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25th ID veterans reunite at Schofield

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A group of warriors triumphantly returned to Schofield Barracks last week. With veterans who served as far back as World War II in their midst, more than 600 25th Infantry Division Association members converged on the island Sept. 25-29. Their visit culminated with the association's Tropic Lightning Day Sept. 29; it was a day most would not soon forget.

And though the action packed eight-hour day ferried veterans to and from numerous activities and ceremonies, the highlight for many was the 25th ID Association's memorial dedication.

The memorial, which features a present-day Soldier who is mourning the loss of a comrade and being consoled by three Soldiers representing WWII, the Korean and Vietnam veterans. The memorial also includes hundreds of bricks engraved with names and units of 25th ID veterans.

"This is a very special place," Col. Timothy M. Ryan, 25th ID rear detachment commander said. "[In the statues] I see the faces of 7,000 Soldiers serving in harm's



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World War II veteran, Audrey Dealon Stanley, formerly of Alpha Company, 35th Infantry Regiment, locates his commemorative brick paver.



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Soldiers trade rifles for hammers in Tikrit

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TIKRIT, Iraq - Soldiers of the 25th Infantry Division Combat Aviation Brigade living in Life Support Area Eight (LSA 8) used their carpentry skills to build wooden sidewalks to line the alleyways between their containerized housing units at Contingency Operating Base Speicher.

The maze-like pathways within the living area are scattered with rocks, sand and gravel. Walking to places like the latrine or shower can be a dusty and uneven trek.

"We are building a walkway for our living area so people don't have to walk on the rocks anymore and to eliminate some of the dust," said Staff Sgt. Jeffery Roseman, brigade career counselor, 25th ID CAB.

Soldiers working on the project were pleased to upgrade their living conditions by adding the wooden sidewalks.

"It's pretty cool," said Pvt. Paul Kim, paralegal specialist, 25th ID CAB, Aviation Legal Office. "I have a cheap pair of 99-cent sandals, so walking to the showers right now is difficult."

Although the paths are currently dry and dusty, the upcoming rainy season is sure to bring slippery rocks and mud puddles which will make even the shortest trip unpleasant.

"Building this sidewalk will raise the walkway," said Sgt. First Class Mark Carter, career counselor, 25th CAB. "Once the rainy season starts, it is going to get really wet and will puddle up, so we are creating a safe surface to walk on."

The walkways, which lead to almost any location within the living area, will keep Soldiers clear of rocks and out of mud puddles. They



Soldiers of LSA 8 align planks and then nail them in place Sept. 17 at COB Speicher. Soldiers built new walkways to make travel within the LSA easier.

also provide a more appealing look and added safety.

"This is an opportunity to improve the Soldiers' life support area while at the same time creating a safer environment," said 1st Sgt. Trefus E. Lee, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 25th ID CAB. "The project will take almost two days."

Not only did Soldiers work diligently at building a boardwalk, they also worked up an appetite.

"We used some of our Morale, Welfare and Recreation assets, and lunch will be served as a cookout," said Lee.

Around mid-day everyone involved in the

project took a break for lunch and enjoyed ice cold drinks, steak, hot dogs and hamburgers fresh off the grill.

In addition to improving the living area and creating a safer environment at LSA 8, the most important foundation built was camaraderie and team cohesion.

"I helped organize this event along with my platoon sergeants," Lee said. "Iraq can be stressful at times, so this is a great opportunity for Soldiers to pull together. It's great to see everyone working in unity, and I really appreciate all of them working as a team. At the end of the day, building teamwork is really the primary end result of what we are doing."

Web, town hall prep workforce for NSPS, arriving soon

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Managing Editor

Ready or not, come spring 2007 civilian employees at Army installations in Hawaii will convert from general schedule (GS and GM) wage schedules to NSPS — the National Security Personnel System.

The second of several scheduled town hall meetings, U.S. Army, Pacific (USARPAC), hosted a two-hour information-gathering session to introduce the workforce to upcoming changes Sept. 27 at Sergeant Smith Theater, Schofield Barracks.

The new civil service system is primarily designed to address national security needs by ensuring the right people are assigned to



Denise Lee of Mortuary Affairs, asks questions about the performance management system and compensation, specifically Hawaii's local market supplement.



Take "NSPS 101" by Oct. 31 at www.cpmis.osd.mil/nsps/nsps101

specific missions — people who are talented, motivated and committed to excellence, according to the policy, so the Department of Defense (DoD) can respond to mission and/or threats accordingly.

"We are changing the pay system of civilians almost one hundred percent; it will be dramatic and must be done right," said Maj. Gen. Steve Tom, deputy commander, U.S. Army Reserve, USARPAC, and primary keynote speaker at the town hall meeting. NSPS will have a direct impact

upon the entire command, Tom continued, so the Department of the Army (DA) requires installations to train the workforce — employees, supervisors and managers — and prepare now to learn the DoD-wide standards.

Only through open and candid conversations, he said, can civilians learn as NSPS is implemented.

"We need the most training in the performance management system, so we get fair, clear and objective ratings," Tom said. "NSPS is designed like the private sector jobs. You are paid for what you achieve."

"It [NSPS] allows personnel to

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Soldier KIA in Iraq

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News Release

The Department of Defense announced today the death of a Soldier who was supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Staff Sgt. Daniel Isshak, 25, of Alta Loma, Calif., died Oct. 3 in Tikrit, Iraq, from injuries sustained when his humvee received enemy small arms fire at Hawija, Iraq, during combat operations.

Isshak was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry, 3rd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, here in September 2005.

Army Sec. visits Mid. East troops

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BAGRAM, Afghanistan — After spending time with Soldiers in Afghanistan last week, Secretary of the Army Francis Harvey says he continues to be pleased with progress being made in the war-torn country.

Harvey's Sept. 25-27 trip was his third into Afghanistan during his nearly two-year tenure. He focused on visiting 10th Mountain Division Soldiers, from whom he received updates on equipment, training and building of the Afghan infrastructure.

"It's always good to be with Soldiers," said the secretary. "I applaud their dedication to support and defend our country, and what they are doing for Afghanistan."

Maj. Gen. Benjamin Freakley, 10th Mountain Division commander, shared with the Army's top official the great success his

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We want to hear from you...

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

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Perspective eases deployment hardships

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Deployments are a drag, and I'd be hard-pressed to find someone willing to argue against that.

With that in mind, I've been building my "wish list" for my husband's trip back to Iraq. It goes like this:

- I hope they have a decent phone center.
- I hope his job will allow him to use the computer every two or three days.
- I hope they have Web cameras.
- I hope the shower facilities are set up near his sleeping quarters, since, apparently, there's nothing worse than taking a shower and getting covered in Iraq's powder-like sand on the way back to your tent.
- I hope the food is decent for him.
- I hope the mail runs quickly.
- I hope the digital video tapes we plan on

mailing back and forth don't get damaged.

And then I stopped and looked at how selfish my list was. How can I look at all the negatives of a deployment when we have computers and phone centers?

The longest Jared and I have ever gone without talking during a deployment was 10 days.

Ten days. Does anyone remember how long World War II wives went without talking to their husbands? Or how long it took to get mail to Soldiers in Vietnam?

If they were lucky enough to get mail. Military spouses didn't have high-tech opportunities until as recent as 1991. They didn't have e-mail. Heck, even snail mail was spotty.

I've heard stories of wives getting letters in the mail months after their husbands came home, and I find myself complaining because Jared may be sent to a place that only has a handful of computers, instead of

the super-duper communications center set up at Camp Victory.

We all complain about deployments, but there are more fast food restaurants in some locations in Iraq than in rural towns across America.

Soldiers can now relax – as much as one can in a place like Iraq – in Morale, Welfare and Recreation tents. They can watch movies and waste hours of downtime on Play Stations. If crowds aren't their thing, they can catch a flick on a portable DVD player from the comfort of their own bunk.

I'm not trying to paint a rosy picture of deployment; there's nothing easy about any of it. But if you watch movies like the "Band of Brothers" series, it's clear the military has made advances in making combat tours more bearable.

At least through digital pictures and Web cams, my husband will be able to keep up

with our daughter's milestones. Because of my cell phone, I'm not tethered to the house waiting for Jared to call.

And when I'm sad or lonely, I can call my family. I can hop in my truck, drive to a friend's house and watch a movie. I can surf the Internet.

I won't be able to get back the 12 months Jared will be away. We can never recreate the events that happened in his absence. But I can document it and show him. I can still keep him involved so Lilah knows who her daddy is.

In the next year, I will throw pity parties from time to time. I will gorge myself on chocolate and cry in my Diet Coke. I will also remember the generations of strong military wives before me.

A few precious letters were all that linked a Soldier to his wife in 1942. They made it through the war, and so can I.

(Editor's Note: Kamryn Jaroszewski writes for Fort Richardson Public Affairs.)

Standards-based report cards reflect students' progress

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This year, all elementary schools in the Hawaii public school system will be using a standards-based report card.

The Department of Education created the report card to show each student's progress towards achieving the Hawaii Content and Performance Standards. The standards are used to indicate what students are expected to know, learn, do, and care about.

The report card includes two types of reports: the quarter report, formerly called the mid-semester progress report, and the status report or end-of-semester report.

The quarter report is designed as a communication tool between the teacher and parents on the student's progress. It is done at the end of the first and third quarters. The report does not contain grades, but rather a "check -up" on each student's performance rating based on the General Learner Outcomes (GLO's) or the goals of standards-based learning.

The following are the six GLO's that students are expected to learn in all grade levels:

- Self-directed learner (the ability to be responsible for one's own learning)
- Community contributor (understanding that it is essential for human beings to work together)
- Complex thinker (the ability to demonstrate critical thinking and problem solving)
- Quality producer (the ability to recognize and produce quality performance and quality products)
- Effective communicator (the ability to communicate effectively)
- Effective and ethical user of technology (the ability to use a variety of technologies effectively and ethically)

The status report is a summary report and "final" record of student achievement that is done twice a year at the end of the first and second semesters. It is an evaluation of the student's work that teachers collect based on records, observation checklists, and student work samples.

Other parts of the standards-based report cards include a section on attendance (days absent, tardy and present), each student's performance on the content areas, and a section for comments that is to be used by the teacher, student and parent.

Although the revised report card cannot communicate everything parents might want to know about their child, it should be considered along with other information received from homework, projects, notes, phone calls, open house attendance, conferences, and communication between parents and school staff.

How can parents help their child achieve the standards?

- Know what the standards are – what your child is expected to do.
- Take care of your child's social, emotional and physical health.
- Know what kind of homework is expected of your child and develop a routine for homework completion.
- Show interest in your child's school activities.
- Make reading a natural part of your child's daily routine.
- Discuss current events and allow your

School Events in October

Here is a brief list of upcoming events. For a more information, contact the Parent Community Networking Coordinator (PCNC) directly.

Hale Kula Elementary (622-6380)
10/14 - Fall Festival/Community Activity
10/30 - Spook-tacular Stories & Costume Parade

Helemano Elementary (622-6336)
10/11 - School reopens from intercession.
10/25 - 11/3 - Parent/teacher conferences.
School lets out at 12:30 p.m.

Leilehua High (622-6550)

Shafter Elementary (832-3560)
10/11 - Principal's coffee hour in library from 8-9 a.m.

Solomon Elementary (624-9500)
10/10 - School reopens from intercession.
10/16 - 10/27 - Parent/teacher conferences.
School lets out at 1:15 p.m.
10/28 - "Make a Difference Day," 8 a.m. in the cafeteria.

Wheeler Elementary (622-6400)
10/16 - 10/26 - Scholastic Book Fair in the library, 8 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.

Wheeler Middle (622-6525)
10/12 - Re-take fall pictures
10/18 - 10/27 - Parent/teacher conferences.
School lets out at 1 p.m.

- child to express opinions.
- Encourage activities that involve problem solving.
- Expose your child to new cultural, environmental and social experiences that support and stimulate learning.
- Guide and limit television viewing and video games.

What resources are available for parents?

- Parents are encouraged to talk with the school's Parent Community Networking Centers (PCNC) parent facilitator about workshops, activities, events and services that are available to parents, families and students.
- Visit www.doe.k12.hi.us for standards and initiatives to support learning.
- Visit www.pta.org for information about the Parent Teacher Association and resources available for parents.
- Visit www.hawaiiipc.org for helpful activities, articles, and webpage links.

The DOE hopes the report card will help parents understand their child's interests, strengths, academic performance and achievement of the standards. With this information, it is hoped that steps can be taken to improve school performance and to make learning enjoyable for all students.

Winning life's 4th quarter

CHAPLAIN (MAJ.) MARK R. KNOX

2nd SBCT Brigade Chaplain

Ask former Kentucky Coach Guy Morris about having a plan to go all the way through the fourth quarter. A couple of years ago, Louisiana State University appeared headed for consecutive league losses. The score was 30-27 with only seconds left on the clock. LSU was way back on their own 13-yard line, and the blue-clad Kentucky crowd was roaring, for they could smell victory.

In the final seconds, LSU quarterback Marcus Randall did what he had practiced so many times but never knew if he would ever really get a chance to do in real time; Randall passed to Michael Clayton at the 25, and LSU called a timeout with two seconds left.

LSU Coach Nick Saban gathered his team on the sideline and told them to do what they had been conditioned to do: go into the final desperation pass mode, for which they had practiced and prepared. Randall rolled right to avoid a ferocious oncoming defensive rush, and then he heaved that football sixty yards in the air. As the ball flew over the field, it seemed that time stopped; for in that time, a crowd was already taking down the goal posts, the Kentucky coach was doused with Gatorade, and fans were rushing the field.

Then the ball came down, was tipped by Kentucky's defensive backs, and fell into the hands of an LSU wide receiver that broke a tackle and scored the winning touchdown. The Gatorade-drenched coach was in disbelief, the players were left with mouths gaping open in shock, fans sat in stunned silence, and a funeral pall was suddenly cast over the Kentucky stadium.

Yogi Berra was right – it's not over till it's over – and how you play in the 4th quarters of life is perhaps most important.

Are you conditioned for the fourth quarters of life? There are many "fourth and long" times in our lives when we wonder how we will find the strength we need.

Fourth and long and the clock is ticking. The question is can you make it through the fourth quarter? Are you conditioned for adversity in your life?

In 2 Corinthians, Paul reveals that he has faced the fourth quarters of life. Chapter four and the beginning of chapter five of 2 Corinthians are veritable declarations of faith by Paul. He is reciting his own faith, his own resolve that no matter what comes, he will be ready to go through the fourth quarters of life because of his faith. He says he is:

"Hard pressed . . . but not crushed; perplexed . . . but not in despair; persecuted . . . but not forsaken . . . struck down but not destroyed." (2 Cor. 4:8,9)

Faith enables us to stand strong, looking beyond the moment and seeing the eternal purposes of God.

A missionary who had labored in a very difficult mission field for many years was asked, "Why do you keep on going ... just a yard or two?"

He answered, "Because I see the finish line, and can hear my savior say, 'Well done, thou good and faithful servant.'"

One of my favorite poems puts it this way:

When your walking turns to stumbling and your stumbling to a fall,

When you've climbed above the mountains, yet the Alps rise rough and tall,

Don't Quit!
And when the path ahead is crooked and the road's too rough to tread,

When the best upon the table is replaced by sorrow's bread,

And when you've crossed some troubled waters

Yet there's a mountain just ahead,

Don't Quit!
When your health is feeling sickly and the medicine tastes bad,

When your fellowship is lowly and your happiness is sad,

When your warmth is getting colder and your clouds in sunshine clad,

Don't Quit!
And when you find your wins are losses and that all your gains are lacks,

And when ill things never come alone, and trouble runs in packs,

And when your soul is bruised and battered from the Tempter's fierce attacks,

Don't Quit!
Be not weary in well doing, for due season brings the grain.

And he who on the Lord hath waited, shall never run in vain.

The just man falleth seven times, yet riseth up again.

Don't Quit!

Let me repeat the encouraging words of Paul (and you may want to say them out loud): "Hard pressed . . . but not crushed; perplexed . . . but not in despair; persecuted . . . but not forsaken . . . struck down but not destroyed."

9 days

since last fatal accident

Soldiers, as your daily reminder to be safe, place a "red dot" on your wristwatch.

Remember, a division training holiday will be awarded for the first 100 consecutive days with no accidental fatalities. As of 10/4/06

Voices of Lightning: "What's your favorite holiday?"



"Halloween. The girls dress up nice and pretty."

Spc. David Hamblin
66th Eng. Co.
Combat Engineer



"Thanksgiving. It's family oriented."

Sgt. 1st Class Dave Dolifka
HHC 21BCT
Maneuver Support Cell
Sr. Topographic Sgt.



"Thanksgiving ... all my family is together."

Pvt.2 Javier Martinez
66th Eng. Co.
Combat Engineer



"Christmas."

Sabrina Atiles
Family Member



"The 4th of July."

Greg Hunt
T-Mobile Sales Rep.

2nd Squadron, 6th Cavalry keeps 'birds' in fight

Story and Photo by
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KIRKUK, Iraq — The sound of rotor blades in the sky over an infantryman's shoulder is music to his ears. It's the sound of an OH-58D, also known as a Kiowa Warrior. When it appears on the scene, the enemy retreats, period.

Attack helicopters are indispensable to the mission in Iraq, not just for combat support, but for intelligence as well. Soldiers of the 2nd Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment, 25th Combat Aviation Brigade, attached to the 3rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team are the ones tirelessly keeping attack and reconnaissance air elements in the sky over the Kirkuk Province. And they do it "24/7."

"We are contributing significantly to the fight, even though people may not see us," said 2-6 Cav. Command Sgt. Maj. Alan R. Haynes. "For instance, people don't realize that every time we fly in support of a ground mission not one IED (improvised explosive device) has been placed or exploded.

"Also, we can send aircraft in support of 'troops in contact' within minutes," he continued. "Just knowing that you have those kinds of air resources helps the ground fighting tremendously."

According to Master Sgt. Joseph Pagliaro, noncommissioned officer-in-charge, S3, the "2-6 Aviation concept" is to have aircraft in the air at all times in support of troops on the ground.

"The Kiowas will land, refuel, reload



Army aviators and crew members of 3rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Squadron, 6th Cavalry land two OH-58D "Kiowas" for refueling, reloading and a quick maintenance check between combat missions at Forward Operating Base Warrior, Kirkuk, Iraq.

within minutes, and get back into the fight. We keep them going 24/7," said Pagliaro.

For lift support, a sister battalion, the 2nd Battalion, 25th Aviation, is attached

to 2-6 Cav. The 2-25 contributes a compliment of UH-60s to the aviation mission. Commonly known as Blackhawks, UH-60s are used primarily for support and personnel transport missions.

Also, for the first time in the Army's history, a UAV (unmanned aerial vehicle) company has been attached to the aviation brigade to compliment the unit's already diverse capabilities.

Mechanics provide safety through service

Story and Photo by
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KIRKUK, IRAQ — Maintaining military vehicles is a continuous cycle that requires daily attention. Changing the filters, checking the fluids, and rotating the tires is serious business. A mechanical breakdown can leave Soldiers not just stranded, but in harm's way when conducting operations outside the safety of their operating bases in Iraq.

When Soldiers venture outside the wire to conduct missions, worrying about a vehicle breakdown is one concern they don't need. Fortunately, one group of Soldiers specializes in making sure vehicles are running properly so missions can be completed without incident.

Soldiers of Troop E, 2nd Squadron, 6th Cavalry, 25th Infantry Division Combat Aviation Brigade are part of a service crew of mechanics who performs daily inspections, repairs and maintenance on anything that transports Soldiers. Their responsibility is to make sure vehicles are dependable and bring Soldiers out on missions home safely.

"If a vehicle goes down, we are more likely to lose Soldiers. It is our job to make sure the vehicles are in top-notch shape when they go out," said Pfc. Marinia Norris, light wheeled mechanic.



Pvt. Juan Tajeda, light wheel vehicle mechanic, E. Troop, 2-6 Cav., places a jack stand under a humvee as the service crew prepares to check the wheel bearings at Forward Operating Base Warrior, Kirkuk, Iraq, Sep. 20.

The mechanics service an average of 50 vehicles monthly; and all vehicles get a full-service maintenance check every 5,000 miles.

"The operator will tell the mechanic what needs to be done to the vehicle. From that point forward, the responsibility falls on the mechanic. It's the mechanic's job to make sure the vehicle leaves the motor pool with no faults," said Spc. Dewees Lloyd, light wheeled mechanic. "I don't want the vehicle to break down due to mechanical error because it puts Soldiers' lives and equipment at risk,"

On a regular basis, humvees and other wheeled equipment shuffle into and out of the motor pool for routine service and maintenance. The mechanics of 2-6th Cavalry take pride in their work, getting vehicles back on the road and functioning at their very best for Soldiers.

"I like working on the humvees. It gives me a sense of accomplishment knowing I do my best to give the other Soldiers a dependable vehicle to complete their mission," said Juan Tajeda, light wheeled mechanic.

News Briefs

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community@
hawaiiarmyweekly.com.

October

7/Saturday

PAM Wants You — The Pacific Aviation Museum—Pearl Harbor (PAM) will be opening Dec. 7 and needs team members to help bring Hawaii's aviation history to life by becoming a docent.

Located on Ford Island, PAM will have planes and scores of World War II artifacts on display to tell the story of a significant event in America's history.

Docents are needed to be re-enactors, portraying pilots, nurses, ground crew, officers, and every day people who were caught up in the events of Dec. 7, 1941.

Docents are also needed to greet visitors and direct them to various activities, enhance their museum experience, and assist with educational tours.

The PAM Docent Program will have its first orientation meeting Oct. 7 and Oct. 21, from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. on the Bowfin Lanai located next the Arizona Memorial. All interested people are invited to attend. For more information or to R.S.V.P., call KT Budde-Jones, 836-7747, or e-mail kt@pacificaviationmuseum.org.

9/Monday

Military Personnel Survey

The 2006 Sample Survey of Military Personnel (SSMP) will be distributed to all 25th ID units Oct. 9 through 13. Army policymakers use the survey results to assess Soldier and family well-being and to develop plans, assess policies, and evaluate program operations and outcomes.

The SSMP includes sections on

quality of life, family matters, job satisfaction, morale, unit climate and retention. It also includes impacts of deployments, deployment lengths and rotations, stress, Army Continuing Education System (ACES), distance learning, and Army life (commitment).

Completed survey booklets must be received by the Department of the Army Boards in the Soldier Support Center, Building 750, room 130, no later than Nov. 10.

For more information, contact Laura Liebold at 655-4511.

13/Friday

Health and Wellness Seminar

— Spouses of senior leaders are invited to this seminar that is designed to offer ideas and strategies to reduce potential deployment-related stressors. Additionally, this seminar aims to increase awareness of health-related issues that impact women.

This seminar will be held at the Schofield Nehelani from 8:30 a.m.

to 2:30 p.m. For more information, call Army Community Service at 655-1710.

14/Saturday

Schofield Barracks Road Closure — Lyman Road from Hewitt Street to Kolekole Avenue will be closed Oct. 14 and 21, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. to connect a new sewer line to an existing line. For more information, call 624-1134.

15/Sunday

Domestic Violence Donation Stations

— October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The Armed Services YMCA will be accepting donations of non-perishable food items and cellular phones with chargers for the Military Safe Shelter, Oct. 15 in the Schofield Barracks' commissary from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. and Oct. 18 at the Aliamanu Military Reservation (AMR) Post Exchange from 2 to 5 p.m. For more information, call 655-4ACS(4227).



Secretary of the Army Francis Harvey greets Soldiers from 10th Mountain Division stationed in Jalalabad, Afghanistan, Sept. 26.

Visit: 10th Mtn. Division aids Afghan reconstruction

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troops have had in building and maintaining good relations in a land 30 percent larger than Iraq and whose population is 15 percent greater.

He explained the division's key priorities, which include massive construction efforts in roads, water and power plants, schools and district centers.

One project that's impacted the lives of Afghans in the Nangarhar Province is a recently constructed bridge over the Pich River. Before its construction, residents were often cut off from resources — women had to wade through the river to get food and wood, and children had difficulties getting to school for the same reason.

"(These projects) have had a positive change in this country," said Freakley. "Children are going to school and they are happy. People think that the improvement is good."

"I'm impressed with the progress in building the infrastructure of Afghanistan," agreed Harvey. "It is necessary in building the nation's economy."

Maj. Gen. Robert Durbin, commander, Combined Security Transition Command, briefed the secretary on the progress being made

"Logistically, it just makes more sense to have aviation folks who control airspace to be involved in the UAVs as opposed to the infantry," Pagliaro said.

In garrison, 2-6 Cav. is stationed at Wheeler Army Airfield. The unit brought its Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Alpha, Charlie, Delta and Echo Troops, and Bravo Co. 209 with them to Kirkuk to handle everything from parts and pilots to bullets and beans.

"The support that our troops bring to the aviation mission is critical," said Sgt. 1st Class Bru Ronaldo, air component repair supervisor. "They fly the missions and come to us whenever they need servicing, maintenance, repairs or parts, so that they can do it all over again. Basically, any time an aircraft is needed, we make sure it's out there [for the brigade]."

"Infantry guys have told me, 'The best sound in the world is when we hear those [Kiowas] flying overhead' because of their outstanding firepower," said Staff Sgt. Thomas Coveney, aircraft maintainer. "I stress to my Soldiers that the infantry guys require Kiowa support. They need us. We need to accomplish our mission so that they can accomplish theirs."

Pvt.2 Natalia Sarceno, appreciates her role as a fueler for Echo Troop.

"To be honest, I didn't like my job at all in AIT (advanced individual training)," she said. "But now that I'm at war doing my job, I love it. There is no better feeling than going home at the end of the day...knowing that we're all safer because those 'birds' are fueled-up and flying."

in with the Afghan National Security Forces.

"We are building up both the army and the police to adequate levels, with priority being placed on the police," said Durbin. "The key is quality, not quantity."

The transition command is focusing on making the Afghan forces self-reliant. To date, the Afghan army has contributed in route clearance and de-mining operations while also providing security for road construction efforts.

Harvey said he is happy with the sound plan that Durbin and his team have set up for the country.

"The security forces are starting to expand in a quality way," he said.

While visiting troops in Jalalabad, Harvey stressed that winning the confidence of the Afghan people is vital to success. He thanked Soldiers there for assisting in the security and reconstruction missions.

"The locals have to believe that they will be better off tomorrow than today and are better off today than yesterday," said Harvey. "Following the fifth anniversary of 9-11, we have to remember that five years ago this was the land where evil people were hiding, and this is where justice will be done."

3rd Brigade and tribal leaders make history in Hawija

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KIRKUK, Iraq — Transferring a safe and secure Iraq back to its people will depend on the establishment of a legitimate, representative government. Legitimizing the government may depend on how well coalition forces integrate Iraq's tribal culture.

For centuries, tribal sheiks have influenced the social, economic and political landscape of Iraq. They continue to have the people's ear and influence their actions.

Leaders of the 25th Infantry Division's 3rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team recognize this reality and are taking historical strides to give a voice to tribal interests in the Kirkuk province.

Coalition leaders and elders from prominent area tribes convened a historic meeting in the Hawija district Sept. 20 to discuss tribal needs and concerns, and to develop approaches that include tribal interests in the development of the district's future.

Hawija is located in the Kirkuk province and has been the scene of significant opposition to coalition forces this year.

In the Hawija district, several influences compete with democracy, according to Lt. Col. Drew Meyerowich, commander, 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment, 31BCT. One of the most significant influences is the tribal leaders.

"The people in this province have lived thousands of years within a tribal system," said Meyerowich. "When you are trying to help provide a representative government in a society where tribal grand sheiks

are the ones who historically provide for the people, [our effort] will not be successful unless the tribes are a part of the process," he said.

The meeting was the first such cooperative meeting between American military leaders and the heads of each prominent tribe.

Each sheik confirmed that never before had they all gathered under one roof with American military leaders to discuss solutions to the tribes' mutual concern over a lack of inclusion in the future of Iraq.

During the meeting, the grand sheiks expressed their need for fair representation in local and regional government, and their mutual desire to have a role in reconstruction. Afterward, elders shared a traditional meal with their American military guests as a symbol of cooperation.

"This meeting was tremendously significant," emphasized Capt.



Lt. Col. Drew Meyerowich (near right), battalion commander, 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, and other "Wolfhound" leaders share a traditional meal with tribal representatives following a meeting Sept. 19 in the Kirkuk province.

Jeff Fuller, fire support officer, 2-27.

"If the sheiks feel like they are being ignored by the government, they will communicate that to their people. By ignoring their interests, you would be crippling any effort to build a legitimate demo-

cratic government."

"If you are not representing the tribal voice in the Iraqi government, then the government does not truly represent the people in this district," added Fuller.

Capt. Roland A. Keller, Jr., com-

pany commander, Delta Co., 2-27, is one of Meyerowich's progressive leaders who interact with one of the district's tribal leaders on a weekly basis. Through interpreters, Keller listens to tribal concerns and passes along information to the

sheik so the local citizens better understand coalition motivations and actions.

By all accounts, the effort to include prominent tribes in the reconstruction process is proving successful.

"We talk to the people on a regular basis to see if our messages conveyed to the sheik are getting out into the villages and to the people," said Keller. "The people are beginning to understand that we're here ... to help them return to a normal life where war isn't impacting them on a daily basis," he said.

"An obvious mark of the meeting's success will be an overall decrease in combat operations and an increase in civil and humanitarian projects in the future," commented Meyerowich. "We need to bring about change in this region. This meeting is a very big step in that direction."

UAVs give Soldiers protection

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25th Infantry Division Public Affairs

MOSUL, Iraq — Without putting Soldiers' lives in harm's way, an "eye in the sky" helps commanders stay one step ahead of the enemy by providing insight on insurgent activity in Mosul, Iraq.

Providing an elevated, aerial eye for Soldier safety, unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV) are fundamentally used for intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance roles.

"When Soldiers walk outside the wire, the only protection they have is one another," stated Sgt. Edward C. Powell, mission commander, D Company, 1st Squadron, 14th Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division at Forward Operating Base Marez, Mosul, Iraq. "UAV puts us one step ahead of the enemy."

According to the Department of Defense, a UAV is a powered, aerial vehicle that does not require a human operator. The UAVs use aerodynamic forces to provide vehicle lift. They can fly autonomously or be piloted remotely, and they can carry a lethal or non-lethal payload.

With an expenditure of \$750,000, the Army depends on these small, unmanned aerial vehicles to be an additional asset for battalion commanders planning maneuvers.

"They provide insight about potential activity that can occur during a mission," Powell said. "It's a necessity for commanders to know the enemy's activities and what's going on."

While some of these UAVs can be easily carried in a backpack and launched by hand, they typically require a team of skilled Soldiers on the ground, and perform only short-term tasks individually, rather than sustained missions in coordinated groups.

Soldiers of Co. D, 1-14th Cav. Rgt. are the eyes for the remote-controlled aircrafts that are becoming an indispensable asset for the overall fight in theater.

Assessing the area while in flight enables the upper hand for any potential risks troops encounter.

"Aerial vehicles help save lives," Powell said. "Although they can't stop the opponent, they provide air coverage for the units."

Doctors provide care in harsh Mongolian environment

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ZAVHAN, Mongolia – Tendon Mondial IV, a combined Medical Civic Assistance Program (MEDCAP) in the Mongolian countryside, began with a two-hour flight into terrain so rugged, it took nine hours to drive 45 miles.

Last month the MEDCAP brought together military medical professionals from the United States and Mongolia.

The purpose of the mission was three-fold; train to provide medical aid in harsh, unfamiliar conditions; develop working ties with Mongolian military medical professionals; and provide free medical care to remote communities in the Mongolian countryside.

The group consisted of physicians, nurses, dentists, medics, surgeons, neurologists, an obstetrician/gynecologist, an optometrist, an ophthalmologist and, for the first time, veterinarians. The majority of the U.S. team was Army Reservists from the 5502nd U. S. Army Hospital (USAH), Colorado. Other members were from the 3297th USAH, North Carolina; the Alaska Army National Guard; and the 9th Regional Readiness Command (RRC) and Tripler Army Medical Center, Hawaii. The Mongolians were from the Mongolian Army and Border Guard.

To provide care to the maximum num-



Deborah Michael, a dentist from the 5502nd Army Hospital, gives children class on brushing teeth using a stuffed dinosaur in Mongolia last month. The team of doctors treated more than 2,600 patients with limited available resources.

ber of patients in different hospitals, the doctors were divided into a north team, a south team and a veterinarian team. U.S. doctors partnered with Mongolians who practiced the same specialty.

Each morning around 5 a.m., local drivers maneuvered the teams down bumpy two-track roads, across dried-up river beds, and over dusty hills to hospitals more than an hour away.

Once at their destinations, teams rushed into the hospitals to lay claim to a suitable work space and set up their equipment.

The doctors faced obstacles not found in hospitals in the United States. Most of

the medical professionals work in large hospitals with bright lights and plenty of equipment, but came face-to-face with small buildings with little, if any, electricity.

Dentists, who rely on reclining chairs with swiveling lamps overhead, found whatever chair they could and a room with bright, direct sunlight.

"It took a day for the team to really come together," said Army dentist Col. Jeffrey Astroth, from the 5502nd USAH. "We stumbled a little in the beginning... but the second, third and fourth days were really successful."

Working together daily, they were able to learn together and give the best possible care to patients.

"We do these missions to try to help people, but it's also a great way to develop relationships with our allied armed forces," said Army Col. Dwight Shen, 9th RRC. "There was a lot of reciprocal teaching between the American and Mongolian forces."

Astroth added, "It was great connecting with our Mongolian counterparts and with the locals, we'd say a few words to them in Mongolian as we treated the patients, and it made them feel a lot more comfortable."

Some unexpected training came about

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Massachusetts Air National Guard train at Tripler AMC

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Tripler Army Medical Center Public Affairs

HONOLULU – Members of the Massachusetts Air National Guard 104th Medical Group (MDG) trained at Tripler Army Medical Center recently to hone medical skills in preparation for both a federal mission supporting Operation Enduring Freedom as well as a homeland defense mission of supporting issues such as Hurricane Katrina and local flooding.

"In this unique role, members of the Air National Guard have to be ready to support any mission whether activated by the governor or by the president," said Lt. Col. Sean T. Collins, commander of the 104th MDG.

"In the 104th MDG, we deployed more than eighteen of our members to New Orleans, Louisiana, to set up a hospital to care for those who remained after the hurricane," he said. "Many of our members have deployed overseas to Iraq, Afghanistan and Qatar to support the medical mission in OEF/OIF as well."

The importance of joint training cannot be emphasized enough in today's world of force management and organizational reshaping.

"The reality is that each branch of service has a

slightly different methodology of executing its health care delivery plan; the bottom line is we all know how to care for patients," Collins said. "Each branch may have a different way of executing a plan of action."

By training in an Active Duty Army facility, we have an exposure to the Army methods of health care delivery. This exposure will clearly help those of us who deploy in the future to integrate into the Army health care system in a seamless and effective manner," he said.

Because of the vast amount of medical and educational services offered, Tripler is the ideal location for training.

"Tripler is a premier Army medical facility that has opened its doors to help train (U.S.) Air Force personnel, particularly (U.S.) National Guard Troops, in the Army medical health care system," Collins said. "With the reshaping of the Armed Services and the shrinking census in active duty Air Force hospitals, Tripler offers great wealth and exposure to sophisticated procedures that may not be done at other military facilities."

Tech. Sgt. Shawn Wood, emergency medical technician, 104th MDG, Barnes International Guard Base, Mass., said he was able to meet most of his require-

ments, "and that's a good thing since the one requirement I didn't meet was exposure to agents," he said jokingly.

"The training has been phenomenal here in the [intensive care unit] (ICU). The staff has been very supportive," Wood said. "They have taken the time to show me new techniques, as well as offer me the opportunity to incorporate my skills to their setting."

An emergency room nurse by trade, Capt. Moira Brophy, 104th MDG, said she was able to use a lot of equipment she's not accustomed to using.

"The people I have been assigned to have been very patient, and I have been able to meet all my requirements but one – exposure to agents, which is a good thing," Brophy said. "Capt. Martha Stipsits, nurse in-charge, ICU, runs a very tight ship and is very organized. Everyone here is just out to get the patient better," she said.

Upon completion of the training ended at Tripler, Wood said it best.

"I'm ready to go home in some ways, then again, I feel like a part of the ICU team up here, and I don't want to leave."



Senior Master Sgt. Robert J. Sabonis | ANG 104th Medical Group

Tech. Sgt. Shawn Wood, emergency medical technician, Massachusetts Air National Guard 104th Medical Group, re-hones his medical skills working in Tripler's Intensive Care Unit.

Mongolia: Despite limited assets, physicians make a difference

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When three cases of appendicitis were diagnosed in Bayanbayrhan. A team of surgeons, nurses and translators drove the patients an hour south to the Tudevtey hospital. By 3 a.m., they had successfully completed all three surgeries.

Mongolian surgeons performed the appendectomies, but U.S. Army Spc. John Westergard, a medic from the 5502nd USAH, observed the surgeries and learned, first-hand, some of the difficulties of the harsh environment created by the aged buildings and lack of supplies.

"We had to conserve water while scrubbing in because they don't have running water," said Westergard. "I'm not sure how the clothes were sterilized, and they didn't put the patients to sleep, they just use a local anesthetic... they just don't have the resources out here."

Lack of electricity and modern electronic technology was another major difference. However, Army Lt. Col. Ruben Alvero, an obstetrician/gynecologist from the 5502nd USAH, brought a portable ultrasound machine that ran off a generator.

"I don't have the ability to go to a good medical center because I live in a rural area where we don't have sophisticated equipment," Khajidma Jugder, a patient in Tudevtey said through a translator.

"I could not normally get this kind of medical



Col. John Belfrage, a veterinarian from the 5502nd United States Army Hospital, injects vitamins into horses at a Mongolian Border Guard outpost. Belfrage's team examined more than 6,000 sheep, horses and pigs.

treatment... especially free of charge, so I'm happy that the American doctors came out here."

Bayanbasuren Purevjay, who brought her 78-year-old father to the Tudevtey hospital for cataract surgery was surprised to see military doctors.

"When I got here, I found out there was an obstetrician/gynecologist with an ultrasound machine," she said through a translator. "I was happy to be checked out by the modern equipment."

Despite all of the obstacles the environment created, the teams accomplished their training goals.

"We demonstrated that American and Mongolian forces can work well together in austere environments," said Shen, the mission's officer in charge.

Furthermore, they treated more than 2,600 patients, exceeding their expectations by more than 500, according to Shen.

"We also successfully incorporated the first veterinarian team," Shen said.

According to Col. John Belfrage, the veterinarian team leader, they examined more than 6,000 sheep, horses, dogs and pigs.

MEDCAPs are about more than training; they are also about helping people.

"America gave me a great profession," said Astroth, "and I do these missions because I feel I have an obligation to do the right thing and help out where I can... I believe that's part of what being in the military is about."

NSPS: New system seeks to standardize performance-based compensation, staff

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leapfrog above people who were actually hired after them [unlike the GS system], so that it's possible for them to move up and get hired without limitations ... based upon performance evaluations."

According to Joseph Rozmiarek, director of Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, Hawaii, initially, compensation is not only performance-based, but also market sensitive. No longer is tenure, time on the job, or seniority a basis for pay or compensation.

DoD hopes to offer competitive salaries and retain and attract employees who meet measurable organizational goals aligned to specific missions. Major design elements such as flexible job classifications (in career groupings, broad pay schedules and pay bands), compensation, performance management, staffing and workforce shaping — all with an emphasis on performance — are foundations of NSPS.

"To rate and reward performance is rev-



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John Sallot, Installation Security Office, seeks clarification on the performance management system under NSPS.

olutionary [in the federal government]," said Tom; yet, despite his thorough overview of NSPS, still much was unclear to many after the formal town hall presentation.

"Will performance be subjective or objective?" asked an unidentified male immediately after the presentation during

the question and answer period. The panel of five local transition managers explained NSPS rates performance on a 1 to 5 numeric scale, from unacceptable to role model.

John Sallot of Installation Security Office wanted clarification on tracking, senior rater profiles, and timeliness of

evaluations. Similarly, Denise Lee of Mortuary Affairs queried whether standards will be set in place to prevent the "good 'ole boy club."

"I'm wondering about the competency of supervisors. Can employees give ratings to supervisors for checks and balances?" asked Maricar Davis of Army Community Service. "We're not just talking about money, but careers, reduction in force," she said.

Collectively, panelists and Tom said multi-levels of accountability prevent over-inflation of evaluations; checks and balances ensure timely evaluations. However, the short answer was supervisors and managers will be trained and accountable; no feedback mechanism allows employees to rate them.

Just how DoD will link pay to local markets in specific regions, particularly given several other disparities, remained somewhat unclear to some in the audience. Tom stressed, however, that by attending upcoming training, online and in classrooms, the confusing should become clear.

Before wrapping almost 20 minutes after the allotted time frame for the town hall, Tom said DoD will fully implement NSPS in fiscal year 2008. He could only take a couple more questions.

"You keep mentioning that NSPS allows 'the right person to be placed in the right job at the right time,'" said Tom Beleanich of the Pacific Region Office, or PARO. "Just how does NSPS do that?" he asked the major general.

Tom stressed a benefit of NSPS is its flexibility. Alternatives and competition allow managers to select from pools of people with high ratings beyond the current rules for hire.

All DA civilians in Hawaii can catch the next town hall meeting — their opportunity to ask questions of local transition managers — at Richardson Theatre, Fort Shafter, Oct. 18 from 1-3 p.m. They must complete the online tutorial, "NSPS 101," by Oct. 31, and should lock in a firm date when classroom training is scheduled beginning in January 2007.

Veterans: Emotions run high at dedication

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way. It remains a living memorial until our Soldiers come home.”

After thanking a host of contributors — from financial backers to those who provided the labor to install the memorial — Dave Garrod, past association president and memorial co-chairman, also commented on the level of emotion apparent in each of the statues' faces. Lynn W. Liverton, the memorial's sculptor, responded during her speech.

“It was easy to [create] the emotion in their faces, because I felt it in the room,”

she said, at one point her voice cracked as she held back tears. The 25th ID Association provided Liverton with background material in the form of letters written by veterans during previous wars.

In closing his speech, Garrod read from a letter written by a survivor of the last military campaign of World War II, Rodney Barrett of the 27th Infantry Regiment.

“The memorial means so much because [those who served in the last campaign] didn't have time to give tribute to their fallen comrades,” Barrett wrote. “I can close my eyes and see my comrades being carried by on stretchers, dog tags on their toes ... buried with nothing more than a salute and a prayer, their graves marked by a ration box. This memorial brings the past and present together.”

After the memorial dedication, veterans moved en masse to Sills Field for the recognition ceremony, which showcased four platoons of Soldiers with platoon sergeants dressed in replica uniforms from WWII, the Korean and Vietnam Wars and the global war on terror.

“Through each of these formations runs a strong green line — one that links Soldiers from generation to generation,” said Ryan. Gen. (Ret) Andrew Anderson, 25

ID Association president, recognized five World War II veterans in the audience who witnessed the Japanese attack on Oahu, Dec. 7, 1941.

“We have come to remember our friends,” Anderson said. “Together we are the 25th Infantry Division, ... watered by tears and sustained by bonds of friendship.”

Following the dedication and reunion ceremony, 25th ID veterans strengthened ties with present-day Soldiers at the 2nd Brigade, 3rd Brigade and 45th Sustainment Brigade dining facilities.

Bob Diamond, a 65th Engineers veteran of the Korean War, couldn't help but compare his experiences with current Soldiers.

“This is nothing like the mess halls we used to have,” he said. “This is like eating in a restaurant — you get a choice. We only had one choice ... whatever the mess sergeant decided to serve that day.”

Following lunch, veterans boarded tour buses and rotated between the Tropic Lightning Museum, clothing sales — for those coveted bits of memorabilia — and the Engagement Skills Training Center (EST), which allowed them to test their war-fighting expertise on the newest in weapons technology.

Daniel Finn, a veteran of 4th Battalion 23rd Infantry Regiment “Tomahawks,” enjoyed his turn in the EST.

“I wish we'd had this, (type of training equipment) because you can see your mistakes; I think it's a great training tool.”

The last time Finn visited in Hawaii was nearly 40 years ago.

“I was only here for two hours, we got off the plane to use the washroom and then got back on,” he said.

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Above (from left to right) — Ann Cunningham, R.N. 12th Evacuation Hospital, Cu Chi, Rodney C. Barrett, 27th Infantry Regiment, Lynn W. Liverton sculptor, and Harry A. Davis, 24th Infantry Regiment, unveil the remaining statues at the dedication ceremony, Sept. 29.

Left — Korean War veterans Francis Hulshof, Headquarters Battery, 8th Field Artillery Battalion (left), and Lynn Jones, A battery, 69th Field Artillery, compare notes on the Howitzer just outside Fernandez Hall, the division headquarters building.

Below (from left to right) — Commander of Troops Capt. Adam J. Lewis, B. Co. 1-14th Inf. Regt., Col. Timothy M. Ryan, rear detachment commander, and Maj. Gen. (Ret.) Andrew H. Anderson, president, 25th Infantry Division Association, conduct a pass and review during the veterans' recognition ceremony.



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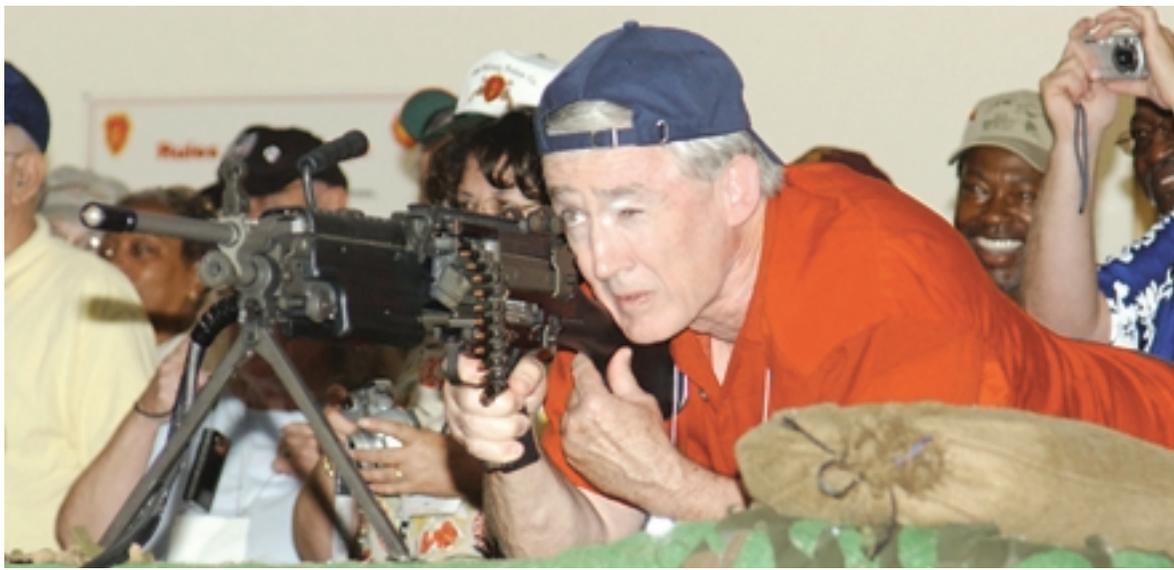
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Above — Daniel Finn, veteran of 4th Battalion, 23rd Infantry Regiment, Tomahawks, takes his turn at the Engagement Skills Training Center as one of the many activities during the 25th Infantry Division Association reunion, Sept. 29.

In addition to being a Vietnam vet, Finn and his wife, Christina, recently began the Patriotic Pillow Project to show support for wounded Soldiers. The couple started the project as a way to appease their anxiety over their son's deployment in 2004 with the Illinois National Guard.

Finn surprised his wife when he had the project's logo printed on his prosthetic leg. "That's just like getting a tattoo," Christina said.

Daniel Finn is also an instructor at the Reserve Officer Training Corps Army Academy in Chicago.

Veterans mingle, test warrior skills

Top left — Tropic Lighting Museum curator Linda Hee answers a question posed by Bill Myrick, World War II veteran and member of the 25th Infantry Division Association. Myrick was one of nearly 600 vets visiting the museum Sept. 29 after the Tropic Lightning Memorial dedication and veterans' recognition ceremony.

Middle left — Bob Diamond, 65th Engineers veteran, spent time in the dining facility talking with Soldiers and enjoying a different kind of Army meal during the weeklong 25th ID reunion.

Bottom left — Once a young Soldier, a member of the 25th ID Association reflects on the history of an old warhorse at rest at the Tropic Lightning Museum — a World War I M-4 Sherman tank that was part of Rice's Red Devils, 89th Medium Tank Battalion.

Right — Hundreds of former 25th ID warriors, some of whom served in World War II, file past exhibits in the Tropic Lightning Museum. The museum had a ribbon cutting ceremony for the latest exhibit on deployments to the Middle East.



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Celtic Pipes and Drums of Hawaii play notable classics such as "America the Beautiful," "God Bless America," and "The Army Song," Sept. 30.



Living History Day brings the past to life

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The annual Living History Day was held at the Tropic Lightning Museum on Schofield Barracks, Sept. 30.

The daylong event was packed with guest speakers, children's events, current and vintage military vehicle displays, as well as re-enactors from five different wars.

In the Keiki Rat Tunnel, kids dressed in battle dress uniforms and explored a tunnel replica made of wire, tarp, and camouflage nets, and filled with toy snakes and spiders. Each child received a prize after completing the tunnel.

This was the second year Penny Johnson and her kids attended and they enjoyed the event. "It's good for the kids because they like to explore and climb on stuff," said Johnson.

Eileen Childers also enjoyed the event. "It's a nice, historical way for [the kids] to see what their dads do and see what their daddies are responsible for," she said.

Pfc. Matthew Flower, 1st Battalion, 14th Infantry Regiment, used genuine Army camouflage paint to decorate the children's faces.

Pfc. Jared Hicks and Pvt. Brodie Berkenbile, also of the 1-14th, led the



Six-year-old Bear Nevada gets down and dirty to explore the Keiki Rat Tunnel. The tunnel replica was fashioned from wire, tarps, and camouflage nets, then filled with toy snakes and spiders. Each child received a prize after completing the tunnel.

weapons demonstrations.

Several modern and vintage military vehicles were on display for all the guests to explore and enjoy. The largest of which was the Stryker. The vintage military vehicles included a vintage World War II 1943 M2 Track, owned by

Eric Bello; a 1942 Harley-Davidson WLA military motorcycle, owned by Norman G. H. Wong; and a 1943 JPW Jeep.

Re-enactors dressed in costumes appropriate to their particular war and were available to answer questions.

They represented the Revolutionary War, the Civil War, the Korean War, World War II and the Vietnam War.

Bello and Wong, both members of the Hawaii Military Vehicle Preservation Association, participated in the event as re-enactors from the Vietnam War.

Event guest speakers included three war veterans who talked about their experiences during the war.

World War II veteran Donald Hall, a retired first lieutenant, was here when the 25th Infantry Division was activated Oct. 1, 1941. He was also on Schofield Barracks when the island of Oahu was attacked Dec. 7.

Hall openly shared his vivid memories of that frightful morning. He remembered looking out from the barracks and seeing Japanese dive bombers attacking Wheeler Army Air Field.

Dominick Feeney, Korean War veteran, kept his speech light-hearted. Since his family was present, he did not want to go into graphic details about his war experiences.

Cpl. Feeney was in Korea from August 1951 to June 1952 and fought with the 35th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division.

Vietnam War veteran Flo Rivera, a retired Sgt. 1st Class, became the first tunnel rat for the 25th ID. The Viet Cong used the tunnels in Cu Chi, but Rivera trained his men to use the tunnels as well.

Rivera, who also spent 10 years as a 27th Infantry Battalion Wolfhound, earned two Silver Stars, three Bronze Stars, and the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry, awarded to him in 1966.



Above — (left to right) Spc. Corey Erickson, 1st Battalion, 14th Infantry Regiment represents a present-day Soldier, while Michael Wee, a member of Hawaii Historic Arms Association, and Eric Bello, a member of the Military Vehicle Preservation Association model Vietnam-era uniforms.



Right — An event guest gets a first-hand view inside a Stryker vehicle.



6 / Today

Job Fair — Looking for a new job? Come to the job fair sponsored by Army Community Service and Army Career and Alumni Program, Oct. 6, 9 a.m. to noon, at the Schofield Nehelani.

Attendees will be able to meet company representatives, talk to recruiters about job openings, pick up applications and submit resumes. For more information, call 655-4227.

Mongolian Barbecue — It's stir "fry-day!" Select your favorites from a large variety of meats and vegetables, and KoleKole Bar & Grill's staff will grill them to your liking. Come Oct. 6 from 5 to 8 p.m. for Mongolian barbecue, cooked outside in front of the Nehelani with seating in the air-conditioned KoleKole Bar & Grill.

Cost is 65 cents per ounce, and reservations are recommended. For more information, call 655-4466.

7 / Saturday

Parents Night Out — Leave your kids with Child and Youth Service (CYS) at the Fort Shafter or Peterson Centers on Parents Night Out, and then enjoy a nice night out on the town.

Children enrolled in Parents Night Out must be registered with CYS by noon, Oct. 6. Reservations are first-come, first-served. For more information, call 655-8313.

11 / Wednesday

Preschool Enrichment — "Oogles 'n' Googles" preschool enrichment program presents the Harvest Hoedown, at Schofield's Sgt. Yano Library, Oct. 11 at 10 a.m.

The program provides children ages 3 to 5 an interactive adventure of jumping, dancing, singing, laughing and learning. For more information, call 655-8002.

13 / Friday

Oktoberfest — Celebrate Oktoberfest at the Schofield Nehelani, Oct. 13, at 4 p.m. Enjoy pupus, entertainment and great prizes. Cost is \$5 in advance and \$7 the day of the event. Civilian, spouses and all military ranks are welcome. Guests must be age 18 or older. For more information, call 655-4466.

Teen Social — Join friends for an evening of fun at the Schofield Barracks Teen Center social, from 7 to 9:30 p.m.

Admission is \$3 for members and \$4 for nonmembers, and an ID card is required. For more information, call 655-0451.

14 / Saturday

Yu-Gi-Oh — Get ready to duel at Tropics on Schofield. Registration for the Yu-Gi-Oh tournament starts at noon and matches will start at 1 p.m. Cost is \$6 and includes a pack of the latest Yu-Gi-Oh cards.

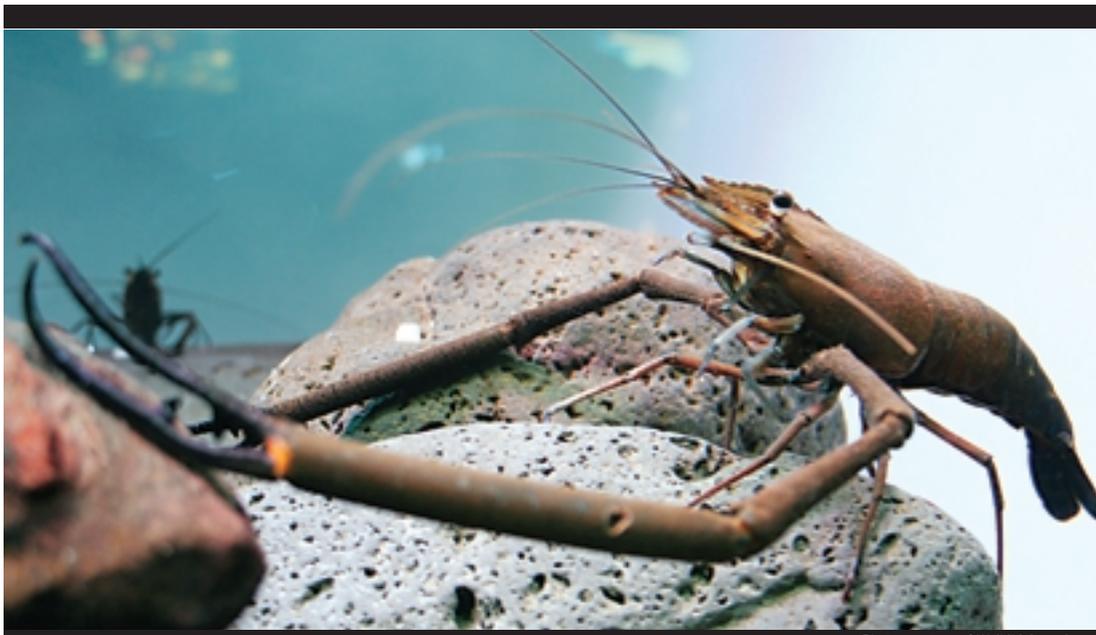


Photo courtesy of Waikiki Aquarium

Food Gone Wild

The Waikiki Aquarium has a new 250-gallon exhibit in the fisheries and conservation gallery, which features tilapia, Tahitian prawns (pictured), apple snails, and other species which were introduced to Hawaii as food sources and now compete with the native species for food and habitat.

The Waikiki Aquarium, the third oldest public aquarium in the United States, is open daily from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Admission is \$6 for local residents, military and students with ID, and seniors. Youth pricing is available. For more information, call 923-9741 or visit www.waquarium.org.

Prizes will be awarded, and all ages are welcome. Call 655-8522 for more details.

Ongoing

Kolekole Bar & Grill — Come check out the newest addition to the Schofield Nehelani, the Kolekole Bar & Grill.

Our new eatery features a new menu of pupu and entrée selections. Join us for food, fun, and lots of laughs at Monday Night Football, Wahine Wednesdays and Tropic Lightning Thursdays.

Enjoy darts, pool, games, karaoke and more. For more information, call 655-0664.

SKIES Registration— Children and youth who register for instructional classes and off-post discounts through School of Knowledge, Inspiration, Exploration & Skills Unlimited (SKIES) only need to enroll in SKIES and do not need to enroll with CYS. Parents must complete a one-page application, and show proof of their child's age. There is a one-time enrollment fee of \$18.

To enroll in SKIES, visit the CYS registration office at Schofield Barracks, Building 556 (655-8380), or at Aliamanu, Building 1782, (833-5393).

To register for Sports, CDC, SAS, Summer Fun, FCC, PNO, STACC or MST, children and youth need to be registered members of CYS. SKIES Unlimited enrollment does not cover CYS membership.

Music and Voice Lessons — SKIES Unlimited is partnering with Hawaii MusicWorks Studio to offer a military discount

program for music and voice lessons. Hawaii MusicWorks offers classical study and pop study.

Classes include "Intro to Piano and Composition," "Intro to Guitar and Ukulele," "Intro to Voice," "Intro to Percussion" and "Rock School." Discount cards can be picked up at the CYS registration offices. For more information, call 655-9818.

Storage Shed Rentals — Many 8-foot by 6-foot sheds are available for rental at \$40 per month at Schofield Barracks, or Fort Shafter. For more information, call 655-9368 (Schofield Auto Craft Center), or 438-9402 (Fort Shafter Auto Craft Center).

Outdoor Recreation Rentals — Outdoor Recreation has party supplies available for rental, including tables, chairs, canopies, inflatables, and even a dunk tank for the kids. Not having a party, going camping instead? Outdoor Recreation has all the gear, from tents and coolers to stoves. Outdoor Recreation is open everyday, except Tuesday. Call 655-0143 for more information.

Tropics and Starbucks — Visit the Ono Isle at Tropics on Schofield Barracks, Building 589, for hot and cold Starbucks specialties such as lattes, cappuccinos, mochas, hot chocolate and much more.

The Ono Isle serves delicious pastries, desserts and smoothies as well. Call 655-0002 for more information.

Waianae Beach Live Entertainment — Unwind over the weekend at Waianae Beach with live entertainment, every Sat-

urday from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. and Sunday from 6 to 10 p.m. Call 696-4778 for more information.

RecTrac Registration — The Department of the Army has instituted a tracking system for Morale, Welfare and Recreation to better serve its customers, monitor usage and assist in obtaining funding support programs.

To participate in MWR programs, guests must complete a simple registration process. No fees are charged, and the process takes less than five minutes.

In lieu of using sign-in sheets, customers only need to scan their ID cards when they visit a facility or program. Scanners are designed to read bar codes located on the back of the ID card of eligible patrons.

Programs affected include physical fitness centers, swimming pools, craft shops, recreation centers, outdoor recreation equipment checkout, Information, Ticketing, and Registration, and theater productions.

For more information, call 656-0086.

MWR Happenings — To find out more information about MWR activities, programs and facilities, pick-up a copy of the "Discovery" magazine available at the Schofield Barracks commissary, Fort Shafter post exchange, Aliamanu shopette, Tripler mauka entrance, any MWR facility, or visit the MWR Web site at www.mwrarmy-hawaii.com.

Job Search — Visit, browse and apply for federal jobs that are available in Hawaii at www.nafjobs.com.

Community Calendar

Send calendar announcements to community@hawaiiarmyweekly.com.

6 / Today

Joint Spouses' Conference — Limited registration is currently underway for the 12th Annual Joint Spouses' Conference to be held Oct. 20 and 21 at the Officer's Club on Marine Corps Base Hawaii. The conference is a forum to empower, enlighten, motivate and educate military spouses.

Registration concludes today and is open to spouses of active duty, reserve and retired military members of all ranks, from all military branches.

Register online or download a registration form at www.jschawaii.com.

The cost is \$35 for both days or \$20 for one day. The fee includes workshops, a continental breakfast and lunch, and a conference tote bag filled with donations from local businesses.

Child care is not available for this event, and children will not be allowed to attend. Log on to the Web site or call Katie Lynch, Marine Corps liaison, at 489-7886, for more information.

Catholic Women's Retreat — Enhance your faith and receive more knowledge on the blessings of the rosary at the Catholic Women's retreat to the Benedictine Monastery in Waialua.

The retreat is Oct. 14 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Lunch and child care will be provided.

Pick up registration forms at the Schofield Main Post Chapel and Aliamanu Military Reservation chapel. For more information, call 839-4319 or e-mail MCCWHawaii@yahoo.com.

7 / Saturday

Military Appreciation Weekend — The University of Hawaii will honor the Armed Services at its military appreciation festivities this weekend. The football team takes on the University of Nevada, Reno, Wolf Pack Oct. 7, at 6:05 p.m. in Aloha Stadium. The Rainbow Wahine volleyball team match against UNR, Oct. 8, in the Stan Sheriff Center at 4 p.m.

For the games active military will receive two tickets for the price of one (no limit on the total number of tickets). A valid military identification card is required when purchasing tickets.

Tickets for the football game are available at the stadium box office in advance and on game day. Volleyball tickets are available at the Stan Sheriff Center box office and game day. Advance purchases are encouraged.

The Splendor of China — Military families are invited to The Splendor of China, a trade show and cultural festival that will feature something for everyone. This event will be held Oct. 7, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Oct. 8 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Neal Blaisdell Center, Exhibition Hall, 777 Ward Ave., downtown Honolulu.

This event is free for military with identification. Come see, taste, shop, and experience all the show has to offer! Visit the Web site, www.splendorofchina.com/index.html for event details.

Sunset at Kualoa Ranch — The free weekly entertainment and movie fest moves to Kualoa Ranch Oct. 7 and 8. The big bash starts at noon each day and will feature some of the hottest names in local entertainment.

Scheduled to appear are Sean Naauao, dancers from the Polyneesian Cultural Center, Na Hoahanau, and many others.

The family-friendly fun includes also includes great food, kid's inflatables, a petting zoo and pony rides. The Honolulu Police Department will do free Keiki identification, and voter registration information will be available. Movies will be

shown both nights beginning at sunset. Kualoa Ranch will offer a 15 percent discount on all their activities to event guests.

Movies scheduled for this weekend: Oct. 7 - "Madagascar" rated PG Oct. 8 - "Polynesian Power," narrated by Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson, chronicles the ascent of Polynesians in American Football; and "Mighty Joe Young," rated PG.

For a complete event schedule and map, visit www.sunsetonthebeach.net.

Energy Awareness Event — In celebration of Energy Awareness Month, the Hawaiian Electric Company (HECO) is hosting a fun-filled day for kids to emphasize the importance of energy conservation and awareness. Kids can learn simple ways to use energy wisely to protect limited environmental resources.

Kid-friendly activities will be held at Pearlridge Mall uptown from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and will include interactive exhibits, prizes and live music.

8 / Sunday

Vintage Collectibles Show — The Wiki Wiki One-Day Vintage Collectibles & Hawaiian Show will be held Oct. 8 at the Blaisdell Center Hawaii Suites, from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

This semi-annual event will feature 91 tables of antiques, estate jewelry, art, glass, coins, ephemera, toys and more.

Cost is \$3.50 for general admission. Parking is available at the Blaisdell, 777 Ward Ave., downtown Honolulu. Call 941-9754 or 389-7752 for more information.

13 / Friday

Jewelry Trunk Show — Boutiki, on Naval Station Pearl Harbor, will host a trunk show featuring Ming Dynasty fine jewelry Oct. 13 and 14, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The trunk show will also feature gemstones, pottery shard boxes, scarves and more.

Boutiki, a nonprofit resale corporation, also carries a unique array of antique furniture, Hawaiian, home gifts and acces-

sories. For more information, call 664-0695.

14 / Saturday

Sinbad in Concert — Comedian Sinbad is scheduled to perform at the Blaisdell Concert Hall Oct. 14, at 7:30 p.m. Purchase tickets at the Blaisdell box office, Ticketmaster outlets, charge-by-phone at 877-750-4400, or visit www.ticketmaster.com.

Get Slimed with Nickelodeon — Bring the kids out to see Nickelodeon's "Nick Live!" show, where getting messy is half the fun!

This return engagement will feature a variety of fast-paced stunts and physical challenges based on popular Nickelodeon programs, and will give kids and their families a chance to get on stage and into the action.

Two 45-minute shows, beginning promptly at noon and 2 p.m., will be presented in the uptown center court of Pearlridge Mall.

Brighter Lights Conference — The Brighter Lights Conference on prayer and faith will be held Oct. 14, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Wheeler Army Airfield Chapel.

Guest speakers are Rev. Ralph and Susan McIntosh, founders of ACTS (Acclaiming Christ Through Service) Foundation, Inc.

This event is free. A hot lunch and child care will be provided.

To reserve a space for child care, call 655-8313. For more information, call 655-6643 or visit www.actsfoundation.org.

19 / Thursday

Hui Luncheon — The Hui O' Na Wahine, the all-ranks spouses' club, hosts its monthly luncheon Oct. 19, at 10:30 a.m. at the Schofield Nehelani. The buffet lunch will be served at 11 a.m.

The theme for this month's luncheon is "Survivor: Hui Edition." Guests can earn fire, water and food by competing in a series of mental and physical challenges.

To RSVP, call 624-0217 or 624-0015 by 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 15

Worship Services

Aliamanu (AMR) Chapel

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

Fort DeRussy Chapel 836-4599

- Catholic Saturday, 5 p.m. – Mass in chapel (May – Aug.) Saturday, 6 p.m. – Mass on the beach
- Protestant Sunday, 9 a.m. – Worship service

Fort Shafter Chapel 836-4599

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

Helemanu (HMR) Chapel

- Contemporary Protestant Sunday, 10 a.m. – Worship service and children's church

Main Post Chapel 655-9307

- Catholic Sunday, 9 a.m. – CCD & RCIA Sunday, 10:30 a.m. – Mass
- Collective Protestant Sunday, 9 a.m. – Worship service Sunday, 10:30 a.m. – Sunday school
- Gospel Sunday, 10:30 a.m. – Sunday school Sunday, 12 p.m. – Worship service

MPC Annex, building 791

- Chalice circle Tuesday, 7 p.m.
- Islamic prayers and study Friday, 1 p.m.
- Buddhist 4th Sunday, 1 p.m.

Soldiers Chapel

- Catholic Friday – Saturday, 12 p.m. – Adoration (24 hours)
- Protestant Sunday, 9:30 a.m. – Worship service

Tripler AMC Chapel 433-5727

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

Wheeler Chapel

- Catholic Saturday, 5 p.m. – Mass
- Collective Protestant Sunday, 10:30 a.m. – Worship service and children's church

This Week at the MOVIES Sgt. Smith Theater



How To Eat Fried Worms

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



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



Beerfest

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Sunday, 7 p.m.
Thursday, 7 p.m.



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Help your child learn to love learning

DR. JULIA MYERS
Contributing Writer

Each fall, as the new school year begins, I reminisce about my school years so long ago, and about the excitement of returning to school.

I recall the new lunch boxes, fresh school clothes, and the anticipation of meeting new classmates and seeing old friends after a long summer. Plus, I just enjoyed being in school. I guess this is what caused some to call me a professional student.

It is also what inspired me to be a teacher. Even today, I love learning new things and watching others learn. In my eyes, no experience could be more positive.

I believe all children are born with a natural desire to learn. Have you ever watched a toddler discover new things? Have you noticed that most small children are quick to ask questions and eager to find answers? It would be a wonderful thing if children continued to be such enthusiastic learners as they grew older. Unfortunately, some do not.

Over the years, I've reflected on why this is so. Why did I love learning when others did not? The answer always boils down to good teachers and my parents. From the beginning, my parents nurtured my desire to learn. It was not who they were, but what they did. They were not teachers; but they taught me the most important lesson of all – learning is fun.

Although there is no recipe for creating children who love learning, the following are a few tips that might help:

- Look around. There are so many things to observe. Watch the birds with your children, then chat about what each of you saw. Observation is an important part of science, and activities like this stimulate curiosity and encourage a sense of exploration and adventure.

- Talk with your children. Talk about the things they see, things they feel, and things that make them wonder. Get the discussions going by asking, "How many birds do you see?" or "What do you think they are doing over there?" and "What do you think will happen next?"

- Ask questions. Try not to ask questions that have only yes or no answers. Ask open-ended questions that might have multiple answers. When you ask a question, give plenty of time for a response. Encourage your children to explain their thinking, what they are doing and why. Ask, "What made you think that?" or "How did you get that answer?"

- Answer questions with questions. Children are accustomed to asking adults for answers; asking them questions in return requires them to think. When your children ask questions, respond with: "That's a good question." "What do you think?" or "How can we find out?" Don't try to prove you have all the answers, and don't worry about not having them. The most important thing is showing your children how to go about finding the answers.

- Use reading, writing and math everyday. Read with your children at every opportunity – no matter their age. Encourage writ-



ing with activities such as exchanging notes with your children. Remind them of the math that is present in everyday scenarios such as calculating a tip, or slicing a pizza.

- Play games with your children. Many games encourage thinking and learning. While formal games such as Scrabble and Yahtzee help children with spelling and math skills, informal games, such as 20 Questions, help children learn important strategies such as logic and critical thinking.

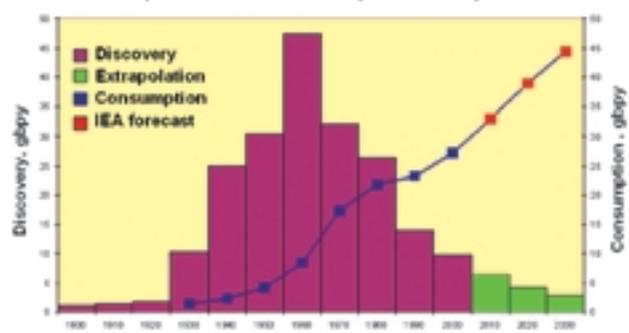
- Enjoy learning with your children, and for yourself. By doing so, you are setting an example that learning is fun.

- Provide your children with patience, understanding and encouragement. Demonstrate that learning isn't difficult, but rather a process of exploring new ideas. There are so many interesting things to discover and learn. Keeping them thirsty for knowledge will help them enjoy learning now and for most of their lives.



Energy Awareness & Conservation Assessment

Comparison between discovery and consumption



DPW paints energy picture

JOE FEIND

Resource Efficiency Manager Tetra Tech, DPW, Hawaii

October is Energy Awareness Month. This is the first in a series of articles by Army Garrison Hawaii Directorate of Public Works group on energy conservation and awareness. The initial focus will be the big energy picture, then on steps Soldiers and family members can take to conserve energy and protect the environment.

As an oil economy, serious energy challenges exist globally and locally. Based on the current rate of oil consumption, the current U.S. oil reserves are declining each year and now amount to about a three-year supply.

Don't panic. Since we import 66 percent of the oil consumed in the United States, we won't deplete the supply within three years.

New oil discoveries are being made, but they are not enough to make up for the world's increasing appetite for oil.

As the graph above indicates, peak oil refers to a topping out of the worldwide petroleum supply. This situation arises where the curve of oil supply rises to a peak then begins a decline from 3 to 10 percent per year.

Most experts agree that peak oil is a reality. However, the date of peak oil is hotly disputed. Some energy experts contend peak oil either just occurred or is still 20 to 30 years out.

Whenever peak oil does happen, solid solutions will be needed to meet energy demands before the declining portion of the oil curve.

Shrinking petroleum supply and increasing consumption are felt by consumers by means of higher prices.

Higher prices will occur at gas pumps, but also in electric bills, costs of airline tickets, shipping costs, and in turn, the price of products purchased.

With a higher percentage of personal income going towards energy costs, there are fewer dollars available for other purchases.

Fewer dollars available for saving means fewer for future needs.

Recently, there has been a dip in oil prices, resulting in gas prices under \$3 per gallon. However, this trend will be short lived; projections have oil resuming its upward climb in 2007.

Fuel cost is relative. In Europe, the price equivalent to a gallon of gas is \$6 to \$7.50. Based on the current long-term trend, consumers will pay more for energy, and in turn, may have a lower quality of life in the future.

Rising oil consumption impacts the environment. The burning of fossil fuels, like oil and coal, increases the level of greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide.

In turn, research has shown that an increase of greenhouse gases in the earth's atmosphere contributes to global warming. This trend is expected to accelerate with increased burning of fossil fuels.

What can consumers do in a world of ever-shrinking oil supply, rising gas prices, lower quality of life and global warming? Maybe the problem will just go away after a while.

On the bright side, there are many technology solutions to invent our way out of this mess. Eventually, we will have amazing energy solutions, but it will take years of time.

The next article will focus on measures Soldiers and family members can take to be a part of a solution. Our focus in energy conservation and awareness is on low-cost and no-cost solutions, and expanding our knowledge of energy efficiency and awareness at work, at home and on the road.

FAP aims to increase DV awareness

DONNA GATEWOOD
Family Advocacy Program

Each October, the U.S. Army joins other Department of Defense agencies and the civilian community in observing Domestic Violence Awareness Month,

to reaffirm and renew its total commitment to promoting a safe and healthy environment for families.

Increasing the public's understanding of domestic violence in society can help communities support domestic violence survivors and their families, as well as support agencies that provide intervention and prevention services throughout the year.

Education and prevention awareness are crucial in changing attitudes and perceptions and ending the daily occurrences of domestic violence.

The Army Family Advocacy Program (FAP) and its parent organization, Army Community Service (ACS),

stand ready to provide preventive resources in the areas of enhancing family relationships, educating new spouses on military lifestyles, and facilitating support groups.

In support of the Army Domestic Violence Awareness efforts, the FAP prevention team will offer classes on diverse topics, including the following: anger awareness, stress solutions, stress for leaders, active communication, coping with separation, active parenting, new parents' basic training, boot camp for new dads, and infant play and learn.

All classes are conveniently offered under the ACS "when and where you want it" training module. This "mobile" format allows ACS staffers to take their information to various locations and groups to present a 50-minute to two-hour presentation.

For more information on how you can stand up and speak out against domestic violence, contact the ACS FAP at 655-4ACS (655-4227).



Colorful heritage a testament to commissary growth

DR. PETER D. SKIRBUNT
Defense Commissary Agency historian

FORT LEE, Va. – Fifteen years ago, to improve efficiency and increase taxpayer savings, Congress and the Department of Defense created the Defense Commissary Agency by consolidating the military services' retail grocery operations into one organization.

"With sales of over \$5 billion – all 'at cost' to our customers – this agency continues to save taxpayer dollars while delivering a vital military benefit important to military family quality of life and the recruiting and retention of military personnel," said DeCA Director Patrick Nixon. "The word 'DeCA' has become synonymous for leading change and achieving results. We're proud to have accomplished so much in our short lifetime."

While Oct. 1 marks DeCA's 15th anniversary, the commissary benefit itself is almost 140 years old.

In 1866, Congress authorized the Army to sell food items, at cost, to officers and enlisted men starting July 1, 1867. These sales were authorized at every Army post with a subsistence warehouse. Sales areas were simply a table or counter in the warehouse, and the official stock list was only 82 items – but this was the start of the modern commissary benefit.

Since the early 20th century, commissaries have been similar to civilian grocery stores in terms of layout and the number of items for sale. In the last 15 years, store facilities have been upgraded, more people have become eligible patrons, and customer savings have increased. Today, commissaries provide an average savings of 30 percent when compared to local grocery chains.

Thanks to Congress-mandated surcharge dollars, DeCA has provided military families with shop-

ping experiences comparable to civilian sector stores.

The number of items stocked by commissaries has increase, from about 13,000 in 1991 to 17,000 in 2006.

In most commissaries, ID checks have been moved to the registers for customer convenience. Other modern conveniences, such as self-checkouts, sushi bars, hot foods, deli-bakeries, credit and debit card acceptance, gift certificates and more have been added.

"We're actively involved in our communities as well," said Nixon. "The Scholarships for Military Children, funded by manufacturers and brokers that sell groceries in commissaries, has awarded over \$4 million and nearly 3,000 scholarships to military children."

When natural disasters strike

military installations, as happened when hurricanes Rita and Katrina hit the Gulf Coast, commissaries provide crucial aid to military and civilian families in need of food and supplies. Even when commissaries were severely damaged, temporary stores brought some sense of normality to affected customers.

Commissaries provide a substantial savings, particularly in high-cost-of-living areas of the country, and overseas they bring a morale-building "taste of home" by providing familiar American food products.

"With 15 years of experience as a Defense agency and 140 years of heritage behind us, the Defense Commissary Agency is ready to continue providing this highly valued military benefit for years to come," Nixon said.

DoD gives options for reporting domestic violence

DONNA GATEWOOD
Family Advocacy Program

If you or someone you know is in an abusive relationship, options are available to stop the abuse.

Although usually hidden, domestic abuse is a widespread social problem that affects people from all walks of life. Yet, a barrier for many service members and spouses who may want to seek help is a fear of involvement of command and law enforcement officials.

As of April 1, a new Department of Defense (DoD) policy allows victims of domestic violence to seek medical and advocacy services without command or law enforcement being notified. Two reporting options provided victims needed assistance: restricted and unrestricted reporting.

Unrestricted reporting. This option is for victims who want to pursue an official investigation of a domestic abuse incident. Command and law enforcement are notified.

The benefit of electing this reporting option is that notification of command and law enforcement officials helps to ensure victim safety and hold offenders accountable.

Restricted reporting. This option is for victims who do not want to pursue an official investigation. Command and law enforcement are not involved.

Victims may disclose the abuse to any one of the following individuals: 1) a victim advocate, 2) a victim advocate supervisor, or 3) a health care provider.

It's important for victims to know that disclosure of domestic abuse to someone other than an individual specified in restricted reporting may result in an investigation by command and law enforcement officials.

The benefits of unrestricted reporting are that the victim can receive medical treatment, advocacy and counseling services.

Some exceptions do exist with restricted reporting. Information may be disclosed to named individuals when disclosure is authorized by the victim, persons or entities for the following reasons:

- When there is an imminent threat to the health or safety of the victim or another person.

- When child abuse or neglect is suspected (disclosure is limited only to the information related to the suspected child abuse or neglect).

- When required for fitness for duty in disability retirement boards.

- For supervision of direct victim treatment or services.

- When a military, federal, or state judge issues a subpoena.

- When required by federal or state statute or applicable international agreement, according to DoD's Domestic Violence Reporting Policy of April 2006.



NFPA recommends, 'stand by your pan'

Association commemorates an historic inferno to keep public aware of fire safety

CHRISTA B. THOMAS
Pau Hana Editor

The Great Chicago Fire, the tragic 1871 conflagration that killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures, and burned more than 2,000 acres began Oct. 8 and continued through Oct. 9, 1871.

On the 40th anniversary of the Great Chicago Fire, the International Fire Marshals Association decided that instead of commemorating this tragic event with festivities, the date should be marked by keeping the public informed about the importance of fire prevention. An National Fire Prevention week was born.

The Federal Fire Department (FFD) units around Oahu want to remind military families to "stand by your pan" by focusing on ways to reduce home cooking fires during National Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 8 to 14.

The 2006 National Fire Prevention Week theme is "Prevent Cooking Fires, Watch What You Heat," and is based on the growing number of deaths, injuries, and destruction of personal property caused by accidental and preventable cooking fires.

The leading cause of cooking fires is unattended equipment, stressed Victor Flint, FFD battalion chief. "This is a serious problem in the United States. Two out of three fires start on the stove.

"We want to take a proactive stance and tackle this issue head on, by promoting safe cooking practices," Flint said. FFD units will hold fire safety activities during the week that will entertain and educate children and families about fire safety.

The following are scheduled events:

- On Oct. 10, fire trucks and Sparky the fire dog will be at Tripler Army Medical Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Firefighters and inspectors will also visit hospitalized children.

- On Oct. 11, fire trucks, Sparky the fire dog, and Freddie the robot fire truck will be at Schofield Commissary from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Firefighters will also show a video presentation on fire safety.



- The FFD visitors and presentation will be repeated Oct. 14 at Hale Kula Elementary School on Schofield, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Other things the FFD plan to emphasize are turning pot handles in while cooking, cooking food at lower temperatures and never, ever leaving the kitchen while cooking. "It takes less than a minute for a fire to start," Flint said.

Fire Chief Glenn Delaura asserts that "the best way to fight a fire is to prevent the fire."

The National Fire Prevention Association has issued the following tips to help the public prevent and manage kitchen fires:

- Never leave food on a stovetop unattended and watch food in the oven closely.
- Cooking areas should be clean and free of materials that could catch fire, including potholders, towels and food packaging.
- Parents and guardians should enforce a three-foot safety zone for children, and pets should be kept off countertops and out from under feet.
- Loose clothing while cooking can be a fire hazard.
- Never pour water on a grease fire. In the event of a grease fire in a pan, turn off the burner and smother the flames by sliding a lid over the pan.

For more information on National Fire Prevention Week, visit www.nfpa.org.
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Fire Prevention Week Quiz

Did you know that more fires start in the kitchen than in any other part of the home? That's why the National Fire Protection Association has chosen "Prevent Cooking Fires" as the theme for Fire Prevention Week 2006. Take this quiz and see how many questions you can answer correctly.

- The leading cause of kitchen fires is:**
 - burnt toast.
 - unattended cooking.
 - oven fires.
 - microwave oven fires
- If you leave the kitchen for even a short period of time while you are frying, grilling, or broiling food, you should:**
 - turn the stove down low.
 - leave the food cooking as is.
 - turn off the stove.
 - cover the food with aluminum foil.
- If you are simmering, baking, roasting or boiling food:**
 - check it regularly, and stay in the home.
 - it is safe to run outside and get your mail.
 - stay in the kitchen and watch the stove.
 - it is safe to leave the home for an hour.
- When young children are present:**
 - use the stove's front burners so you can reach them faster.
 - use the stove's back burners.
 - children sit quietly on the floor so they can't reach the stove.
 - have children stand behind you when you are using the stove.
- Spilled food and grease from burners, stove tops and oven should be:**
 - cleaned up to prevent a fire.
 - kept to a minimum.
 - covered with paper towels to soak up the grease and food.
 - left to harden.

- If a small grease fire starts in a pan:**
 - use baking powder to put the fire out.
 - smother the flames by carefully sliding the lid over the pan (make sure you are wearing an oven mitt). Turn off the burner.
 - pour water on the fire.
 - move the pan to the sink and run water over it.
- When heating food in the microwave:**
 - use any container that can fit in the microwave.
 - cover the container with aluminum foil to prevent spills.
 - use only microwave-safe containers or dishes to heat food.
 - avoid wearing clothes with loose sleeves.
- If you have a fire in your microwave:**
 - turn it off immediately and open the door.
 - turn it off immediately and keep the door closed.
 - open the door and attempt to put out of the fire.
 - get a lid from a pot or pan to cover the fire.
- Keep kids away from cooking areas by enforcing a 'kid-free zone' of:**
 - 3 feet around the stove.
 - 1 foot around the stove.
 - 2 feet around the stove.
 - 1 foot to the right or left of the stove.
- You should treat a burn with cool water for:**
 - 7 to 10 minutes.
 - 5 to 7 minutes.
 - 3 to 5 minutes.
 - cool water isn't good for a burn.

Answers
4. b
5. a
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7. c
8. a
9. a
10. c

Gift cards help whole community

AAFES CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS
News Release

DALLAS, TX – Americans love gift cards. In fact, industry analysts say that nationwide sales doubled over the past five years and are expected to hit \$72.8 billion in 2006.

As usual, families at Schofield Barracks are right in step with their civilian counterparts, steadily increasing their demand for convenient Army & Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) gift cards. And why not? From the purchaser, to the recipient, to military Morale, Welfare and Recreation programs that ultimately benefit from exchange patronage, AAFES gift cards meet the entire military community's needs.

"I like to say that Post Exchange gift cards work three times harder than any other," said AAFES Mark Polczynski, General Manager. "They not only make purchases easy, but also ensure the recipient gets exactly what he or she wants at the best possible price while generating much needed revenue for MWR programs. The bottom line is that all gift cards are not created equal."

While other cards may look similar to AAFES', there can be differences in fees and expiration dates. In fact, the FDIC advises that some outlets charge for purchasing or even using their gift cards, while others impose expiration dates on use. AAFES limits military families' potential for risk with gift cards that never expire and are only subject to a small \$2 monthly fee after 24 consecutive months of non-use.

The patriotically inspired cards, available in red, white and blue, can be used the same as cash at AAFES facilities around the world. To find out more about the AAFES Gift Card, see any cashier at the Schofield PX at Building 694, log on to aafes.com or call 888-481-1550.



7 / Saturday

Ladies Golf Clinic — Ladies, sharpen those golfing skills at a free golf clinic. The clinic will be held Oct. 7 at the Leilehua Golf Course located outside the Wheeler Army Air Field front gate.

This clinic will last one hour and will begin at 2:30 p.m. All equipment will be provided and advance reservations are recommended. To reserve a space, call 655-4653.

9 / Monday

Monday Night Football — Football fans are invited to spend their training holiday with the Ravens and the Broncos. Come to KoleKole Bar & Grill and watch Monday Night Football live. The doors will open at 1 p.m. Call 655-0446.

14 / Saturday

BMX Racing — Come to the BMX track at Wheeler Army Air Field, Oct. 14, for BMX racing.

First, second and third place ribbons will be awarded, along with participation ribbons.

Registration will start at 4 p.m., and costs \$4 per rider. BMX races will begin at 5 p.m., and refreshments will be provided.

In the future, races will be held every second and fourth Saturday. For more information, visit www.armybmj.org or call 656-1601.

15 / Sunday

Bowling Tournament — A “5 Game, No Tap” tournament will be held at the Schofield Bowling Center, Oct. 15. Check-in is at 1 p.m., and the cost is \$20 per bowler. Call 655-0573 for more information.

17 / Tuesday

Mini Sports Basketball — Oct. 17 is the last day to register for the Youth Sports Mini Basketball program. This parent participation program allows children ages 4 and 5 to gain the basic skills of basketball.

Cost is \$10 and includes a T-shirt. For more information, call 836-1923 (Aliamanu), 438-9336 (Fort Shafter), 655-0883 (Wheeler and Heleman) or 655-6464 (Schofield).



Send announcements to community@hawaiiarmyweekly.com.

13 / Friday

White Cane Walk — Hoopono Services for the Blind will be holding a “White Cane Safety Awareness Day Walk” Oct. 13 at 10 a.m. This walk is being held to heighten awareness of the significance of the long white cane and the independence it affords blind or visually impaired people.

This walk is free and begins at the State Capitol on Beretania Street and ends at Iolani Palace.

28 / Saturday

Paws on the Path — Join the Paws on the Path hiking club Oct. 28 for its monthly hike. This hike is along Waimano Ridge.

Meet at the trailhead at 8:30 a.m. This hike starts promptly at 9 a.m. Bring snacks and enough water for people and pets.

The trailhead is at the top of Waimano Home Road in Pearl City.



Mona K. Wood

Run for the money

The Niketown 5k children's race was held Oct. 1 and attracted more than 8,000 running enthusiasts.

The race, which took participants down Kalaukaua Avenue in Waikiki, succeeding in raising more than \$120,000 that will go to Oahu schools for their physical education, play and athletic programs.