



New Black Hawks ship-in, legacy birds ship-out

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599th Transportation Brigade Public Affairs

PEARL HARBOR—The end of a long wait for inbound helicopters came for the 25th Combat Aviation Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, after the offload of new Black Hawks from the ship MV Jean Anne, here, Feb. 12.

“This is the last evolution of the new equipment, the UH-60M model,” said John Manahane, 599th Transportation Bde. traffic management specialist. “Today, they offloaded the final 14 of 45 combined. This movement started with the first evolution in September.

“This completes the fielding and transfer of ownership from the Aviation and Missile Command to the 25th CAB,” Manahane added.

After offloading the new helicopters, the 209th Avn. Support Battalion helped load

23 of the CAB’s legacy UH-60A and -L models onto the Jean Anne for retrograde to the mainland for further disposition.

“This kind of joint operation requires very careful coordination,” said Manahane, who was acting as liaison for all groups as part of his single-port manager duties. “We have the CAB, which supports the actual loading and offloading of its helicopters; the Fleet Logistics Center, Pearl Harbor, which is providing the facility; and our commercial shipping industry, which provides the transport.”

In addition to fulfilling single-port manager duties at Pearl Harbor, the 599th

Trans. Bde. also conducted leadership professional development for any personnel who could attend during the port operations.

“Leadership development is always a good thing to do, not only for NCOs and officers, but for the civilian workforce, too,” said Command Sgt. Maj. Claudia Shakespeare, 599th Trans. Bde. senior enlisted advisor. “This was a great opportunity to take our workforce out to

see and hear how our missions are conducted. Having a vessel dock, and helicopters loading and unloading, improved everyone’s firsthand knowledge of what we do.”

“This was a combination of a commercial ship at a Navy port with Army Soldiers supporting loading and offloading their equipment,” said Daniel “Danny” Martinez, 599th Trans. Bde.



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Newest model Black Hawk helicopters from the 25th Combat Aviation Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, await their trip to Wheeler Army Airfield after being offloaded from the Jean Anne during port operations, Feb. 12. (Photo has been altered from its original form; background elements have been removed.)

94th AAMDC advance party deploys to Korea for CPX

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SGT. 1ST CLASS KARRY JAMES

94th Army Air and Missile Defense Command
Public Affairs

FORT SHAFTER FLATS — Soldiers kissed their loved ones goodbye and hauled large duffle bags from their cars across a dark, deserted parking lot at 5:30 a.m.

More than a dozen 94th Army Air and Missile Defense Command Soldiers then boarded a bus that would carry them to the airport for a long trip through the skies to prepare to partic-

ipate in a joint and combined exercise with the Republic of Korea, Feb. 11.

The ROK-U.S. Combined Forces Command announced in late January that exercise Key Resolve 2014 will take place Feb. 24-March 6. The exercise is an annual command post exercise that ensures the ROK-U.S. alliance is prepared to defend the ROK, while training alliance forces to respond to any potential event on the peninsula.

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Deploying warriors of the 94th AAMDC board with duffle bags and other luggage, Feb. 11. The Soldiers left for the Republic of Korea to set the stage for more personnel who will depart later this month for the Key Resolve exercise that takes place Feb. 24-March 6.



Seagoing Soldiers of the 605th TD, 45th SB, 8th TSC, form up before setting sail aboard Army LSV6 Spc. James A. Loux for the Persian Gulf.

605th Trans embarks for Kuwait

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JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM — Soldiers from the 605th Transportation Detachment, 45th Sustainment Brigade, 8th Theater Sustainment Command, hugged their families and friends goodbye, Feb. 14, as they sailed for the Persian Gulf aboard Army Logistics Support Vessel 6 (LSV 6 Spc. James A. Loux).

The crew is headed to Kuwaiti Naval Base to transport cargo for Department of Defense personnel and other customers in the region.

The crew’s main destination ports include Dubai and Bahrain, where the 605th will work jointly with other services and foreign military.

“This is a new experience for many of our younger Soldiers who have never deployed before,” said Sgt. 1st Class Robert Caivano, acting first sergeant for the deploying team.

Pre-deployment preparation involved battle

and conflict drills, and sailing from Tacoma, Wash., with another Army ship, LSV2 Chief Warrant Officer 3 Harold C. Clinger. That voyage was a chance for the crew to get comfortable with operations and the new technology installed on the LSV class vessels.

“Tacoma was the culminating part of our preparation,” said Caivano. “Operating efficiently as a team is the most important thing for this deployment.”

Watercraft transport has become an integral part of military operations over the past few years. It is an efficient and cost effective way to transport equipment and other goods throughout the world.

“Overall, I’m really excited about our mission,” said Caivano. “We’ve got a really good crew, and they work well together.”

The moment saying aloha to their families was bittersweet for the 605th, but the Soldiers’ hard work and skill sets are necessary to successfully transport goods throughout the Kuwait transportation circuit.

E-cigarettes are prohibited in Army workspaces like other tobacco products

U.S. ARMY GARRISON-HAWAII
Public Affairs Office

All personnel aboard U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii installations must follow existing tobacco regulations on electronic cigarettes, or e-cigs.

Garrison installations include Schofield Barracks, Fort Shafter, Wheeler Army Airfield, Helemano and Aliamanu military reservations, Fort DeRussy and Kilauea Military Camp on Hawaii.

Policy Memorandum USAG-HI-65 has been released and places the same restrictions on e-cigs as tobacco. It states tobacco and e-cigs are “prohibited in all DA (Department of the Army)-occupied workplaces, except for designated smoking areas,” per Army Regulation 600-63, para. 7-3a. A workplace, it says, “includes any area inside a building or facility ... where work is performed by military personnel, civilians or persons under contract to the Army.”



Courtesy photo

Don’t forget where your smoking area is located just yet. A recent garrison policy memo places the same restrictions as cigarettes on electronic cigarettes.

The AR (para. 7-2a) reminds personnel that “using tobacco products ... harms readiness by impairing physical fitness and by increasing illness, absenteeism, premature death, and health care costs.” It states “readiness will be enhanced

by promoting the standard of a tobacco-free environment that supports abstinence from, and discourages the use of any tobacco product.”

“This further defines consistent policy that regulates behavior to provide an environment

“**U**sing tobacco products ... harms readiness by impairing physical fitness and by increasing illness, absenteeism, premature death, and health care costs.”

— AR 600-63
(para. 7-2a)

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Senior Army leaders note BHM

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African American/Black History Month
“Civil Rights in America”

“Because they marched, America became more free and more fair...Not just for African Americans but for women and Latinos, Asians and Native Americans, for Catholics, Jews and Muslims, for gays, for Americans with disabilities.”

~ President Barack Obama, August 28, 2013

This year as we celebrate “Civil Rights in America” during African American/Black History Month, we also mark the 50th Anniversary of the passing of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, which was a result of the historic march on Washington in 1963. These events are forever linked in American history. People from every creed, color and background shared in these highpoints that now bind us as a Nation.

The Civil Rights Act of 1964 was the crescendo of this country’s struggle to make America a better place for all citizens. The Armed Forces served as a catalyst for these and many other events set in motion by the 1948 Presidential order to desegregate the military. From African American Patriots of the Revolutionary War to the Buffalo Soldiers, Tuskegee Airmen and Soldiers who serve valiantly on freedom’s frontier today, African Americans have always selflessly served to make this Nation free and equal for all. These advancements in civil rights have enabled us to field a diverse force defined by notable character. Together, the Total Army has earned America’s trust as the Strength of the Nation, and in doing so we all serve honorably to contribute to global stability and a better world.

We are truly grateful for the sacrifices and contributions of our African American Soldiers, Civilians and Families, who have played a tremendous part in the Army’s success. We encourage Army units and agencies to honor these great Americans by holding appropriate commemorative activities to celebrate African American/Black History Month. Army Strong!

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FOOTSTEPS in FAITH

Black History Month balances the budget

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Raheem

As we consider the achievements of African-Americans during this month, it is important to give credit to the movement that made our current reality possible.

If we travel back in time, we come to a profound portion of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s “I Have A Dream” speech:

“So we have come here today to dramatize an appalling condition. In a sense, we have come to our nation’s capital to cash a check.

When the architects of our republic wrote the magnificent words of the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence, they were signing a promissory note to which every American was to fall heir. This note was a promise that all men would be guaranteed the inalien-

able rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

It is obvious today that America has defaulted on this promissory note insofar as her citizens of color are concerned. Instead of honoring this sacred obligation, America has given the Negro people a bad check, which has come backmarked ‘insufficient funds.’

But we refuse to believe that the bank of justice is bankrupt. We refuse to believe that there are insufficient funds in the great vaults of opportunity of this nation.”

When we consider the sacrifices made by Dr. King, and many other Americans, of all ethnic groups throughout history, who devoted themselves to the cause of justice and equality, how much have we done to ensure that proverbial check remains legal tender today? As people of faith, how hard are we working towards these divine values? In what ways are we investing into this account of justice and equality?

Abraham was told, “You have already fulfilled the dream! Therefore, indeed do we reward the righteous” (Holy Qur’an 37:105).

As people of faith, now that we have reaped the benefits of the sacrifices of Dr. King, and many others, and in a sense “made good” on that lucrative account, how much are we willing to sacrifice to keep this dream alive?

Now that we can work together, play together and pray together, do we take opportunities to do so? When we see each other’s differences, do we run from them or do we embrace them? Are we more inclined to fear one another or do we take time to understand each other?

As we reflect over our many achievements during Black History Month, let us also reflect on the above questions. Charged with a tremendous responsibility to improve our nation, we owe a debt to a generation of freedom fighters and dreamers.

We now live in a better country because of them. We must therefore maintain the progress made and build upon it for our children’s future.

As we celebrate African-American history and enjoy all our country has to offer, let us always remember our responsibility as American citizens to balance the budget and keep the dream alive.

We Recycle
Did you know that when you recycle, the Garrison earns money?
Keep recycling!

Voices of Ohana

February is Black History Month.

“What is your favorite movie about Black history?”

Photos by 9th Mission Support Command Public Affairs



“‘Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner.’ It reminds me of my parents and their interracial marriage, which has thrived for 53 years!”
Lt. Col. Daniela Allen
Deputy G1, 9th MSC



“As a Chinese immigrant growing up in Chicago, I was inspired by ‘The Jackie Robinson Story.’”
Maj. John Li
Force protection officer, USA TSG-Pacific



“‘Glory,’ an inspirational movie that dealt with two evils: war and racism. It dispelled the myth that African-Americans would not make good Soldiers.”
Boobie Simeona
HR specialist, USA TSG-Pacific



“‘Red Tails,’ about the Tuskegee Airmen who were the first African-American military aviators in the U.S. armed forces.”
Staff Sgt. Remona Williams
HR sergeant, USAG TSG-Pacific



“MLK in ‘The Butler’: (He) slowly tears down racial hatred with his example of strong work ethic and dignified character. ... In many ways they are subversive, without even knowing it.”
Master Sgt. Jervie Windom
Senior HR sergeant, USAG TSG-Pacific

Tropic Lightning strikes ‘Cobra Gold’ in Thailand

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BAN DAN LAN HOI, Thailand — Soldiers conducted platoon live-fire certifications as part of exercise Cobra Gold 2014 during the month of February in the Ban Dan Lan Hoi training area, here.

The Soldiers are with 1st Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment, 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division.

With an upcoming rotation to the National Training Center, this summer, ensuring they’re prepared to work in large platoon live-fire missions is essential.

“Alpha Company, 3rd Platoon, was the first platoon to be platoon live-fire certified in a year,” said Capt. James Devlin, Co. A commander. “It was a pretty daunting feat for some, but it is quite the accomplishment for Alpha Company to lead the way and set the standard for the battalion.”

“Our goal was to demonstrate lethal and capable platoons,” said Maj. Ryan Finley, executive officer, 1-21st Inf. Regt. “Their performance is a reflection of the character and quality of leaders and Soldiers that we have.”

The training was long and difficult. The new environment presented additional challenges for the Soldiers, as Thailand’s tropical climate is very different from what they have trained in before.

“On a platoon live-fire day, the Soldiers would start around 8 a.m. and have about an hour-and-a-half on the range doing a blank-fire run,” said Devlin. “They would continue to do rehearsals and refinements until the first live-fire iteration at 3 p.m. for day certification. The night blank fire would kick-off at about 8 p.m. and turn directly into night live fire, and end about 11 p.m. or midnight.”

The most exciting part of the training, so far, was the platoon night fire, said Pvt. Jesse Merrill, infantryman, 1-21st Inf. Regt. “It was a little scary at times because visibility is limited, but I’m really confident now because we’ve been rehearsing and practicing, and practice makes perfect,” said Merrill.



Soldiers post security for an 81mm mortar firing on the objective area in Ban Dan Lan Hoi, Kingdom of Thailand, Feb. 10, during a platoon live-fire exercise as part of Cobra Gold 2014, an annual recurring multinational and multi-service exercise developed by the Thai and U.S. militaries. The Soldiers are with 1-21st Inf. Regt., 2nd SBCT, 25th ID.

“Heat could have been a big issue training in Thailand, but the noncommissioned officers did a great job of managing their work and rest times,” said Devlin. “They also monitored the Soldiers to make sure they were drinking their electrolytes, eating all of their meals and drinking lots of water.”

Leadership from across the division was impressed with the performance the Soldiers gave on the battlefield.

“We came here looking to do our job and train

to standards,” said 1st Lt. Steven Poland, a platoon leader with the battalion. “I think we accomplished that, and I’m very proud of the work the Soldiers put in during such a short amount of time.”

“I think the guys who came out here knew what the training objectives were; they knew what level they were currently at and where they wanted to go,” said Devlin. “They took the feedback from the after-action reviews and were able to show why Soldiers of Alpha Company are

probably the best in the battalion.”

“I’m really impressed with your discipline,” said Brig. Gen. Todd McCaffery, deputy commander, 25th ID. “I’m impressed with the non-commissioned officer leadership that’s out here.

“I want to thank you all for the leadership and what you’ve been doing to represent the U.S. well, certainly representing this battalion and this great brigade and this division very, very well,” he added. “My hat is off to you. Keep it up.”

Sisters in Arms goes international at CG ‘14

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PHITSANULOK, Kingdom of Thailand — Women from the Thai, Japanese, Malaysian, Australian and U.S. militaries participated in the first-of-its-kind International Sisters in Arms meeting, Monday, here, during Cobra Gold 2014.

The meeting took place at Camp Akatosarot. “You are a part of this first international program, where we take the concept of the banyan tree and branch even further,” said U.S. Army Col. Sheila Bryant, commander, 10th Regional Support Command, Okinawa, and mediator for the event.

Bryant was referring to the banyan tree logo, created by the U.S. Army-Pacific Sisters in Arms committee, whose motto is “Rooted as one – Branching to all.”

USARPAC SIA is open to all and is designed to educate, mentor and empower women.

“Women have served in the U.S. military for more than 100 years, and mentorship has been around even longer,” Bryant said. “Mentorship is tough, and it is tough because you want to be the best at your job, yet have a great family life at the same time.

“But how do you accomplish it all? And how do we meet these challenges and help each other through these challenges?” Bryant asked.

Discussions ranged from various mentorship programs to juggling career and family life.

Sgt. Precious Green, human resource specialist, Special Troops Battalion, 8th Theater Sustainment Command, discussed some of the challenges she overcomes as a single parent and active duty Soldier. Green said, despite her busy schedule, she finds time to participate in mentorship programs.

Having an understanding family helps contribute



U.S. Army Col. Sheila Bryant, commander, 10th RSC, addresses the first international meeting of Sisters in Arms at Cobra Gold 2014. Members of the Royal Thai Army, Japan Ground Self-Defense Force, Malaysian Army, Australian Air Force and U.S. armed forces participated in the event.

to the success of female members of the Japan Ground Self-Defense Force, according to Sgt. Mai Iwata of Japan.

Lt. Col. Salawati Yahaa of the Malaysian Joint Force Headquarters shared her experiences of prioritizing and balancing from the perspective of being both a mother of four while continuing to serve her country.

Also, Lt. Sally Maynard, Headquarters Joint Operations Command, Australian Air Force, talked about her military mentorship program.

“To be able to bring all of the international com-

munity together, not just across our Army, but across the globe, into one forum to discuss issues and welcome each other was a great idea, and it should continue,” said Maj. Altwan Whitfield, 25th Infantry Division logistics officer. “To (speak with) individuals not just from Hawaii, but all over the U.S. Pacific Command, and a commander that is from a different region of PACOM, was one of the best experiences I’ve had since I’ve been in the military.”

“This is such a good program, I hope it branches out to other services and other countries,” said Green.

UH-60: ‘M’ birds arrive

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deputy director of operations. “From my perspective, the leadership development was useful to see how all of the teams come together to work as one.”

Manahane said the Jean Anne arrived at Pearl Harbor at 7:30 a.m., and the first piece of cargo was offloaded at 8:35 a.m. The final pieces were loaded at 4:45 p.m., and the ship departed at 5 p.m.



A legacy Black Hawk is loaded onto the ship during port operations, Feb. 12. The 599th Trans. Bde., with help from the 209th ASB, began at dawn and finished by dusk.

Tobacco ban includes smokeless products

One VA smoking area retained by public law

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HONOLULU — Patients at Tripler Army Medical Center, here, breathe a little easier since TAMC became a tobacco-free campus on New Year’s Day.

“There is no risk-free level of exposure to secondhand smoke, including smoke of those that return to work after smoking”, said Brig Gen. Dennis Doyle, commander, Pacific Regional Medical Command and TAMC. “Therefore, to better support our medical community mission to protect the health, safety and comfort of employees, patients and visitors from the adverse health effects of tobacco products, tobacco use is prohibited on the campus.”

Tobacco products include, but are not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, pipes and smokeless tobacco. Electronic nicotine delivery devices are likewise prohibited.

The policy applies to all employees, patients and visitors at the hospital; the ban extends to



all roads, parking lots and sidewalks within the campus boundary lines.

Tobacco use is permitted outside the marked campus boundaries with two covered shelters provided for patient, employee and visitor convenience.

The campus will retain one designated smoking area for use by Veteran Affairs patients to comply with a public law requiring VA medical centers to establish a smoking area for patients.

“Tripler’s proactive adoption of a tobacco-free campus puts us at the tip of the spear,” said Col. Lawrence Connell, chief of staff, PRMC, who made his remarks during a TAMC town hall, addressing the new policy with hospital staff members.

“The Department of Defense hopes to launch a new initiative transforming all military installations into tobacco-free facilities by 2020,” he said.

Hospital workers looking to kick the habit don’t have to do it alone, Connell added.

“Tripler’s occupational health program will provide free tobacco cessation services to qualified employees, to include federal workers, who enroll before Dec. 31, 2014,” he added.

E-Cig: Memo protects rights, choices

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reflecting good order and discipline within our Army community and the workplace,” said Lt. Col. Kenneth Sanderson, executive officer, USAG-HI.

E-cigs are being presented as a healthier way to smoke; however, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration has prohibited manufacturers from making health claims. The FDA has not approved e-cigs as a tobacco cessation device.

“There may be evidence to indicate that e-cigs are less harmful than smoking a pack of regular cigarettes,” said Pamela Jinnohara of the Directorate of Human Resource’s Army Substance Abuse Program. “However, due to lack of regulatory oversight and the presence of nicotine ... the Center for Disease Control has issued warnings.

“The World Health Organization strongly advises against the use of e-cigarettes

until reputable studies are completed and find them safe,” Jinnohara added.

“This policy supports behaviors that are respectful to those around us while protecting the individual rights and choices of all people,” said Howard Johnston, deputy garrison commander, USAG-HI.

Service members who violate e-cig policy are subject to punishment under Article 92 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice. All others may be punished by administrative actions, debarment from installations and other prosecution.

E-Cig Policy

Review e-cig policy USAG-HI-65 at “Most Popular Content” and “Policies,” located at www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil/command/documents.htm?tab=1.



Intelligence analysts of the 94th AAMDC load their bags onto a bus as they move out to the ROK for Key Resolve 2014. The annual command post exercise ensures the ROK-U.S. alliance is prepared to defend the peninsula.

ROK: 94th deploys advance troops

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Those few Soldiers who have left, known as the ADVON (advanced party), will focus on administrative tasks, such as ensuring that the 94th Soldiers who are participating have adequate bedding and chow and that their systems are ready.

“We, as the ADVON, will set the stage and prep our systems,” said Lt. Col. William Johnson, chief of operations, 94th AAMDC. “We’ll also coordinate with U.S. forces already there, particularly 35th Brigade and our 8th Army points of contact, so that when the other 94th Soldiers arrive, we can immediately begin to operate.”

Williams, who has been to Korea six times for exercises, added, “This will be my last time. It’s been great, and I’m sure this trip won’t be any different.”

In contrast to the seasoned Williams, Pvt. 1st Class Nigel Moore, supply clerk, says this trip is his first time ever going overseas to a foreign country.

“I’m excited about it,” Moore said. “I’m not quite sure what to expect, but I know my leaders will guide me in the right direction, so I’ll be just fine.”

Williams agreed with Moore’s confidence. “He’ll be squared away, no doubt. He will be fine,” he said.

Sgt. 1st Class Brian Gilmer, 94th AAMDC Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and Environmental noncommissioned officer and the forward element topkick for the duration of the exercise, says that he has been the first sergeant for other exercises and thinks things will be challenging, yet rewarding.

“It will be different because of the many fresh faces, but in the end, it always is a great experience,” he said.

Approximately 5,200 U.S. forces personnel will participate in KR 14, of which about 1,100 will come from off peninsula. Forces from major ROK units representing all services will also participate in KR 14. Approximately 10,000 ROK forces are scheduled to participate.



IG advises of changes to body composition program

USARPAC notes changes

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According to the Army Body Composition Program (ABCP), commanders have the authority to direct a body fat assessment on any Soldier who they determine does not present a Soldierly appearance, regardless of whether or not the Soldier exceeds the screening table weight for his or her measured height.

With recent changes to the program and its name, there’s a lot of information that Soldiers may not know.

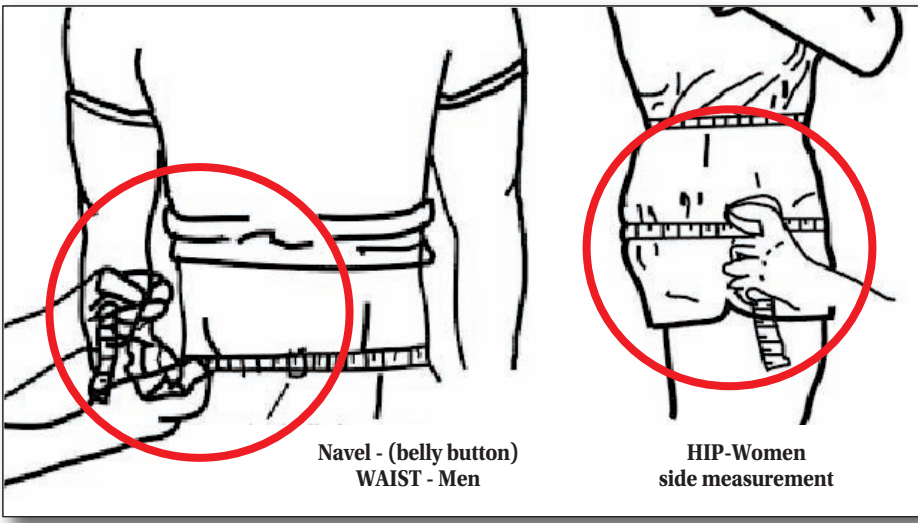

While not addressed specially in the regulation, the U.S. Army-Pacific Inspector General recommends that commanders maintain a memoran-

dum for record verifying the individuals trained in proper height, weight and body circumference methodology to assess body fat composition.

Furthermore, the USARPAC IG recommends that commanders maintain a memorandum for record verifying the calibration of scales and tape measures.

IG on the Web

Additional USARPAC IG informative topics can be viewed at <https://intranet1.usarpac.army.mil/staff/ig/Pages/default.aspx>. (CAC access required.)



The Army Body Composition Program

The U.S. Army-Pacific Inspector General wants to emphasize the following:

- Specific timelines for initiating a flag and additional requirements can be found in Table 3-1 of AR 600-9. Examples of ABCP counseling, notification, memorandums and the Soldier Action Plan are provided in AR 600-9, Chapter 3.
- In order to ensure the ABCP does not interfere with Soldier performance on the APFT, commanders and supervi-

sors are encouraged to allow a minimum of seven days between APFT and weigh-in, if feasible (para. 3-4b).

- The designated unit fitness training NCO or master fitness trainer will train other command designated NCOs in proper height, weight and body circumference methodology to assess body fat composition (para. 2-18c). Soldiers will be measured by trained individuals of the same gender (para. 3-4c).
- Scales used for weight measurement will be calibrated

annually (para. B-2b), and tape measures will be made of nonstretchable material, which will be compared with a yardstick or metal ruler to ensure validity (para. B-1e).

- Commanders will forward a complete ABCP file to the gaining unit on each Soldier who conducts a PCS and is flagged for noncompliance with body fat standards (para. 2-16d).
- This regulation, dated June 28, 2013, supersedes AR 600-9, dated Nov. 27, 2006, para. 3-2d.

DOD to mandate documentation for lost, stolen CAC & IDs

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WASHINGTON — Later this year, the Defense Department will begin fully enforcing a previously optional policy regarding the reissuance of lost or stolen common access cards, a Defense official said, Feb. 11.

Sam Yousef, a program manager for identity and benefits policy at the Defense Human Resources Activity, discussed an update to the current CAC issuance policy during an interview with American Forces Press Service and the Pentagon Channel.

“Beginning in late March (or) early April of this year, we are going to begin fully enforcing current common access card policy, which will require individuals to bring supporting documentation if they have had their ID cards lost or stolen,” he said. “If you have your card lost or stolen, you should work with your local security

office or the individual sponsoring you for that ID card.”

People requesting a replacement card will need to produce a document on component or agency letterhead that explains that the card has been lost or stolen, he added. Yousef noted the document should be signed, and individuals must bring it with them to have a new card issued.

“If the card has been stolen,” he said, “they may also bring in the police report that accounts for that,” he added. “This will not only get the department in full compliance with our policy, but it will also create better accountability for individuals who have had their cards lost or stolen.”



File photo

If your card is lost or stolen, be prepared to bring extra documentation.

Though this information has been a part of the current policy, Yousef noted, it was not mandated at CAC card-issuing locations.

“Previously, in the last couple of years, we have actually updated the system to capture this documentation on an optional basis,” he said, “so what will happen in late March (or) early April is, it will be required as part of that reissuance to bring supporting documentation with you.”

The supporting documentation will be scanned and stored in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System, he added.

This process will affect all common access card-eligible

individuals, both military and civilian, Yousef said.

In addition to being an additional security precaution, Yousef said, this measure will help to prevent people from replacing their cards just as a matter of personal convenience.

“It creates better awareness with our local security offices (and) our individuals that are sponsoring our contractors for common access cards,” he said, “so this way, they have full oversight if someone is losing multiple ID cards.”

Following the update in requirements this spring, Yousef emphasized, it will be important for people to ensure they bring this documentation with them to have a card reissued, noting that most ID card-issuing sites already have been requiring it for quite some time.

VA’s nat’l cemeteries hold lead in survey

Ranking tops federal agencies, private firms

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
Office of Public and Intergovernmental Affairs

WASHINGTON — For the fifth consecutive time, the Department of Veterans Affairs’ National Cemetery Administration (NCA) has bested the nation’s top corporations and other federal agencies in a prestigious, independent survey of customer satisfaction.

“Once again, this survey shows that employees at VA’s 131 national cemeteries are committed to providing world-class customer service for our nation’s veterans and their families,” said Eric Shinseki, Secretary of Veterans Affairs. “It is an honor to care for our nation’s heroes in perpetuity, and we use the highest of standards of compassion and professionalism to ensure we commemorate their service to our nation.”

The American Customer Satisfaction Index (ACSI) is the only national, cross-industry measure of satisfaction with the quality of goods and services available in the U.S. Beginning in 1999, the federal government selected ACSI to measure citizen satisfaction. Citing the NCA’s record-setting ACSI results, the independent Federal Consulting Group noted the satisfaction scores as the “highest to date for any organization in the public or private sector.” The driving factors for continued customer satisfaction include cemetery and customer service.

More than 100 federal agencies have used the ACSI to gauge consumer satisfaction with more than 200 services and programs. The index was founded at the University of Michigan’s Ross School of Business, and the survey is produced by ACSI, LLC.

For 2013, NCA achieved a customer satisfaction index of 96, the highest ACSI score in either the private or public sector in the history of the



Sgt. 1st Class Crista Mack, USARPAC Public Affairs

HONOLULU — JROTC cadets from Kahuku High School unfurl the U.S. flag at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, also known as the Punchbowl, Nov. 11, 2013.

ACSI. The score is nearly 28 points above the 68 point average for federal government agencies. NCA participates in the ACSI every three years, previously in 2001, 2004, 2007 and 2010. This occasion is the fifth time NCA has participated and the fifth consecutive time NCA has received the top rating of participating organizations.

The ACSI survey polled the next of kin or other people who had arranged for the interment of a loved one in a VA national cemetery six months to one year prior to the survey commencement. Surveys were sent to 2,500 people and 494 responded, a high response rate for a mail survey.

Using methodologies developed at the National Quality Research Center of the University

VA Burial Benefits

More info may be obtained from national cemetery offices, from www.cem.va.gov or by calling VA regional offices toll-free at (800) 827-1000.

To make burial arrangements at the time of need, at any VA national cemetery, call the National Cemetery Scheduling Office at (800) 535-1117.

Information on ACSI can be found at www.theacsi.org/the-american-customer-satisfaction-index#homelogo.

of Michigan Business School, NCA received ratings in the categories of “customer service” and “user trust” of 96 out of a possible 100 points, indicating respondents are exceptionally pleased with their experience at national cemeteries and willing to recommend their services to others.

Veterans with a discharge issued under conditions other than dishonorable, their spouses and eligible dependent children can be buried in a VA national cemetery. Also eligible are military personnel who die on active duty, their spouses and eligible dependents.

Other burial benefits available for all eligible veterans, regardless of whether they are buried in a national cemetery or a private cemetery, include a burial flag, a Presidential Memorial Certificate and a government headstone or marker. Families of eligible veterans may also order a memorial headstone or marker when remains are not available for interment.

VA operates 131 national cemeteries in 39 states and Puerto Rico and 33 Soldiers’ lots and monument sites. More than 4 million Americans, including veterans of every war and conflict, are buried in VA’s cemeteries on more than 20,000 acres of land.



Unless otherwise noted, all phone numbers are 808 area code.

24 / Monday

Duck Detour Delayed —The scheduled roadwork at the beginning of Duck Road from Lyman to Bldg. 2800 will be postponed until further notice. This portion of Duck Road will not be converted into two-way traffic.

March

17 / Monday

License Languages — The state Department of Transportation announces that the state driver license exam will be available in a variety of languages. In addition to English, 12 languages are being offered to better serve our diverse communities. Languages include Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Vietnamese, Tongan, Samoan, Tagalog, Ilocano, Hawaiian, Spanish, Chuukese and Marshallese. Visit www.hawaiiarmyweekly.com for a complete list of sites.

Ongoing

TAMC Closure — A closure of Tripler Army Medical Center’s Krukowski Road that began last week continues to the end of the month near buildings 102 and 104, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

CAB Infrastructure — Work on Wheeler’s Airdrome Road will continue through April 30.

NEWS Briefs

Send announcements for Soldiers and civilian employees to news@hawaiiarmyweekly.com.

Today

TRICARE — TRICARE For Life (TFL) beneficiaries will receive letters guiding them to TRICARE Pharmacy Home Delivery or a military pharmacy for some prescriptions as part of a congressionally mandated pilot program.

The pilot program starts March 15 and requires TFL beneficiaries to get certain meds through Home Delivery

or at a military pharmacy. Visit www.defense.gov/news/newsarticle.aspx?id=121679.

22 / Saturday

Business Fair — IRS co-hosts the 2014 Hawaii Small Business Spring Fair, “Launch Your Dreams into Reality,” at Leeward Community College in Pearl City. The free, one-day event features more than 30

workshops and exhibits from federal, state and local agencies and participating vendors.

Preregister and reserve your seat at <http://smallbizfair2014-1.eventbrite.com>. Call 694-8332 or 945-1430.

23 / Sunday

Gym Shorts — Several areas in the Martinez Physical Fitness Center will be closed:

- Feb. 23: non-A/C cardio

room, 12:30-3:30 p.m.

- Feb. 24: courtyard, 6:30-8:30 a.m.
- Feb. 28: free weight room, 8:30-11:30 a.m.

Call 655-8006/4804.

25 / Tuesday

Breakfast at Tripler — Tripler Army Medical Center invites the community to attend its National Prayer Breakfast, 8:15 a.m., at the hospital chapel,

3rd floor, D-wing. Army Surgeon General Lt. Gen. Patricia Horoho is the guest speaker. Call 433-5727.

Retirement Horizon— Schofield Army Benefits Center-Civilian hosts CSRS/FERS retirement briefings. Visit www.abc.army.mil/ for more info.

To print your benefit form, visit www.ebis.army.mil/login.aspx.

SHARPSM

File photo

SHARP advocates offer personal support and assistance at a time when sexual assault victims are often feeling confused and alone.

Hotline opens to aid victims

Advocates are available 24/7 to assist those impacted by sexual assault

LACEY JUSTINGER

U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii Public Affairs

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — The unimaginable has happened; you’ve been sexually assaulted.

Amongst the feelings of shock, disbelief and anger you may be experiencing, there’s confusion. What do you do now?

Call the new hotline for Sexual Harassment and Assault Response and Prevention (SHARP) at 655-9474 to connect with a victim advocate.

Advocates are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to assist victims; explain their reporting options; offer referrals to counseling services; help with safety planning; provide legal, counseling and medical resources; and accompany personnel to medical and legal appointments.

“The new hotline provides a more streamlined approach for individuals who want to make a report and limits the number of people involved, allowing more privacy for the victim,” said Adrienne Howe, Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC); Army Community Service (ACS); Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation; U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii.

The SHARP line provides advocacy services to sexual assault victims, who are service or family members over the age of 18, when the offender is not a spouse or intimate partner.

Created as a separate venue, the SHARP hotline directly connects people who’ve been sexually assaulted with representatives specifically trained to provide support. Advocates manning the SHARP line are certified by the Department of Defense through the National Organization Victim Assistance every two years, according to Howe.

If the victim is not older than 18 or if the attacker is a spouse or partner, the SAFE hotline at 624-SAFE (7233) is also available.

ACS’s Family Advocacy Program monitors this hotline, 24/7, and also assists with domestic violence situations.

“Across the Army, the prevention of sexual harassment and assault is a top priority,” said Maj. Gen. Kurt Fuller, senior mission commander for Army forces in Hawaii, during an informational video that is shown to all incoming Soldiers and families. “Sexual assault is a crime and is incompatible with our Army values.”

“The SHARP program, in collaboration with the Army’s ‘I. A.M. STRONG’ campaign, charges all Sol-

REPORTING OPTIONS

Sexual assault can be reported at any time; however, reporting the incident within 72 hours preserves forensic evidence and aids the investigation.

Restricted = Confidential.

When reporting a sexual assault using the restricted option, a victim has access to medical care, counseling and victim advocacy services without the incident being reported to law enforcement or a military command. Information is kept confidential, and an investigation is not conducted. Contact a SARC, VA, health care per-

sonnel or chaplain for assistance or to report a sexual assault using the restricted option.

Unrestricted = Investigation. If a victim decides to use the unrestricted option when reporting an incident, the victim has access to medical care, counseling and victim advocacy services. The incident is reported to law enforcement and the military chain of command of those who are involved. An official investigation is initiated.

Incidents reported to law enforcement (military or civilian police) automatically instigate an unrestricted investigation.



File photo

The SHARP hotline is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to help victims understand their reporting options.

diers, civilians and family members to do their part in preventing and reporting sexual assault,” said Col. Daniel Whitney, commander, USAG-HI, in the same informational video. “Sexual harassment and assault violate a person’s trust and sense of safety.”

I. A.M. STRONG stands for intervene, act and motivate, and emphasizes that it’s everyone’s responsibility to prevent sexual assault and harassment. The program aims to increase confidence that survivors will be cared for and protected without stigma or repercussions, that all allegations will be properly investigat-

ed, and that command will take appropriate action based on investigations and hold everyone accountable for their behavior, actions and inactions.

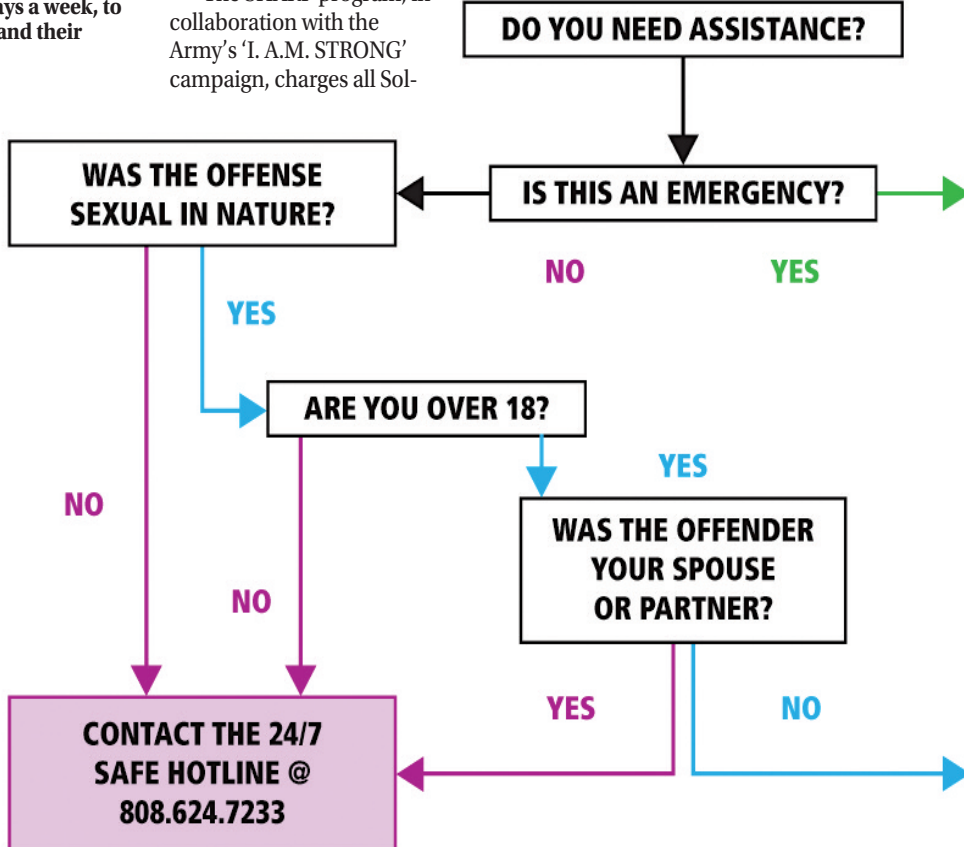
The SHARP hotline is the first step in providing this important support for victims and ensuring allegations are reported.

SHARP representatives, SARCs and victim advocates (VA) from the garrison and military units in Hawaii have joined together to increase awareness of the new hotline and the I. A.M. Strong campaign. They’ve briefed Spouse Information Meetings in both the north and south communities, and handed out flyers at Class 6 stores and Shoppettes on post.

What do I do now?

If you’ve been sexually assaulted:

- Go to a safe location.
- If you require immediate emergency assistance, call the Military Police. If not, call the SHARP hotline.
- Preserve all evidence of the assault. Don’t bathe, wash your hands or brush your teeth.
- Don’t clean, move or remove anything from the crime scene.
- Seek medical care as soon as possible. Ask health care personnel to conduct a medical forensic exam.
- If you suspect you’ve been drugged, ask for a urine sample.
- Record all the details about the assault and your assailant.



CONTACT THE 24/7 SHARP HOTLINE @ 808.655.9474

CONTACT THE 24/7 SAFE HOTLINE @ 808.624.7233



808-624-7233
808-655-9474



Briefs

Today

Pacific Teen Panel — Provide service on the PTP (Pacific Teen Panel) for the AMR/TAMC/FS communities. Must be CYSS registered, in the 9th-11th grade and participate in youth activities.

PTP participants are advocates for their peers participating in monthly teleconference calls or video teleconference with other youth in the Pacific. For more info, call the AMR Youth Center at 833-0920 or FS Middle School and Teen Program at 438-6470.

23 / Sunday

Hale Ikena Sunday Brunch — FS Mulligan’s Bar & Grill hosts from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Call 438-1974.

24 / Monday

Workweek Lunch — SB Kolekole Bar & Grill (655-4466) and FS Mulligan’s Bar & Grill (438-1974) offer daily lunch, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Enjoy buffet-style or menu items.

Pau Hana Social Hour — SB Kolekole Bar & Grill hosts an after-work fun time, 4:30-6:30 p.m., Monday-Wednesday, and 4-6 p.m., Thursday-Friday. Enjoy discounted appetizers and domestic draft beverages. Call 655-4466.

Mongolian Barbecue — Select your favorites from a large variety of meats and vegetables, 5 p.m., every Monday at SB Kolekole Bar & Grill, and grilling will be to your liking. Cost is 65 cents for each ounce. Call 655-4466.

25 / Tuesday

Preschool Story Time — FS Library hosts, 10 a.m., with a different story and theme. Call 438-9521.

Taco Tuesday Night — SB Kolekole Bar & Grill offers three tacos, rice and beans specials for \$4.99. Call 655-4466.

26 / Wednesday

BOSS Meetings — Single Soldiers and geographic bachelors are invited to Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers meetings every Wednesday to discuss community service projects and fun upcoming

GREAT ALOHA RUN



Photos by Sgt. 1st Class Joe Battle
25th Infantry Division Public Affairs

AIEA — Above, Soldiers from across U.S. Army-Pacific, led by Maj. Gen. James Pasquarette (front left), chief of staff, USARPAC, cross the finish line at Aloha Stadium, here, to complete the 8.15-mile Great Aloha Run, Monday.

At right, Pasquarette receives a lei and plaque during the awards presentation of the 30th annual Great Aloha Run at Aloha Stadium.

Pasquarette accepted the plaque on behalf of U.S. Pacific Command for military participation in the event every year for the past 30 years.



programs. Call Spc. Jennifer Coggins, BOSS president, 655-1130.

Attend these meetings:
•North meetings, 2 p.m., 1st and 3rd Wednesday, SB Tropics Warrior Zone.
•South meetings, 11 a.m., 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, FS Bowling Center.

Teen Wednesdays — Cosmic Bowling for teens for \$2 at Wheeler Bowling Center, WAAF, 2-4 p.m. Free shoes with a two-game minimum. Call 656-1745.

Wally Amos Story Time — FS Library hosts a special free Story Time, 3-3:45 p.m., Feb. 26, hosted by the world famous cookie man. Call 438-9521.

Keiki Night — Every Wednesday night is Keiki Night, 5-8 p.m., at SB Kolekole Bar & Grill (655-4466) and FS Mulligan’s Bar & Grill (438-1974). Kids younger than 10 years eat for a special price from the keiki menu.

27 / Thursday

Clay Hand Building Workshop — Learn to work with clay from the experts at the SB Arts and Crafts Center, 1-3 p.m., Thursdays, through March 1. Initial session is \$25; additional sessions are \$5. Includes supplies. Call 655-4202 for registration.

Leilehua Thursdays — Join Chef Devin Lee, 4:30-7:30 p.m., every Thursday, at Leilehua’s driving range for hot dogs and burgers. Menu items

cost \$3-\$4. Call 655-7131.

Tropical Thursdays — Free weekly Texas Hold’em poker, 6 p.m., SB Tropics Warrior Zone. All ID cardholders 18 and older are welcome. Call 655-5698.

28 / Friday

USARPAC Golf Scramble — Happens every last Friday of the month. Registration begins at 11 a.m., with a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. Registration is \$5. Call 438-6923.

Hawaiian Luau Lunch Buffet — SB Kolekole Bar & Grill (655-4466) and FS Mulligan’s Bar & Grill (438-1974) host local-style food, every last Friday of the month.

community Calendar

Send announcements a week prior to publication to community@hawaiiarmyweekly.com.

22 / Saturday

Bob Dylan — Tickets go on sale 9 a.m., Feb. 22, Blaisdell Box Office and online at www.ticketmaster.com for the legendary music icon’s scheduled April 29 Blaisdell Arena concert. Ticket prices start at \$59. Also order at 1-800-745-3000. Service fees may apply.

Hawaii Chocolate Festival — The annual Hawaii Chocolate Festival, noon-5 p.m., at the Dole Cannery Shops, 650 Iwilei Rd., features exhibitors offering chocolate and chocolate-inspired products from cheesecake, truffles and chocolate-laced beverages to chocolate soap and cultured pearls.

Admission (\$20 in advance, \$25 at the door) includes a passport to 10 chocolate samplings from some of the state’s top chocolatiers.

Children 10 and under receive a free passport. Visit www.HawaiiChocolateFestival.com.

Kuhio Beach Hula Show — Authentic Hawaiian music and hula show by Hawaii’s finest hula halau

(dance troupes) and Hawaiian performers, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Feb. 22. Location is Kuhio Beach Hula Mound, diagonally across Kalakaua Avenue from the Hyatt Regency Waikiki Beach hotel at Uluniu Ave.

It is outdoors with casual seating on the grass; beach chairs, mats and more are okay. Cameras are welcome. Call 843-8002.

23 / Sunday

“Radio Golf” — It’s an August Wilson theater production about an entrepreneur who aspires to become Pittsburgh’s first black mayor. Plays 7:30 p.m., through Feb. 23, at the TAG Theater Dole Plantation. Runs Thursdays-Sundays. Military tickets, \$12, with valid ID. Available at www.tsaghawaii.net or call 722-6941.

24 / Monday

Hui ‘O Na Wahine — Deadline for registering for the 5 p.m., March 1, Mock Dining In evening at the Nehelani is Feb. 24. Tickets are \$25.

To purchase tickets, email huischofield@gmail.com or seek out a board member. Visit www.schofieldspousesclub.com.

25 / Tuesday

TAMC Prayer Breakfast — The public is invited, 8:15 a.m., Feb. 25, to the TAMC National Prayer Breakfast. Lt. Gen. Patricia Horono is the guest speaker. Call 433-5727.

28 / Friday

DeCA Scholarships — Applications for the 2014 Scholarships for Military Children Program are available at commissaries or online at www.militaryscholar.org.

Applications must be turned in to a commissary by close of business Feb. 28. Packages must be hand-delivered or shipped via U.S. Postal Service or other delivery methods, not emailed or faxed.

Hawaii State Outdoor Recreation Plan — The Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) Division of State Parks invites the public to help select projects to receive federal funding support to best meet Hawaii’s future recreation needs. Take the 2014 Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreational Plan (SCORP) survey, through Feb. 28, at www.surveymonkey.com/s/HISCORP2014.

March 1 / Saturday

Lei Court Selection — Festival is 9 a.m.-3 p.m., March 1, at Ala Moana Park McCoy Pavilion. Features lei making, poise and personality competition, and announcement of the 2014 Lei Court.

Free and open to the public. Visit www1.honolulu.gov/parks/programs/leiday/index.htm.

18 / Tuesday

Ikebana — Annual exhibition runs 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., March 18-21, Honolulu Hale (City Hall) and displays seven different styles of Japanese floral artistry and culture. Docents from various schools will be on hand throughout the exhibition. Free admission.

19 / Wednesday

Women’s History Day — Celebrating “Women of Character, Courage and Commitment” is 11 a.m., March 19, Wheeler AAF Chapel. Hosted by the 25th ID. Contact Sgt. 1st Class Lorenzo Dukes at (719) 200-5556.

Ongoing

IPC Resident Scholarships — Scholarship grant application deadline is April 2, with awards starting at \$1,000 and announced in May, for the WinningEdge scholarship program. For eligibility log on to www.islandpalmcommunities.com/go/WiningEdge to download the full application packet and details.

AFCEA Scholarships — Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association Educational Foundation Hawaii Merit Scholarship Award applications are now available. Deadline to apply is May 31. Email Info@AFCEAHiEducationFoundation.org or call 479-4705.

worship Services

Additional religious services, children’s programs, educational services and contact information can be found at www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil. (Click on “Religious Support Office” under the “Directorates and Support Staff” menu.)

- AMR: Aliamanu Chapel
- FD: Fort DeRussy Chapel
- HMR: Helemano Chapel
- MPC: Main Post Chapel, Schofield Barracks
- PH: Aloha Jewish Chapel, Pearl Harbor
- SC: Soldiers’ Chapel, Schofield Barracks
- TAMC: Tripler Army Medical Center Chapel
- WAAF: Wheeler Army Airfield Chapel

Buddhist Services

- First Sunday, 1 p.m. at FD
- Fourth Sunday, 1 p.m. at MPC Annex

Catholic Mass

- Thursday, 9 a.m. at AMR
- Saturday, 5 p.m. at TAMC, WAAF
- Sunday services:
 - 8:30 a.m. at AMR
 - 10:30 a.m. at MPC Annex
 - 11 a.m. at TAMC
- Monday-Friday, 11:45 a.m. at MPC and 12 p.m.TAMC

Gospel Worship

- Sunday, noon. at MPC
- Sunday, 12:30 p.m. at AMR

Islamic Prayers and Study

- Friday, 1 p.m. at MPC Annex
- Friday, 2:30 p.m., TAMC
- Saturday and Sunday, 5:30 a.m.; 6, 7 and 8 p.m. at MPC Annex

Jewish Shabbat (Sabbath)

- Friday, 7:30 p.m. at PH

Pagan (Wicca)

- Friday, 7 p.m. at MPC Annex Room 232

Protestant Worship

- Sunday Services
 - 8:45 a.m. at MPC
 - 9 a.m., at FD, TAMC chapel
 - 10 a.m. at HMR
 - 10:30 a.m. at AMR
 - 10:45 a.m. at WAAF (Spanish language)
 - 11 a.m. at SC (Contemporary)
- Liturgical (Lutheran/Anglican)**
- Sunday, 9 a.m. at WAAF

This Week at the MOVIES Sgt. Smith Theater

Call 624-2585 for movie listings or go to aafes.com under realtime movie listing.



The Legend of Hercules

(PG-13)
Fri., Feb. 21, 7 p.m.
Thurs., Feb. 27, 7 p.m.

The Nut Job

(PG)
Sat., Feb. 22, 2 p.m.

Jack Ryan: Shadow Recruit

(PG-13)
Sat., Feb. 22, 6 p.m.



The Nut Job 3D

(PG)
Sun., Feb. 23, 2 p.m.

No shows on Mondays, Tuesdays or Wednesdays.

Calendar abbreviations

- 8th TSC: 8th Theater Sustainment Command
- 25th ID: 25th Infantry Division
- ACS: Army Community Service
- AFAP: Army Family Action Plan
- AFTB: Army Family Team Building
- AMR: Aliamanu Military Reservation

- ASYMCA: Armed Services YMCA
- BCT: Brigade Combat Team
- BSB: Brigade Support Battalion
- Co.: Company
- CYSS: Child, Youth and School Services
- EFMP: Exceptional Family Member Program
- FMWR: Family and Morale, Welfare and

- Recreation
- FRG: Family Readiness Group
- FS: Fort Shafter
- HMR: Helemano Military Reservation
- IPC: Island Palm Communities
- PFC: Physical Fitness Center
- SB: Schofield Barracks

- SKIES: Schools of Knowledge, Inspiration, Exploration and Skills
- TAMC: Tripler Army Medical Center
- USAG-HI: U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii
- USARPAC: U.S. Army-Pacific
- WAAF: Wheeler Army Airfield



Marlowe Gungab, Visual Information, Tripler Army Medical Center

Maj. Gen. Dean Sienko (center), commander, USAPHC; along with Col. Daniel Whitney (left), commander, USAG-HI; and Lt. Col. Kevin Bass, commander for Hawaii’s VTFs, perform the ribbon-cutting ceremonies for the upgraded and renovated Schofield Barracks VTF facility, Tuesday. The facility now is upgraded to Level II status.

VTF renovation completed

SARAH PACHECO
Staff Writer

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Tails were wagging and a loud round of “a-paws” rang out as the Schofield Barracks Veterinary Treatment Facility (VTF) reopened its doors at Building 936 on Duck Road, here, Tuesday.

Among the distinguished guests in the audience were Maj. Gen. Dean Sienko, commander, U.S. Army Public Health Command, and Col. Daniel Whitney, commander, U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii, who both helped with the ceremonial ribbon cutting to officially reintroduce the facility as an upgraded Level II VTF.

“This ribbon-cutting ceremony marks the culmination of more than two years of planning, six months of construction and countless hours of researching equipment, obtaining vendor quotes and ensuring everything arrived on schedule,” said Lt. Col. Kevin Bass, commander, Public Health Command District-Central Pacific, the supervising entity for Hawaii VTFs.

“This renovation expands our capacity and improves the efficiency and quality of care that we provide the community,” Bass added.

According to Capt. Nathan Chumbler, officer in charge of veterinary services on Schofield, the first veterinary facility/animal lab was built at Building 934, here, in 1968; the following year, the back half of the facility (Building 935) was added as a dog kennel.

Veterinary services were expanded with the construction of Building 936 in 1976, at which time the new facility officially became a VTF, with dog kennel capabilities.

The recent full-scale renovation project began in April 2013. During the six months to follow, veterinary services temporarily were

relocated to Building 934, while the interior of Building 936 was completely gutted and rebuilt from the ground up.

Today, said Chumbler, the new facility provides enhanced veterinary services to the Soldiers, civilians and family members of USAG-HI, thanks to updated clinical and information technology (IT) equipment.

“(The VTF) is capable of providing wellness and sick-call examinations, radiographic and ultrasonographic diagnostics, as well as basic surgical operations to the community of USAG-HI,” said Chumbler. “The facility also is equipped to provide full comprehensive care to military working dogs of the 520th Military Working Dog Detachment (728th Military Police Battalion, 8th MP Brigade, 8th Theater Sustainment Command) and the other kennels stationed throughout the island of Oahu.”

The ceremony concluded with a presentation of certificates of appreciation to Dan Perron, project manager, Tripler Army Medical Center Facility Management Team; Chelsie Seo, initial outfitting coordinator; and Chad Henderson, project manager, Designer Built Systems, for dedication and support of the project.

Schofield Barracks VTF

The Schofield Barracks Veterinary Treatment Facility is located in Building 936 on Duck Road, Schofield Barracks, off Lyman Road.

Hours of operation are between 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Friday.

To schedule an appointment or for additional information, call 655-5889/5893.

Commissary seeking to cultivate young baggers

Story and photo by
SARAH PACHECO
Staff Writer

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — They work with lightning speed and efficiency, each move strategic, every technique finely tuned to ensure the success of their mission.

They are the first line of defense against clogged checkout lines and the last face customers see before returning home, groceries safely in tow.

Yes, baggers are an invaluable component of commissaries, here and abroad, and the services they provide extend far beyond the sliding glass doors.

“They’re our goodwill ambassadors; they’re the ones who the customers know,” said Gregory McGruder, store director, Schofield Barracks Commissary.

“They hear recommendations from the customers and are able to pass those requests on to me,” McGruder added. “For example, now

we have a full-fledge setup of organic fruits and vegetables. That idea came from the baggers.

“They provide a lot of hands-on touches for the customers, because they know the customers,” McGruder stated. “They provide that personalized service that’s important.”

Baggers have been present in military commissaries dating back to the mid-1950s, and, consequently, customers have come to expect to see baggers hard at work in stores.

The bagger position is open to anyone — students, spouses, Soldiers and retirees; however, baggers are neither government nor Commissary employees. Rather, they are self-employed licensees of the installation commander. In other words, they are voluntarily “hired” by the customer to bag and carry out groceries in return for a tip, which is their sole means of payment for a job well done.

“You can make a couple hundred dollars a day very easily, especially if you have the smile, the charisma and the positive attitude,” McGruder said. “But, sometimes, customers forget to tip the baggers, and that’s a shame, because being a bagger is hard work, and they should be paid for the services.”

“It’s a great place for spouses or dependents to work, and it’s a great place for students to work if they’re trying to pay off college tuition,” said Jeremy Nichols, a bagger who works at the commissary, here, to earn extra money to help pay for his studies at Hawaii Pacific University.

“I’m using (this job) to make a little money



Baggers at the Schofield Barracks Commissary work at break-neck speed to bag customers' groceries in a quick, yet efficient manner.

to eat and to pay my school bills,” Nichols said. “I have two other jobs, but this is my fun job.”

While having a little extra cash stowed away is nice, the professional experience commissary baggers gain is priceless.

“This job is really a developmental job,” said McGruder, who himself began his career with in the commissary as a bagger.

“We can develop people, and develop them not just as baggers, but to go on to college, to go on to engineering jobs, to take over some of our civil service positions,” McGruder noted. “The bagger position gives them that entry-level position to work and gives them an opportunity to develop responsibility and time-management skills. It helps shape their lives.”

Commissary Baggers

The screening process to become a commissary bagger is conducted through the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii.

Those interested may contact the following:

- Kristy Balli, 656-0083; or
- Chad Guerrero at 656-0102.

Scholarship deadline nears

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Applications for the 2014 Scholarships for Military Children Program must be turned in to a commissary by close of business Friday, Feb. 28.

Packages must be hand-delivered or shipped via U.S. Postal Service or other delivery method, not emailed or faxed.

According to Gregory McGruder, store director, Schofield Barracks Commissary, sales at the Schofield store have increased in the past year, meaning there is more money available to go toward this year’s awards.

An applicant must be an unmarried child of an active duty, Reserve or Guard service member, or a retiree; the survivor of a military member who died while on active duty; or a survivor of a retiree.

Applicants should ensure both they and their sponsor are enrolled in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System database and

have a military ID card.

All applicants must be younger than 21 years of age, or younger than 23 years if the applicant is a full-time student at a college or university. In either case, the applicant must attend or plan to attend an accredited college or university full time in fall 2014, or be enrolled in studies designed to transfer to a four-year program.

Apply Online

Students or sponsors can call Scholarship Managers, a national nonprofit scholarship-management services organization that awards the scholarships, at (856) 616-9311 or email militaryscholar@scholarshipmanagers.com.

Applications and additional details are available at www.militaryscholar.org

