



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.

Aloha!

Welcome to the September 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: Aloha Festivals

Honolulu's 65 year-old Aloha Festivals is the oldest and largest Hawaiian cultural celebration in the United States. The festivities kick off in September, and runs into mid-October. What is known today as Aloha Festivals was created in 1946, as Aloha Week - a cultural celebration of Hawaii's music, dance and history intended to perpetuate Hawaii's unique traditions. A group of former Jaycees - known as the Jaycees Old-timers of Hawaii - had the vision to create a public celebration to honor Hawaii's cosmopolitan heritage, yet created a celebration which has itself become a state-wide tradition.



Aloha Week became Aloha Festivals in 1991. The event now encompasses some 300 events on six islands spanning a two-month period. Nearly 30,000 volunteers work together to stage the various events, which are attended by nearly a million people each year.

Each island has its own celebration, starting with Oahu's events including the famous Aloha Festivals Parade. Each island chooses a king, queen, prince, princess and attendants, all of whom are of Hawaiian descent. The investiture of each island's Ali'i is a wonderfully colorful affair, accompanied by conch shell blowers, kahili (feather standard) bearers, ladies-in-waiting and others.

The opening ceremonies on Oahu take place at the Royal Hawaiian Center in downtown Honolulu. The ceremonies are followed by hula performances and the Downtown Ho'olaulea, a block party that includes live musical performances on a number of stages, food booths, arts and crafts, and more. An even bigger block party-the Waikiki Hoolaulea-

through workshops, cultural events, networking opportunities and 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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takes place a week later on Kalakaua Avenue.

Other Aloha Festivals events includes a Hawaiian falsetto contest, a Made in Hawaii trade show, a steel guitar festival, Poke Festival, musical concerts, hula performances and much more. The stated mission of the Aloha Festivals is to "preserve and perpetuate Hawaiian culture and to celebrate the diverse customs and Aloha Spirit of Hawaii."

Source / Suggested Reading:

<http://www.alohafestivals.com/index.html>
<http://www.aloha-hawaii.com/oahu/aloha-festivals/>

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Featured Hawaiian Word: Ho'olaule'a

Ho'olaule'a: Celebration, festival, gathering for a celebration, large party.

Source:

Pukui, Mary Kawena, Elbert, Samuel H. [Hawaiian Dictionary](#). Hawaii: University of Hawaii Press, 1986.

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Upcoming Hawaiian Workshops @ Schofield

The Office of the Native Hawaiian Liaison, USAG-HI, the Island Palm Communities, ACS, 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!

Weekly Hula Classes

Mondays @ Schofield;
Tuesdays @ Aliamanu *NEW!*

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!



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

When: Every Monday

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

Where: Aliamanu Military Reservation (182 Kauhini Rd, Bldg 1782)

When: Every Tuesday

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

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!

Kenny's Restaurant

Kenny's Restaurant has been a mainstay in Kalihi for decades. The interior has a clean, warm, at-home and relaxed, non-hurried feel to it, with comfortable, semi-private booth-style seating. The coffee house & diner style menu has all the comfort foods one would expect, of course with a local twist to many of the dishes; favorites include Chinese Chicken Salad and Oxtail Soup.



Location: 1620 N. School St; (808) 841-0931; Open 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and until 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday

Sam Choy's

Patrons frequent Sam Choy's for its casual, cozy atmosphere and, of course, its quality cuisine. You'll experience the wonderful hospitality of the Hawaiian culture, the sensational aromas of fresh island cooking and the innovative recipes created by Hawaii's culinary ambassador, Sam Choy. The menu offers breakfast, lunch and dinner, all boasting favorites such as Loco Moco (\$10.95), Fried Poke Wrap (\$13.95) and Ribeye Steak (\$27.95).



Location: 580 N. Nimitz Hwy, Honolulu; (808) 545-7979;

Source: <http://dining.staradvertiser.com/>

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Events Around Town

'Onipa'a - A Birthday Celebration for Queen Lili'uokalani

A day of learning and recapturing the history of Hawaii. The event features performances of the Queen's Play, a prayer service featuring Nola Nahulu and Na Pua O Lili'uokalani, cultural demonstrators, the Royal Hawaiian Band, Ku'uipo Kumukahi, Halau I Ka Wekiu, and Jerry Santos and Olomana.

When: Sunday, September 4, 2011; 10 am to 4 pm

Where: 'Iolani Palace; 364 South King Street

Fee: Free

For more information, contact (808) 534-8880.

Mai Poina Walking Tours:

Performances of mele (music) written during the time of the overthrow, followed by walking tours retracing four pivotal days leading up to and including the overthrow of the Hawaiian monarchy.

When: September 4, 9, and 10, 2011; Tours at 5pm, 5:20 pm, 5:40 pm and 6:00 pm.

Where: 'Iolani Palace; 364 South King Street

Fee: Free

For more information, or for reservations, call (808) 534-8880

Centennial of Naval Aviation Open House

This year, 2011, marks the Centennial of Naval Aviation. The Naval Air Museum Barbers Point will be celebrating with a FREE open house on Sept. 10 & 11. Festivities include hands-on static aircraft displays, food booths, exhibits, music, giveaways, and most of all, FUN for the whole family.

When: September 10th - 11th, 10 am - 6 pm

Where: Naval Air Museum Barbers Point, Kalaeloa Airport, Kapolei, Oahu

Fee: Free

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

The Children's Discovery Center Special Day Honoring Grandparents

The Children's Discovery Center is hosting its 10th annual Grandparents Day celebration with special intergenerational activities. The goal of the event is to recognize and honor local grandparents for all they do to teach and nurture our younger generation. Grandparents Day is a national holiday established in 1978. Plan to spend the day, participate in all the activities, celebrate grandparents, and make memories that will last a lifetime.

When: September 11th, 10 am - 3 pm, 2011

Where: The Children's Discovery Center (111 Ohe St., Honolulu)

For more information, contact Loretta Yajima, (808) 524-5437, or visit <http://www.discoverycenterhawaii.org/>

2nd Annual Rice Fest at Magic Island

The 2nd Annual Rice Fest would like to invite vendors from across Hawaii to participate in this special event honoring our islands' favorite grain - rice! A ton of activities is planned including cook-offs, celebrity chef cooking demonstrations, a SPAM musubi eating contest, a competition to build the Guinness World Record Spam Musubi, plus lots of rice dishes for everyone to enjoy.

When: September 11th, 10 am - 6 pm, 2011

Where: Magic Island in Ala Moana Beach Park, Oahu

For more information, contact Nicole Okamura, (808) 237-3671 or visit <http://www.ricefest.com/>

2011 Waikiki Hoolaulea

Celebrating its 59th year and the 2011 theme of Island Music, the largest block party will kick off with the arrival of the Royal Court. Multiple stages of entertainment, lots of food, lei vendors and hula crafters will be spread along 12 city blocks of the world famous Kalakaua Avenue.

When: Saturday, September 17, 2011, 7:00pm

Where: On Kalakaua Avenue between Lewers & Kapahulu Avenues, Waikiki

Fee: Free

For more information, visit www.alohafestivals.com

East End Hot Rod Car Show 2011 at Hawaii Kai Towne Center

If you missed one of the state's biggest and sought-after classic car shows in July, don't worry! The Hawaii Kai Towne Center is hosting its final East End Hot Rod Car Show of 2011. It's a fun event for the entire family and admission is FREE! More than 300 cars including muscle cars, street rods, classic and antique models will rev their engines for spectators.

When: September 24th, 6:30 pm - 10:00 pm, 2011

Where: Hawaii Kai Towne Center Costco Parking Lot, Oahu

Fee: Free

For more information, contact Chimaine Pouteau, at chimaine@hawaiipacificentertainment.com

2011 Aloha Festivals Floral Parade

A colorful equestrian procession of female and male pau riders, extravagant floats with cascades of Hawaiian flowers, hula Halau and marching bands will brighten Kalakaua Avenue from Ala Moana Park to Kapiolani Park. This is a "must see" event! Free admission



When: Saturday, September 24, 2011, 9:00am

Where: From Ala Moana Park, along Kalakaua Avenue to Kapiolani Park, Waikiki

Fee: Free

For more information, visit www.alohafestivals.com

E Ku Ana Ka Paia: Unification, Responsibility, and the Ku mages

Bishop Museum, the British Museum, and the Peabody Essex Museum are partnering to bring together the three largest Ku images in the world for a historic exhibition this summer. It will be the first time in over 160 years that three traditional Ku images of this size and magnitude will be displayed alongside one another.

When: June 5th - October 4th, 2010

Where: Hawaiian Hall and J.M. Long Gallery, Bishop Museum, Oahu

For more information, visit www.bishopmuseum.org

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Volunteer Opportunities

Beach Clean Up

Want to get involved in the Surfrider Foundation here on Oahu? Contact us for details. We sponsor regular beach cleanups and monthly organizational meetings that typically feature guest speakers and social functions. There are also a number of exciting volunteer opportunities if you have time to help. Volunteers must find their own transportation and be willing to clean the beach and park.

For more information, visit <http://surfrider.org/oahu>

Friendly Neighbors Needs Volunteers for Waikiki Elderly!

Friendly Neighbors, a volunteer-based program, helps Waikiki seniors (60+) maintain their independence at home by providing companionship and assistance. Many of the clients cannot afford to pay for care or a nursing home, and are in desperate need of volunteers to help with basic, everyday necessities, such as

- Friendly visits, letters and phone calls
- Escorting clients to medical visits
- Monitoring blood pressure and other medical assistance
- Picking up prescriptions
- Grocery shopping assistance
- Light household chores
- Exercise and other activities
- Respite services for caregivers

The program benefits volunteers as well, who meet people with shared interests and make new friends. Not only do volunteers include caring community members, but also nursing and social work students gaining practical experience.

We ask our volunteers to commit to a minimum of 12-weeks. During this time, volunteers can visit and assist as often as they like, but require at least an hour a week. There is no formal training.

For more information, contact (808) 942-9633 or visit http://www.http://www.waikikihc.org/services/services/senior_services/

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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