

The Ho`olauna Bulletin is designed to provide the USAG-HI Community important information about activities and events happening in the local community. Meaning "to be friendly" or "to introduce one person to another," the goal of Ho`olauna is to introduce the local and Hawaiian communities to the USAG-HI Communities. We hope you enjoy this service and learning more about your new island home. If you have trouble reading this newsletter, it will be available in .pdf version at the [U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii website](#) and on our [blog](#).



HO`OLAUNA NEWSLETTER

E ho`olauna malihini (so friendly to the newcomer)

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History and Culture

Hawai'i's Amazing Ocean Wildlife

Understanding the Ocean Wildlife that Makes Hawai'i so Unique

Hawai'i is home to some of the most amazing and rare ocean creatures in the world.

It is not usual to encounter a sleeping monk seal while walking along beaches throughout the islands, including O'ahu. Sea turtles are common throughout the islands as well, particularly along areas of the North Shore. There are numerous spinner dolphin resting spots along the coasts of O'ahu, Maui and Hawai'i Island.

These creatures are beautiful and fascinating, they are also wild. It is important for all of Hawai'i's residents to remember our responsibility to care for our unique wildlife. Many of Hawai'i's species, like the Hawaiian monk seal, are endemic to the islands, as they are found no where else in the world. In fact, the Hawaiian monk seal is the only critically endangered marine mammal whose entire range is found exclusively in the United States.

There are less than 1,200 monk seals in existence today, and it is the last chance for survival for the entire *Monachus* family. The monk seal consisted for three individual species, the Hawaiian monk seal, the Mediterranean monk seal and the Caribbean monk seal. There are less than 400 Mediterranean monk seals alive today. The Caribbean monk seal was driven to extinction in the 1950s.

Like other species of turtles, whales and dolphins, Hawai'i has a critical important role to play in the recovery of these animals. You can help best by being a good neighbor to these animals by following wildlife viewing guidelines.

Marine Mammal & Sea Turtle Viewing "Code of Conduct"

The following guidelines for viewing whales, dolphins, monk seals and sea turtles in Hawaii have been provided by [NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service](#), [NOAA's National Marine Sanctuaries](#), and the [State of Hawaii's Department of Land and Natural Resources](#). NOAA recommends these viewing guidelines, however, they do not replace Federal or state law. Pursuit and feeding of marine mammals is **prohibited** by Federal law.

1. Remain at least 100 yards from humpback whales, and at least 50 yards from other marine mammals (dolphins, other whale species, and Hawaiian monk seals). Do not swim with wild spinner dolphins.
2. Observe turtles from a distance.
3. Bring binoculars along on viewing excursions to assure a good view from the recommended viewing distances.
4. Do not attempt to touch, ride, or feed turtles.
5. Limit your time observing an animal to 1/2 hour.
6. Marine mammals and sea turtles should not be encircled or trapped between boats or shore.

7. If approached by a marine mammal or turtle while on a boat, put the engine in neutral and allow the animal to pass. Boat movement should be from the rear of the animal.
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A cultural and educational immersion experience will take place on O'ahu's North Shore on July 27, 2013

Cultural and Educational Experience

Visit to Lo'i Kalo (traditional Hawaiian agricultural site) Saturday, July 27, 2013

The Native Hawaiian Liaison office is offering an educational and cultural immersion experience on the agricultural resources of O'ahu's North Shore. This family friendly event will offer members of the U.S. Army Hawai'i community opportunities to learn about traditional Hawaiian farming practices.

Participants will learn about traditional Hawaiian agriculture and farming practices in the district of Waialua. This experience will offer participants an opportunity to see how traditional Hawaiian farming continues today on the island of O'ahu. Participants will be invited to join in traditional Hawaiian farming practices.

This event is available to valid Military ID cardholders. Space is limited for this event and

available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Pick up: Army Community Service, Bldg 2091 Kolekole Ave.

Participants will be required to check-in at 0845.

Participants will be returned to ACS by 1400.

To RSVP, please email usaghi.nhl@gmail.com with the following information:

- Name (point of contact)
- Number in party
- Contact phone number

Since 2008, the U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii's (USAG-HI) Native Hawaiian Liaison Office has been providing cultural enrichment programs and special events for Soldiers and family members, through workshops on language, hula, crafts, history and more.

This special event is being offered under the NHL program in support of the Army's Native Hawaiian Covenant and its goal of creating learning opportunities for the Army and Native Hawaiian community.

Army and Hawaii leaders signed a first-ever [Native Hawaiian Covenant](#) on March 24, 2010, to forge "a stronger relationship of cooperation, appreciation and understanding of Hawaii's native culture and resources, as well as the Army's role in Hawaii and the inclusiveness of its Soldiers in the local communities."

U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii aims to educate, inform and promote events and activities of interest to the U.S. Army Hawaii community about Native Hawaiian culture, customs and values. The U.S. Army Hawaii community is encouraged to participate in Native Hawaiian events and activities.

Since we are offering two education events this month, please be sure to specify which event you are registering for in your correspondence.

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presents **43rd Annual**

UKULELE Festival HAWAII

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Sunday, July 21, 2013
Kapiolani Park • 10:00 am – 4:00 pm



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AUSTRALIA – Central Coast Ukulele Club
CALIFORNIA – Strum Burns of Grass Valley
CALIFORNIA – Aloha Picking Ohana
JAPAN – Kolohe Imamura and Matt Kobayashi
JAPAN – Nihon Ukulele Association
JAPAN – Yamaha Music School of Ukulele

KOREA – Charlie's Ukulele
KOREA – Pica Pica Ukulele Orchestra
TAIWAN – Johnny's Ukulele & Archer
THAILAND – Ribbee Ukulele Club
MAUI – Kalama Ukulele Band
Roy Sakuma 800 piece Ukulele Band



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at Kapiolani Community College

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43rd Annual Ukulele Festival takes place on Sunday, July 21, 2013 at Kapi'olani Park

Community Event

43rd Annual Ukulele Festival

Sunday, July 21, 2013
10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Kapiolani Park, Waikiki, Oahu

Every July – as welcome as summer itself – Ukulele Festival Hawaii presents the annual Ukulele Festival at Kapiolani Park on Oahu. Families jam the park. Ukulele fans wouldn't miss it. Tourists follow the sounds of music. The music swirls over the tops of ironwood and monkeypod trees toward Diamond Head. It's upbeat, infectious, bouncy about surf and sunny days. It's music you want to dance to or sing to like a beachboy. It embraces everyone who hears it. That's the irresistible charm of the ukulele.

For the next four hours ukulele virtuosos, internationally known musicians, local celebrities donate their time and talented ukulele players from around the world and a ukulele orchestra of over 800 students, mostly children will take the stage and delight the crowd with laughter, love and hope.

- Free [Parking & Shuttle Service](#)
- Food Booths
- Ukulele Displays
- Enter to Win Ukulele Give-Aways
- Ukulele Lessons

It's summer's best musical treat and it's free. Come and join us!



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Cultural Workshops

Below is a list of the cultural workshops for the rest of July

Please note there is no hula on July 29 and July 30

Date	Time	Class	Location
22-Jul	1700	Beginning Hula	AMR
22-Jul	1800	Advanced Hula	AMR
23-Jul	1700	Beginning Hula	Kalakaua
23-Jul	1800	Advanced Hula	Kalakaua
25-Jul	1600	Lauhala Weaving	Porter
29-Jul	1600	Nose Flutes	AMR
30-Jul	1600	Lau Niu/Coconut Weaving	Kalakaua
31-Jul	1600	Flower Lei Making	Wheeler IPC

For a full listing of our cultural workshops, including hula, ukulele, keiki crafts and other wonderful cultural learning opportunities, [visit our website here](#).

Have questions? Need directions? Give us a call at (808) 392-1617 or email us at usaghi.nhl@gmail.com.

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