



Welcome to Ho'olauna

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About the Native Hawaiian Liaison Office, USAG-HI

The Native Hawaiian Liaison to the Hawaii Army Garrison Commander was created to build relationships between Army soldiers and their families with the Native Hawaiian community. Its goal is to familiarize both groups with each others' culture and values through workshops, cultural events, networking opportunities and

Aloha!

Welcome to the April issue of our monthly bulletin! This service is designed to keep you informed on Hawaiian-related activities and events happening in the Hawaii Army and the Native Hawaiian communities. Here you will find information that can assist in learning more about the Hawaiian culture - all delivered to you at the beginning of each month!

History Shorts: Merrie Monarch Festival

Hawaii Island is home to the prestigious Merrie Monarch Festival, which is held every year in Hilo. The festival is the world's premier hula competition and showcases the best hula dancers across the globe. Every year, beginning on Easter Sunday, the Merrie Monarch attracts a huge following throughout the islands and hosts a week-long celebration including a crafts fair, an art show, hula shows, a grand parade through Hilo Town, and a spectacular hula competition. This year's festival takes place **April 24th - 30th**.



This festival has been staged annually since 1964 at the Edith Kanaka'ole Stadium in Hilo. Tickets are hard to come by, but the event is televised making it possible for thousands to view highly accomplished dancers performing both ancient and modern hula.

The festival is named in honor of King David Kalakaua, nicknamed, "The Merrie Monarch," because of his love of dance and music. At his coronation in 1883, hula was danced in public, ending sanctions imposed by missionaries.

Since the reign of Kalakaua, hula has regained its role as a respected art form, with dancers devoting years to developing their discipline and style. The Merrie Monarch Festival has played a significant role in preserving the chants and dance that make hula a centerpiece of Hawaiian culture.

For more information on the festival, visit

other collaborative affairs to build new and lasting partnerships in the future.

About the Ho'olauna Bulletin

Ho'olauna, translated means "to introduce one to another." This name was chosen because it represents the purpose of the bulletin - to introduce our Hawaii Army family and friends to the Native Hawaiian culture, traditions, language, history, and people. We hope you enjoy this complimentary service and learn a bit about your new island home.

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<http://www.merriemonarch.com/people>.

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Featured Hawaiian Word: Ho'olaulea

Ho'olaulea. n. celebration, festival, gathering for a celebration, large party

Source: Pukui, Mary Kawena, Elbert, Samuel H. Hawaiian Dictionary. Hawaii: University of Hawaii Press, 1986.

Upcoming Hawaiian Workshops @ Schofield and Ft. Shafter

The Office of the Native Hawaiian Liaison, U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii, the Army Community Services, and the Army Libraries welcomes all Soldiers and families to participate in **free** Hawaiian workshops! This is a fun, unique way to learn about the Hawaiian culture, and meet other Army friends and family members!

Monday Hula Classes

Kumuhula (hula teacher) Ladd Heleloa will present different types of hula: kahiko (ancient) and auwana (modern). Learn some basic hula steps and walk away with a better understanding of the rich tradition of hula in Hawaii. No prior hula experience needed!



When: Mondays in April (Apr 4, 11, 18, 25)

Beginners: 5pm - 6pm; Advanced: 6pm - 7pm

Where: Schofield Barracks, Kalakaua Community Center (2535 Waianae Uka Ave)

To register or for more information, contact the Native Hawaiian Liaison Office at (808) 655-9694 or email nhliaison@gmail.com.

Lei Making Workshop

This is a great way to get started with Hawaii's Lei-Day celebration (held on May 1st)! Join us for an interactive workshop on Hawaiian flower lei-making! The presentation includes a brief history of the craft, an introduction to the various types of lei, and detailed instructions in making your very own flower lei! The event is free



and all materials will be provided.

When/Where:

Tues, Apr 26 at the Aliamanu Community Ctr, 5:30 to 7 PM

Wed, Apr 27 at the Fort Shafter Library, 5:30 to 7PM

Thurs, Apr 28 at Schofield's Sgt Yano Library, 6 to 7:30 PM

To register or for more information, contact the Native Hawaiian Liaison Office at (808) 655-9694 or email nhliaison@gmail.com.

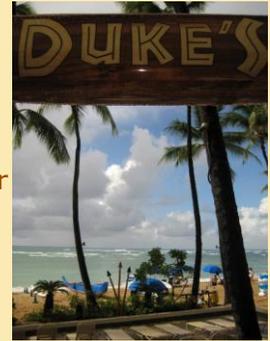
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Hale 'aina - Featured Local Dining Spots!

When it comes to eating, Hawaii offers an excellent variety of culinary styles including traditional Hawaiian and a whole host of Asian and European flavors. This newest feature of Ho'olauna Bulletin will keep you informed on popular local restaurants and eateries in Oahu!

Duke's Waikiki

This is the landmark restaurant on Waikiki Beach, honoring Duke Kahanamoku. It's very popular for its barefoot bar, where you check your shoes at the door and sink your feet into the sand and order a mai tai! Duke's Waikiki is also worth dropping by for a romantic dinner with ono (tasty) menu choices such as Coconut Shrimp with a Spicy Lilikoi Sauce, or Huli Huli Chicken or Macadamia Nut Sautéed fresh catch of the day! Don't miss the Hula Pie for desert...it's the best ever! Serves Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner.



Location: 2335 Kalakaua Ave., Suite 116, Honolulu, HI 96815. (808) 922-2268. Mon - Sun: 7:00 am - 12:00 am.

The Willows Restaurant

Nestled within the heart of historic Moili'ili, the Willows sits upon one acre of lush tropical gardens, Native Hawaiian flowers, and cascading waterfalls. The restaurant has a much sought-after lunch, dinner and Sunday brunch buffets that draw droves of locals seeking one-stop seafood, marinated meats, sushi and Hawaiian specialties. Not-to-miss items include: the curry (chicken or shrimp), lau lau (steamed ti leaves filled with pork, butter fish and taro tops) and Korean barbecue ribs.



Location: 901 Hausten St, Honolulu, HI 96826. (808) 952-9200. Mon - Fri: 11:00 am - 2:00 pm & 5:30 pm - 10:00 pm; Sat - Sun: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm & 5:00 pm-10:00 pm.

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Events Around Town

KEIKI ZOOKEEPER: Ages 6-10

Ideal for elementary age students interested in animals and the environment! Participants will create enrichment for one of the Zoo's inhabitants and be led on an educational tour to learn more about the animal and its habitat. Open to children ages 6-10 years

When: Saturday, April 9; 10am-12pm

Where: Honolulu Zoo (151 Kapahulu Avenue)

Fee: \$40 per child

For more information, visit <http://www.honzosoc.org/calendar.htm>

Healthy Kids Day 2011

The YMCA of Honolulu is glad to announce that it will be hosting the 3rd Annual YMCA Healthy Kids Day! It will be back at the Bishop Museum with an exhibit including Dinosaurs! They also will be partnering once again with the Hawaii Foodbank, whose Annual Food Drive is on the same day, and collecting canned goods for families in need throughout the state. Event features include entertainment, games, vendors, and many more!

When: Saturday, April 16, 2011;

Where: Bishop Museum (1525 Bernice Street, Honolulu)

For more information, visit

http://www.ymcahonolulu.org/about/news/healthy_kids_day_mahalo

Traditions of the Pacific Lecture: Lomilomi

The Native Hawaiian traditional healing practice of lomilomi combines spirituality with specific massage techniques and other physical manipulation. A panel of cultural practitioners will share about their training and use of lomilomi, and a demonstration will follow.

When: Saturday, April 16, 2011; 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Where: Bishop Museum's Atherton Hālau (1525 Bernice Street, Honolulu)

Fee: \$10 General

For more information, visit <http://www.bishopmuseum.org>

Hospice Hawaii's Hot Pursuit Sponsored by Tesoro Hawaii

Tie those sneakers on, get into your workout gear and put those thinking caps on! It's time for Hospice Hawaii's second annual Hot Pursuit fundraiser. Race along the course route while solving riddles, working out puzzles, answering challenging trivia questions, and cracking codes along the way. Top finishers will receive prizes, but so will top fundraisers! Funds raised from Hot Pursuit will support Hospice Hawaii's vital programs and services in the community.

When: Saturday, April 16, 2011; 9:45 am

Where: Ward Warehouse Amphitheater Stage

Fee: \$25

For more information, visit

<http://www.hospicehawaii.org/about/announce.aspx>

2011 MAMo Awards Exhibition Opening Ceremony

A hallmark event of Maoli Arts Month (MAMo), this annual exhibition honors master artists who have dedicated their lives to the perpetuation and celebration of Native Hawaiian visual arts. Come see extraordinary work from some of the best artists in all of Hawai'i. A special community awards presentation, which is free and open to the public, will take place on Thursday, April 21, at 6:00 p.m. at Bishop Museum. An exhibition featuring the artwork of the honorees as well as the works of other previous awardees, will open in the J.M. Long Gallery. Enjoy extraordinary work from some of the best artists in all of Hawai'i.

When: April 21, 2011; 6:00 p.m.

Where: Bishop Museum, J.M. Long Gallery Exhibition Hall (1525 Bernice Street, Honolulu)

For more information, visit <http://www.bishopmuseum.org>

March for Babies

Join in March for Babies and make a difference in the lives of millions of babies! The March of Dimes champions the needs of moms and babies in your community and across the nation. The money raised through March for Babies will support lifesaving research, community services, education and advocacy that help babies get a healthy start.

When: Saturday, April 23, 2011; 7:30 am

Where: Kapiolani Park Bandstand (walk starting point)

For more information, visit

http://www.marchofdimes.com/hawaii/3959_26125.asp

Merrie Monarch Festival

The festival starts with the Ho'olaulea on Easter Day Sunday at the Civic Auditorium and ends with a parade and final evening competition the following Saturday. Hula and Hawaiian events are held around Hilo town during the week of the festival to allow visitors and locals to experience the beauty of Hula dance and hear the wonderful Hawaiian melodies and chants.

When: April 24 - 30, 2011; Date of competition: April 28 - 30, 2011

Where: Hilo, Hawaii Island; Events are held at the following locations: Edith Kanaka'ole Tennis Stadium (350 Kalanikoa Street, Hilo, Hawaii 96720); Afook Chinen Civic Auditorium (323 Manono Street, Hilo, Hawaii 96720)

Fee: Most activities during the Festival week are free to the public; however tickets are needed to attend the three-day hula competition. Ticket prices range from \$5 to \$35

For more information, visit: <http://www.merriemonarch.com/home>

The Hawaii Theatre Young Actors' Ensemble in AS YOU LIKE IT A Comedy By William Shakespeare

The talented troupe of high school actors from across O`ahu - delivers this delicious comic romp as courtiers hide out in the forest of Arden. Noble young lady Rosalind loves Orlando. To observe him without his knowing it, she disguises herself as the boy, Ganymede, and launches all kinds of not-so-courtly mayhem while teaching Orlando the finer points of how to woo his lady (herself!) In the meantime, Phebe, an importunate shepherdess, falls in love with the beautiful Ganymede,

much to the distress of Silvius, the simple shepherd who adores her. The comic subplots turn and twist, ultimately resolving just "As You Like It."

When: April 29-30, 2011 - Friday at 7:00 PM; Saturday at 2:00 PM

Where: Hawaii Theater

Fee: \$2 - Children (4-12 years old) & \$7 - Adult; \$3.00 off adult price for Military

For more information, visit

http://www.hawaiitheatre.com/event_calendar.html

Waikiki Spam Jam

It's the annual WAIKIKI SPAM JAM Festival, the cultural tradition in Hawaii. The WAIKIKI SPAM JAM® Festival is quickly becoming one of the most popular festivals in Hawaii because of its great food and entertainment, and family-friendly atmosphere. Local residents and visitors alike have made this an annual tradition. Last year, an estimated 20,000 people attended the event!



When: Saturday, April 30, 2011; 4:00pm - 10:00 pm

Where: Kalakaua Avenue, Waikiki

Fee: Free

For more information, visit

<http://www.spamjamhawaii.com/index.html>

Honolulu 5K for Kids

The Honolulu 5K For Kids is an event to help promote health and fitness for Hawaii's children as well as their families to create a more active and healthy lifestyle. 100% of the net proceeds from the event will be distributed to the schools based on each individual school's participation and will be used to help enhance or improve the physical fitness, play and athletic programs within the schools.

When: Sunday, May 1, 2011; Early registration is only \$20.00/entry until April 23, 2011.

Where: Race starts at on S. Beretania St. right in front of our State Capitol building.

Fee: Early registration is only \$20.00/entry until April 23, 2011; \$25 thereafter

For more information, visit

<http://www.thefishhawaii.com/goout.asp?u=http://www.honolulu5k.org>

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Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteer at the Pacific Aviation Museum

One of our most valued assets for education in and through the Pacific Aviation Museum is our Volunteer corps. This group of exceptional volunteers makes it possible to provide our education reach to many more people than would be possible with our limited staff. Pacific

Aviation Museum volunteers contribute their passion and commitment to a number of essential jobs including:

Daily Visitor Experiences: Minimum age 18

Museum Operations and Administration: Minimum age 18

Education and Learning Programs: Minimum age 21 and pass a background check

Special Events and Functions: Minimum age 18

For more information, contact Loretta Fung Volunteer Coordinator, (808) 441-1008

American Red Cross - Support Disaster Services Behind the Scenes

Office help is needed in the Disaster Services Department. Volunteer/s are needed for general office and clerical duties. Computer knowledge and good oral and written communication skills are helpful. Volunteer must make a minimum of a three month commitment.

For more information, contact Jessie Kozel, Disaster Coordinator, (808) 739-8113

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Readers' Response!

We'd love to hear from you! Tell us what you think about Ho'olauna, or share your recommendations for the bulletin. Reply to this email and let us know how we can make Ho'olauna a better resource for you.

Mahalo, and we look forward to hearing from you!

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