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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](#).

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HO`OLAUNA NEWSLETTER

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

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**UPCOMING EVENTS AND
LOCAL TRADITIONS THIS
HOLIDAY SEASON**

*In addition to the events listed
below, you can always find great
local events on the new
[Native Hawaiian Liaison blog](#).*

**[2012 Vans Triple Crown of
Surfing](#)**

Nov. 12-Dec. 20, 2012
North Shore of O'ahu

[Honolulu City Lights](#)

Dec. 1- Jan. 1, 2012
Honolulu Hale, O'ahu

[16th Annual Festival of Lights](#)

Dec. 1-31, 2012
Historic Kaua'i County Building,
Kaua'i

[Diamond Head Classic](#)

Dec. 22-23 & 25, 2012

New Faces! Same Great Services!

Cultural Program Returns and Expands with a New Team

Hawaiian cultural classes will be returning in the new year! A schedule of classes and events will be released via this newsletter and at [U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii website](#). Look for a newsletter with a schedule by the end of the month! If you have comments or suggestions regarding classes or workshops, we would love to hear them! You can complete our survey online by [clicking here](#).

Read about the great new changes to the program on the Hawaii Army Weekly website [here](#)! You can also learn more about the program on our [new blog](#).



Lei making, hula and other workshops will resume in the new year.

Modern Enjoyment of One of Hawai'i's Oldest Traditions: Surf and Safety

Stan Sheriff Center, O`ahu

[Sheraton Hawaii Bowl](#)

Dec. 24, 2012

Aloha Stadium, O`ahu

[Two Museums and a Royal Palace: Hawaiian Music Festival](#)

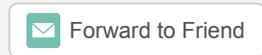
Jan. 18, 2013

`Iolani Palace, Bishop Museum and Honolulu Museum of Art, O`ahu

[2013 Pro Bowl](#)

Jan. 27, 2013

Aloha Stadium, O`ahu



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Winter brings some of the most iconic surfing experiences to Hawai`i. Know the history, where to go, and how to stay safe!

Hawai`i is known worldwide as the birthplace of surfing. Dating back hundreds of years, surfing or "he`e nalu" in Hawaiian was a common pastime practiced by all people throughout Hawai`i. Hawaiians of all ages, genders, and stations surfed.

The practice not only continues throughout Hawai`i today, but is now shared across the world. This makes the beaches and waves of Hawai`i a hugely attractive recreational option, but it's important to remember that Native Hawaiians had the benefit of spending their entire lives on the water. The waves of Hawai`i can be tremendously dangerous and one should not attempt to surf without first obtaining formal instruction. Remember also to check with lifeguards first on ocean conditions and exercise caution when going into the water. You can also find ocean conditions [online](#).

Hawai`i has a unique oceanography, which generates the iconic large waves. Hawai`i is surrounded by large reef systems, called "ko'a" by Native Hawaiians, which makes our underwater topography very different from other parts of the world. Often, the placement and sequence of reefs are the subsurface and hidden keys to what generate the wave barrels. These fairly shallow reefs often make surfing spots on the North Shore extremely dangerous, which is why people will often see surfers wearing helmets while on the water, because on the North Shore, "wiping out" can lead to life threatening neck or spinal injuries.

The best way to stay safe is to learn more about Hawai`i ocean safety. You can read more on the Hawai`i Beach Safety website [here](#). The Hawai`i Tourism Authority also offers information on where to view surfing or learn how to surf [here](#). The Vans Triple Crown of Surfing can also be viewed [live online via their website](#). If you are interested in reading more on traditional Hawaiian surfing, we recommend *Hawaiian Surfing: Traditions from the Past* by John R.K. Clark, 2011 University of Hawai`i Press.

Nohona Hawai`i (Hawaiian Lifeways): The Tradition of Makahiki



Makahiki marks a time of peace and prosperity throughout Hawai`i. During traditional times, war was strictly forbidden during Makahiki.

Makahiki is the annual season of peace and prosperity in Hawai`i. David Malo, noted Hawaiian historian, called Makahiki "a time when men, women and chiefs rested and abstained from all work, either on the farm or elsewhere. It was a time of entire freedom from labor." It was also a time of peace, when all warfare across the lands ceased. Makahiki involved a highly complex series of rituals and processes that Hawaiians continue to practice throughout Hawai`i today. Makahiki also included highly celebrated games which tested the strength, intellect and dexterity of the members of the community. Many communities and particularly school

groups continue to hold these games annually every year. In addition to numerous private religious ceremonies, there are now also a growing number of public modern Makahiki events. One of these modern events is the [Makahiki Challenge](#). Open to the public, the Makahiki Challenge is a celebration of this pre-contact tradition with a new and modern twist.

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