

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

A hui hou!

Our Final Newsletter

As explained in the article below, which was published in the most recent edition of the Hawai'i Army Weekly, our services end September 23, 2013. On behalf of Honua Consulting and our staff, we have had a wonderful time serving your community.

We are thrilled that the Island Palm Communities will continue to work with our dear friend Kawika Au to ensure his popular cultural classes are continued. Please keep an eye out for those opportunities.

For those wishing to continue hula off-post or enjoy other local events, we suggest visiting the following website:

www.mele.com

www.gohawaii.com

www.Hawaiian105.com

A hui hou! (Until we meet again.)

News

Native Hawaiian Contract to End This Month

Due to sequestration and budget reductions for the upcoming fiscal year, U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii is unable to continue its Native Hawaiian Liaison contract.

Honua Consulting, which has provided Soldiers and their families with Native Hawaiian events such as hula and craft classes at the Schofield and Fort Shafter libraries and Island Palm Communities' centers, off-post workshops and tours, a monthly electronic newsletter and a Native Hawaiian Liaison.com blog site, will discontinue these activities when the contract ends, Sept. 23.

The garrison remains committed to supporting the objectives of the Native Hawaiian Covenant signed in 2010 between the Army and members of the Native Hawaiian community. The covenant's goal is 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."

The garrison is exploring alternatives to offer Soldiers and their family members with opportunities to learn about the Native Hawaiian culture directly from local cultural practitioners.

Island Palm Communities has recently made arrangements to continue classes in lei making, coconut weaving, nose flutes and possibly Native Hawaiian tattoos.

Garrison leadership will continue meetings of its Native Hawaiian Advisory Council, comprised of leading civic, education, religious and community leaders, in an effort to help the Army better understand issues important to Native Hawaiians.

The garrison has recently engaged the Office of Hawaiian Affairs to facilitate both Native Hawaiian concerns and interaction on the military's ability to accomplish its missions, goals and objectives.



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