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728th MPs win Warfighter

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FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo. — The threat of tornados, nagging blisters and lack of sleep couldn't stop the 728th Military Police Battalion, Schofield Barracks, from seizing first place honors during the grueling three-day Warfighter Competition.

Thirty-three teams of three Soldiers each competed Sept. 21-24 in the 10th annual competition, which celebrates the essence of the Military Police Corps Regiment by testing the skills possessed by MPs.

This event correlated with the 65th Anniversary of the Military Police Corps Regiment.

Competitors received Common Task Testing, completed a physical fitness assessment spanning more than eight miles of terrain on the installation, ran an advanced physical endurance confidence course, spent the early hours in the

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Waiting. Teams 7 and 9 look over their blisters after racing more than eight miles of terrain at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., recently. Team 9, comprised from 728th Military Police Battalion, took first place in the Warfighter competition.



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2nd SBCT halts its Stryker training

Army complies with 9th Court ruling, will consider other locales

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A temporary court order issued last Friday halted Stryker-related training of the 25th Infantry Division's 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team.

The court case reverts to U.S. District Judge David Ezra sometime after Thanksgiving to rule on what scope a continuing injunction should have

until the supplemental review is completed.

The Army said it would follow the court's latest instructions that were issued in the form of a temporary injunction.

"We are in receipt of the order and are complying," the Army said in a brief statement issued by the U.S. Army, Pacific public affairs office.

A ruling by the 9th Circuit Court in early October found that the Army must complete a supplemental analysis that considers a variety of locations for the location of the brigade.

Attorneys from Department of Justice and Department of the Army are working with the Army's leadership to develop appropriate legal responses to the court's decisions.

The 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team has been training and transitioning for about 12 months.

Earthjustice, representing three native Hawaiian groups, contend the Stryker vehicles and their training grounds would harm cultural sites and the environment.

U.S. Army Pacific Commander Lt. Gen. John M. Brown III stated his conviction that the Nation needs the Stryker brigade in Hawaii, as part of the National Military Strategy, in a commentary published in the October 20 edition of the Hawaii Army Weekly. "Halting these Soldiers' training and preparation for a combat deployment would be wrong. Not providing full training for these Soldiers before sending them into combat would be irresponsible and criminal," Brown said.

Lt. Gen. Brown concluded by stating, "We regret the inconvenience this is causing to our Soldiers and families. We will do all that is required and appropriate to ensure our Soldiers are trained to standard prior to sending them into combat."



Christa B. Thomas | U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii, Public Affairs

What a difference a day makes

WEST LOCH — 2nd Lt. Miguel Lima, left foreground, and Pfc. Christopher Garcia of 70th Engineers high-step through the Pouhala Marsh to rid this wildlife sanctuary of cattails. Hundreds of Soldiers and their families participated in national Make A Difference Day projects throughout Oahu, Saturday. See coverage on B-1 and B-3 through B-5.

Scamsters seek out Soldiers

Soldiers face a new enemy closer to home

Story and Photo by
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Assistant Editor

WAIKELE — When Pfc. Smith* parked her car at the K-Mart, Oct. 8, she wasn't thinking about fixing the dents in her 2005 Toyota. However, that's exactly what two men who noticed her driving up were thinking.

One of the "dent poppers" approached Smith as she got out of her car. He offered to fix her dents for \$200 on the spot. She declined.

Still, he persisted and continued to lower his price.

Smith told him she wasn't interested, numerous times. Finally, to

break the tension, she asked for his business card and told him she would think about it as she walked into the store.

Once inside, she got suspicious and called the number on the card; it was a personal voicemail.

"At that point, I figured these guys were phony," Smith said.

However, after walking outside she noticed he had fixed her dents, though not completely, and demanded \$100 for the service.

Smith, who was pregnant at the time, felt intimidated and paid him, even though she never agreed to let him fix the dents.

So was a crime committed?

"Absolutely," said Mike Hamilton, Schofield Barracks deputy director of emergency services. "That was illegal solicitation; it's a scam.

There's a certain person they're looking for, [someone who is distracted] like a parent with a kid or a pregnant woman."

Though thousands of miles from the battlefield, Soldiers and family members in Hawaii have come under attack by scam artists and shysters who see dollar signs on the foreheads of unsuspecting victims. However, dent poppers out in town aren't the only scammers scheming for "customers" — some even prey on post.

According to Patricia Mowat,

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Cons succeeding with dupes targeted at grieving families

CHRISTA B. THOMAS
Pau Hana Editor

There is never a good time for family members to receive notification that their Soldier has been injured, perhaps fatally. The trauma that results from hearing such dreaded news creates a vulnerability that might temporarily leave some people devoid of logical, rational thoughts.

Sadly, the Army Human Resources Command (HRC) is researching a particularly callous type of fraud aimed at military family members — false casualty notification calls to families of deployed Soldiers. Investigators intend to establish how widespread the practice is.

Scenarios are being fabricated by a criminal element to take advantage of traumatized family members.

There are no such reports of local incidents, however, one such call took place in the Fort Lewis, Wash., area in September.

An advisory published by the Fort Lewis provost marshal said someone claiming to be affiliated with the Casualty Affairs Office gave a local family false notification that their deployed Soldier had been wounded.

"These calls are fake," read the advisory, "made with the intent of harassing and exploiting our family members. While it is possible that a Soldier may be injured or killed in combat, casualty notification is always handled in a professional and caring manner."

The Casualty Assistance Center (CAC) on Schofield Barracks manages local casualty notifications.

In the case of an injury, "25th Infantry Division policy is that rear detachment commanders, O-4 and above, will call the family member if a Soldier cannot personally call his or her family," said Ernestine Pratt, CAC specialist.

Upon initial notification of injuries, all follow-up phone calls and progress reports are made by the Casualty and Memorial Operations Center (CMOC) in U.S. Army Human Resources Command.

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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.

If you have newsworthy ideas or stories you'd like to write, coordinate with the managing editor at 655-4816, or e-mail editor@hawaiiarmyweekly.com.

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Why are we 'Army Strong'?

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WASHINGTON — I have to admit, when I first heard "Army Strong," I thought, "That's it?" But as I've thought about it, Army Strong is much more than two words.

It represents the best of the Army, the best of America, the best of each and every Soldier.

I think Army Strong works better if you imply "I am, You are or We are" Army Strong, but what does it mean to be Army Strong?

Army Strong is more than muscles; it's the Soldiers who can endure long patrols constantly alert for hidden dangers, or run faster and further than they ever thought they could.

Army Strong is more than sheer military might, like tanks, helicopters, artillery, missiles and the like, it's the Soldiers who drive, fly or shoot all that hardware.

Army Strong is more than completing tough training. It's parachuting out of an airplane at 800 feet when you're scared to death of heights.

Army Strong is more than being smart. It's having the knowledge and tenacity to develop a way to solve seemingly impossible problems.

Army Strong is more than combat operations that destroy an enemy. It's the Soldiers and leaders who plan and execute it — Boots on the Ground.

Army Strong is more than the pungent smell of burnt gunpowder after a firefight; it's the Soldiers whose well-aimed fire protected their buddies.

Army Strong is more than intelligence systems, UAVs (unmanned aerial vehicles) and GPS (global positioning system); it's the Soldiers who bring that information to the leaders who can use it to stop an insurgent attack.

Army Strong is more than beans, bullets and repair parts. It's the Soldiers who ship, manage, prepare, repair and move all the things that keep the Army rolling along.

Army Strong is more than just doing what's right. It's the Army values embodied by Soldiers who carry out their duties everyday.

Army Strong is more than a "Welcome Home" sign taped to a fence; it's the "Daddy, daddy!" yelled across a tarmac late at night, and a long embrace at the end of a deployment.

Army Strong is more than an individual Soldier's strength; it's the teamwork of a well-trained squad executing actions on contact.

In short, Army Strong is far more than two words. It's the underlying moral fiber, the deep-seated emotions and the total determination every Soldier carries.

No one can stop this team. It's Army Strong.

SMEs teach teachers of local Army kids

Deployment briefings help prepare faculty

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Deployments to fight the war on terror have impacted many facets of military life in Hawaii. Notably, around-the-clock news coverage of events has helped increase levels of stress, anger, and withdrawal, to name a few difficulties confronting military families.

Hawaii schools have expressed their desire to be a source of support and strength for their students who are impacted by the 25th Infantry Division's deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Therefore, U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii, is keeping them in the information loop by providing needed resources to administrators and faculty.

Most recently, a team of experts has been sharing expertise on deployment-related matters with school staff. Three subject matter experts are traveling to Central Complex schools — the district in which most children of Soldiers at Aliamanu Military Reservation and Fort Shafter attend — to exchange information and resources with educators and counselors.

Dr. Rick Schobitz, a member of the Soldier and Family Assistance Center; Marsha Robinson, prevention specialist for Army Community Service; and Victor Voth, director of Family and Marriage Counseling Services, are part of garrison's Deployment Briefing Team. They have visited four elementary and one middle school: Alvah Scott, Webling, Shafter, Kapolei, and Aliamanu Middle School.

Studies show that educators are key people in helping kids to overcome problems associated with deployment. Accordingly, the team's briefings inform educators about

symptoms, strategies, perspectives, resources and counseling services available for students and parents.

By keeping students' schedules routine, being aware of what's normal or not for schoolchildren, and showing thoughtfulness and concern for their students, educators are often able to help kids overcome difficulties, said Schobitz.

Educators become a source of strength in a child's life because of their major role in kids' lives, Schobitz said. He added, studies show educators have significant influence in any community and a much greater impact in the lives of students with an absent parent.

Traditionally, schools provide a place for children to mingle with friends, play and engage in social or recreational activities that are crucial components to their well-being. Especially when learning is fun and enjoyable — offering joy, laughter, bonding and many other essential qualities to thrive despite a deployed parent, students mature academically, socially, physically, emotionally and mentally, said Schobitz.

Garrison is continuing to improve its services to family members, so deployed Soldiers can concentrate on their mission and responsibilities. Notable local providers — the Army Community Service; Morale, Welfare and Recreation; family readiness groups; and the rear detachment team — are on call to assist families so deployed Soldiers can complete their tasks with minimal distractions due to family concerns.

The Deployment Briefing Team adds another layer of support by including schools in the mix. These experts will brief south schools, Radford High and Iroquois Point Elementary of the Central Complex District, in the weeks to come.

North Complex schools receive informational briefings this winter.



LIGHTNING SPIRIT

Ridding stink in our lives should be one of our priorities

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A schoolteacher entered his room a few minutes early and noticed a mealworm laboriously crawling along the floor. It had somehow been injured.

The back part of the worm was dead and dried up, but still attached to the front, living part by just a thin thread.

As the teacher studied the strange sight of the poor worm pulling its dead half across the floor, a little girl ran in and noticed it there. Picking it up, she said, "Oh, Oscar, when are you going to lose that stinky, dead part so you can really live?"

People come into the military for different reasons. Some that come to mind are to learn a trade, for the education or patriotism, and/or to change their past life for a better one. All these reasons have validity, but they all require action on our part if we want to reach our goals and "really live."

It is difficult to really live in the present and look towards a bright future when you struggle with issues from your past. A day doesn't pass that I don't encounter someone who is hurting from something that hap-

pened to them.

Sometimes, the pain is a result of their wrong choices or as part of normal life experiences. For instance, I have known people to take offense where no offense was intended. They go about re-living the offense over and over, and keep feeling the pain and rejection.

Have you ever had a disagreement with a person and wondered why they got so upset over an issue that you didn't think was that important?

But let me get even more personal. Have you ever been hurt by someone's words or actions and then gone on to hurt someone else?

Hurt people hurt people, and I suspect that we have all been guilty of it at one time or another.

As a young man, I tried to find my place in the world by sorting out the beliefs I learned growing up. I made some decisions that guided my search. I thought that religion might have something to offer me, so I chose to consider all the different philosophies and religions that I knew of at the time.

To this day, I believe that a person of integrity who is sincere about seeking truth

would be wise to do the same. One of the criteria that I had was that if I was going to follow a philosophy or religion, it had to work in a practical sense. In other words, it had to have some practical application to my life in this world.

I must admit that I entered the search with a bias against Christianity. In spite of my original bias, I am a Christian today because of my search. Now, many years later, I can look back and know that I have been a better son, brother, worker, husband and father because of putting into practice what my faith taught me.

In all of those areas, a primary tool has been forgiveness. Simply put, if God would forgive me — with all my craziness — I need to forgive others. If I do not forgive them, I hurt myself. If I want to be healthier, more clear-headed, more content, more confident, and ready to take advantage of opportunities, I must be quick to forgive.

If only for selfish reasons, forgiveness is an important key to healthy living. It is a way of letting go of the dead stuff from our past that will stink up our future if we do not deal with it.

I'll wrap with the story told about an old dog lying on the front porch. A neighbor

approached the porch and could hear the dog softly moaning. He asked his friend why the dog was whimpering, and the owner said, "He's lying on a nail."

Predictably the man said, "Well, why doesn't he move?" to which the owner replied, "I guess it doesn't hurt quite that much, yet."

Unforgiveness is painful, but many are more willing to live with the pain they know rather than experience the freedom of life without it. It doesn't hurt enough, yet. But, like a cancer left untreated, it will eventually do great harm.

To live life fully requires us to learn from the past, but not to live there.

When are you going to lose that stinky, dead part so you can really live? When are you going to let go of past pain so you can live fully?

When are you going to drop the baggage of needless guilt so you can experience life and let go of past resentment, so you can know peace?

When are you going to forgive, both others and yourself, so that you may reach your full God-given potential?

VA urges veterans to wear medals in show of patriotic pride

R. JAMES NICHOLSON
Secretary of Veterans Affairs

Gen. George Washington had it right when he turned over the victorious Continental Army and said, "This new nation owes these men who procured our freedom a debt of gratitude."

Our job at the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is to fulfill that debt of gratitude and we do it well. But, there is even more we can do as Americans, and that is to honor and thank our veterans and encourage them to be openly proud of their service, sacrifice and accomplishment.

In that spirit of gratefulness, the VA has launched its "Veterans Pride" initiative. We are asking American veterans to proudly wear their military medals and decorations on Veterans Day, Nov. 11, 2006.

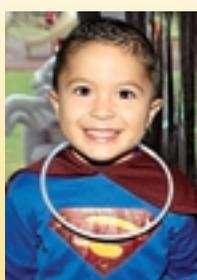
We hope they will also wear them on Memorial Day and the Fourth of July, and

that it will become a tradition in America.

Our goal is to inspire the American people to recognize and honor the military service of their fellow citizens, and to engender a greater sense of pride and satis-

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Voices of Lightning: "Who were you dressed up as for Halloween?"



"I'm Superman!"
Abdullah Nunez
Family Member
Age 3



"I'm a Cheetah Girl."
Jamie Thomas
Family Member
Age 3



"I'm Cinderella."
Riley Gratti
Family Member
Age 4



"Big Pimpin'"
Juwan Rorie
Family Member
Age 13



"I'm a magic genie."
Jade Nurse
Family Member
Age 7

Veterans: Secretary hopes new initiative will catch on

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fraction on the part of the veterans for what they did for our country.

We are urging all veterans to pin on their military medals and ribbons on Veterans Day, especially when participating in festivities and parades, but also in just going about their regular activities of that day.

The Veterans Pride initiative shines a bright light on millions of our fellow citizens who answered the needs of our nation both in peace and in war. Each veteran's medals tell a story about his or her service. This initiative will also help stimulate interest in our veterans' service and sacrifice on the part of their families, neighbors, colleagues and fellow community citizens.

We hope to bring our veterans' stories home to all Americans this Veterans Day.

The VA "Veterans Pride" campaign Web site, <http://www.va.gov/veteranspride/>, describes the program and offers important

information and guidance about how veterans can be informed of the medals they received and how they can obtain medals earned during their military service.



Nicholson

To America's veterans I say, wear your medals over your heart with pride this Veterans Day, and let your fellow citizens know that you served.

(Editor's Note: Secretary Jim Nicholson served eight years on active duty as a paratrooper and Ranger-qualified Army officer, then 22 years in the Army Reserve, retiring with the rank of colonel. While serving in combat in Vietnam, he earned the Bronze Star Medal, the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry, and two Air Medals.)

Straight Talk

Dir. of Emergency Services stands up

LT. COL. SHANE WALLACE

Director of Emergency Services and Provost Marshal

The Directorate of Emergency Services (DES), formerly known as the U.S. Army Military Police Brigade-Hawaii, is the newest directorate in the U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii, team.

With a staff of three military members and 220 Department of the Army (DA) civilians, the mission of the DES is to coordinate and manage law enforcement operations.

Our staff of consummate professionals also oversees, manages and executes force protection, physical security operations, and fire prevention/protection operations 24/7 in north and south communities of Army, Hawaii.

Areas of responsibility includes the garrison area of operations (AO) North — Schofield Barracks, Wheeler Army Air Field, Waianae Recreation Center, Helemano Military Reservation and Camp

Stover — and garrison AO South — Fort Shafter, Tripler Army Medical Center, Fort DeRussy, Red Hill, Aliamanu Military Reservation, and the Pohakuloa Training Area on the island of Hawaii.

As the new director of Emergency Services and provost marshal for garrison, I am the military police officer charged with the entire transition and development of this new directorate, which is located in Building 3004, Schofield Barracks. Our transition, however, should be transparent to the garrison community.

The DES concept consolidates all emergency response agencies under one directorate to realize as many economies

as possible while maximizing our ability to provide the best emergency service support to our communities.

Our ultimate goal is to provide the safest and most secure community possible for our Soldiers, their families and civilian workforce. With that objective in mind, in the months ahead, this DES Corner column will provide information to help Soldiers, family members and civilians in Army Hawaii be more aware of current trends, crime prevention tips and other proactive law enforcement and emergency service information products.

In our joint fight against crime, DES asks that you use information given in this column and proactive measures to avoid becoming a victim. Report suspicious activity to the Military Police:

- Fort Shafter, 438-7114;
- Schofield Barracks, 655-7114; and
- Dial 911 for emergencies..



Wallace

Special needs brief sheds bright light on education

Story and Photo by
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Staff Writer

Sometimes finding the right school for a child can seem like a big puzzle. However, all the pieces are there, but it's a matter of putting the pieces together in a way that fits.

This puzzle can be even more challenging when a special needs child is involved.

Ivalee Sinclair, family specialist at the Community Children's Council (CCC), Office of the Superintendent, and Stacey Bow, support person for the north and south CCC, led a Special Needs Briefing, Oct. 30, at Army Community Service on Schofield Barracks.

Sinclair stressed to parents the importance of education.

"You need to be educated about your child and their needs. You need to be aware of the process and the words to use, so you can be advocates for your child and get what they need," she said.

Holly Bednarek, wife of Brig. Gen. John "Mick" Bednarek, deputy commanding general for operations, 25th Infantry Division, helped coordinate the workshop. Bednarek is an adviser to Hawaii public schools.

Parents share their concerns

Tami Torres' 7-year-old daughter Michelle was diagnosed with Tuberous Sclerosis, a neurological disease that can cause benign tumors to grow on major organs. Up to 90 percent of children who have this disease also have epilepsy, she explained.

Michelle is in her third year of special education at Kainalu Elementary School in Kailua, so Torres attended the briefing to see if there was any additional information she could use to help her daughter.

"I'm always looking for the piece that might make the difference for her," said Torres.

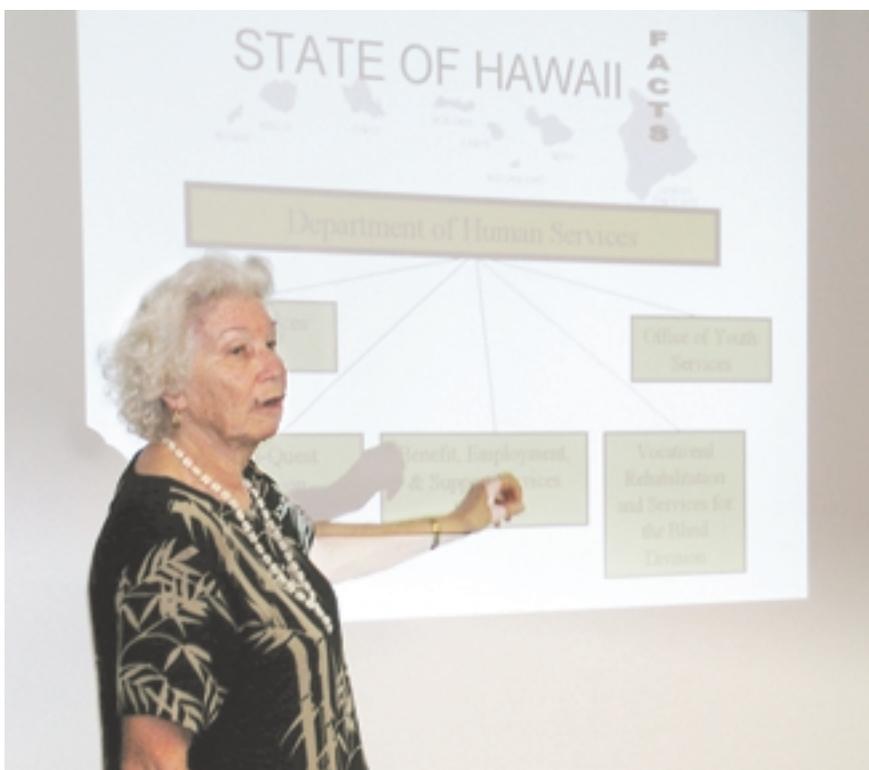
Torres said she tries to attend all workshops that are available.

"It's a challenge to access education for special needs children. Every parent wants the best for their child, and it's a challenge to navigate the system to make sure they're getting the services they need," she said.

Margie Banach, Family Readiness Group Advisor for 2nd Brigade, attended the meeting on behalf of families who could not attend. She was surprised to discover how simple the process was for getting in touch with the right people.

Banach addressed the fact that the procedural information is not readily available to parents. She requested that the entire process be posted on the Department of Education website in a user-friendly manner.

Sgt. Curtis Steele of A Detachment, of 125th Finance Battalion, and his wife Rosalind, have also had



Co-Presenter Ivalee Sinclair, leads discussion for parents who have Special Needs children. Families were educated on the processes and resources within the state of Hawaii public education school system and know how to get their children the services they need in a timely fashion.

a very difficult time getting answers about their son's education.

"We didn't know the right answers before, but now [with this briefing] we do, so we can get the issues resolved when we're at the school," said the sergeant.

Their son, Curtis Steele III, 9, has autism, a neurological disorder. Curtis has been in special education since he was diagnosed at 2.

"You love your child, and you want the best education possible. That's what we want for our son," said Sgt. Steele.

"Before, when we would ask questions, we were always met with resistance, or we felt like we got the brush off. After tonight, we feel empowered to take control," said Rosalind Steele.

The IEP process

The process leading up to enrollment can often be confusing for many special needs parents. In Hawaii, children ages 3 to 19 years can receive special edu-

cation services. However, before services can be used, parents must follow proper procedures.

First, an evaluation of the child's learning needs, strengths and interests must occur. A parent or anyone within the school system such as a principal or a teacher can initiate the evaluation process.

Once an evaluation has been requested, the parent must consent to the assessment. Upon receipt of parental consent, an evaluation and assessment of activities takes place.

A child's eligibility varies from state to state. But once parental consent is received, programs and services are developed under the IEP.

An IEP team includes parents

Once an IEP has been established, services become available. A family then contacts the school's student services coordinator (SSC). Parents, the SSC, the principal, and possibly a specialist, attend the meeting, and parents must bring their child's academic and medical records to the IEP meeting.

Community Resources

Community Children's Council Office
www.cccok12.hi.us
586-5363

Learning Disabilities Association of Hawaii
www.LDAHawaii.org
536-9684

Hawaii Families as Allies
E-mail: hfaa.ohana@verizon.net
487-8785

Department of Education
www.doec.k12.hi.us

Special Parent Information Network (SPIN)
www.spinhawaii.org
586-8126

Central District North Community Children's Council; meets every third Wednesday from 6:30-8 p.m. at Leilehua Golf Course in the Miliani Tech Park
•Coverage area is Leilehua, Mililani, Waialua
•Patricia Park is superintendent

Central District North Community Children's Council; meets every fourth Tuesday from 6-7:30 p.m. at Moanalua High School, G-104
•Coverage area is Aiea, Moanalua and Radford
•Al Navares is acting superintendent

After an initial visit, parents must participate in a student support team (SST) meeting. The SST comprises a group of people within a school who know about available special needs services. The SST helps parents determine which school is right for their child.

Sinclair recommends waiting to enroll until after attending meetings with the SSC and SST. Each school offers different services, and Sinclair suggests not rushing into anything without completing proper research, first.

Ultimately, IEP services are determined based upon the needs of a child and parental consent

What's most critical for parents to understand throughout the process is that they do not have to wait for a school principal to take action.

Once parents have an IEP, all they need to do is get in touch with an SSC to arrange a meeting.

Jewel Csiszar, director of Youth Education Support Services at Schofield Barracks, said, "Now that we know about the SSC, we can link the parents up with them right away. Expedited service is really critical for families, and now we can point them in the right direction much faster."

Soldiers showered with aloha at retirement ceremony

Story and Photo by
CHRISTA B. THOMAS
Pau Hana Editor

Soldiers, family, co-workers and friends assembled to bid aloha to six Army Hawaii Soldiers at the quarterly retirement ceremony held in their honor, Oct. 26 in the Nehelani, Schofield Barracks.

On the faces of retiring heroes were shadows of pride, strength and courage as they stood shoulder to shoulder with their honored family members who, at times, bore with fortitude the rigors of active duty service.

Col. Timothy Ryan, rear detachment commander, along with rear detachment Command Sgt. Maj. Billy Thompson hosted the event.

"Today, we will witness 130 years of experience excuse themselves from our ranks," Ryan said. "Well deserved, but very difficult to replace, your wisdom and your experience will be sorely missed."

Ryan said the retirees' greatest legacy is today's Soldiers who serve in 120 countries, supporting Iraq and Afghanistan, making a difference.

"The lives that these men have touched over the last twenty years is what sustained us... and proved us as an Army. I thank you for that," he said.

"It wouldn't be honest to say you can't be replaced," Ryan said, continuing, "but



Lt. Col. Mark Boussy congratulates Sgt. 1st Class Alton Hyman and his wife, Renita, following the retirement ceremony. Altogether, retiring Soldiers amassed 130 years of Army experience.

I will say that our Army will never be the same – nor should it – because of the difference you have made over the past

two decades."

Following the ceremony, the assemblage of wartime Soldiers glided swiftly to

the lanai to greet well-wishers, in perhaps their last march together as uniformed Soldiers.

Amid smiles, hugs and high-fives, all six appeared enthused and excited with the day's activities.

"I have had a great time my entire twenty-four years," asserted Sgt. 1st Class Alton Hyman. "I've enjoyed the people and the places, and I had a blast today."

Hyman, admonished junior Soldiers to remember that it's not about them.

"Do what you are supposed to do and you will be taken care of," he said. "To the senior Soldiers, I ask them to remember that nothing is more important than your Soldiers. Any Soldier who doesn't outrank you is your responsibility," Hyman stressed.

After 22 years of active service, Master Sgt. Todd Burnett will remain on Oahu, completing his civil engineering education, and continuing to work with the Army in Hawaii, but this time in aloha attire.

"I've learned the value of respect, honesty and devotion during my career," Burnett said. "I am very proud to have served."

Retiring guests of honor included Sgt. 1st Class Kevin Kruse, 24 years; Master Sgt. Anthony Crawford, 21 years; Sgt. First Class McKinley McWhorter, 22 years; and Sgt. 1st Class Jeffrey Roberts, 20 years.

The next retirement ceremony is scheduled for Jan. 25 at the Nehelani.

Rear det. issues round of mahalos

Story and Photo by
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More than 50 Soldiers and family members packed into the Schofield Barracks Post Conference Room, Oct. 27, to recognize 16 volunteers for their contributions to the community.

"These ceremonies remind us that we don't say thank you enough. You're the heartbeat of the community," said Col. Timothy Ryan, rear detachment commander. "... Know, from the heart, that you make a huge difference today."

Ryan; Jane Taylor, wife of Command Sgt. Maj. Jerry L. Taylor; and rear detachment Command Sgt. Maj. Billy Thompson presented each volunteer with a certificate of appreciation signed by Maj. Gen. Benjamin R. Mixon, commanding general, 25th Infantry Division, a 25th ID pin and command coin.

Nancy Piper, chief, Army Community Service, thanked volunteers for serving day-to-day on the homefront while Soldiers are serving abroad, and relayed specific contributions each individual had made.

Volunteers were honored for a variety of community service projects, from collecting donations at the Thrift Shop to starting a flag football league.

Keily Torres volunteered through B Co., 45th Sustainment Brigade's family readiness group (FRG) by coordinating and sending care packages or "goodies for guys," assisting with fundraisers and planning FRG events.

"I know the feeling of being left out ... so I like informing the wives and mothers," said Torres, who received the Military Spouse award for 45th Sustainment Brigade.

Like Torres, Casey Bruff excelled in fundraising. Bruff, other family members, and C Co., 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment Wolfhounds raised more than \$2,600 during a single-day car wash. The proceeds buffered Soldiers' ticket cost for the Wolfhound Ball in June.

"I enjoy getting other wives involved dur-



Jane Taylor, wife of 25th Infantry Division Command Sgt. Maj. Jerry L. Taylor, attaches a 25th ID pin to Joan Kaminski's lapel during the quarterly volunteer recognition ceremony at the Schofield Barracks Post Conference Room, Oct. 27.

Awardees:

Paula Albaneze • Deborah Ybarra • Joan Kaminski
Elizabeth Campbell • Heather Reed • Casey Bruff
Marybeth Williams • Christina Bryant • Marina Li
Joyce Hester • Keily Torres • Christina Craft
Nicole Snider • Jessica Swanson • Kerry Autry • Amanda McBride

ing deployments," Bruff said. "It feels good to see wives supporting wives."

Bruff was also a major factor in the Wolfhounds' "Pie in the Face" fundraiser. For

\$5 Soldiers could choose their victim and put a pie in that person's face, regardless of rank; the victim was required to sit in a chair, be a good sport, and take it.

Engineers continue damage assessments

HONOLULU DISTRICT PUBLIC AFFAIRS
News Release

FORT SHAFTER — Several teams of structural engineers from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (COE) recently deployed to provide structural inspections in support of the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) post-earthquake assessments, and to inspect federal civil works project sites for possible damage in Hawaii.

One team of nine structural engineers, including three from the Honolulu District, assisted FEMA in assessing damage to public structures on the Big Island and Maui in the aftermath of the 6.7 and 6.0 magnitude earthquakes that rattled the island of Hawaii, Oct. 15.

Honolulu District's acting chief of engineering and construction, Curtis Yokoyama, led the initial preliminary damage assessment team, comprised of volunteer U.S. Army COE structural engineers from Honolulu District and five mainland Corps districts and divisions, working jointly with FEMA. The team began assessments Oct. 17 and completed work last week.

Yokoyama said their job was to make quick visual damage assessments, primarily to assess structural safety of public buildings and bridges for continued use.

"Our entire team initially deployed to Kona, but due to the large amount of structural assessment requests that we received from FEMA, we split into three separate sub-teams," Yokoyama

said. "One team remained in Kona, one deployed to Hilo, and one deployed to the island of Maui. In total, our team inspected 15 schools, four hospitals, 29 public buildings, 35 bridges, two dams and one tunnel.

"Each member of our team reacted quickly and expended whatever effort and skill was required to ensure public safety. It was extremely gratifying to be able to serve the public in its time of need."

Another Corps assessment group of two teams, which deployed Oct. 19, is still assessing damage to federal deep draft harbors, small boat harbors, flood control and shoreline protection projects.

Monday, a team of eight dam safety specialists deployed to the islands of Kauai and Hawaii to provide dam safety inspections in support of fully funded FEMA post-earthquake assessments. Upon completing their inspections on Kauai and Hawaii, the teams will inspect dams on the islands of Oahu, Maui and Molokai.

The team will provide initial and secondary inspections in accordance with the Hawaii Dam Safety Guidelines, which require multiple post-earthquake inspections as damage to dams may become more evident over time. The team is scheduled to inspect more than 80 high-hazard dams and will provide this information to the Hawaii civil defense and Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) officials.

Gallery inducts Hawaii-born Medal of Honor recipient

Story and Photo by
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WAIKIKI — A crowd of more than 200 people, mostly members of West Point's class of 1959, gathered Oct. 27, at the U.S. Army Museum of Hawaii, Fort DeRussy, to honor the newest inductee in the Gallery of Heroes, Capt. Humbert "Rocky" Versace.

Also an inductee in the Army Ranger, Special Forces and Intelligence halls of fame, Versace was the first person to be awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for his actions while in captivity.

During the Vietnam War, Versace was wounded and captured after the Viet Cong ambushed his unit in the U Minh Forest. He unsuccessfully attempted to escape from the jungle prison on four separate occasions, and was separated from other prisoners because of indomitable will and refusal to be indoctrinated by the Viet Cong.

The last time fellow prisoners heard from Versace was as he sang "God Bless America" at the top of his lungs from his solitary-confinement cell. Versace was executed Sept. 26, 1965.

"I no longer have to sing 'God Bless America' solo," said retired Maj. Gen. Herbert W. Wolff, president emeritus, Hawaii Army Museum Society, during the induction ceremony. "I hear Rocky Versace right next to me."

Other speakers commented on Versace's character.

"Rocky wasn't the fastest man, he was-



Attendees stroll through the U.S. Army Museum's Gallery of Heroes following the induction ceremony for Capt. Humbert "Rocky" Versace, Oct. 27. A majority of the attendees graduated from West Point with Versace in 1959.

n't the strongest man, but he never quit," said Col. Timothy M. Ryan, rear detachment commander.

Ryan compared Versace's traits with the present-day warrior's ethos, which was originally written during the Eisenhower administration. "[Versace] lived and

exceeded every line of that code," Ryan said.

Master of ceremonies William Bigelow touched on West Point's storied tradition for producing quality Army officers from Gen. Robert E. Lee to Gen. Norman Schwartzkoff, including

Gen. Eric Shinseki, who graduated six years after Versace in 1965.

Members of Versace's graduating class exchanged personal stories about him.

"Everyone knew him — there wasn't a single one of us who didn't," classmate Don Reinhard said.

Another classmate, retired Lt. Col. John P. Huntingdon, commented that because of his military intelligence background, Versace would have faced some of the toughest Viet Cong interrogators; yet, he refused to waiver, even after spending more than two years in confinement.

The museum, with 12-foot thick walls that staunchly resisted the wrecking ball in 1969, was no match for the flood of veterans who filed in after the ceremony.

The museum's dark first-floor hallways stood in stark contrast to the second floor's Gallery of Heroes, which radiated with brightly colored light that poured through the wall-sized stained glass window.

Even visitors and classmates who had already experienced the gallery came again to see "Rocky."

"The best thing about the gallery is its simplicity," said Versace's younger brother, Dr. Stephen Versace.

Capt. Humbert "Rocky" Versace joins Sen. Daniel K. Inouye and Capt. Francis B. Wai as only the third Army officer Medal of Honor recipient of the elite 21-member group in the gallery. In addition, the gallery honors 47 recipients of the Distinguished Service Cross, including two Navy Cross recipients.

(Editor's Note: The site www.wikipedia.org was a source for this article.)



Versace

Warfighter: Schofield Soldiers nab top honors for military police battalions

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morning completing land navigation, jumped in the pool for combat water survival testing, qualified with various weapons, and finally endured a 15-mile road march to end the competition.

The winning team members of the competition from the 728th MP Bn., said they loved every second of the competition.

"It was so fun and challenging. It is exciting to win. The best are here, so it is tough competition and was way tougher than last year," said Pfc. David Wright, 728th MP Bn.

Wright competed in the past and his teammates, Sgt. Eric McKee and Spc. Travis Roberts said they would come back and compete again, even though the road march was the toughest part.

"It is hard to explain what it feels like. With the lack of sleep your body just aches and you try to

sleep, but you are too tired to even do that," Wright said.

Col. David Quantock, U.S. Army Military Police School commandant, said all of the events were "hooah," and each of the Soldiers had every excuse in the world to leave and quit, but didn't.

Sgt. Devin Ryan, team seven, 91st Military Police Battalion, Fort Drum, N.Y., agreed.

"I never wanted to quit. I did get to the point where I thought, this sucks. I have done this compe-

tion for four years, and during the road march each year I thought I would never do this again, but I keep coming back," Ryan said.

The top three teams received various honors including trophies and sponsored gifts from those who helped support the Warfighter competition, but most agreed the best prize of all was some much needed sleep.

(Editor's Note: Allison Choike writes for the [Guidon](http://www.guidon.com) at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.)



The Hospitality Palace, once Saddam Hussein's smallest palace, is now the headquarters building for the 4th Iraqi Army Division, located on Forward Operating Base (FOB) Dagger near the village of Saddam's birth.

25th ID aids Iraqis taking own steps to 'strong Army'

25th's Tropic Lightning forces work side-by-side with Iraqi Army to help rebuild nation of solid infrastructures

Story and Photo by
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25th Infantry Division Public Affairs

TIKRIT, Iraq – On the historic green banks of the Tigris River near Saddam Hussein's birthplace stands the palace that the 4th Iraqi Army (IA) Division Headquarters calls home.

It is arguably the smallest of the palaces built under the Saddam regime, but it is still an impressive structure. It's called the Hospitality Palace for unknown reasons, possibly for ironic purposes, perhaps for the hope of an undivided country.

As it goes through its daily mission, the 4th IA is taking steps, slowly but surely, to create a stronger Army so it can help to create a stronger country.

"Building a new Army has so many details; building a strong army is a matter of time," said Col. Tariq, Deputy G-3, 4th IA.

Tariq has served 25 years in the formal army, most of which was spent under Saddam's Iraqi Republican Guard. He fought in the Iran-Iraq war and the 1st Gulf War.

When the war in Iraq began, most of Saddam's Army realized he had made a mistake. That is when Tariq went home. He did not want to fight for Saddam's Army any

more.

In March 2005, Tariq joined the new Iraqi Army the United States was helping to create.

The IA is now fully in the lead. Its troops plan and conduct patrols and operations on their own. However, executing these missions requires cooperation and coordination with Coalition Forces and Multi-National Division North – 25th Infantry Division units – because they still need some logistical and personnel support.

"The 4th IA Division Military Transition Team (MiTT), assigned from the 25th Infantry Division, is the link to providing coalition enablers, fire, medical and aviation support," said Maj. Henry McNeilly, G-3 and effects advisor to the 4th IA.

The MiTT trains and advises its Iraqi counterparts and evaluates readiness levels based on proficiency in maintenance, training, leadership skills and accountability.

"Since the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the 4th IA commander and Multi National Division-North (MND-N) commander, 4th IA is clearly taking the lead very seriously, and they truly intend to run their own division, just as we would intend to run our own," said McNeilly.

Almost every military occupational specialty (MOS) in the Army is here working with the IA, ranging from cooks to scouts.

The 4th IA is relatively ethnically and religiously mixed. There is an almost even split of Kurd

and Arab, with most Kurds being Shi'a and most Arabs being Sunni.

For being a diverse division, they work well together, said McNeilly.

"I believe in the long run, having such a mixed group of Soldiers will help to bring the country together – not in an American sense, but in an Iraqi sense. Working together now shows it can be accomplished if they try hard enough," McNeilly added.

The IA is working, living and eating with its Coalition Forces trainers, creating an environment where both learn a lot in a small amount of time. One can get the impression of a bright future for this country, in time, through sacrifice and patience.

"We highly appreciate the support from the U.S. Army," said Tariq. "The 101st Division gave us a lot, and the 25th will continue."

"By the end of our deployment, I hope to see a division that can conduct operations on its own without the need for Coalition support," said McNeilly. "If they can do this, they will be successful as a division and we will have been successful in advising and training them to that level."

'Samurais' complete OEF tour, return from Philippines

Story and Photo by
SGT. TIM MEYER
Joint Special Operations Task Force – Philippines

CAMP BAUTISTA, JOLO ISLAND, Republic of the Philippines – When most employees drive to work, they take along such items as a mug of coffee, a newspaper and their lunch.

At the forward operations base of Joint Special Operations Task Force – Philippines, or JSOTF-P, when U.S. military personnel drive out on a mission, they take "Samurais" from the 25th Infantry Division.

Actually, the Samurais take them along for the ride.

During the last six months, the Samurais, from 2nd Platoon, A Company, 1st Battalion, 14th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division (ID), have provided a myriad of services. They've provided command, control and security for convoy missions to the pier to load and unload supplies, equipment and personnel.

They've also supported civil affairs Soldiers when they attended meetings with local government officials in Jolo City; delivered medical personnel and supplies to the medical civil assistance programs on the island; and escorted VIPs who visited completed and ongoing development projects.

"The 'Samurais' were instrumental to the success JSOTF-P accomplished on Jolo Island," said Sgt. Maj. Frank Gilliland, B Company, 1/1st Special Forces Group, Okinawa, Japan, which operated the forward base here.

"Their presence in every operation allowed all personnel, ranging from Special Forces, civil affairs, and the Military Information Support Team to conduct their missions with success and security," he continued. "I honestly don't think we could have done as well without them. They were the glue that held everything together."

Convoy missions involve many variables like vehicles, passengers, cargo, road conditions, weather, communications and time. Vehicles can break down or get stuck in the mud, communications can be cut off and, in a combat zone, there is always the possibility of an attack.

Every mission is professionally planned by the convoy commander, who plans contingency actions for a variety of scenarios.

2nd Platoon leader 1st Lt. Nicholas Iorio is serving his first deployment.

"I've learned that anyone can be a leader, from a private leading a mission to the pier, to a staff sergeant in charge of a team escorting the U.S. ambassador to the Philippines," Iorio said.

Several of his men saw action in Iraq before arriving in the Philippines.

"There was some concern that Iraq veterans would have difficulty shifting gears from a stressful combat zone to providing security for humanitarian



Staff Sgt. Agaiotupu Tuiolemotu, squad leader, (standing) and Pvt. Derrick Cragin, an M249 machinegunner, provide security during a water distribution mission in the Philippines. Both are members of the "Samurais" of 1-14th Inf. Regt., at Schofield Barracks, which deployed for six months to support Operation Enduring Freedom here.

missions," said Iorio. "I'm really proud of my guys; they easily transitioned from one theater to another," he continued. "They earned the credit they deserve."

Every night a shift of Samurais provided base security for the camp. Every morning, another shift was ready to roll anywhere on the island.

JSOTF-P convoy missions are performed in conjunction with the armed forces of the Philippines and the Philippine National Police, who provide personnel and vehicles for all U.S. military convoys.

During their three-month deployment, which was extended to six months, Sgt. Maj. of the Army Kenneth Preston and Sen. Daniel K. Inouye of Hawaii visited the Philippines and were escorted by the Samurais on separate occasions. In addition, the Samurais provided security for Kristie A. Kenney, the U.S. ambassador to the Philippines.

The Samurais are currently returning to Hawaii from their deployment here, and are being replaced by the "Headhunters" of B Co., 1st Bn., 21st Inf. Regt., 2nd Brigade, 25th ID.

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Send calendar announcements to
community@hawaiiarmyweekly.com.

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Troops to Teachers – The federally-funded Troops to Teachers

program supports military members choosing teaching as their next career.

The program can provide hiring support and allows up to a \$10,000 bonus for teaching in high-need schools.

Find out what it takes to become a teacher and how the TTT can benefit you. The program coordinator is available from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Schofield Barracks Education Center the first Tuesday of each month. Contact Mr. Miller at 587-5580, extension

409 or email hawaiiitt@notes.k12.hi.us.

TAP Workshop – The Army Career and Alumni Program (ACAP) will be offering a two-day Transition Assistance Program (TAP) workshop, Nov 7 and 8, for Soldiers leaving active duty and entering the civilian workforce. Spouses are also welcome to attend. Separating personnel must attend the pre-separation brief-

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Soldiers work with Marines to support security forces

Story and Photo by

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TIKRIT, Iraq — As Iraq continues its democratic evolution, U.S. Soldiers are frequently handing off defense responsibilities to their Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) counterparts.

One group of Soldiers, who work in conjunction with fellow Marines, provides Iraqi forces with needed supplies to operate efficiently. Delivering these supplies also helps to build a working relationship between the services.

"We assisted in moving three metal containers to the Iraqi Department of Border Enforcement [DBE] for them to use for supplies or as they deem necessary," said Staff Sgt. Eric Pfeiffer, senior wheeled vehicle operator, 4th Platoon, Company A, 209th Aviation Support Battalion, 25th Combat Aviation Brigade. "We delivered equipment to the site, downloaded it and placed the containers in accordance with their specifications."

The supplies were conveyed to the Iraqi DBE by tractor trailers as Marines provided security in humvees. Soldiers of the 209th also brought the equipment needed to get the supplies off the trucks.

This is not the first time Soldiers and Marines have worked together providing Iraqi forces with materials.

"We perform very well together and bring expertise from both services to complete our missions with repeated success. On this particular mission, we were primarily a support element for the Marines and for movement of equipment.

"The week prior we spent several days delivering Hesco Barriers, so the ISF could better defend their perimeters and deter anyone from breaching the area. We also pulled together and built ranges for the Iraqis to train on," said Pfeiffer.

The various supplies delivered to DBE headquarters are invaluable and magnify



Staff Sgt. Eric Pfeiffer, senior wheeled vehicle operator, 4th Platoon, Co. A, 209th Aviation Support Bn., operates a Sky Tracks forklift and unloads three metal containers, Oct. 10, in Tikrit. The containers will be used to house supplies and provisions that would otherwise be exposed to extreme temperatures.

the self reliance that security force members are working to attain. Expanding ISF resources enables them to better protect themselves and Iraqi civilians in surrounding areas from insurgency attacks.

"The Iraqis are learning fast. They understand how to properly use the equipment we give them and have employed gear in their guard towers and roving pa-

trols. Everything we are doing here makes them a more self reliant team.

"The Marines have trained them on weapon systems, close quarters combat and how to clear rooms. By using the equipment and defensive training we provide they will soon stand on their own without any outside influence," said Pfeiffer.

Soldiers of the 209th believe working with the Iraqis is worth their efforts and enjoyable. Many value the interaction and prize the relationships that are built in their dealings.

"I love working with the Iraqis," said Spc. Jennifer Brock, heavy wheeled vehicle operator, 4th Platoon, Co. A, 209th. "It's a learning experience for all parties

involved, but they are really trying to get to know us on a personal level. They have even learned a little English, so we can better communicate. We work very well with each other, and everything is really coming together."

By developing professional and personal connections with Iraqis, Pfeiffer believes the positive interaction will reach far beyond the confines of the base into the surrounding community.

"The Iraqi military isn't the only thing we are affecting out here; it's the local population as well. A lot of these Soldiers in the ISF are from the local population. They will go back and tell their friends that the American military is pleasant to deal with, professional and is helping us stand up for ourselves.

"We are connecting with them on a personal level and at the same time making a positive impact. Helping these Iraqi Soldiers stand on their own is beneficial for them and their community," said Pfeiffer.

As Marines, Soldiers and ISF work in unison, they render support for each other to complete their individual objectives while maintaining a focus of independence for Iraq and its people.

Although progress is gradual, Pfeiffer takes pride in his job and relishes the accomplishments associated with helping Iraqis become more self-sustaining and free.

"I would love to go on more types of these missions because we get the opportunity to do our job and perform our duties. We were a beneficial part of the operation and helped to make it successful.

"I am glad we were part of getting these items and supplies on-site so that the Iraqi Army can one day stand up and be self reliant without coalition forces. We are really making a positive impact in this country," said Pfeiffer.

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ing before attending the TAP workshop. The pre-separation briefings are held each Friday, 8:30 - 11 a.m. in the ACAP Center. Pre-registration is not required.

The TAP workshops are held at the ACA Center at Schofield Barracks Aloha Center, Building 690, room 3G.

To register for the upcoming TAP workshop, call 655-8945.

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Money Management — ACS will hosts its monthly Money Management class Nov. 8 on Schofield Barracks and Nov. 9 on Fort Shafter.

Topics include developing spending plans, reducing expenses, and stretching the paycheck.

The Schofield class is held from 10:30 a.m. to noon the first Wednesday of each month in Building 2091. The Fort Shafter class is held from 1 to 2 p.m. the first Thursday of each month in the ACS, Building 330. To register, call 655-4ACS.

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SAEDA / OPSEC Community Brief — The Hawaii Resident Office presents the annual, mandatory SAEDA (Subversion and Espionage Directed against the Army) briefing. Army regulation 381-12 requires all Department of the Army personnel receive this training annually.

The briefings are scheduled for Nov. 29, 2 p.m. at Richardson Theater, Fort Shafter and Nov. 30, 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. at Sgt. Smith Theater, Schofield Barracks. Call 438-1872.

Ongoing

Free USPS Packaging — The U.S. Postal Service provides military family members and friends with packaging materials to send packages to service members. Call (toll free) 1-800-610-8734, select option #1, then #1 again, then #2 and ask for the "Military Pack."

Eight boxes, tape, packaging

materials and labels will be mailed to those who call. The postal service will also provide an ID number to reorder supplies, but allow four to 10 days to receive materials.

ACS Volunteers — Free child care at an hourly rate is provided for up to 20 hours per week for those who volunteer with ACS. Volunteering offers job experience and flexible hours. For more information, call 655-4227.

Voting Assistance Materials — All unit voting assistance officers are reminded that voting awareness materials are available at the Records Holding Area, Building 6042, East Range.

Pick-up hours are 8 a.m. - 1 p.m., Monday through Friday. For procedural information, contact Capt. Thomas Brownlow at 655-4215 or Tony Caldera at 656-0334.

MP Found Property — Many "Found Personal Property" items

are being stored at the Schofield Barracks Military Police found property locker. Items include bicycles, sporting goods, cellular phones, keys, jewelry, wallets, fun replicas and more.

Soldiers of family members should contact the Provost Marshall office at 655-9519 for more information or to claim missing items.

SAFAC — The Soldier and Family Assistance Center allows members access to various agencies on Schofield Barracks and at Tripler Army Medical Center via one phone number, 655-6600.

Open 24/7, the service expedites entrance into a care network, appointments within 24 to 72 hours, that can address challenges and mental health issues such as substance abuse spousal/child abuse and marital/family therapy.

The SAFAC triage line, however, is not a crisis intervention line. Life threatening issues are best handled by an emergency room

or by calling 911. For more details, call the SAFAC administrator at 655-4803.

Master's Degree — The University of Oklahoma is offering a Master of Arts in Managerial Economics. The non-thesis program can be completed in about 18 months. The one-week classes are TDY/TAD friendly. Contact OU at 449-6364, or aphickam@ou.edu, or visit the Web site at www.gouou.edu.

Financial Health — Want to be money-fit? Contact ACS, located on Schofield Barracks, Building 2091. Classes include checkbook maintenance, money management, credit management, the Thrift Savings Plan, car buying, mutual fund investing, college funding, and AER/Command referral.

Instructors also assist with zero-percent interest Army Emergency relief loans.

To attend a class or schedule a one-on-one appointment with a financial counselor, call 655-

4ACS(4227). All services are free.

Protestant Women of the Chapel — A place to find laughter, a place to find hope, a place to find friends, a place to find your faith. PWOC — a place for you. Join us for our Fall Session every Tuesday from August 29th through December 12th.

We meet at the Schofield Main Post Chapel from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Free on-site child care is available by reservation. For further information call 206-8504.

Hawaii Army Family Action Plan — The HAFAP conference meets annually to address quality of life issues for the Army community. Everyone who lives and works in the Army community is encouraged to submit issues so we can make our community a better place to live.

Tell HAFAP about an issue or problem in the community, who it affects, and recommend a solution. Not only can you submit issues, you can also be involved in

the process of prioritizing issues by participating in the conference as a delegate.

For more information on the HAFAP process or to submit your issue online visit www.mwramy-hawaii.com, click on the following links: ACS, Getting Involved, Hawaii Army Family Action Plan.

CLEP — College level preparatory exams are now available free to active duty, Reserve and National Guard, and for only \$75 for others. Family members of Reserve, National Guard, and Coast Guard may take the tests free, but they must pay a \$20 administrative fee.

Tests are scheduled three times a day on the following schedule:

- Hickam AFB, Mondays and Wednesdays;
- Pearl Harbor Tuesdays and Thursdays;
- Marine Corps Base Hawaii (MCBH), Fridays.

For more information, call Hickam AFB, 422-1032; Pearl Harbor, 422-0079; or MCBH, 254-4133.

New radar unit goes to Japan

Army's first FBX-T belongs to local 94th

SGT. 1ST CLASS KIMBERLY A. GREEN
94th Army Air and Missile Defense Command

FORT SHAFTER – The U. S. Army's Forward Based X-Band Transportable (FBX-T) Radar detachment was formally activated by the 94th Army Air and Missile Defense Command (94th AAMDC) in Shariki, Japan, Oct. 26.

The detachment will provide operational control and maintenance for the radar system, which is designed to provide early warning against potential ballistic missile threats to the U.S. homeland, deployed forces and allies.

Activation of this detachment came nearly a year after the 94th AAMDC stood up here at Fort Shafter. The FBX-T detachment is under the command and control of the 94th AAMDC.

"The addition of this key element to the Asia-Pacific region's defense umbrella enhances the U.S.-Japan Alliance and solidifies the foundation of our commitment to peace and stability for the region," said Brig. Gen. John E. Seward, 94th AAMDC commanding general.

The ceremony marked the activation of the first radar site of this kind to be fielded and forward deployed in order to warn and prepare the U.S. and their allies against any and all missile threats.

During the ceremony the colors for the FBX-T detachment were unfurled and presented to Capt. William C. Hunter III and 1st Sgt. Stephen A. Burnley, detachment commander and first sergeant.

"As we continue to move forward to meet new and existing threats to the Asia-Pacific region, I am confident that our team ... will without fail protect the security interests of the both the United States and Japan," said Hunter. Although the small detachment has an enormous mission Seward stated he has the utmost confidence in both his team and the radar system.

"I can assure you that you can rest easy knowing the radar detachment is now on duty, ready for operation and will live up to the 94th Army Air and Missile Defense Command's motto 'First Line of Defense'."

"This radar will be the keystone to the ballistic missile defense shield that will protect both Japan and the United States," concluded Seward.

Those who train in glass houses...

Soldiers from Bravo Company, 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry, 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team engage in Close Quarters Marksmanship training.

Pfc. David Lopez and his four-man firing team practice entering a "glass house" from a center, then a corner door to clear targets.

As part of this training, each Soldier rotates through the different positions to familiarize himself with the duties of each position.



Cpl. Robert Stronski | 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment

Cons: False casualty calls made by criminals

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There will always be a follow-up call from CMOC, Pratt said. The caller may ask for information from family members in case invitational travel orders have been authorized.

"Death notifications are never made telephonically," Pratt emphasized.

"If someone calls a family member with such information," Pratt said, continuing, "they should know right away something is wrong."

In the event of the death of a Soldier assigned to Schofield Barracks, whose family lives in Hawaii, the casualty assistance office here will assign a trained, certified casualty notification officer (CNO) to make a face-to-face notification.

"If the family has moved from this area, a casualty assistance center closest to the next of kin's home will be assign a CNO to make a person-to-person notification," Pratt said.

CMOC protocol requires two Soldiers to deliver the news of a Soldier's death; a chaplain will accompany the notification officer when possible.

Further, family members should know that enlisted CNOs must be sergeants first class and above. Officer CNOs are captains and above.

In another part of the country, a family member's home reportedly was burglarized after she left in response to a call, to go immediately to a government agency for casualty details. In other incidents, family members have been asked for money for funeral or memorial expenses.

"Bottom line, there will never be an exchange of money between family members and CNOs," Pratt stressed.

Soldiers can help ensure notifications are timely and accurate by correctly filling out and updating emergency data on DD Form 93.

Outdated addresses or post office box numbers instead of street addresses, however, make it difficult, she said, for notification personnel to perform their duties within the guidelines set by HRC.

(Editor's Note: Some information provided by Don Kramer of the Fort Lewis Northwest Guardian.)

PTA fields light howitzer

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Army News Service

Hawaii unit tests newer, efficient M777 howitzer on the Big Island

POHAKULOA TRAINING AREA – With the recent delivery of 18 new M777 lightweight 155mm howitzers to the Army's 2nd Battalion, 11th Field Artillery Regiment, Schofield Barracks, the "King of Battle" – the field artillery's nickname – took a giant step forward.

The M777 is the military's newest field artillery weapon, a lightweight 155mm towed howitzer developed jointly by the Army and Marine Corps.

A joint-service program office manages the program at Picatinny Arsenal, N.J. The weapon systems themselves are manufactured by BAE Systems with final integration and assembly occurring at the firm's Hattiesburg, Miss., facility.

The M777 is the first ground combat system extensively use titanium in its major structures to trim weight; the howitzer is 7,000 pounds lighter than the M198 weapon it replaces.

"The weight reduction improves transportability and mobility without impacting range or accuracy," said James Shields, joint program manager.

Shields said the system will be compatible with the

entire family of 155mm ammunition, including the Excalibur precision munition when it is eventually fielded.

The 2-11th FA recently completed new equipment training and a live-fire battalion exercise using the basic M777 system at Pohakuloa Training Area on the Big Island of Hawaii. Prior to receiving the M777, the 2-11th was an exclusively 105mm battalion that was equipped with the M119 howitzer.

The M777 has the deployability advantages of lightweight system like the M119, but the firepower of a 155mm weapon like the larger M198. Two systems can be transported on a C-130 at the same time.

The new howitzers have returned to Schofield Barracks, where they will be retrofitted with a digital fire control system (DFCS) in January to become M777A1s.

The DFCS will provide the howitzer with the capability to communicate, navigate and aim, an upgrade that will increase accuracy and responsiveness.

Soldiers from 2-11th said they are pleased with the new weapons and look forward to the added capabilities provided by the DFCS upgrade.

(Editor's Note: Edward Murray and Martin Kane write for The Picatinny Voice, Picatinny Arsenal, N.J.)



Payday lenders like the one pictured above offer the alluring prospect of quick, easy money. However, for many service members there's nothing easy about digging themselves out of debt.

Scams: Payday lenders, solicitors prey on family members and Soldiers

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nonprofit business liaison, Oahu Base Support Battalion (OBSB), solicitors from a brand name vacuum cleaner company have been banned for at least the past three years because of their aggressive tactics and refusal to register with OBSB, as required. However, that hasn't stopped them from sneaking their way on post.

Solicitors get their foot in the door by telling Soldiers they've won a free carpet shampooing service, and then they won't leave the house.

"Soldiers end up buying a \$2,500 vacuum cleaner, and they can't even drive it to work!" Mowat said.

She mentioned other illegal on-post solicitation such as magazine sales and, most recently, a case where an off-post photographer solicited units to take unit photos. The units paid but never received the prints.

If Soldiers and family members suspect someone is soliciting business on post, Mowat recommended calling OBSB at 655-8047; it will determine if the business is registered and contact the military police if necessary.

In-home prone

Other shysters have the audacity to attack consumers in their own homes via the Internet.

"Mostly what we hear about are phishing scams," said Detective R. Tagomori of the Honolulu Police Department's Financial Fraud Detail.

In this case, the criminal mimics a credit union or a PayPal Web page, and victims receive an e-mail requesting they update the information on their account, which is about to expire.

"The next thing they know they have a credit card charge popping up in a different country," he said.

In addition, the Office of Personnel Management sent out an e-mail alert, Oct. 20, to warn federal employees about a scam in which a phisher claiming to represent "Bynum Associates" was attempting to obtain social security numbers and personal information relating to employees' retirement accounts.

Tagomori recommended not responding to questionable e-mails and safeguarding personal information.

"If your financial institution is going to contact you, it's not going to be through e-mail," he said.

However, sometimes Soldiers seek out scam artists.

Confessions of a payday lender

Across the country, payday lenders are as much a fixture outside military bases as the gates that protect them. The establishments have been so effective in luring service members and spouses that Congress proposed a 36 percent annual interest cap on these types of loans in the defense authorization bill, which

was signed by President Bush, Oct. 17.

"Let me level with you, this place is a death trap," said a payday lending employee on Oahu who wished to remain anonymous.

The lending process seems straight forward enough. Borrowers write a check for the amount they wish to cash, plus a service fee, which averages 15 percent. The borrower's check is cashed on the next pay day.

However, if the borrower cannot repay the loan in full, the balance rolls over, incurs another fee, and can be subject to additional interest.

In this way, a simple \$600 loan with a \$90 service fee can quickly balloon out of proportion.

"It's not just E-4 and below [who are using the service] either," the source said. "I see captains, E-7s and E-8s – people who know they shouldn't be in here. I wish Congress or the Hawaii legislators would shut these types of places

"It's not just E-4 and below [who are using the service] either; I see captains, E-7s and E-8s — people who know they shouldn't be in here. ...These types of places ... are just killing the community."

Anonymous payday lender

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The source also mentioned that they have already noticed a marked increase in business now that the holiday season is approaching.

"Payday lenders are in the business of making money," said rear detachment Command Sgt. Maj. Billy Thompson.

"It's not a solution. If you don't have the money right now, what makes you think you can pay it off at the end of the month after you incur more debt," he asked.

Thompson recommended Army Emergency Relief (AER), which can help Soldiers and family members develop a budget they can live within.

Through a relatively new program called the "Commander's Referral," commanders and sergeants first class can approve up to \$1,000 of AER funds for Soldiers in need, according to Jackie Torres, Hawaii AER officer.

In addition, AER can refer Soldiers and family members to financial counselors who will speak with them one-on-one. AER also offers a variety of classes on financial and credit card management, budgeting and investing.

For more information on AER financial classes go to www.mwr.armyhawaii.com

(Editor's Note: Victim's name was changed.)

Champion teaches speed shooting

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PUULOA – During basic training, Soldiers receive standard marksmanship training and learn to zero and qualify with their weapons. However, learning to shoot well and making that one shot count is an art.

Three-time World Speed Shooting champion and six-time U.S. Gold Team member, Jerry Barnhardt, taught that art to junior leaders in the Warrior Brigade, Oct. 25.

From standing, sitting or moving, to sniper and close range, Barnhardt instructed Soldiers on advanced shooting techniques under circumstances that a deployed combat Soldier could encounter.

"His style is unique, which comes from competition, but he brings a lot of experience ... that our Soldiers are not exposed to," said Sgt. Mikey Fernandez, range safety noncommissioned officer in charge for the training.

Barnhardt's course required participants to carry a loaded weapon, which drove home the need for utmost safety. Students received one warning for "sweeping" (carelessly pointing the muzzle in the direction of others) their loaded weapons on the range. On the second, they were dropped from the training.

"Lack of knowledge and famil-



2nd Brigade Soldiers take a break as Jerry Barnhardt shows them the procedures he has learned to be most effective for running into a shot.

arity with their equipment are the things they don't know or have a chance to learn," Barnhardt said. "I'm trying to get these people to a higher level. I wouldn't say they're necessarily making mistakes, but they need more combat-oriented marksmanship. My goal is to show them how to do it faster and more accurate."

Students learned to shoot from

behind barricades and to engage a target while moving in towards it. Barnhardt walked students through every scenario and took time to analyze and critique each student's technique.

"I critique, if they shoot and miss, why they missed ... so they know how to go back and fix it. It's about saving lives," Barnhardt said.

Developing proper technique was a challenge 2nd Brigades' leaders assumed with great enthusiasm.

"It's unconventional. You learn how to go around barricades ... to shoot sitting. A lot of us are shooting better on the weak side than we do on the strong side and that's something that you don't get to do regularly in the Army," said Staff Sgt. Jessica Beauvil, 225th Headquarters and Headquarters Co., Brigade Support Battalion.

Barnhardt, a competition shooter for more than 20 years, started teaching courses for the military in 1989. He agreed to conduct training in 2001.

"It was pretty serious times," said Barnhardt. "I've won a lot of national world championships, I can continue to win that and just do the bare minimum, or hang up my pistols and rifles and dedicate my time here."

Barnhardt's course is a week-long, and each Soldier trains two and a half days. They are taught combat fundamentals – from tactical reloads to shooting behind walls to shooting on the move, all shooting positions Soldiers may use in the field.

"I've been in the Army for 12 years, and I'm shooting better now than I ever have," said Staff Sgt. Jeffery Dawson, 556th Signal Co.

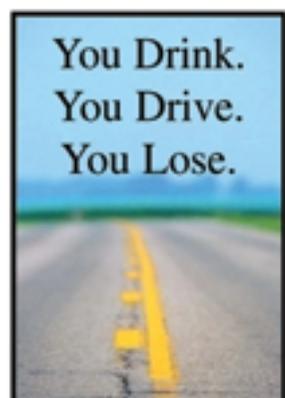


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EIB honors

At age 36, Spc. James Walker (middle), of 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment, is the oldest Expert Infantryman Badge recipient this year in 2nd Brigade. Walker is all smiles as Maj. Gen. William Brandenburg, commander of 8th Theater Sustainment Command, jokes with him as he pins on his badge.

A total of 285 received the EIB, Oct. 26.



Tripler announces flu shot schedule at clinics

TRIPLER ARMY MEDICAL CENTER
PUBLIC AFFAIRS
News Release

HONOLULU — Getting an influenza immunization shot protects you, your families and all Tricare beneficiaries; therefore, Tripler Army Medical Center (TAMC) will provide approximately 5,000 flu shots to Soldiers, hospital staff and family members in preparation for the 2006 flu season.

Hawaii — in particular the Pacific Regional Medical Command here — is the place from which most influenza cases have been reported in the Army, so far this influenza season, so getting vaccinated is important.

Active duty service members are required to receive the influenza vaccine

each year, while civilian health care workers are highly encouraged to receive the influenza vaccine as it protects their patients from a serious illness.

All other beneficiaries are recommended to take the flu vaccine, especially children and elderly people, as well as people with chronic illnesses.

Two main formulations of the flu vaccine are available this year: an injectable form and an intranasal spray form. Eligible, healthy people in the age group 5 to 49 years of age are encouraged to take the intranasal spray.

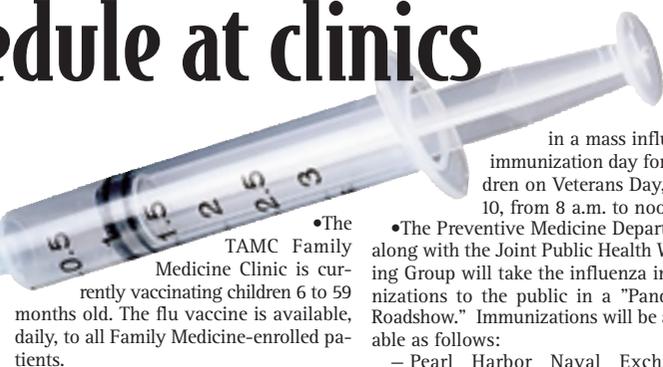
Shots will be available per the following schedule:

- The Adult Immunization Clinic on the 4th floor-C Wing of TAMC will provide mass influenza immunizations to active duty Soldiers and hospital staff assigned

to Tripler, Nov. 3 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. This date is a mandatory immunization date for active duty personnel at Tripler.

Shots will also be available to all service members, hospital staff, adult family members, Department of Defense civilians and retirees, Nov. 13, 17, 20, and 27, and Dec. 1.

- The Adult Immunization Clinic is also using roving carts throughout TAMC through Nov. 15. These roving carts are reserved for personnel who cannot attend the scheduled flu shot clinics and require appointment through the Immunization Clinic. Affected personnel should call 1st Lt. Celinda Scott at 433-3099 to schedule an appointment.



- The TAMC Family Medicine Clinic is currently vaccinating children 6 to 59 months old. The flu vaccine is available, daily, to all Family Medicine-enrolled patients.

- Both Tripler and the Schofield Barracks Pediatric Immunization Clinic are now offering immunizations for children ages 6 months to 59 months old, and children with chronic illnesses. Both clinics will provide flu shots to enrolled children 5 years old and older.

- The Pediatrics Clinics will also take

part in a mass influenza immunization day for children on Veterans Day, Nov. 10, from 8 a.m. to noon.

- The Preventive Medicine Department along with the Joint Public Health Working Group will take the influenza immunizations to the public in a "Pandemic Roadshow." Immunizations will be available as follows:

- Pearl Harbor Naval Exchange, Nov. 3-4;
- Fort Shafter Exchange, Nov. 17;
- Schofield Barracks Post Exchange, Nov. 18;
- Hickam Air Force Base Exchange, Dec. 1; and
- Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, Marine Corps Exchange, Dec. 2.

It takes one to touch one

Everyone must demonstrate sensitivity when it comes to infant, pregnancy loss

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FORT CAMPBELL, Ky. — Grief sneaked up behind me and put a knife in my back. It caught me off guard, spun me around, and landed me flat on my face.

My baby was dead and there was nothing anyone could do or say to change the horrible truth. Initially, family and friends rushed to my aid. There were cards, e-mails, phone calls and hugs.

Within two weeks, all the commotion slowed to a halt. In a month, friends and acquaintances acted as though nothing happened. My husband and I were alone in our grief.

After three months, most people expected me to have moved on.

By the end of the year, I believed I was crazy because I couldn't conform to others' grief schedules.

According to www.MedicalNewsToday.com, more than 4 million babies across the globe die each year. In the U.S., annually, another 800,000 pregnancies end in miscarriage, a transcript of "Sound Medicine," Indiana University School of Medicine's radio broadcast states.

With such a widespread problem, infant and pregnancy loss awareness should be a top priority for our society and the medical community. To meet this need, in 1988, former President Ronald Reagan proclaimed the month of October Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month.

Family members, their friends and neighbors, and professionals could better-serve grieving families with increased sensitivity. Such awareness can make a difference in one hurting parent's life this month and beyond.

10 tips for families and friends

- Allow the bereaved parents to grieve in their own way and don't forget that dads hurt, too.
- Never advise a parent to "get over it," "move on," or "don't cry."
- Never "empathize" by sharing a story about your dead pet, grandmother or Uncle Lester. It just isn't the same.
- Never say "If there is anything you need, call me." He or she won't be fully func-



Courtesy Photo

Infant and pregnancy loss affects numerous Army families like Sharee Moore's. The former Schofield family member and author of *Stolen Angels: 25 Stories of Hope after Pregnancy or Infant Loss* has lost three infants, but now shares a message of hope and recovery.

tional and will have zero energy to make or remember phone calls.

- Offer your help by making strong, specific suggestions like: Allow me to help with your laundry, cooking, planning of the memorial service, informing others of the family's loss, paying the bills, providing or arranging child care for surviving children, and the like.
- Use kind phrases like: "I'm so sorry," "I can't imagine your pain," "My heart breaks for you," "I don't understand how you feel, but I'm willing to listen," "I don't know what to say," and "I love you." For the most part, sit quietly and listen.
- Know the signs and symptoms of suicide and depression; don't hesitate to demand professional help.
- Write down and acknowledge the baby's name, birth and death dates. To forget is heartbreaking.
- Expect your loved one to relapse during the weeks leading up to the expected delivery date, one year anniversary and first birth date. Be supportive and know this re-

lapse is normal then and in years to come.

- Get informed about the grief process. Buy or borrow a book about infant and pregnancy loss.

For medical professionals

- "It," "fetus," "fetal demise," "GBS baby," "SIDS case," "aborted fetus" and other medical jargon are unacceptable terminology in the parent's presence. Instead, use the baby's name or terms like "baby boy," "baby," "little one" or similar phrases.
- Patient care involves the physical and mental. Don't get so busy tending to physical needs that you avoid taking the time to just be there and listen.
- Talk to the patient about what she can expect to see, feel and hear before, during and after a miscarriage or stillbirth delivery. Describe how the baby will look and what the parent can expect from labor pains and the procedure for delivery.

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Newborns, as well as adoptees, must be registered in DEERS

TRICARE MANAGEMENT ACTIVITY
News Release

It's important to register newborns and adoptees in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System, or DEERS, to establish Tricare eligibility for essential well-baby and pediatric health care.

By registering your newborn or adopted child in DEERS, you may avoid potential claims problems.

When does Tricare cover newborns and adoptees?

As long as another family member is enrolled in Prime, Tricare Prime covers

- Newborns for 60 days beginning from the date of birth;
- Adopted children for 60 days beginning from the effective date of the actual adoption; and
- Pre-adoptive children for 60 days beginning on the date of placement of the court or approved adoption agency.

To continue Prime coverage past the first 60 days, you must enroll your newborn or adoptee in either Tricare Prime or Tricare Prime Remote for active Duty family members (TPRADFM) within the 60-day window.

On the 61st day and after, if your child isn't enrolled in Prime or TPRADFM, Tricare processes all future claims under Standard (higher costs) until you enroll them in Prime or TPRADFM. Your child loses all Tricare eligibility 365 days after birth or adoption unless they are registered in DEERS.

How do I establish a newly born or adopted child's Tricare eligibility?

To establish a newly-born, adopted or pre-adoptive child's Tricare eligibility in DEERS, you must submit the following to your



Visit the Tricare Web site at www.tricare.osd.mil/deers/default.cfm.

service personnel office:

- A certified birth certificate or certificate of live birth (authenticated by the attending physician or other responsible person from a U.S. hospital or military treatment facility);

- A record of adoption or a letter of placement of the child into the home by a recognized placement/adoption agency or the court in anticipation of the final adoption; and

- A copy of the DD Form 1172 (signed by the sponsor). If a sponsor can't sign the DD Form 1172, then a family member must submit a notarized copy of the form for enrollment.

It's important for you to apply for your child's social security number by visiting the Social Security Administration Web site, www.ssa.gov, or by calling (800) 772-1213. Once you receive your child's social security number, be sure to go to your nearest identification (ID) card-issuing facility to update their DEERS information.

For more information on newborn or adoptee DEERS registration, you may contact your military personnel office, uniformed service ID card-issuing facility, or call the Defense Manpower Data Center Support Office telephone center at (800) 538-9552.

A list of ID card facilities is available at www.dmdc.osd.mil/rs/owa/home. DEERS eligibility information is also available on the TRICARE Web site, www.tricare.osd.mil/deers/default.cfm.

Loss: Many resources give helpful suggestions

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- Never just hand a stillborn baby to his/her mother without cleaning and swaddling the baby in a blanket. Offer to take pictures. The parents will value these pictures later.
- Don't take the baby away until the parents give permission. This is the last opportunity to parent their child.
- At follow-up visits, acknowledge loss and let parents know you have not forgotten.
- As a general practice physician, never try to give advice outside your area of expertise. It is insulting to your patient.
- At routine appointments, never become so detached that you rattle off questions about the patient's loss as if it were an everyday occurrence.
- It's okay to cry with or for your patient.

Although thousands of grief support resources are available, now more than ever before, don't underestimate the impact one person can make. Get educated about infant and pregnancy loss, show compassion and reach out to the hurting.

Making a difference starts with you and me.

(Editor's Note: Sharee Moore, wife of a Soldier stationed at 1st Battalion, 327th Infantry Regiment, Fort Campbell, Ky., is the mother of three angels, a bereavement counselor and author of "Stolen Angels: 25 Stories of Hope after Pregnancy or Infant Loss." Moore is also the former editor of the Hawaii Army Weekly.)

Pediatric visits foundation for healthy kids

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HONOLULU – When a child is born, lives change. The parents have the new responsibility for the care and development of a new life.

On their journey to adulthood, they will be challenged by colds, stomachaches, viruses and, perhaps worse, like broken bones or diseases.

To help with the daunting task of raising healthy children, Pediatrics, one of the largest departments at Tripler Army Medical Center (TAMC), cares for children the day a baby is born, right up through college.

"We monitor the child as it grows, tracking its development with regular check-ups and teaching the parents various skills they will need to better care for the child at home," said Lt. Col. Ronald Prauner, interim chief of pediatrics. "Much of what we do is preventive. As the child grows into adolescence, we teach the child about healthy choices like not smoking, proper diet, exercise and such," he said.

Along with one-on-one counseling, many other teaching opportunities are available to parents and children through the Pediatric department. Parent education boards are regularly scheduled to discuss issues affecting families, including use of sunscreen, water safety, asthma, jellyfish and many other safety issues.

Although most pediatric care is designed to prevent serious issues before they happen, some children will experience serious injuries or diseases. To cope with such times, Pediatrics has a full range of specialty clinics. More than 200 military, Department of Defense (DoD) civilian, and DoD contract workers work in the various Pediatric sections.

"For almost every specialty we have for adults, we also have for Pediatrics," said Staff Sgt. James Howard, Pediatrics non-commissioned officer in charge. "Our job is to support the troops by providing the best care possible for their families. This is especially true for our deployed troops. They don't have to worry about the care their family is receiving; they can move on with the mission and come back home."



Pediatrics Nurse April Okerson cleans the immunization site as patient Kalee Billups looks-on after receiving a flu shot at Tripler Army Medical Center.

The department accommodates working parents by shifting hours, especially for preschool physicals, immunizations and other high-volume events. To ensure children are receiving the best care available, Tripler's procedures, equipment and processes are in a constant state of evaluation and improvement, according to Howard.

"I'm impressed with the staffs' commitment to provide state-of-the-art care to patients," said Prauner. "It's personal. We often give our pager numbers to patients, putting ourselves on call to those families. We're not behind the times on anything. We're always learning, always improving"

Care is also improved by the fact that TAMC is a teaching hospital, according to Prauner. Teachers must be up-to-date on the latest techniques and equipment he explained. Currently, 23 residents are based in the Pediatrics department.

TAMCs residency program boasts a near 100 percent pass rate on the American Board of Pediatrics Certification Board.

The department's commitment to excellence comes from the staff's love of children and their desire to work with them.

"If you don't love kids, you won't make it here," explained Barbara Leblanc, nurse supervisor, Pediatrics. "They can be a challenge, at times, but it's so worth it."

Zoe Woolston, Pediatrics registered nurse, chimed in.

"I can't see working anywhere else," Woolston said. "I've got to work with kids. This is where I belong."

Whether performing a routine check up, teaching about nutrition, fighting a serious disease, or performing a complicated surgical procedure, the dedication to the well-being of children is evident by the quality of service provided to military families.

"There's no doubt, kids here get the best care available in the Pacific," said Woolston. "We're all in or with the military family. We're taking care of our kids and our neighbors' kids."



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"When work is finished."

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70th Engineers romp in swamp adjacent Pearl Harbor to restore a state of Hawaii wildlife sanctuary

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WEST LOCH — Seventy-five Soldiers from the 70th Engineer Company, 29th Engineer Battalion, plunged themselves, some waist deep, into the clean up of Pouhala Marsh in Pearl Harbor's West Loch for Make a Difference Day 2006.

To help preserve and restore the habitat, Soldiers — caked in mud and red clay — pulled cattails, pickleweed and mangrove seedlings from the wetlands. They also removed discarded automobile tires, parts and batteries, shopping carts and other debris along the Kapakahi stream.

"This 70-acre state wildlife sanctuary was set aside to protect and restore the populations of endangered endemic water birds...the Hawaiian stilt, Hawaiian coot, Hawaiian moorehen and the Hawaiian duck," said Christina McGuire, wetland coordinator for the Hawaii State Department of Land and Natural Resources. "The Hawaiian stilt population has dwindled to about 2,000 in the islands."

During nesting season, more than 150 Hawaiian stilts can be found on the marsh.

McGuire said the removal of the cattails is important because they choke the native vegetation and grow too tall for the indigenous birds to nest.

1st Lt. John Nichols, acting company commander, said this kind of work was not unusual to him, because of his familiarity with the Okefenokee swamp, the 700-square-mile swamp in his home state of Georgia.

"I grew up hunting and fishing, so being out here reminds me of being back home," Nichols said.

The ecosystem restoration project is coordinated by the Hawaii Nature Center, a nonprofit organization that provides hands-on educational programs for families and adults.

Pauline Kawamata, volunteer coordinator for Hawaii Nature Center, said without the help of a large volunteer coalition, the restoration efforts would be impossible.

"We wouldn't be able to do what we do without their help," Kawamata said. "Today, we have 13 different groups represented, 235 people total."

"We wanted to come and make a difference in our local community," said 1st Sgt. Gary Long, company first sergeant. "Besides, we're used to cleaning up messes. That's what we do."

Making a difference



2nd Lt. Miquel Lima, foreground, and Soldiers from the 70th Engineer Company are knee deep in muck and mire to pull cattails from the marsh. The cattails strangle the native vegetation. Further, the height that cattails achieve — if left to grow — make it impossible for the endangered water fowl to nest.



Above — Soldiers work alongside tadpoles, toads, praying mantis and other swamp critters. Monthly cleanup efforts have rescued this area from what was destined to become a city landfill.

Right — Spc. Todd Brown takes charge to remove a hulking mound of rubbish, twigs and branches.



Pvt.2 Christy Burns removes rubbish and miscellaneous jetsam along Kapakahi Stream. Burns' bundle is one of 400 filled trash bags collected Saturday. Volunteers also removed 60 tires from the stream.

About Make a Difference Day

•Created by *USA Weekend Magazine*, Make a Difference Day is an annual event that takes place on the fourth Saturday of every October.

•In 2005, 3 million people cared enough about their communities to volunteer, accomplishing thousands of projects in hundreds of towns. Some projects are as ambitious as collecting truckloads of clothing for the homeless, or as personal as spending an afternoon helping the elderly.

•Visit www.usaweekend.com/diffday/ for projects, articles and photographs.

175 Soldiers, family members tackle jobs at Helemano Plantation

66th Engineers roof, repair, paint, clean at plantation's ORI facilities

Story and Photos by
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WAHIAWA — Twenty-six years ago and hundreds of Soldiers later, what used to be jungle is now the Helemano Plantation, a sprawling 10-acre community complex located in the central plains of Oahu, nestled within panoramic views of the Waianae mountain range.

"The 65th [Engineer Company], they are the ones who cleared this land. They came with their bulldozers and leveled the land," said Yvonne C. De Luna, who handles public relations for Helemano.

What is now the transformed 66th Engineer Co., 2nd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, contacted De Luna to continue the ongoing partnership on national Make a Difference Day (MADD), Saturday. The plantation needed people, and lots of them, she said, to perform several labor-intensive chores at its nonprofit ORI facilities.

Opportunities for the Retarded, Incorporated, or ORI, provides a unique, sheltered community to benefit people with developmental disabilities, said Ann Higa, chief operating officer. She said its Hawaiian name, "Anuenue Hale," means "House of Rainbows."

1st Sgt. Jonathan White explained, "We're working in three separate areas. [In one,] we're painting lines, repairing fences, providing curb appeal — you know, to make [the facility/parking lot entrance] more inviting. Up here," he said, turning and pointing in a direction uphill and beyond view, "we're priming and painting [the exterior of] three adult buildings."

"At this building," he said, pointing in another direction, within view about three-quarters of a mile away, "it's roofed and framed, but excess wood is tremendous. The next wave of their contracting requires cleaning up the area" of the newly constructed Elder Care and Wellness Center.

White showed up with supplies, equipment and more than 175 Soldiers and some "ohana," family members, to make a difference. The company regularly contributes "because we have the means to do it."



Combat engineers, squad leaders and platoon sergeants of 66th Engineer Company all jump in and provide the extensive labor required to tidy up the newly constructed Elder Care and Wellness Center at ORI.

White added, "That right there is what this [MADD] made a family day of national MADD. Joined by his is all about — helping folks."

Combat engineers like Staff Sgt. Erasmo Flores

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Mongolian Barbecue — Come to KoleKole Bar & Grill for stir “fry-day.”

Select your favorites from a large variety of meats and vegetables, and the staff will grill them to your liking.

The Mongolian barbecue will be cooked outside in front of the Nehelani from 5 to 8 p.m., with seating inside the air-conditioned KoleKole Bar & Grill.

Cost is 65 cents per ounce, and reservations are recommended. To make reservations, call 655-4466.

High School Bash — Ninth through 12th grade students are invited to join friends for an evening of fun at the High School Bash at the Schofield Barracks teen center.

The bash is 7 to 9:30 p.m. and costs \$3 for members and \$4 for nonmembers. For more information, call 655-0451.

4/Saturday

Parents Night Out — Leave your kids with CYS at the Peterson and Aliamanu Center 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 no later than noon, Nov. 3. Reservations are first-come, first-served. For more information, call 655-8313.

6/Monday

Waimea Valley Walking Trip — Walkers are invited to explore Waimea Valley Audubon Center, Nov. 6, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Come and enjoy the plants, wildlife, and history of Hawaii, while getting some exercise outdoors.

Entry fee is \$5 and parking is \$2 per car. Limited transportation is available from Schofield Barracks. To register for transportation, call 655-0112.

This program is for Blue Star Card holders and for anyone wanting to support Blue Star Card holders.

10/Friday

Cart Sale — Come to Nagorski Golf Course for a golf cart sale at Building 1598 on Fort Shafter Flats.

All items will be sold “as is.” Payments made with cash, personal checks or credit cards will be accepted. For more information, call 438-3492.

15/Wednesday

Children’s Book Week — In celebration of Children’s Book Week, each child who attends story time at Sgt Yano Library Nov. 15 will be given a book to take home.

Story time is held at 10 a.m. for children 3 – 5 years old and at 3 p.m. for children



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Lunch with the fishes

Mi Young Cleary, left, and Yu Su Smedley make fresh sushi rolls each morning at the Schofield Barracks commissary.

To maintain quality and freshness, any sushi that is not sold the day it’s made is thrown out. “It would probably be good for another day, but it’s just not worth the risk,” Cleary said.

The sushi-making counter has been a fixture at the commissary for three years.

6 – 12 years old. For complete details, call 655-8002.

Pet Education 101 — Fort Shafter Veterinary Treatment Facility will host Pet Education 101, Education & Awareness, at the Aliamanu West Community Center, Nov. 15 from 1 to 3 p.m.

Guests will receive information on keeping pets healthy. Registration deadline is Nov. 12. For more information, call 433-1972.

Discover Pizza Day — Calling all pizza lovers. Come to Tropics, Nov. 15, 2:30 p.m. for all things pizza.

Come play games, learn pizza facts and history, make crafts, watch a pizza being made and help add the toppings. Guests are invited to feast on their own creation.

Cost is \$5 for two slices of pizza and a drink. Call 655-8522 for more information or to reserve your spot.

16/Thursday

Professional Bull Riders — Come meet and greet some of the best bull riders in the nation as the Professional Bull Riders (PBR) storm into Tropics, Nov. 16 from noon to 1:30 p.m.

kim chee and adobo.

This festival will include live musical entertainment and ancient Hawaiian games.

Cost is \$4 for military and \$7 for general admission. This event is free for ages 12 and under.

HPV is held at 94-695 Waipahu St. in Waipahu.

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

Walk for the Cure — The Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation hosts its annual fundraiser to find a cure for Type 1 diabetes, the 13th Annual Walk to Cure Diabetes.

This 2-mile event will be held Nov. 4, starting at the Kapiolani Bandstand in Waikiki. Registration begins at 7 a.m.

After the event, walkers can enjoy free mini-massages and refreshments. Keiki will have fun with face-painting, balloons and special treats.

To register in advance, or for more information, call 988-1000.

6/Tuesday

American Indian Heritage — November is Native American Indian Heritage Month.

As part of these observances, the Tropics will show movies, which feature Native Americans Nov. 6 – 10, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Native American Heritage Month is held to increase awareness, mutual respect, and understanding, while recognizing their continuous achievements to American culture. For complete details, call the division Equal Opportunity Office at 655-0053.

8/Wednesday

Oahu South Community Town Hall Meeting — The next Oahu South Town Hall meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 8 at 6:30 p.m. in Aliamanu Military Reservation Chapel.

The town hall meeting provides information to residents about community events, security, housing, deployment

All ages are welcome. For more information, call 655-5697.

Ante Up! — Put on your best poker face and participate in a free Texas Hold’em tournament at the Tropics, Schofield Barracks, Nov. 16, beginning at 6 p.m. All Department of Defense ID cardholders are welcome to play, but should get there early because room is only available for 120 people to play.

For more information, call 655-5697.

Holiday Craft Sale — The Fort Shafter Arts and Crafts Center will host its semi-annual Holiday Sale, Nov. 16 through 18. Take advantage of quality craftsmanship at affordable prices on a wide variety of craft items. Sale hours are 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Nov. 16 and 17 and 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Nov 18. For more details, call 655-4202 or 438-1071.

17/Friday

NAF Property Sale — The NAF excess property sale will be held Nov. 17 on Fort Shafter Flats in Building 1598.

Sale items include office and home furniture, golf course equipment, golf carts, restaurant equipment, and more. All property will be sold “as is.” Acceptable forms of payment will be cash, personal checks or

and more. For more information, call 438-6147.

10/Friday

War Diaries — The Military Channel’s new series “My War Diary” returns Nov. 10 at 9 p.m.

“Diary” goes behind the lines with personal videos and exclusive interviews with Soldiers to offer a glimpse at military life in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Video submissions are being accepted at www.mywardiary.com.

11/Saturday

U. of H. Discount Tickets — In honor of Veterans Day, the University of Hawaii will offer a buy one, get one ticket discount for members of the Armed Forces.

Valid military identification is required to purchase up to six pairs of discounted tickets to watch as the UH Warriors trounce the Louisiana Tech University Bulldogs, Nov. 11 at 6:05 p.m.

Advance purchases must be made at the Stan Sheriff Center Box Office, Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Game day ticket purchases must be made the Aloha Stadium Box Office.

College Scholarship — The Army Engineer Officers’ Wives’ announces the availability of the Army Engineer Memorial Awards (AEMA) for graduating high school seniors.

Students must attend an accredited college, university, technical school or vocational school in any field of study.

The Geraldine K. Morris Award, another AEMA scholarship, will be available to high school seniors enrolling in an accredited nursing program.

Applicants may apply for both awards, but may only receive one.

Eligible applicants must have a parent who is an active duty or retired Army Engineer Officer, or who died on active duty.

credit cards. Call 438-3492.

Teen Social — Teens are invited to come have fun with friends Nov. 17 at the Schofield Barracks Teen Center Social. The fun lasts from 7 to 9:30 p.m. and costs \$3 for members and \$4 for non-members. For more information, call 655-0445.

18/Saturday

Rock Fest 2 — Teens, don’t miss out on Rock Fest 2 at the Schofield Teen Center, Nov. 18.

The party lasts from noon to 5 p.m. Come enjoy food, a skateboard competition, demonstrations from skate companies, and maybe win some prizes. Cost is \$3. For more information, call 655-0443.

Thanksgiving Coloring Contest — Youth, grades kindergarten through 6th, are invited to show off their artistic side in the Tropics coloring contest.

Come to the Tropics to pick up a turkey to color. All entries must be submitted no later than Nov. 24. Prizes will be awarded to the top three winners. For more information, call 655-5687.

Ongoing

New MWR Calendar Feature — Visit the MWR Web site, www.mwrarmy-hawaii.com and check out the new calendar feature.

This calendar allows users to view the calendar by day, week, or month, in a list or tabular format.

Other features allow users to search for events, receive event reminders or notifications of event changes by e-mail or text message, download event info, e-mail event information to friends, and import events to a calendar.

Army Soldier Show — Performer and technician nominations are being accepted for the Army Soldier Show. For more information on participating or show details, call the Leisure Activities Office at 655-0112 or 655-0111.

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.

ITR Hero Special — Information, Ticketing and Registration is offering the Hawaii Hero Special through Dec. 31.

Active-duty military personnel may visit the Polynesian Cultural Center for free with the purchase of a Polynesian Cultural Center package. For more information, call 438-1985 (Fort Shafter) or 655-9971 (Schofield).

SKIES Registration — Children and youth who register for instructional classes and off post discounts through the Schools

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16/Thursday

Hui Luncheon — The Hui O’ Na Wahine, the all-ranks spouses’ club, hosts its monthly luncheon Nov. 16 at the Schofield Nehelani.

The event opens at 10:30 a.m. for vendor shopping, and lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. November’s theme, “Make it, Bake it, Fake it (or just BUY IT!) Auction” is back by popular demand! Goods to be auctioned include items donated by Hui members that will be store bought or homemade.

For luncheon reservations, call 624-4989 or 624-0015 by 7 p.m. Nov. 12.

Army Community Theatre — Army Community Theatre’ presents “Annie,” featuring Channing Weir in the title role, at the Richardson Theatre, Fort Shafter.

The show opens Nov. 16 and will run subsequent Fridays and Saturdays, 7:30 p.m. through December.

Tickets are \$15 and \$20 for adults and \$12 and \$15 for children at the ACT Box Office, Season tickets are priced at \$60 and \$75 for adults and \$45 and \$50 for children for a four-show musical series.

The season will run through May 2007. Call 438-4480 or view details at www.squareone.org/ACT.

17/Friday

Cultural Observances — In honor of Native American Indian Heritage Month, the local community is invited to an event that celebrates the history and culture of Native Americans.

This free event will be held Nov. 17, at 10 a.m. in the Sgt. Smith Theater, Schofield Barracks.

Featured guests include Leeta Wolfback,

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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)
- 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 Sunday, 11 a.m. – Sunday school (Sept. – June only)

Fort Shafter Chapel 836-4599

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

Helemano (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



The Covenant

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



Gridiron Gang

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



The Black Dahlia

(R)
Saturday, 7 p.m.

The theater is closed Monday & Tuesday.



Send calendar announcements to community@hawaiiarmyweekly.com.

4/Saturday

Fall Arts and Craft Fair — The Hickam Air Force Base Arts & Crafts Center is hosting the 31st annual Fall Craft Fair & Family Fun Day Nov. 4.

This event will be held 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Visitors may enjoy the many tables of handcrafted Americana and Hawaiian gifts and décor; great food and entertainment; youth activities; prize drawings; craft demonstrations, with make-n-takes; and much more.

This highly-anticipated event will also feature photography, woodwork, jewelry, clothing, quilting, stained glass, pottery, basketry, engraved glass, and many other art forms. Visit www.hickamservices.com for more information.

Many Dandies for a Dime — Navy Region Hawaii Morale, Welfare and Recreation hosts its quarterly Super Garage Sale & Craft Fair Nov. 4 at 7 a.m.

The event is free and open to the public and will be held on Richardson Field, across from the Aloha Stadium. Visit www.greatlifehawaii.com.

Makahiki Festival — Relive the Plantation Days, the family event, which takes place the first Saturday of each month at Hawaii’s Plantation Village (HPV), celebrates Makahiki Nov. 4 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

At the festival, visitors will have opportunities to taste popular “ono grinds,” such as chicken long rice, pickled onions, taro,



325th BSB digs in to improve Mililani school

Story and Photo By
LANDY STEWART MIYAKE
Staff Writer

MILILANI – More than 30 Soldiers traded in their uniforms and weapons to perform a different kind of service last weekend.

Wearing jeans and T-shirts, 325th Brigade Support Battalion (BSB) Soldiers used shovels and rakes to contribute to Make a Difference Day at Mililani Middle School, Oct. 28.

“The parking lot is one the of the first things visitors see, so now we’ll be able to put our best foot forward, save the custodians time from working in the parking lot, and use it for other areas of the school,” said Principal Rodger Kiml.

The project had been in the works for a couple of years. Though 7,000 Soldiers are deployed to Operation Iraqi Freedom, more time and manpower were made available by the rear detachment unit to assist during Make a Difference Day.

Since only a small fraction of the 145 tons of gravel donated by Grace Pacific Corp. was used for the planters, the project expanded to other areas of Mililani Middle School. Areas near the basketball courts and the perimeter of the administration building, where the main office is located, were also filled with gravel.

A Skid Steer Loader, donated by Bacon Universal Co., Inc., made the backbreaking landscaping job much simpler.

The gravel project will not only improve the look of the campus, but will also help keep classrooms and kids cleaner, Kim said.

Soldiers were excited about their opportunity to contribute to the community. Sgt. Richard Gange said the project allowed him to lend a helping hand and give back.



Soldiers of 325th Brigade Support Battalion, 25th Infantry Division, spread gravel on an area near the basketball courts at Mililani Middle School.

“From a military standpoint, we have a responsibility to contribute to the community and to be good neighbors, said Capt. Jonathan Pedroza, rear detachment commander, 325th BSB. “Even though most of the Soldiers in the unit are deployed, we can still do our part to help.”

“The military and civilian communities are very important to each other. If it wasn’t for civilians, we wouldn’t be here,” said Sgt. Richard Jackson, noncommissioned officer in charge of community relations. “But without the military, we couldn’t function either.”

“It is a team effort. We’re here to protect civilians and make their lives easier.”

“I take pride in this work and being part of a team to help the community. Nothing I do is done just by me. We accomplish the mission together,” said Jackson.

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a Native American author; Troy De Roche, flautist and craftsman of Native American flutes; and his wife, Liz De Roche, an internationally known storyteller and beadwork artist. Call 655-0386.

18 / Saturday

Pearlridge Express – All aboard the Pearlridge Express! Hawaii’s only scale-model, fully-functioning train will pull into the Uptown Center Court “station” Nov. 18 at 10 a.m.

The custom-built locomotive can take 15 kids at one time on a journey through a yuletide fantasy of sugary creations. Running daily through Jan. 1, the Pearlridge Express will be a sure memory-maker for the whole family.

22 / Wednesday

School Honors Namesake

Solomon Elementary School will host a rededication ceremony at the school to honor its namesake, First Sgt. Samuel K. Solomon Nov. 22 from 8:30 to 10 a.m. Call 624-9500.

Thanksgiving Eve Worship

In the spirit of fellowship and gratitude, the community is invited to come to Schofield’s Main Post Chapel, Building 790, for its Thanksgiving service at 6 p.m.

Refreshments will be served on the lanai following the service.

USO of Hawaii keeps families united during deployment through reading

UNITED SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS
News Release

HONOLULU – The United Service Organizations (USO) of Hawaii is offering deploying service members the opportunity to stay connected to their children through “United Through Reading,” a program of the Family Literacy Foundation.

The USO partnered with the foundation last year in a pilot effort that has expanded worldwide. The program’s goal is to allow children to feel the security of caring adult relationships and develop a love of reading through the “reading aloud” experience.

“Through this program, the USO of Hawaii is partnering with USO centers worldwide to help military families stay connected and promote children reading,” said Cassandra Isidro, USO of Hawaii executive director. “Whether it is a daughter, son,

grandchild or other child in the service member’s life, the program helps maintain a family connection during times of separation.”

“Deployment not only affects those who have volunteered for service, but also the hundreds of thousands of military children left behind,” said Betty Mohlenbrock, founder and president of the Family Literacy Foundation. “Our goal is to lessen the strain of separation and increase bonding through the positive, educational experience that reading aloud provides.

Deployed and deploying troops can be taped reading a children’s book. The USO will schedule the tapings and supply recording equipment, books and packaging materials, and then will mail a copy of the book, the DVD, and information on United Through Reading to

families back home.

The caregiver can then record or photograph the child as he or she watches the tape and follows along, and then send the photo to the deployed service member. The caregiver is encouraged to capture the child’s reaction and share with the deployed person, motivating them to continue participating in the program.

It’s hoped everyone involved will benefit from connectedness because the challenge of communicating during separations can be daunting.

In addition to the educational benefits of instilling the love of reading in children at a young age, United Through Reading boosts family morale, reinforces parental support for spouses at home, helps to allay children’s fears during parents’ absences, and eases the reunion process once the service member re-

turns.

November taping schedule:

- Nov. 3, 4, 17, 18 from 8 a.m to 1 p.m.
- Nov. 29 from 4:30-7:30 p.m.

Kaneohe Marine Corps Base Hawaii

•To sign up for a half-hour taping session, e-mail usohawaii@uso.org or call 836-3351.

About the USO: The USO has been providing morale, welfare and recreational services to U.S. military personnel and their families more than 65 years. For more information, visit www.uso.org.

About the Family Literacy Foundation: The Foundation, a nonprofit organization, was founded in 1989 to facilitate supportive relationships for children through family and friends reading aloud with them. Visit www.read2kids.org or call 858-481-READ.

66th: Unit has partnered with ORI since 1980s

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wife Lisa and their four children, they swept, picked up plenty of construction debris and assisted others clearing trash from the surroundings of the new center in preparation for additional grading.

Likewise, first timers Spc. Jason Westfall, a combat engineer, and his wife, Madeleine, volunteered to help the community. The couple said they were having a good time re-stripping and numbering the parking lot, working side by side.

"It's my fourth year coming to this project, and it's all wonderful," said Sgt. 1st Class Juan Azucena, a platoon sergeant.

He explained that he has participated in every MADD project, except when his company was deployed to Operation Enduring Freedom, in Afghanistan, in 2004-2005.

"My guys like to come here and help out. A lot of people think they're taking our weekend away, but it's not about that," Azucena explained. "The Army likes to contribute."

Similarly, Hawaii's public schools promote community service. For example, Justin White, 15, the first sergeant's son and a student at Moanalua High School, participated and collected research for his Social Studies portfolio on community service, Saturday.

"We really appreciate what they're doing," said de Luna, beaming. "They are in the middle of all these deployments, their families are here, and it's a Saturday ... what can we say."



Content as can be, Skyler Goodman, 5, daughter of Sgt. 1st Class Jeffrey Goodman, platoon sergeant, 66th Engineers, helps restripe the parking lot entrance to Helemano.



More than 175 Soldiers and family members of the 66th Eng. Co., 2nd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, report in for work assignments at Helemano Plantation.



Soldiers heave an overflowing wheelbarrow of debris to Pfc. John Yost (left) and Pfc. Jessie Daniels, who is blocked from view by the wheelbarrow, but balancing the heavy load with Daniels.



Above — Spc. Dan Jacoby, heavy equipment operator, breaks a sweat painting the roofing of a newly constructed ORI adult facility.

Left — Spc. Courtney Martin, combat engineer, places remaining stripes in the handicapped zone. Earlier, platoon sergeant Sgt. 1st Class Adam Hurlocker and fellow combat engineers, Pfc's. Matthew Quenga and Jason Stoval, "freehanded" the placard.



Pfc's. Craig Stolte (left) and Robert Pippin, 82nd Engineer Support Company, measure a stack of two-by-fours prior to constructing wall frames during Make a Difference Day at the Honolulu Habitat for Humanity site in Papakolea, Oct. 28. Twelve members from the 82nd Engineers helped lay the foundation for the home.

Right — Charlie Matsukawa (camouflage hat), a regular volunteer, and Spc. Chin Chu (left) assist Spc. Nathanael Boyer as he pours concrete into the top of a pillar.
This Habitat for Humanity project, which began with the demolition of the former house in August, is set to be completed by July 2007.



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For more information on how to volunteer, visit www.honoluluhabitat.org.

82nd Eng. diversify skills

Soldiers build up 'sweat equity' in Habitat home

Story and Photos by
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PAPAKOLEA — Twelve Soldiers decided to take a break from their jobs last weekend to help build a future for a needy family.

As part of Make a Difference Day, 82nd Engineer Support Company (ESC) Soldiers expanded their construction skills and helped a family in need by volunteering with Habitat for Humanity, Saturday.

The engineers were among the first volunteers to participate at the organization's current job site, which is perched just mauka of Punchbowl crater with commanding views of Diamondhead and downtown Honolulu.

"We primarily do earthmoving, so I thought it would be good for the platoon to see the end product — laying the foundation," said 2nd Lt. Juliana Biggerstaff, 2nd Platoon leader, 82nd ESC.

Biggerstaff and her husband used to volunteer for Habitat for Humanity when they lived in Missouri.

The house, which rests on Hawaiian homestead land, was in terrible condition when Habitat for Humanity selected it.

"It was unlivable. There were holes in

the ceilings and floors, and a little winding pathway through the house where you had to walk to avoid falling through the floor," Kincaid said.

What was left of the house was demolished in August, and the current project began Oct. 11. Construction usually averages six to eight months.

Since work is accomplished only on Saturdays, it equates to roughly one month, Kincaid said.

"We get a lot of military volunteers who usually come with a fair amount of construction knowledge," said Kincaid.

Habitat for Humanity assists low-income families with becoming homeowners by building affordable houses using volunteer labor. However, the program is not designed to be a handout.

After being selected by Habitat for Humanity, participants help build the home with their own hands, which the Habitat for Humanity Web site calls "sweat equity," and pay back the no-interest loan.

Loan payments average between \$400 and \$600 per month, and are used to fund future Habitat for Humanity projects.

"It's more than building a house — it's community building," Kincaid said. "As the house is being built, neighbors will fix up their own houses, and come out and start helping."



Spc. Chin Chu (top) passes two-by-fours down to Pfc. Craig Stolte. Soldiers from 82nd Engineers scrubbed and drilled holes for rebar, and then leveled pillars for the home's foundation.



3/Today

Youth Sports Basketball and Cheerleading — Registration for youth basketball and cheerleading continues now through Nov. 28. The program is open to youth born between 1988 to 2001.

Cost is \$60 per person for basketball and cheerleading, and \$20 for cheerleaders who have a uniform from the previous season. The season will begin Feb. 3/2007.

For more information, call 836-1923 (Aliamanu), 438-9336 (Fort Shafter), 655-0883 (Wheeler and Heleman) or 655-6464 (Schofield).

4/Saturday

Ladies Golf Clinic — Ladies, sharpen those golfing skills at a free golf clinic. The clinic will be held Nov. 4 at the Leilehua Golf Course located outside the Wheeler Army Air Field front gate.

This clinic will last for one hour and will begin promptly at 2:30 p.m. All required equipment will be provided to participants and advance reservations are recommended. For more details or to reserve a space, call 655-4653.

5/Sunday

Bowling Tournament — A "5

Game, No Tap" tournament will be held at the Schofield Bowling Center, Nov. 5. Check-in is at 1 p.m., and the cost is \$20 per bowler. Call 655-0573 for more information.

11/Saturday

Witness the Smackdown — Come watch Hawaii Championship Wrestling at the Schofield Tropics, Nov. 11. Doors open at 6 p.m. and matches start at 7 p.m.

The cost is \$5 for guests age 12 and up, \$3 for ages 11 and under, and free for children age 5 and under.

Call 655-5697 for more information.

BMX Racing — Come to the BMX track at Wheeler Army Air Field for BMX racing. First, second and third place ribbons will be awarded, along with participation ribbons.

Registration will be held from 4 to 5 p.m., and cost is \$4 per rider. BMX races will begin at 5 p.m., and refreshments will be provided.

Races are held every second and fourth Saturdays. Volunteers are needed to help make this event a success. For more information, visit www.mwrrarmyhawaii.com, www.armybmj.org or call 656-1601.

Ongoing

Aerobic Classes — Tripler Army Medical Center and Fort Shafter Gyms are offering \$1 per class per

person aerobics classes.

At TAMC, classes offered are step aerobics and beginning to intermediate cardio-kickboxing. Classes will be held Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 4:30 p.m. At Fort Shafter, cardio-kickboxing will be offered on Tuesday and Thursday from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. For more information, call 433-2031.

Muscle Moves — Tone your muscles 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.

Wheeler Lanes Parties — Score a strike with your friends by planning a party at Wheeler Lanes. Rent the entire six-lane bowling center on Saturdays or Sundays for birthday parties, reunions, hail and farewell gatherings, and other special occasions. Call 656-1745 for more information.

Run/Walk/Swim Club — Record each mile you run, walk or swim and win incentive prizes in the 100-mile run/walk and 50-mile swim clubs. Runners receive a pair of Thorlo running socks, and swimmers receive goggles.

Stop by any Army Physical Fitness Center or swimming pool to pick up a log sheet. Call 655-9914 for more information.



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Checking treat levels

Any child who has a modicum of success on Halloween night hauls in a lot more candy than they should polish off before the next Halloween.

Thus, the most frightening ritual begins Nov. 1: what to do with all that candy?

One popular option is rationing. Handled correctly, children don't feel deprived. With the holidays so close, most kids will forget about their loot.

Katherine Cason, Clemson University professor, suggests a candy "buy-back." "Buy some of the overflow and allow children to use the money to purchase an appropriate book, game or toy," she said.



Send community announcements to community@hawaiiarmyweekly.com.

3/Today

PGA Grand Slam — Discounted tickets are now available for Hawaii residents for the Professional Golfers Association (PGA) Grand Slam of Golf Nov. 20-22 at Poipu Bay Golf Course on Kauai.

Scheduled to compete is Tiger Woods, Geoff Ogilvy, Jim Furyk, and Mike Weir among many others.

Purchase tickets by calling 1-800-PGA-GOLF (742-4653) or online at www.PGA.com.

A Kick for Kids — Boys and girls ages 5 to 10 are invited to join the Hawaii Rush Soccer Club's School of Excellence.

The east Oahu division will meet every Friday, from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. beginning Nov. 3 at Manoa Valley District Park. The central/west Oahu division will meet each Wednesday, from 5 to 6:15 p.m. starting Nov. 8 at 16 Acres Park in Mililani.

Cost is \$95 per child with discounts for early registration and returning players. For more information, call 440-4611 or visit www.hawaiiirushsoccer.com.

4/Saturday

Waimano Tunnels Hike — The Hawaiian Train & Mountain Club will host this figure-8 loop hike, with a twist. Two portions of this five-mile, intermediate hike will ramble briefly through two underground tunnels. One tunnel is long and straight, the other is short and winding.

Hikers are asked to bring a flashlight, lunch and water.

Participants should meet the club at 8 a.m. at the Iolani Palace, mountainside. A \$2 donation is requested for non-members. For complete hike and club details, call 247-8845 or visit <http://hmt-club.org>.

5/Sunday

Volksmarching — The Menehune Marchers will be sponsoring a 10K volksmarch (walk) Nov. 5 in Nuuanu. Participants may start anytime between 8 a.m. and noon from the grassy area just outside the gate to the Foster Botanical Garden at 180 N. Vineyard Blvd.

This event is free. International Volkssport Verband (IVV) credit can be earned for this event and costs \$3.

Register the day of the event. For more information, call 941-0218 626-3575.

11/Saturday

U.H. B.O.G.O. — In honor of Veterans Day, members of the armed services will be offered a

buy one, get one ticket purchase discount to see the University of Hawaii Warriors trounce the Louisiana Tech University Bulldogs, Nov. 11 at 6:05 p.m.

Valid military identification is required to purchase up to 6 pairs of discounted tickets.

Tickets may be purchased in advance at the Stan Sheriff Center Box Office, Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Special ticket prices will also be available at the Aloha Stadium Box Office in advance or on game day.

25/Saturday

Paws on the Path — Join the Paws on the Path hiking club Nov. 25 for its monthly hike. This hike will cover Maunawili Ditch Trail in Waimanalo.

The detailed map to the trailhead can be found at www.hawaiianhumane.org/news. Hikers will meet between 8:30 and 8:45 a.m. This hike starts promptly at 9 a.m. Bring snacks and enough water for people and pets.

For more details, e-mail hhs@hawaiianhumane.org.

December

10/Thursday

Honolulu Marathon 2006 — The 34th annual Honolulu Marathon and Race Day Walk will be held Dec. 10 and is expected to attract more than 33,000 participants.

The race starts at Ala Moana Beach Park and finishes at Kapiolani Park near the bandstand.

Registered runners are required to pick up race packets at the Honolulu Marathon Expo, which will be held at the Hawaii Convention Center, 1801 Kalakaua Ave., Waikiki, Dec 6 – 8.

Packets will include race number, timing chip and final instructions and will be available Dec. 6, from noon to 5 p.m.; and Dec. 7 – 9, from 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

For expo details, visit www.roadraceventures.com.

For race route, statistics and registration information, visit www.honolulumarathon.org

21/Thursday

Batter Up! — The University of Hawaii baseball program will be hosting a winter baseball camp, led by UH head baseball Coach Mike Trapasso, Dec. 21-23 and Dec. 28 – 30.

The camp is available for children ages 7 – 18. Pitcher/catcher camp is 9 a.m. – noon and hitting camp is 1 – 4 p.m.

Cost per camp is \$120 or \$200 for both camps. For more information, call 956-6247.

Ongoing

Fleet Feet — Faerber's Flyers women's running club invites women of all ages and skill levels to join them at the

University of Hawaii track at Cooke Field.

The club meets Wednesdays from 5:15 to 7 p.m. Cost is \$50 per year. For complete details, call 277-3609.

Prenatal Exercise Program — Exercise during pregnancy has been shown to positively impact fitness during labor and childbirth. Learn and practice safe exercising during pregnancy.

Classes are each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at the offices of Pacific Health & Fitness Consultants, through Dec. 30.

A physician's referral is required. For more information, call 599-5918.

Masters Swim Program — Team Move hosts a master's swimming program Wednesdays, from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m., and Saturdays from 7 to 8:15 a.m., in the Pearl City district park swimming pool.

The innovative group workouts are designed for beginning and advanced swimmers. Expert coaching will be provided to improve upon form and technique.

All ages are welcome. Cost is \$15 per month for Team Move members and \$25 per month for non-members. The pool is located at 785 Hoomaemae St., Pearl City.

Cricket in the Park — The Honolulu Cricket Club invites players of all levels of experience to get into the game. Join the club at Kapiolani Park, at the base of Diamond Head, for exciting rounds of cricket.

For more information, call Nevin at 256-8236 for match dates or visit <http://home.hawaii.rr.com/cricket/hcc.htm>.

Bike Hawaii — Join Bike Hawaii's professional nature guides, and explore Oahu from the rainforest to the reef. Packages can include downhill biking, waterfall hiking and sailing off Waikiki with exclusive access to a remote Hawaiian rainforest.

Delicious meals are included. For more information or to schedule your adventure, call 734-4214, toll free 1-877-682-7433, or go online at www.bikehawaii.com.

Golfers Wanted — Are you looking for a golf group? Military or civilian golfers interested in playing golf on Sunday mornings at Leilehua Golf Course should call 347-8038 or 375-3322. Tee time is usually before 8 a.m.

Honolulu Marathon Clinic — Looking to get in shape and run a marathon? Join the free Honolulu Marathon Clinic, led by Dr. Jack Scaff and his trained staff. The clinic meets Sundays at 7:30 a.m. at Kapiolani Park at 3833 Paki Ave.

This clinic stresses slow, recreational running, for beginners and walkers. Its focus is training to finish the Honolulu Marathon in December. For more information, call 655-4692.

Army captures first at 2006 Ironman contest in Kona

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Army News Release

FORT CARSON, Colo. — The Army once again this year took top honors in the Military Division of the Ironman World Championship in Kona, Hawaii, Oct. 21.

Most Soldiers consider themselves to be strong, but those chosen to compete this year needed more than physical strength to win. They needed to be Army Strong.

"Everyone shows up physically prepared," said team member Lt. Col. Heidi Grimm. "So going in we knew the most important aspects to focus on were nutrition management, the climate and how we were going to respond to the mental challenges."

Grimm was part of the four-person Army team that participated in the military division of the competition. Every year each service sends a team composed of three men and one woman to the annual event, and even though Grimm was honored to be part of the team, she knew there would be extra pressure to win this year because the Army took top honors last year.

"We had to maintain the team trophy and we knew the Air Force brought a strong team," she said. "We also knew they would probably be our biggest contenders, which they were."

Composed of three events, the triathlon began with a 2.4 mile swim through the Pacific Ocean, followed by a 112 mile bike ride and a 26.2 mile foot race. Having competed in more than 10 Ironman competitions, Grimm began preparing for the race weeks in advance, setting minimum standards for what she wanted to accomplish each week in order to be successful. However her training could not prepare her for the unexpected.

"Within the first 50 meters of the swim I was kicked in the face and the left side of my goggles broke," Grimm said. "There were 1,700

competitors in the water so it was crowded. I didn't realize I had a gaping hole in my goggles until the next day. I just knew the seal kept breaking and I had to swim another two miles in the ocean with only one eye."

Grimm's broken goggle was not the only misfortune team Army faced during the race. Her teammates had struggles during the bicycle portion.

"[Maj.] Mike [Hagen] had mechanical problems with his wheels and [Maj.] Matt [Lorenz] had two flat tires," she said. "We lost some time, but it's all part of the mental game; and going in you have to tell yourself that something is going to happen to everyone. It's all in how you handle it and soldier on."

Despite their challenges, Grimm attributes team Army's win to teamwork.

"We have a close-knit group



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with lots of energy and positive reinforcement," she said. "I have a great deal of respect for the guys on my team -- both as Army officers and as my fellow teammates. The fact that we finished first with all of our individual issues is a true testament to the caliber and experience of the athletes on our team."

Even though the 2006 Ironman World Championship may be over, Grimm hasn't stopped training. As a member of the Army World Class Athlete Program, she is currently training for the Olympic trials and hopes to compete in the 2008 summer Olympics.

The Army team took top honors in the Military Division of the Ironman World Championship in Kona, Hawaii, Oct. 21. The competitors were: Capt. Art Mathisen, Maj. Matt Lorenz, Maj. Mike Hagen and Lt. Col. Heidi Grimm

MWR Calendar

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of Knowledge, Inspiration, Exploration and Skills (SKIES) Unlimited 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 the child/youth's age.

There is a one-time enrollment fee of \$18. To enroll in SKIES, visit the CYS Registration Office on Schofield Barracks, Building 556 (655-8380) or on Aliamanu Military Reservation, Building 1782 (833-5393).

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

Hawaii MusicWorks Studio Classes — SKIES Unlimited is partnering with Hawaii MusicWorks Studio to offer a military discount program for music and voice lessons. Hawaii MusicWorks offers both 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 Child and Youth Services 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. Call 655-9368 (Schofield Auto Craft Center) or 438-9402 (Fort Shafter Auto Craft Center).

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 shop-pette, Tripler mauka entrance, any MWR facility, or visit the MWR Web site at www.mwrarmy-hawaii.com.

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