m. (R)

**Thursday**  
March of the Penguins  
7 p.m. (G)

The theater is closed Monday & Tuesday.

# Hake Kula first graders reach out to Hurricane victims

Photo and Story by Joy Boisselle  
Staff Writer

**SCHOFIELD BARRACKS** — The three R's — reading, 'riting and 'rithmetic — are what most students concentrate on at their schools. Recently, however, first grade students at Hale Kula Elementary School learned something more ... compassion.

In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, which struck the Gulf Coast on Aug. 29, first grade teachers at Hale Kula took time to explain to their students the hurricane's impact on the lives of Gulf Coast residents. Through news articles and accompanying pictures, students learned of the total devastation of the area including how the storm affected children of their age.

Tami Sego, a teacher, said, "After we got back from Labor Day break [around Sept. 6], we talked to the kids about what happened. The kids were very concerned about the loss of homes, toys and schools, and they wanted to do something to help."

According to Sego, teachers recognized an opportunity to teach a valuable life lesson to their students and brainstormed ideas on how their students could help those affected by the Category 4 storm. Through the combined efforts of the teachers, students and their parents, a fund-raising project devel-



**Beth Weber (left) Schofield Barracks Red Cross Station director, accepts nearly \$630 from Hale Kula Elementary first graders to support Hurricane Katrina victims, Oct. 14.**

oped. For one week in September, the students, ages 6 to 8 years, performed extra household chores and earned a predetermined amount, agreed upon by their parents. Chores included dusting, washing the dog, scrubbing the sidewalk, collecting household laundry and any chore not

normally on the child's "to do list." Funds earned by children ranged from \$1 to \$5 per chore.

The end of the project came after Hale Kula's fall break. On Oct. 14, the first grade students presented Beth Weber, Schofield Barracks Red Cross station director, with a check for \$629.20 at their monthly school

assembly.

Weber said, "This is so great that they [the students] are caring about and giving back to their neighbors. This is a good thing that they did."

Weber said that 100 percent of the funds will go to the Red Cross's Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund, which totals more than \$1.3 billion collected to date.

Of the life lessons the students learned, Debbie Hetherington, a long-term first grade substitute teacher, said, "They learned a spirit of empathy, to walk in another's shoes who may not have as much as they do right now. They learned what it's like to not have a home, a hot meal, or even know where your family members are."

Perhaps most importantly, Hetherington added, "They learned compassion and the true spirit of giving."

Several of the students said they felt saddened by the hurricane and sorry for the kids who no longer had their homes or toys to play with.

Six-year-old Tiana Arzuga, who helped to present the collected funds to the Red Cross representative, said, "The hurricane was awful, and I felt good helping the people that were in the hurricane."

She added that she "worked hard" on her chores that included dusting her pictures and washing

For more details on how to help or make a donation, contact Beth Weber at the Schofield Barracks Red Cross, 655-4927.

the sidewalk ... "all by herself."

From an education standpoint, the students learned the importance of being a community contributor: the Hawaii Department of Education General Learner Outcome 2.

"Hale Kula parents and children have always been generous in the community," said Agnes Leinau, Hale Kula vice principal. "Through this project, they learned that the world is greater than just their classroom."

"They made a difference in the bigger world by doing little things, like chores," Leinau continued. "And, they were able to make a difference in someone's life, somewhere else."

Hurricane Katrina is the most destructive and costly natural disaster in the history of the United States. With more than a million people displaced, more than \$200 billion in damages, and a death toll nearing 1,300, the American Red Cross and other agencies continue to collect donations.

# 25th ID (L) Soldiers partner with Hale Kula to raise funds for needs

Story and Photos by  
Spc. Stephen L. Proctor  
17th Public Affairs Detachment

**SCHOFIELD BARRACKS** — Children ran from booth to booth Saturday, trying out all of the activities the Hale Kula Elementary School Fall Festival had to offer, including a dunk tank, baseball throw, cotton candy, popcorn and much more.

The currency of the day was little purple tickets. Parents followed behind excited children with fists fulls of the little tickets, worth more than gold.

The fall festival was a fund-raising event held to raise money for individual classes at Hale Kula Elementary.

"Students are doing the work," said Deb Stenman, a fifth grade teacher at Hale Kula, "so the money goes back into their classes."

The money goes toward the needs of the school's classrooms. In the past, funds have gone toward field trips, classroom supplies and extra sets of supplies for new students who are missing things they need. Amidst the crowd of children, parents

and teachers were several people in camouflage uniforms. They were Soldiers from 25th Infantry Division (Light) Special Troops Battalion who were assisting the school with the day's festivities.

"Hale Kula Elementary is our partner school," said Maj. Edward J. O'Neill, the operations officer for the 25th ID (L) STB.

"They asked us to come out to assist the teachers with the fund-raising activities and provide educational activities and fun events."

Soldiers from the unit set up booths, put up tents and assisted teachers in running the booths, including a weapons display and camouflage face painting.

At the weapons display booth, children could see an actual M-16A2 assault rifle, an M-249 squad automatic weapon, a .50 caliber machinegun and more. Soldiers manned the booth and answered questions about the weapons.

At the camouflage face painting booth kids could "cammo" themselves up, or have Soldiers professionally apply the makeup.

Helping with the festival is not the first time 25th ID (L) STB has supported the school.

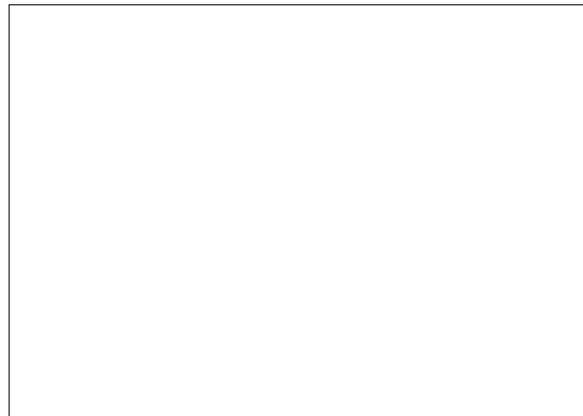
"We work with the school hand-in-hand. Any time they need some help, we come out and assist them," O'Neill said.

"Any chance we get to work with the school, we're there." Soldiers also volunteer their time for reading and tutoring programs at the school.

"With the budget cuts, all of the volunteers that come in to help with tutoring are

invaluable," Stenman said. "It's great for the kids to see that the Soldiers in the community care about what happens to them," she continued, "and it's good for the Soldiers to see the positive influence they can [have] on the students."

**Angel Rodriguez, 2, gets cammoed-up by a Soldier at the Hale Kula Elementary School's Fall Festival, Saturday.**



# Equal Opportunity Soldiers school Radford H.S. teens

Story and Photos by  
Sgt. 1st Class Christine Williams  
Military Police Brigade EOA

Since their partnership was established in July 2005, the Hawaii Equal Opportunity Advisor (EOA) team and Radford High School have combined efforts to reach teenagers.

The EOA team — Master Sgt. Christopher Keese of 2nd Brigade Combat Team; Sgt. 1st Class Damian Miller of U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii; Sgt 1st Class Christine Williams of Military Police Brigade, Hawaii; and Sgt. 1st Class Wallace Carmichael of Tripler Army Medical Center — offered their program after an incident

occurred at Radford in February 2005. Ever since, the Soldiers have demonstrated their commitment to the school's students and faculty.

In the military, EOAs educate Soldiers to treat one other with dignity and respect. Similarly at Radford, the team set about educating students about "Discipline, Respect, and Responsibility," the theme at Radford H.S.

EOAs provide knowledge, insights and awareness about diversity issues on a monthly basis, generally during the school's block of instruction for Tutorial Assembly Student Government Clubs (TASGC). Topics include racism, sexism, gang relations, power and discrimination, and cultural sensi-



Above — Equal Opportunity advisors (left to right) Williams, Carmichael, Keese and Miller regularly address students at Radford High School (left) as part of an EO sponsorship with the school.

tivity training.

Because of its success, the Hawaii EOA team has been asked to facilitate training at other Oahu

schools, the Boys and Girls Club at Hickam Air Force Base, and the Hawaii Department of Education.

The team recently received a

request from the Hawaii State legislature to present its material before the assembly, another testament of its effectiveness.

## Halloween 'to-do' list grows

Compiled by Joy Boisselle  
Staff Writer

Halloween Trick or Treat hours for the Fort Shafter and Schofield Barracks areas are Monday, Oct. 31, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., only. Children under the age of 10 require an adult escort.

The Tripler Army Medical Center Department of Radiology will X-ray candies on Oct. 31 from 8 to 10 p.m. and again on Tuesday, Nov. 1, from 1 to 5 p.m. This service is available to eligible military beneficiaries, and children must have an adult escort.

X-rays will primarily show metallic objects within the candy or the treats. X-rays cannot detect whether other potential harmful substances such as fine glass, liquids, powders or chemical contaminants have been added to treats.

Parents are strongly encouraged to visually inspect all candies prior to consumption by children.

### Safety Tips for Children

- Dress in light-colored clothing (or parents should sew reflectors on dark clothing).
- Take precautions when crossing streets and use crosswalks.
- Wait for the proper traffic signals.
- Look both ways before crossing the street.
- Watch out for cars turning at intersections and leaving or entering driveways.
- Stay on the sidewalk, whenever possible.
- If there is no sidewalk, walk on the left side of the roadway facing traffic.
- Never enter vehicles or homes if invited by a stranger.

### Halloween Happenings

#### October 21

**AMR Teen Social** — The Aliamanu Military Reservation Teen Center is holding a Halloween social tonight from 7 to 9:30 p.m. The cost is \$3 for CYS members and \$4 for non-CYS members. Teens wearing Halloween costumes will receive \$1 off admission.

#### October 22

**Aloun Farms Pumpkin Patch** — Aloun Farms in Kapolei is sponsoring a self-pick Pumpkin Patch on Oct. 22, 23, 29 and 30 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Contact Aloun Farms for more information at 677-9516, or online at [alounfarms.com](http://alounfarms.com).

#### October 28

**SB Teen Social** — Teens are invited to a Halloween Dance at the Schofield Teen Center tonight

from 7 to 9:30 p.m. The cost is \$3 for CYS members and \$4 for non-CYS members. Teens wearing Halloween costumes will receive \$1 off admission.

#### Helemano Community Center

— The Army Hawaii Family Housing Community Center at Helemano Military Reservation will host a magic show on Friday. Call 275-3780 for time and details.

#### Medicorps Halloween Fundraiser

— Medicorps, a Honolulu-based nonprofit, is looking to scare up some funds to support its medical training missions to Cambodia. To support this cause, Medicorps has contracted with famed local storyteller Lopaka to conduct a seven-hour bus-and-walking tour through haunted Oahu, Oct. 28.

The "haunting" will start at 6:30 p.m. at Kawaiahao Cemetery on Punahou Street and proceed with a walking tour of the cemetery, Kawaiaha'o Church, Iolani Palace and the Kamehameha statue.

At 7:30 p.m., the bus will leave from the Kawaiaha'o trolley stop for the Oahu Cemetery, Ewa Village Plantation, Pokai Bay Heiau and the Makua Cave in Waianae. The tour will conclude at the Kawaiaha'o trolley stop at 1:30 a.m.

The cost for this not-to-be-missed event is \$55, \$20 of which is tax-deductible. Call 754-4154 to reserve a seat.

**Monster Bash** — Come enjoy a spook-filled event with plenty of tricks and treats at Reggie's from 8 p.m. to midnight. The evening will include pupus, beverages, and Halloween-related contests, so dress up, stop by and enjoy the fun.

Monster Bash is for adults only. For more information, call 655-4466.

#### October 29

**Hawaiian Humane Society** — You and your family are guaranteed "Howl-o-ween" fun at the Hawaiian Humane Society's K-9 Game Day on Saturday, Oct. 29, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The event will feature wacky and wild games for your dog, a pet costume contest, educational booths, dogs for adoption, "Pictures with Santa Paws" and more.

Game Day will be held at Thomas Square Park in downtown Honolulu with parking at the Neal Blasidell Center. For more information, call 356-2290 or go online at [www.hawaiianhumane.org](http://www.hawaiianhumane.org).

#### Spook-a-thon

— The Schofield Barracks Craft Shop will host a Spook-a-thon on Oct. 29 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Come enjoy prizes for the scariest costume, pumpkin carving, spooky crafts, cookies, juice and more.

The cost for this event is \$10 and registration is required. For more information, call 655-0111.

#### The Outdoor Circle's Trick or Trees Fund-raiser

— The Outdoor Circle will host a bewitching fund-raising gala, Trick or Trees, featuring elaborate live and silent auctions, Halloween-themed décor and costumes, lavish dining and entertainment.

The "spook-tacular" event

will take place on Saturday, Oct. 29, at the Hilton Hawaiian Village. Auctions items include a sail for 12 aboard the Hokule'a, a Polar Bear Photo Tour for two in Nova Scotia, Beatles memorabilia, a Qing dynasty Buddha and a weeklong stay on Flathead Lake in Montana.

Tickets start at \$150 per person; guests are encouraged to wear costumes or cocktail attire with masks. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. For more information, call 593-0300, e-mail [mail@outdoor-circle.org](mailto:mail@outdoor-circle.org) or visit [www.outdoor-circle.org](http://www.outdoor-circle.org).

#### October 31

#### AHFH Community Centers, the Schofield Inn and AAFES

— Trick or treaters can get more loot at Army Hawaii Family Housing community centers, the Schofield Inn and Army Army and Air Force Exchange Services on Monday, Oct. 31, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Stop by for lots of candy and treats.

#### HMR Chapel Harvest Party & Chapel Open House

— The HMR Chapel will host a Harvest Party and Chapel Open House at the Helemano Military Reservation Chapel from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. This event is free and open to all.

Come out and enjoy the fall crafts, carnival games, friendly costumes, face painting, castle inflatable,

shaved ice, hot dogs, candy and prizes.

#### AMR Chapel Candy Carnival

— Aliamanu Military Reservation chapel will host a Halloween-alternative candy carnival from 6 to 8 p.m. Events include games, prizes, face painting, picture taking, candy and refreshments.

Activities are available for children, ages 3 to 5, grades 1-6, and youth, grades 7 to 12. Chapel organizers are requesting no scary costumes.

Registration is required for this event; call 836-4599 for more information.

#### Bishop Museum's 18th Annual Treat Street

— Gather on the Great Lawn for a spook-tacular night of fun for costumed keiki of all ages. Treat Street, a custom-designed neighborhood of colorful house fronts built by students of the University of Hawaii's School of Architecture, will open at the evening's activities.

Children under 12 are invited to gather Halloween loot as they trick-or-treat down Treat Street.

For additional information, call 847-3511 or visit [www.bishopmuseum.org](http://www.bishopmuseum.org).

*(Editor's Note: Do you have an upcoming Halloween or fall event you would like to publicize? If so, e-mail your information to [editor@hawaiiarmyweekly.com](mailto:editor@hawaiiarmyweekly.com).)*



# Lightning Rumble III delivers a KO punch

Sgt. Maj. E.J. Snyder  
1st Battalion,  
21st Infantry Gimlets

**SCHOFIELD BARRACKS** — The Conroy Bowl rediscovered its birthright! The Conroy Bowl, originally named the "Boxing Bowl" was built in the 1920s and has undergone several structural overhauls since then, but the primary reason for its existence was to engage athletes in a battle of strength, sweat, tears and endurance ... and an occasional spilling of some blood.

The Conroy Bowl filled early to about 1,500 spectators for the opening ceremonies for the Tropic Lightning Week Boxing and Combatives Championships, dubbed "Lightning Rumble III," Oct. 6.

The 1st Battalion, 21st Infantry's color guard began the events, dressed to represent the major conflicts that the 25th Infantry Division had participated in from World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Haiti, and Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

After Tripler Army Medical Center's Jamie Lee graced the crowd with her a cappella rendition of the National Anthem, Maj. Bill Hampton announced the officials and ring announcer for the event.

Suddenly, a huge cloud of smoke and a hulking man stepped out through the blue archway of the blue corner to the sounds of Jimi Hendrix's "Voodoo Child." E.J. "The Skullcrusher" Snyder came bursting down the stairway, looking like Jesse "The Body" Ventura.

Decked in three, feathered neck wraps (called boas) that represented the Division's colors, adorned with shades and a flaming skullcap, The Skullcrusher revved the audience in WWE-like promotion.

After theatrics, including taunting of battalion commanders, he revealed a black aloha shirt covered in flames and lightning bolts under his white shirt and bow tie, the back sporting a huge Tropic Lightning patch. The show began.

The boxing smoker boasted six female boxing bouts, nine male bouts, six hand-to-hand combative male bouts, two hand-to-hand combative female bouts, and one extraordinary male boxing exhibition bout.

Boxers and combatants delivered on the smoker build-up. Each competitor displayed the Warrior Ethos and courage in front of the large crowd.

The Conroy Bowl came alive with the atmosphere of the days of the gladiator.

The ringside surgeon, Derrek Liston, and the Med-

ical Support Team, ensured that the competition was conducted safely all week long. Only a couple injuries required further treatment.

Referees from the Hawaii Amateur Boxing Association kept the event professional and safe.

Further, a team of children carefully counted each round, and dutiful cardholders shared some brief spotlight.



Fraleigh

The hand-to-hand combatives finals showcased the Army's newest form of Soldier Skills training in the realm of combatives. The finalists were placed on the Post Combatives Team to represent the Division and Hawaii at the First Annual Army Combatives Tournament at Fort Benning, Ga., Nov. 4-6.

The occasion marked the first time the Combatives event was ever conducted in a formal competition.



Spc. Juan F. Jimenez

**Michael Fraleigh with Company B, 1st Battalion, 14th Infantry Regiment, lands a right and a left hook to Cedrick Stewart's body at the super heavyweight match Oct. 6. at Conroy Bowl during Tropic Lightning Week.**

Boxers fought all bouts with spirit and style. Notably, Dannon Sunga of Bravo Company, 1-21st Infantry Gimlets, displayed his mettle by winning first place in both the middleweight boxing category and the welterweight combatives category — making him the only double champion of the event.

Sunga said, "It was a real-

ly great experience for me to be a finalist for both boxing and combatives, and for me to finish in first place in both ... Wow! I will never forget this whole thing.

"I am proud and ready to go and represent the unit at Fort Benning and to take it all," he continued.

The capstone bout was a heavyweight exhibition bout between Coach Carlos Bel-

train of 1-14th Infantry Regiment and Brandon Woodridge of 1-27th Inf.

Woodridge, dubbed "The Man of Titanium," is a veteran of OIF. He lost one of his legs below the knee.

Strapped with guts, courage, hard training and his titanium prosthetic leg, Woodridge entered the ring ready for a rumble.

Woodridge showed the

mettle he possesses, the determination that carried him through a 12-mile road march, the Army physical fitness test, countless miles of physical training runs, and weeks of training up to the boxing smoker.

The bout proved to be one of the best of the day. The entire crowd, numbering much more than 3,500, jumped to its feet at the final bell.

The referee raised Woodridge's arm in victory to the bellowing of applause and cheers.

The final bout, the super heavyweight division, pitted "Mack Attack" Macklin of the 58th Military Police against "Freight Train" Fraleigh of 1-14th Infantry. Fraleigh had already knocked out two challengers earlier in the week.

Both men displayed their skills, but in the end, Fraleigh enjoyed victory.

Refer to page B-6 for the results of the Lightning Rumble III competition.

## Tropic Lightning Week Combatives & Boxing Final Standings

<b>Combatives</b>		
<i>Flyweight</i>	<i>Light Welterweight</i>	2nd: 84 Eng., Tiffany Navidiad
1st: 1-21 Inf., Chris Burnham	1st: 1-14 Inf., Erick Leon	<i>Female 135lb Weight</i>
2nd: 2-35 Inf., Bryan Tashima	2nd: 2-35 Inf., Anthony Valerio	1st: 84 Eng., Yvonne Smith
3rd: 1-27 Inf., Robert Klein	3rd: 3 BSTB, Carlos Corbin	2nd: 84 Eng., Bianka Gavin
<i>Lightweight</i>	<i>Welterweight</i>	<i>Female 150lb Weight</i>
1st: 225 FSB, William Hagerly	1st: 2-11 FA, Wayne Gallegos	1st: 84 Eng., Torena Grady
2nd: 2-35 Inf., Kekoa Rogan	2nd: 1-21 Inf., Adan Rosales	2nd: 125 Sig., Latoya Stradford
3rd: 1-27 Inf., Brandon Torres	3rd: 1-14 Inf., Harley Moses	3rd: Avn. Bde., EStradaflora
<i>Welterweight</i>	<i>Light Middleweight</i>	<i>Female 155lb Weight</i>
1st: 1-21 Inf., Dannon Sunga	1st: Avn. Bde., Juan Obregon	1st: 225 BSB, Melanie Zangara
2nd: 732 MI, Julian Baca	2nd: 3 BSTB, Teon Stepney	2nd: 2 SBCT, Al-Lynn Mayo
3rd: 2-35 Inf., Kris Berube	3rd: 1-21 Inf., Anthony Jackson	<i>Female 165lb Weight</i>
<i>Middleweight</i>	<i>Middleweight</i>	1st: 3 BSTB, Lydia Russell
1st: HHC Div., Brandon Graves	1st: 1-21 Inf., Dannon Sunga	2nd: 84 Eng., Erin Joyce
2nd: 2-35 Inf., Allen Vasquez	2nd: 3 BSTB, Brian Smith	<i>Female 190lb Weight</i>
3rd: 1-27 Inf., Matt Mancuso	3rd: 125 Sig., Paul McWilliams	1st: 225 BSB, Lacy Blodgett
<i>Light Heavyweight</i>	<i>Light Heavyweight</i>	2nd: 84 Eng., Flona Bunn
1st: 2-27 Inf., Eddie Nangauta	1st: 5-14 Cav., Evan Housley	<i>Male Boxing Team</i>
2nd: 732 MI, Isaac Migli ("Cool Hair")	2nd: 1-27 Inf., Ray Hamilton	1st: 1-27 Inf. and 1-14 Inf., 40 Points
3rd: 1-27 Inf., Russell Faulkner	3rd: 2-35 Inf., Casey Williams	2nd: 1-21 Inf. and 2-11 FA, 30 Points
<i>Heavyweight</i>	<i>Heavyweight</i>	3rd: 3 BSTB, 25 Points
1st: 1-27 Inf., John Lambert	1st: 3 BCT, Cedrick Stewart	<i>Female Boxing Team</i>
2nd: 725 MSB, Saben Santiago	2nd: 1-27 Inf., Andrew Walker	1st: 84 Eng., 70 Points
3rd: 2-35 Inf., Dean Clark	3rd: 125 Sig. M.C. Gordon	2nd: 225 FSB, 30 Points
<i>Female Category</i>	<i>Super Heavyweight</i>	3rd: 2 SBCT, 25 Points
1st: 732 MI, Booth	1st: 1-14 Inf., Michael Fraleigh	<i>Male Combatives Team</i>
2nd: HHC 2 SBCT, Hergulson	2nd: 58th MP, Donnell Macklin	1st: 2-35 Inf., 40 Points
<b>Boxing</b>	<i>Exhibition Heavyweight</i>	2nd: 1-27 Inf., 35 Points
<i>Lightweight</i>	1st: 1-27 Inf., Brandon Woodridge	3rd: 1-21 Inf., 30 Points
1st: 2-11 FA, Angel Estrada	2nd: 1-14 Inf., Carlos Beltrain	<i>Female Combatives Team</i>
2nd: 1-27 Inf., Ryan Ruz	<i>Female 100lb (-)Weight</i>	1st: 732 MI, 15 Points
	1st: 2 SBCT, Fatima Aguilar	2nd: 2 SBCT, 10 Points

# Flag football season is back in full swing

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Units around Schofield Barracks, Wheeler Army Air Field and Fort Shafter have formed 25 flag football teams to compete against each other this football season, which began last week.

Football games are held at Stoneman Park, Mondays through Wednesdays, and at Wheeler Football Field on Thursdays and Fridays.

The flag football league has been separated into five divisions: Blue, Orange, Purple, Green and Gold.

"Due to traditional rivalries between battalions, teams in the same battalion are kept in the same division to max out the excitement of the games," said Bruce Irvine, Directorate of Community Activities Sports Office.

The flag football league is designed for players to enjoy themselves in a different environment outside of work and to get to know the people they work with.

"We bring the flag football league for Soldiers to show off their different talents and participate in friendly competition among the units," Irvine said.

Anyone can participate in the flag football league.

"The rules are simple," Irvine said.

"Players must be part of the unit they play with, no foul language and all the same basic football rules," said a flag football referee.

The flag football league has gone to the extent of training a skillful and fair referee to call the games, the referee said.

Commanders encourage Soldiers to par-

ticipate in the flag football league to maintain high morale.

"The competitive spirit is going to build comradeship among the Soldiers," Irvine said.

Irvine added, everyone is encouraged to come out and show support to units or favorite teams.

All teams will play at least eight games during the season. The two best teams in each division will head to the playoffs.

The clinic will last for one hour and will begin promptly at 3 p.m. All required equipment will be provided to participants and advance reservations are recommended. For more details or to reserve your space, call 655-4653.

lead to more self-confidence. Classes are offered at the Fort Shafter Physical Fitness Center Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. For more information, call instructor Daryl Lynn Gandaoli at 779-4495.

**Chess Club** — Come and play chess every Monday from 5 to 8:30 p.m. at the Tropics. Competitors must have their own equipment (a few sets will be available for those who do not have one). For more information, call the Tropics at 655-0002.

**Gopher Golf Contest** — You could win a great gift certificate from MWR when you participate in the Gopher Golf Contest. If you find the hidden golf ball in the Discovery magazine, log on to the MWR Web site at [www.mwrarmyhawaii.com](http://www.mwrarmyhawaii.com) and submit your answer. Contestant answers must include both the section and page number the golf ball is on. For more information, call 438-7120.

**Reggie's Sports Night** — Join the excitement every Monday with a special sports bar menu served from 4 to 8 p.m. The lounge closes at 9 p.m., but until then, patrons can enjoy big screen TV, ESPN and more. Call 655-0660 for more information.

**Fantasy Football** — Play free Fantasy Football at Reggie's and win cool stuff. Stop by to draft your team for Monday Night Football, and then, join the gang again to watch the game every Monday at 5 p.m.

Reggie's will be offering food and beverage specials all night long. When the game ends, you will find out if you are a winner.

Submit draft picks by closing every Saturday.

**8 / Tuesday Army Power Lifting Championship** — Show off your strength and compete in the Army Power Lifting Championship. Applications will be accepted through Nov. 8. The competition takes place on Nov. 15 and 16 at the Martinez Physical Fitness Center on Schofield Barracks from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

The event is \$10 to enter and free for spectators. For more information, call 655-4804.

### ONGOING

**Brazilian Capoeira Classes** — Develop the mind, body, and spirit to include physical fitness, self-defense, and self-discipline through Brazilian Capoeira. Classes are offered Mondays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Fort Shafter Physical Fitness Center.

The fall session will run through Dec. 19. For more information, call instructor Mestre Kinha at 247-7890.

**Hawaii Okinawa Karate Do Shodukan Classes** — Come to the Fort Shafter Physical Fitness Center for this exciting class, Thursdays from 6 to 7:45 p.m. or Saturdays from 1 to 2:45 p.m.. Develop character, confidence, health and self-discipline. Contact instructor Joseph Bunch at 488-4495 for additional information.

**Cardio Kickboxing** — Cardio Kickboxing can help develop cardio-vascular fitness, improve balance and

University of Hawaii against Utah State football game. Active and reserve Soldiers will receive two football tickets for the price of one.

A valid military ID is required, and only one discount offer is available per ID. This offer is valid for presale purchases only, and tickets are available at the Stan Sheriff Center and Aloha Stadium box offices only. Information on military

discounts is available at 486-9300.

### ONGOING

**Local Sports Calendar Briefs** — Do you have sports announcements of upcoming events or activities you'd like to post in the Hawaii Army Weekly?

If so, e-mail your information to [editor@hawaiiarmyweekly.com](mailto:editor@hawaiiarmyweekly.com) at least two weeks in advance of your event or activity.



## OCTOBER

**29 / Saturday Hawaii Championship Wrestling** — Come watch Hawaii Championship Wrestling at the Tropics today. Doors open at 6 p.m. and matches start at 7 p.m.

The cost is \$5 for ages 12 and up, \$3 for ages 11 and under, and the event is free for children age 5 and under. Call 655-8522 for more information.

## NOVEMBER

**1 / Tuesday Youth Basketball and Cheerleading Registration** — Registration for Hawaii Youth Sports basketball and cheerleading will be held from Nov. 1 to 19 at the Youth Centers at Aliamanu Military Reservation, Fort Shafter, Schofield Barracks, Helemano Military Reservation and Wheeler Army Air Field. First-time participants must sign up with the CYS Registration Office before they will be able to register for the activities.

Cost is \$55 per person for basketball and \$60 per person for cheerleading, \$20 per person if using the same uniform from the past cheerleading season. For more information, contact your area sports director.

**5 / Saturday Ladies Golf Clinic** — Ladies, do you want to brush up on your golfing skills? A free golf clinic will be held on Nov. 5 at the Leilehua Golf Course located right outside the Wheeler Army Air Field front gate.



## NOVEMBER

**12 / Saturday UH-Military Appreciation Night** — Selected military service members will be honored at Aloha Stadium, prior to the 6:05 p.m.