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Children Celebrate Army's Birthday

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS, Hawaii – Army children on Oahu will join Soldiers in celebrating the Army's 234th birthday, June 17.

What makes the Army's birthday special is that it is more than just cake, ice cream and party favors. The birthday celebration offers children an opportunity to learn about the Army and the significant role it has played in history, through games and activities. The occasion allows partygoers an opportunity to reflect on the sacrifices that America's men and women in uniform have made over the years.

Prominent island leaders are helping kick off the festivities with a book reading session for younger children. Rep. Michael Magaoay will read this year's "Army Birthday Story" book to the children at the Helemano Child Development center.

Children participating in the School Age Services programs (grades K-5), will take field trips to Pearl Harbor, the Pacific Aviation Museum, and Schofield Barracks' Tropic Lightning Museum. They will also make care packages for Soldiers serving in Iraq.

Middle School and Teen Center children (grades 6-12) will participate in a post scavenger hunt to find historic Army sites and places of interest.

Parents wanting to learn more about the Army's birthday and planned events may contact Child Youth and School Services at 808-656-0093.

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MEDIA NOTE: *Media wishing to attend any of these events may contact Loran D. Doane, Media Relations chief, at 656-3157 or 317-847-2222.*