Hotlines are taking calls for military affected by Katrina

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**9/11 Observance**

All military and civilian personnel and family members are invited to the 9/11 Observance at Schofield Barracks. The observance will take place adjacent to the Division War Memorial, located near the flag pole on Ilii Field.

**Battleship Mo**

Across the nation, the military and veteran organizations commemorated the 60th anniversary of the end of World War II. Locally, distinguished guests recalled events at the USS Missouri docked at Pearl Harbor.

**Asia-Pacific Security**

Celebrating 10 years, the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies hosted a two-day conference to graph the course of the 21st century past, present, and future.

**Uchi Focus Lens 2005**

Spc. Nereida Hansen (right), a combat medic with Medical Co. B, Tripler Army Medical Center, helps Spc. Brandon Davis (left), a supply clerk with Medical Department Activity Center-Alaska, carry a mock casualty who collapsed after being transported by an UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter.

**Hawaii medics treat injured**

Medics from Tripler Army Medical Center and Schofield Barracks take part in mass casualty training exercise in South Korean UFL 2005.

**Secretary outlines recruiting initiatives**

Sgt. Sara Wood, American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Recent Army recruiting problems don’t constitute a crisis, and a number of initiatives are being implemented to bring recruiting numbers up, the secretary of the Army said.

The 2004 annual meeting of the Asia-Pacific Center and the Army Reserve family members affected by Hurricane Katrina who are in need of financial assistance can call the Army Emergency Relief. The toll free number is 1-888-464-9330, or from a military phone 888-367-9330.

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Four ways for Guard to connect

A National Guard brigade from Louisiana and another from Mississippi are currently in Iraq. Families of these Soldiers can call the National Guard hotline at 1-888-777-7733, officials said, to enable the Guard to tell the troops of their family’s current situation.

There are four ways for families to connect with their service members, said Col. Anthony Baker, chief of the National Guard Bureau Family Programs, either through the Family Assistance Center, state Family Program director, wing Family Program coordinator, or through the rear detachment of their unit.

“Again, we will bridge that gap for them by making sure they have all the information,” Baker explained. “In cases where they can’t make that contact, we will make it for them.”

Hotline works both ways

Deployed service members can call their service hotline.

See “Hotlines,” page A-7

**JVEF’s military-school partnerships take the spotlight**

Story and Photo by Dawn Torres-Gale

Three couples hubbed in commissary grocery bins B-6

JVEF’s (Joint Venture Education Foundation) annual meeting held here Aug. 30. The meeting highlighted various initiatives sponsored by JVEF, a division of the Manpower, Personnel and Administration Directorate at the U.S. Pacific Command (USPACOM). JVEF, responsible for the disbursement of approximately $5 million in annual appropriations to Hawaii public schools. JVEF, founded in 1999, sprang from the efforts of岱陆军 上将, USAPACOM Commander Admiral Dennis Blair to actively and tangibly involve the military in support of Hawaii’s public schools. Specifically, JVEF was charged with the responsibility for providing a means of assisting those Hawaii public schools significantly impacted by the military student population.

“JVEF is governed by a 25-member board of directors comprised of representatives from the military services, the Hawaii State Public Schools, the Hawaii State Public Charter Schools, the Hawaii State Legislature and various business and community groups.

The 2004 annual meeting began with a posting of the colors by Junior Reserve Officer (JROTC), cadets from Campbell High School. Following the posting, USAPACOM Act...
Lightning Six Sends

The commanding general reflects upon 9/11 events

September 11th, 2001, was a day embedded in all our memories. For the first time, we were fighting the enemies of freedom for the first time in our history.

I asked all Soldiers of the 25th Infantry Division (Light) and the U.S. Army, Hawaii, to observe a moment of silence on September 11th, in honor of all those who perished on that day and those who have given their lives in the Global War on Terrorism.

I encourage all of you to attend the religious services of your choice to pray for our nation in accordance with your customs and beliefs.

It is important to remember that the Global War on Terrorism began on September 11th. The first of our nation was under attack. The pain of that event will last a long time.

Recall the murder of our Marines in Beirut, the bombing at Khobar Towers, the attack on the USS Cole, bombings of the United States Embassies in Africa, and the murder of numerous individual Americans.

What this tells us is that the Global War on Terrorism will last a long time. More

Brooke Adams
Press Secretary/Chief Administrative Officer

The Day of September 11th marked the 60th anniversary of World War II victory. On this day in Tokyo Bay, 1945, the forces of Imperial Japan signed the surrender that ended six years of the global cataclysm known by history as World War II.

We call these men and women, 18 million of whom served in military service in the U.S. and 30,000 of whom died in service, the Greatest Generation.

The Hawaii Army Weekly is an authoritative source of information on our Army and our community. We are committed to providing the best possible service to our readers and to ensuring that our content is accurate and timely.
A medical exercise that allowed medical practitioners to train for the worst-case scenario, the MASCAL (mass casualty exercise) exercise, was held at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. The scenario was based on a recent event in Iraq, where U.S. soldiers had to work under extreme conditions.

Soldiers from the 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment, were part of the exercise. They were trained in trauma care, emergency response, and triage. The exercise involved simulating a combat scenario where soldiers had to work under extreme conditions.

Capt. Kyle Sunada, a combat lifesaver and registered nurse with Medical Co. B, TMC, provided general anesthesia to a patient with a fractured femur bone. He emphasized the importance of providing immediate resuscitative care and began the diagnostic process.

Sgt. 1st Class Sean McKay, the chief clinical noncommissioned officer from the 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment, discussed the importance of education and said, "If we better educate military children, they will be better equipped and have the knowledge to serve their country." McKay also highlighted the importance of trust, saying, "You need to be familiar with the territory in the foreign country."

The MASCAL exercise capped off five days of training that consisted of nuclear, biological, chemical operations, and realistic combat scenarios. It provided a hands-on experience for the soldiers, preparing them for real-world situations.

Overall, the MASCAL exercise proved to be a significant training opportunity for the soldiers, allowing them to gain valuable experience and build essential skills for future deployments.
Female Soldiers lend medical assistance

Story and Photos by Sgt. Laura C. Ocampo
29th Brigade Trotto Support Command

LOGISTIC SUPPORT AREA ANA (LSA ANA) — Regardless of the adversity or gender barriers, some missions require their services to accommodate the needs of communities.

Two female Soldiers from the 29th Brigade, 29th Brigade Combat Team, take on the challenges of leaving the security of their units to provide medical assistance to local women during missions.

To help Iraqis, some missions require Soldiers to venture out into the local villages here. To respect Iraq’s cultural beliefs, female Soldiers are transported in trucks separate from local women during missions.

Spc. Alexis Hernandez, a medic from 29th Support Bn., 29th BCT, comforts her young Iraqi patient as she examines him during a medical assistance visit.

As a precaution, all Iraqis seeking medical care are searched, and Faisa was responsible for searching females. The usually “happy, go lucky” Soldier was all business as she kept her eye on the women waiting to be seen by medics back at base.

“Some Iraqis have to see me because I’m a female, but I know they should be OK or I let it get to me,” Hernandez said. “Most of them see us as equal.”

Coupled with training the two registered nurses who went to Iraq, “going out” was the key to helping the mission. Despite the dangers of insurgents, Soldiers took precautions throughout the mission, but Faisa said along the route were safely eliminated; it should be based on ability.

“The concept of the mission is great. We help a lot of local nationals,” Hernandez said.

During the mission Hernandez and Faisa worked to treat various illnesses from common colds to severe injuries. Hernandez treated various illnesses.

“I’m excited and anxious. You never know what’s going to happen,” she said. “I feel lucky to have gotten the chance to go on this mission.”

-- Kapit, Johny Wilson, Division Support Command

Transformation Division Support Command readiness for transformation

Division Support Command Soldiers move equipment and tentage during a three-day tactical operations center exercise, or management, as well as with a better understanding of transformation.

The three-day exercise was executed for the first time, and tasks associated with setting up the tactical operations center focused on training noncommissioned officers to serve as upgrade to the 642nd Main Support Battalion, the 725th Main Support Battalion, the 225th Support Battalion, and the 725th Main Support Battalion.

Soldiers with 18 or more years of active service should attend the semiannual preretirement orientation scheduled for Oct. 4 from 8 to 11:30 a.m. at the Schofield Barracks Post Community Room, Building 584, on Trimble Road, across from the Main Post Chapel. 

For more information, call the Schofield Barracks Retirement Services Office at 655-1585/1514.

CIP Telephone Change — Reach the accountable officer at the Central facet Operations Center, phone number 655-8120. For more information, call 655-3975/655-8120.

Military COLA Survey — All military personnel in the state of Hawaii are encouraged to complete the military Cost of Living Allowance survey sponsored by U.S. Pacific Command, any time before Sept. 30 via the Internet. Participate at www.pacmils.com/cola/sec.

Accuracy in completing the survey is critical to the COLA determination. For more information, call Ed Fowler at 477-1396.

Hawaiian Heritage Observance — The 25th Infantry Division will be celebrating Hawaii’s Heritage Month Observance from Sept. 16 to 10 a.m. at Schofield Barracks Smith Tower. Soldiers, civilians employed by the 25th ID and military family members are invited to attend and celebrate and learn more about Hawaiian culture.

For more information, contact Master Sgt. Christopher Keesee, 25th Infantry Division Equal Opportunity advisor, at 655-4934.

Child Safety Seats — Does your child’s car seat meet current standards? Is it used properly? Is it time to replace it? If you’re unsure of its safety or are limited by need, contact the Child Safety Seat Inspection and get your child’s safety seat examined for free.

Children injured in traffic accidents are seemingly endless. Help is now available. Come to the free Child Safety Seat Inspection and get your child’s safety seat examined for free.

Soldiers and civilians interested in volunteering as Child Safety Seat Inspectors are available to provide safety seat inspections for children as safely as possible. Sponsored by Tripler Army Medical Center and the Keiki Injury Prevention Coalition, this safety inspection will be held Saturday, Sept. 24 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Schofield Barracks Health Clinic. For more details, call Maryann Kimball at 633-4314.

Prevention Orientation — Soldiers with 15 or more years of active service should attend the free popcorn prevention orientation scheduled for Oct. 4 from 8 to 11:30 a.m. at the Schofield Barracks Post Community Room, Building 584, on Trimble Road, across from the Main Post Chapel. 

For more information, contact Capt. Johny Wilson at 655-1932.

Combined Federal Campaign — The 2005 Hawai`i-Pacific CFC will run from Sept. 19 through Oct. 28, and this year’s theme is “Heroes at Home — Be One!” The 25th Infantry Division is the designated Army unit for Hawaii’s campaign, and this year’s theme is “Heroes at Home — Be One!” The 25th Infantry Division is the designated Army unit for Hawaii’s campaign.

Each year the CFC campaign provides United Way agencies in communities throughout the United States and its territories with an opportunity to raise funds for community-based programs designed to improve people’s lives. The CFC is authorized by the federal government and supported with federal funds.

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Nation marks 60th anniversary of war’s end

Gary Sheftick and LaDonna Davis
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — More than a thousand veterans and service members gathered on the National Mall with the public Sept. 2 for a ceremony commemorating the end of World War II 60 years ago.

Many of the World War II veterans, like former Staff Sgt. Frank Norton, were also in town for military reunions. Norton was one of almost 300 attending what was billed as the “last roundup” of the about 300 attending what was the DoD ceremony commemorating the end of World War II 60 years ago.

Speakers included retired Army Col. Ben Skardon, who described his experiences as a World War II prisoner of war and Bataan Death March survivor, retired Navy Lt. Cmdr. James Starnes, who shared his unique perspective as the navigator of the USS Missouri during the final days of the global war, and the officer of the deck at the surrender ceremony, and Missouri gunner’s mate Murray Tosh observational, who witnessed the formal surrender ceremonies from atop the battleship’s massive turret No. 2, directly above the proceedings.

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Mission includes search, security, subsistence relief

Guard members in helic- topers and Humvees and high-water trucks are pro- viding security to communi- ties without power, helping distribute food and water, and conducting search and rescue missions in Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and in Florida where a relatively mild, Cat- eegory 1 Katrina had struck the southern Miami region three days before devastat- ing the Gulf Coast.

They did what they could for the 20,000 or so people who fled to the Louisiana Superdome before and after the storm and who were finally evacuated from that shelter facility on Saturday, Sept. 3. They took control of the Convention Center’s conven- tion floor the day before that.

By Sept. 3, the Air National Guard had flown 785 sorties, more than it had done in three months. The Air Guard reported flying in 12,854 troops, evacuating more than 11,000 victims to safety and delivering 19,013 tons of supplies and equip- ment to the devastated area.

Moving ice, water, sandbags and food

The Guard had trucked nearly 1,660 loads of water and more than 1,000 loads of ice to afflicted people in four states. The Guard’s CH- 47 Chinook helicopters had flown in 65 sandbags, each weighing 20,000 pounds, to help block a breached levee in Louisiana.

It was the largest and most comprehensive Nation- al Guard response to a natu- ral disaster since 32,000 Cali- fornia Guard members were called up for the earth- quake that hit the San Fran- cisco Bay region area in October 1989.

Bigger than 9/11?

Yes, it was bigger than the response to Sept. 11, 2001, reported National Guard historian Michael Doubler, author of the 2001 book “I Am The Guard.”

“With the commitment of 20,000 National Guard troops at this early stage, this operation is already four or five times larger than the sustained National Guard response that fol- lowed the attacks on the World Trade Center on 9- 11,” Doubler said.

“Could not be more proud of the people in the National Guard and the absolutely awesome response they’re showing to this natural disaster,” said Blum while appearing on Larry King Live. “How You Can Help, a three-hour CNN special.”

“We had over 10,000 Guard members on duty, who left their families, left their jobs, prepared to help others before the hurricane hit,” Blum explained. “The first Guardsmen responded to the shot heard ‘round the world. Now we’re respond- ing to the storm heard round the world.”


AER helps hurricane victims

LaDonna S Davis
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — For those Soldiers, active and retired, and their family members who have been affected by Hurricane Kata- rina, Army Emergency Relief will assist with short-term needs such as food, lodging, clothing, gas and other finan- cial needs such as rent deposits and bill payment.

“As long as the emergency exists, we will assist,” said retired Col. Dennis Spiegel, deputy director of adminis- tration for Army Emergency Relief.

AER is a private nonprofit organization whose sole mis- sion is to help Soldiers and their dependents in times of financial hardships.

AER provides interest- free loans with delay-start repayment, as well as grants on an as-needed basis.

AER obtains most of its funds through donations from both the general public and the Army Family.

Donations can be sent to the Army Emergency Relief Headquarters at 200 Stovall Street, Alexandria, Va. 22332.

Any military members or family affected by Hurricane Kata- rina who are in need of financial assistance can call the Army Emergency Relief. The toll free number is 1- 866-878-6378.

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also call the hotline to contact their families.

“If a service member calls in and asks us to find their family, we’ll call one or all of the services in that state and say, ‘please connect, find the family and get back to us,’ so we can let that service member know that they are all right,” Baker said.

If deployed service members cannot call one of the toll free numbers, they may be able to make contact through www.army.mil/ako or www.guardfamily.org Web sites.

Baker and his team of coordinators have already been successful in contacting deployed service members with family information.

Many services available via hotline

In addition to helping Guard families and service members make contact, operators at the hotline can assist families in getting help and services from federal, state and local agencies.

“Once they call the hotline, the person can expect a live person to answer the phone, listen to their issue or concern, provide information, or provide a referral or outreach to another agency,” Baker said. “Before we hang up the phone, we’ll contact the Family Program director or other assisting agency while they are still on line and let them know, what their issues are and what type of assistance they need. The two are then connected.”

The assistance provided through the hotline is very extensive and all encompassing, Baker said. He added that National Guard Family Program personnel are deeply connected with numerous federal, state and local agencies. This partnership allows them to assist families with those operating in the immediate geographic location.

No matter what the problem or issue, Family Program has the ability to find, contact and connect the family with the proper service, officials said, such as the American Red Cross, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the American Legion, the Department of Veterans Affairs and other services operating in the area.

Aside from the hotline, Guard family members can contact their nearest Family Program Office by calling 1-800-342-9647.

Army Reserve hotline also 24/7

The Army Reserve call center phones will be manned 24 hours a day as of noon, Sept. 2, officials said. Operators will take down information to aid deployed Army Reserve Soldiers in determining the status and whereabouts of their families affected by Hurricane Katrina.

Additionally, callers will be screened to determine what other assistance they may need. The call center will have information and will help guide callers to specific resources.

In addition to the 1-877 phone number, a Web site is established where families of deployed/mobilized Army Reserve Soldiers and Army Reserve civilians may provide their current contact information. The address of the Web page is http://www.arfp.org. The Web site also provides information and links to the many agencies providing specific relief to those in need.

Army Reserve Soldiers and Army Reserve civilians who have been dislocated as a result of the hurricane should also call the number, officials said, or log into the Web site to aid in establishing accountability.
HONOLULU – The Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies is hosting a conference entitled “Perspectives on Asia-Pacific Security for the 21st Century,” Monday through Tuesday at the Hilton Hawaiian Village. The conference will convene distinguished experts and practitioners to examine the security challenges and opportunities for the Asia-Pacific region for the 21st century.

In the last decade, the Asia-Pacific region has increasingly fostered security cooperation through multilateral dialogue conducted by both governments and non-government agencies. At the same time, new security threats that transcend national borders have emerged that require even closer cooperation among the countries in the region.

In addition, an important security challenge continues to be the need for sustained dialogue to manage and ultimately resolve long-standing conflicts in the region. To prepare for the security challenges ahead, this conference will assess the progress and effectiveness of “theater security cooperation” and examine how regional cooperation and dialogue can be strengthened at the governmental as well as the non-governmental level.

By convening this conference, it is hoped that the representatives from throughout the region will be able to forge a common vision of the security future for the Asia-Pacific for the 21st Century.

In conjunction with the conference, APCSS is also hosting an “open house” for conference attendees and invited guests. The open house will commemorate APCSS’ 10th anniversary.

For more information on the conference, go to www.apcss.org and click on “Conferences” then “Future Conferences.”

Fellowshipping

Nearly 50 women gathered for friendship and fellowship at the Protestant Women of the Chapel’s Fall Kick-off held Tuesday at the Main Post Chapel, Schofield Barracks. Weekly meetings feature Bible studies, activities, prayer and food. PWOC is also available at the Aliamanu Military Reservation Chapel.
Wolfhounds honor 91-year-old sergeant major

By Joy Boisselle  Staff Writer

“Living History Day” on most military bases is an annual event held at the post museum. The event is marked by speeches, vehicle and photo displays, and numerous contretemps celebrating the traditions, lore, and history of units on the post, both past and present.

For the 1st and 2nd Battalions of the 27th Infantry Regiment “Wolfhounds,” celebrating their “Living History” means marking the birthday of their own living legend, Honorary Regimental Sergeant Major, Sgt. Maj. Hugh O’Reilly. With four days of events held in his honor, the Wolfhound Regiment helped Sgt. Maj. O’Reilly celebrate his 91st birthday in true Wolfhound fashion. Events included a regimental run on Aug. 26 and numerous cake-cutting ceremonies, the last hosted by the 2nd Brigade Combat Team on Aug. 30.

Of O’Reilly’s importance to the regiment, Command Sgt. Maj. Anthony Marrero, a former 2nd Battalion Wolfhound and currently Command Sgt. Maj. of the 1st Battalion, 14th Infantry Regiment, said, “You just can’t put into words what he’s meant to this regiment.” From when he was first with the regiment to now, he has touched so many lives from the orphanage to all the Soldiers through the years.

Continuing he said, “He is still a Soldier and he is the honorary regimental sergeant major. More than that, he is like everybody’s father.” So who is the man who has won the respect and perhaps more importantly, the love of so many?

Born Aug. 27, 1914 in New York, Hugh F. O’Reilly at 18 enlisted in the Army in 1932 and spent his three year enlistment in Hawaii. When the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor in 1941, he, then a civilian, heeded the call to arms again and joined the Marines serving in Guam and Guadalcanal before his discharge in 1945.

A short four years later and perhaps missing the Soldier way of life, O’Reilly enlisted in the Army once again in 1949 at the age of thirty-four. It is here that his story with the “Wolfhounds” really begins. O’Reilly was sent to Japan where he was assigned as a platoon sergeant for B Company, 27th Infantry Regiment. On Christmas day while visiting the Holy Family Home, a local orphanage, O’Reilly noted the disrepair of the facility and the lack of bare necessities for the orphaned children. He resolved to make a difference in their lives that day.

O’Reilly took up a collection among the Soldiers and on New Year’s Day, 1950, presented the home and the children with gifts, clothes, toys, and money. More than 50 years later, that simple act forged a relationship between the regiment and the orphanage that flourishes still today.

Senior leaders down to even the youngest Soldier describe O’Reilly as an icon, a Wolfhound to the core, a unit treasure, and the very heart and soul of the regiment.

At the 2nd BCT cake ceremony, Col. Steve Banach, the brigade commander said of O’Reilly, “He represents the legacy of the Wolfhound organization. He has spent 56 years caring for the children of a country that was once our enemy, and I think that’s a pretty important lesson for our Soldiers to understand—the decency that comes from being a Soldier.”

“Sgt Maj. O’Reilly is an incredible role model whether you are a Wolfhound or not. And, anyone who has ever come in contact with him, feels better for having known him—in his interactions with Soldier, he conveys what’s important and gives the right perspective on being a Soldier,” Banach explained.

An ever-present supporter of the Wolfhounds and the 25th Infantry Division, O’Reilly’s presence is felt at many unit events, including promotions, reenlistments, and changes of command. Several days a week, he can be found in one of his offices at each of the battalion headquarters. While there, he works on his memoirs, discusses Wolfhound history with new Soldiers, or just enjoys conversations with the many visitors who stop in to say a hello.

When asked about the celebration in his honor, Sgt Maj. O’Reilly bowed his head and said simply, “Well, I think they think a lot more of me than I really am.”

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As for his role in the unit, he explained, "I try to teach Soldiers about the traditions and spirit of the unit and that the Army is built on traditions. It’s nice to be able to tell them about the Wolfhound’s distinguished combat career and about the Medal of Honor winners, of which I have known several."

"I just try to make them feel as proud as I am to be a Wolfhound; and I’d rather be with the Wolfhounds than any other place except home."

Many Soldiers look to historical and special heroes when faced with questions, both military and personal. They ask themselves, "What would Sgt Audie Murphy, or Gen. Omar Bradley, or even my Dad do in this circumstance?"

For the Soldiers of the Wolfhound Regiment, a walk to Sgt Maj. O’Reilly’s office will guarantee them an answer gained from O’Reilly’s lifetime of service to Soldiers, the military, and his country.

Wolfhounds

Once a month at 5 p.m., you’ll find the Soldiers, noncommissioned officers and officers of the 3rd Brigade Special Troops Battalion in the dining facility with their families. The BSTB enjoys strong camaraderie at work, and one way to further that camaraderie is to bring families into the battalion. For three months, Family Night has successfully mixed all ranks of Soldiers and families for fun and good times.

The time frame is a treat that allows the cooking staff to create new themes and dishes. This Family Night featured authentic Mexican dishes: fresh basil and ground garlic melting on lasagna, chicken parmesan and spaghetti, to name a few. Families feasted on desserts such as chocolate mouse pie, strawberry cheesecake and plenty of ice cream.

Small children said they liked the movie presentation, while adults commented they enjoyed the opportunity to socialize. As well, Single Soldiers, their friends and significant others said they welcomed the inclusive atmosphere.

Not only did the evening’s dinner provide great quality food for all families at a very low cost, children from 2 weeks old to 18, and spouses, received the opportunity to meet and greet other unit members. At night’s end, the unit’s goal had been met—to strengthen bonds during stressful times in military households, times filled with change caused by deployments, permanent change of station and transformation moves.
WAIPAHU — The tour guide, a man of 80, ushers young visitors into a hallway where they wait for their turn to tour the sugar plantation. He seems eager to begin the tour. His enthusiasm and zeal give the impression that he has a personal connection to the plantation, which, in fact, he does.

Sugar plantations began sprouting up around the island of Oahu in the mid to late 1900s. Shortly thereafter, sugarcane became the staple agricultural product in Hawaii. On the island of Kauai alone there was once a total of 17 sugar mills.

During this time, more than 400,000 immigrants began making the journey from their home countries to Hawaii, in order to establish themselves and make money through the sugar trade.

Domingo Los Banos is a tour guide for Hawaii’s Plantation Village here, who grew up among people from a variety of races and nationalities. It is a life he seems to have enjoyed very much.

“You had to have a sense of humor,” he began, as he described what life was like growing up on the plantation, “and nearly every joke revolved around where you came from — Korea, China, Japan, the Philippines, Portugal, Puerto Rico. The easiest way to get along with everyone was through humor.”

As the tour progressed, guests gained a true feel for how people from diverse cultures defined who they were through the different styles of homes and recreation areas.

The first building on the tour is a Chinese society building — a brilliantly painted red and white structure, complete with artifacts, pictures and household tools from the early plantation era.

Further into the tour are the homes of Portuguese, Puerto Rican and Japanese workers who traveled to Hawaii to make a better life for themselves. The Koreans and Filipino houses that followed the others also displayed their country’s heritage through pictures, tools, beds, clothing and house construction.

Stories about movie stars, boxers, rooster fights, worship and the simplicity of life are told as guests travel on small concrete paths from house to house.

The infirmary and general store separate the homes from the most social building on the tour: the dance hall.

All visitors are invited to sit on benches inside the wide-open ballroom and listen to the guide talk about how strict the rules about certain cultures intermingling with others were. He also speaks of how the sternness soon wore off, and that is why Hawaii is now filled with people of mixed nationalities.

Los Banos keeps visitors engaged with humorous comments about his upbringing. He continues to comment on humor, an ever-present element throughout his tour.

“If you can’t laugh at yourself, than you will grow to be miserable,” he stated. “Humor is enjoyed worldwide.”

The tour concludes with a short stroll by natural ponds filled with fish. The timing is perfect for guests to ask the guide questions about the plantation before visiting the plantation’s gift shop, filled with items made by craftsmen of the village.

For more information, call 677-0110 or visit www.hawaiiplantationvillage.org.

Above — Domingo Los Banos points to his family photo (center), which hangs in the Filipino house at Hawaii’s Plantation Village, as Marine Sgt. Santiago Katies, a platoon sergeant with Combat Service Support Group 3 looks on. Above the family photo is a picture of Los Banos’ grandfather, the first member of his family to travel to Hawaii and work the sugarcane fields.

Top — A display at Hawaii’s Plantation Village depicts a young Japanese woman, recently arrived at the docks in Honolulu, holding the picture of the man who has sent for her hand in marriage. Often during the 1900s, older men who traveled to Hawaii to work the sugarcane fields, would send an old picture of themselves to young women. They hoped to entice them to come to Hawaii for marriage. Tour guides say many times these picture brides would not recognize their future husband because the outdated picture sent no longer resembled the man or was not a true indication of his real age. One of the displays tells of a young woman whose husband-to-be was more than 25 years older than she, but she married him anyway to avoid shaming her family.

Bottom Right — These bango tags were used by managers at Hawaii’s Plantation Village to keep track of thousands of immigrant workers whose names were odd and unfamiliar. Plantations tracked their workers by ethnicity, often by assigning a particular ethnicity with a specific number series.
**TROPIC LIGHTNING WEEK**

**Organizations interested in operating a booth at Tropic Lightning Week, Oct. 3-7** must designate a representative and register online by Sept. 24. Additional information and registration form are available at www.mwrarmyhawaii.com, prior to the fundraising event in October. For more information contact PSTC at 655-0145.

**Army Community Theater**

Tickets are now available for the Army Theater's 19th season, featuring "Guys & Dolls," "Kissin', Cuts" and "Dummkhy Yankees." Tickets are at the Schofield Barracks Box Office or online at http://squaredance.org/ACT/ticket.html. For more information contact 655-4480 or visit www.mwrarmyhawaii.com.

**Nau ve na e Bibliotheca**

The St. John Library on Schofield Barracks will be open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. today and Tuesday from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. The library is located in Building 2440, across from the Main Post Exchange. The library is open to members of the Schofield community.

**Barracks**

Dine and Enjoy a nice night out on the ocean at Mulligan's on Schofield Barracks. Call 655-4466 for more information.

**Fiji War**

Enjoy a delicious meal featuring Fijian food at the Fiji War Buffet. Enjoy the night and get to know the Fijian culture. Tickets are available online at www.mwrarmyhawaii.com or at Mulligan's on Schofield Barracks. For more information contact PSTC at 655-0145.

**Schofield Field Band**

Enjoy free admission and music of all genres at the Schofield Field Band. Check out the schedule at www.mwrarmyhawaii.com for more information.

**Volunteer Advisory Council**

Volunteer Advisory Council is an open meeting that will be held at the Nehelani Banquet and Conference Center on Schofield Barracks. The meeting will be held on the day before the 2006 Volunteer Recognition Banquet and Conference Center. All interested individuals are welcome. For more information, call 655-1215.

**Tropic**

Tropic Lightning Week is held every year in October and is a community-wide event that celebrates the history and culture of the region. The event includes a variety of educational sessions, military displays, and entertainment for all ages. This year's event will be held on October 3rd through the 7th. For more information, visit www.mwrarmyhawaii.com/TropicLightningWeek.

**Hawaii Army Weekly**

The Hawaii Army Weekly is a weekly newsletter that provides news and information about the Hawaii Army. The newsletter is published on Wednesdays and is available online at www.hawaiiarmyweekly.com. This week's edition features news about the Hawaii Army, the Schofield Barracks Army Community Theater, and the Tropic Lightning Week.

**MWR Hawai'i**

MWR Hawai'i is a community organization that provides activities and events for military families. The organization is located at Schofield Barracks and offers a variety of activities and events for all ages. For more information, visit www.mwrarmyhawaii.com.

**Volunteer**

Volunteer opportunities are available at the Schofield Barracks Volunteer Center. The Volunteer Center is located at 24th Street and offers a variety of volunteer opportunities for military families. For more information, contact the Volunteer Center at 655-1215.

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"Go! Go! Go!" is what you often hear at the start of the quarterly Dash N' Grab event held at the Schofield Commissary; hosted by Morale, Welfare and Recreation; and sponsored by Army Hawaii Family Housing.

August 25 was no exception. Three lucky contestants dashed through the commissary and together grabbed more than $1,200 worth of free groceries.

The event, which mimics the Supermarket Sweep game show, kicks off with a question and answer period. The Q&A session and the contestants’ answers determine which finalists will receive the three-minute, two-minute and one-minute shopping sprees.

The three finalists — selected at random from entry boxes placed at the Schofield Commissary, Army Community Service and the Tropics — were Staff Sgt. Dean Reed, Pfc. Courtney Thrower and Mrs. Mary Ann Christian. Each finalist was allowed to bring a partner to assist him or her in answering questions and with pushing the grocery cart.

Thrower, an active duty Soldier with 25th Transportation, and his wife Felicia won the three-minute spree. Christian, the wife of an activated National Guardsman currently serving in Iraq, and her son Brandon won the two-minute spree. Reed, an active duty Soldier with 325th Forward Support Battalion, and his wife Josielyn won the one-minute spree.

Christian grabbed the most items of all the contestants; she walked away with $728.89 worth of free groceries.

Thrower, whose cart contained meat and a variety of other items said, “I got enough; I don’t even know what to do with it.”

The Throwers received $284.88 of free groceries.

Reed’s cart contained meat, fish, razors and a variety of other items. Josielyn Reed was disappointed that they didn’t have time to grab some shampoo and conditioner, but she said she was thankful to walk away with $228.95 worth of groceries.

After the allotted time for each contestant, all made their way to the checkout aisles to determine the value of the goods they had grabbed.

Christian, whose cart only contained meat, said, “I have two freezers and two iceboxes. I’m having a barbecue dinner tonight. Anything the kids want, they get it.”

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The Dash N’ Grab event was originally created to boost the morale of family members of deployed Soldiers. Army Hawaii Soldiers still remain deployed, and this event continues to bring smiles, fun and excitement to active duty Soldiers and family members on Schofield Barracks.
Medieval fun beckons kids

Leilani and Lopaka Wahineokai and Brianna Gormally pose with the castles they made for the Hale Kula Castle Contest as part of the Medieval Family Fair, Sept. 1.

Brittany Stockton and Alexandre Jacobs came up with the idea to hold a costume contest in conjunction with the Medieval Family Fair.

"The girls planned everything," Colte said, "from the flyers that were distributed to the rubric used to judge the contestants, and the certificates that were presented to the winners.

"We appreciate the support from the school community, an event of this magnitude cannot be done without the help of many," Colte emphasized. "Our parents, teachers, military and business community helped to make this a special night for our students."

Evident from the number of participants, the fair was a popular activity. The Society for Creative Anachronisms featured jousting bouts and a spinning wheel demonstration, as well as arts and crafts activities and displays. The Student Council organized medieval-type games, and diverse families browsed through the Book Fair, purchasing old and new favorites.

"We will have another event in the spring to coincide with our second Book Fair, 'Camp Read a Book.' We've already started planning," she continued. "I hope the community will join us again for the next activity."
Part Two of Five

### Dates on food products don’t always tell of expirations

#### Refrigerator Home Storage

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#### Open Dating

- **Use before date**
- **Sell by date**
- **Best if used by date**

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#### Dates on Egg Cartons

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*It is important to know the date your eggs were packed into the carton. As long as you can use them within the recommended times.*

#### Storage of Infant Formula

- **Product type**
- **Storage temperature**
- **Expiration date**

*Infant formula must maintain an acceptable quality to pass through an ordinary bottle nipple. If stored too long, formula can separate and clog the nipple.*

#### Foods are dated?

- **Open dating**
- **Calendar dating**

*If a calendar date is used, the date must express both the month and day of the month (the year, in the case of shelf-stable and frozen products). If a calendar date is used, it indicates that the food was dated on the open or calendar dates. Usually these are “best if used by” or “use before.” A number or univerally accepted system is used for food dating in the United States. Although dating of some foods is required by more than 20 states, areas exist in the country where much of the food supply has some type of open date. In other areas, almost no food is dated.*

#### Dates on baby food are different?

- **Baby formula and food**
- **Safety after dates expire**

*Except for use-by dates, product dates don’t always refer to home storage and use after purchase. But even if the date expires during home storage, a product should be safe, wholesome and of good quality if handled properly and kept at 40 degrees Fahrenheit or below.*

#### Dates on egg cartons

- **Expiration date**
- **Use before date**

*If expired, the food is immediately after purchase, and refrigerate it promptly. Freeze the product if you can’t use it within recommended times.*

#### Why are dates on food products?

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#### When to use dates?

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#### Date is required?

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SEPTEMBER

15 / Thursday
Tripler Army Medical Center — Do you have questions or concerns regarding health and fitness? Women’s Health and Fitness Day is the nation’s largest annual health promotion event for women of all ages. It will be celebrated nationally Sept. 26, but TAMC is celebrating early. TAMC will be highlighting this event on Sept. 15 at the hospital. Community Health Nursing will be hosting a free, one-hour seminar from 10 to 11 a.m. at the TAMC 10th floor conference room.

Guest speaker and fitness expert Suzanne Dale will be presenting “A Woman’s Guide to Fitness: Dispelling the Myths,” and she will be available to answer health and fitness questions. Call 433-6834 or 433-1462 to register or for more information. Space is limited.

24 / Saturday
National Hunting and Fishing Day — The Hawaii Hunter Education Program presents the 34th National Hunting and Fishing Day at the Koko Head Shooting Range near Hawaii Kai. Attendees can bring a canned food or cash donation for the Hawaii Food Bank, and they will receive an activity coupon to participate in a muzzleloader, skeet, .22 cal rifle/handgun, archery, airgun, or fishing contest. The event will be held Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call 587-0200.

25 / Sunday
Mid-Pacific Road Runners Club — Mid-Pacific Road Runners Club presents the Schofield Barracks 25K, Sunday, at 5:30 a.m. at Stoneman Field. This race is the third in the “Marathon Roadseries 2005,” designed to help you prepare for the 2005 Honolulu Marathon. The 25K course will start on Ayers Avenue, in front of Hale Kula School above Sirona Field, and the course will repeat, circling the Schofield Barracks perimeter. Awards will be presented in age and five-year age group categories. Entry forms are available at all Army Fitness Centers, and in the September/October issue of AthletesHI running magazine. The fee is $17, postmarked before Sept. 19. Packet pick-up is Saturday, Sept. 24, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Running Room, 419 Kapahulu Ave., Honolulu, and late registration is available there for $25.

On race morning, the late registration fee is $30. T-shirts are not guaranteed for late registrants. For more information, contact Ron Pate at 589-2646.

ON GOING
Local Sports Calendar
Briefs — Do you have sports announcements of upcoming events or activities you’d like to post in the Hawaii Army Weekly? If so, e-mail your information to editor@hawaiiarmymilitaryweekly.com at least two weeks in advance of your event or activity.

Hickam Hurricanes — The Hickam Hurricanes Swim team is in need of a Head Coach. If you want to work with a great group of kids with lots of potential, then this team is for you. Previous coaching experience is desirable. The team also has an immediate opening for an assistant coach, no previous coaching experience required. This opening is a great opportunity to start your coaching career.

For more information, contact Peggy Glasgow at 389-5063 or email information@HickamHurricanes.com with a current resume.

Schools Junior Bowling League — The fall youth bowling season has begun, but interested youth can still register. This handicap league gives novices and experienced youth bowlers a chance to compete not only at the Schofield Bowling Center but also in travel league competition in and out of Oahu. The league will last 30 weeks, costs $7 each session and is open to bowlers under 22 years of age. All skill levels are welcome. Costs include coaching for all levels, trophies and United States Bowling Conference membership. Contact Phil Weyl at 589-2646 for registration information.

ON GOING

Pick-Up Sports — Army youth, age 10 to 18, can be active in sports without league rules or practices. Various activities such as volleyball, basketball, badminton and kickball will be conducted weekly at both the Bennett Youth Center on Schofield Barracks and at Aliamanu Military Reservation Youth Center every Wednesday from 3 to 6 p.m.

This program is free and no registration is required. For more information, contact your local Army Youth Sports director.

Personal Trainers — Personal trainers are available to help individuals develop a specialized program to improve their fitness level. These experts can assist with building muscle, losing body fat, or increasing flexibility and nutrition. Cost is $30 per hour. Call 655-8007 for more information.

Muscle Moves — Tone your mus- cles using a variety of equipment, including bands, dumbbells, exercise balls and more. Classes are offered every Friday at the Schofield Barracks Health and Fitness Center at 11:45 a.m. Call 655-8007 for more details.