

Hawaii honors the fallen

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HONOLULU — Marines, Airmen, Sailors and Soldiers could be seen entering the State Capitol building, here, with strong emotions across their faces.

The service members gathered with state officials and civilians to honor their fallen comrades during a Hawaii Medal of Honor (HMOH) ceremony, March 27.

The Hawaii State Senate and Hawaii State House of Representatives awarded the medal to 19 fallen service members.

Of the fallen heroes honored, eight medals were presented to members of the 25th Combat Aviation Brigade, 25th Infantry Division.

“In offering the Hawaii Medal of Honor to those who gathered here, in memory of those who have fallen, we recognize that they are part of us, part of our ohana,” said Rep. K. Mark Takai, chairman for the Committee on Veterans, Military and International Affairs, and Culture and the Arts.

“The medal guarantees that they will never be forgotten,” Takai said. “I hope that the children of these heroes will one day appreciate the sacrifices that their fathers and their mothers made on behalf of all of us.”

As of Dec. 31, 2012, the state of Hawaii has

awarded the HMOH to 327 service members with Hawaii ties.

Hawaii is one of three states that honor their fallen service members this way.

“I’m astounded about what the state has done for the military, Marines, Soldiers, Coast Guard, everybody,” said Tom Logan, who received the HMOH on behalf of his son, Marine Cpl. Joseph Logan.

“I never realized how much love they have for this country’s Soldiers,” Logan said. “It’s a feeling you can’t express sometimes.”

In 2005, the Hawaii State Legislature passed Act 21 from House Bill 8, which began the HMOH in order to “help express the deep appreciation and gratitude of the people of Hawaii to the loved ones of members of the military who sacrificed their lives in defense of our nation and its freedoms.”

Members of the fallen heroes’ units attended the ceremony to show their gratitude and pay tribute to their comrades; however, the emotions from the guests in attendance were minute compared to the emotions of family members.

“The most difficult part of losing someone is the families with little children,” said Takai, upon presenting the weeping daughter of Ma-

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Chief Warrant Officer 3 Shawn Hansen (left), 25th CAB, 25th ID, accepts the HMOH from House Speaker Joseph Souki (center) and Maj. Gen. Darryll D.M. Wong, adjutant general for the State of Hawaii, on behalf of his fallen comrade, Chief Warrant Officer 3 Brian Hornsby, during a ceremony at the State Capitol, March 27.



Col. Frank Tate, commander, 25th CAB, 25th ID, expresses his condolences to the family of Chief Warrant Officer 2 Don Viray during the ceremony.



Hawaii is one of only three states that honors its fallen service members with its own Medal of Honor. (Photo by U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Michael Holzworth)

Engineers conduct EDRE in Guam

Story and photo by
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CAMP COVINGTON NAVAL BASE, Guam — Soldiers of Forward Support Company, 84th Engineer Battalion, 130th Eng. Brigade, 8th Theater Sustainment Command, conducted an Emergency Deployment Readiness Exercise (EDRE) during their deployment here, recently.

The EDRE is a 48-hour drill that tests a unit’s ability to prepare equipment and personnel required to respond to an emergency disaster.

The purpose of the training was to prepare the battalion for an emergency mount out to aid in disaster relief in the Pacific region.

Ever since arriving to Guam in January, the 84th Eng. Bn. has worked closely with the Naval Mobile Construction Bn. Five (NMCB 5) to learn the unit’s processes, as the EDRE was designed for a Navy Seabee battalion, which is configured differently than an Army engineer battalion.

“Although the execution of the Emergency Deployment Readiness Exercise was very different from how the Navy conducts it, the end-state remained the same,” said Navy Lt. Brendan Bunn, of-

ficer in charge, NMCB 5.

“Both the Navy and the Army worked extremely hard and gained training and knowledge from this experience,” Bunn added.

At 3 a.m. the morning of the exercise, the battalion alerted its key leaders and began the process as if it were a real

situation.

Maintenance was required to perform technical inspections on each piece of equipment; the transportation section was required to wash, stage and load ve-

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Soldiers with FSC, 84th Eng. Bn., 130th Eng. Bde., 8th TSC, verify LIN and serial numbers on vehicles headed up to Andersen Air Force Base in Guam.

Warriors hone their ‘sixth sense’ thru ASAT

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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Soldiers of the 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, “Warriors,” 25th Infantry Division, trained with the Advanced Situational Awareness Training team, from Fort Benning, Ga., here, March 21, in an effort to improve their “sixth sense” on the battlefield.

ASAT training focuses on the human element present in a battle space by defining a baseline for a given area and teaching Soldiers how to recognize the anomalies that result in the sixth-sense feeling that tells them something is wrong.

“Once they are able to identify these anomalies, it allows them to be proactive and predictive in their responses, making them much more effective in the battle space,” said Staff Sgt. James Fitzgerald, an instructor for the ASAT program.

“This skill set helps us see who is, for a lack of a better term, acting shifty,” added Staff Sgt. Canaan Wiseman, infantryman, 1st Battalion, 21st Inf. Regiment, 2nd SBCT. “It’s all about establishing a baseline in your area and identifying what is outside of that baseline.”

The science behind this training is advanced, involving research into brain chemical responses and which area of the brain is being used.

“We explain the limitations and capabilities of their brain the same way we would explain a weapons system,” said Fitzgerald. “The Soldier is the most important weapon in the battle space.”

The knowledge gained in the training translates to abilities that can be used by Soldiers to make them better sensors on the

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U.S. Rep. Tulsi Gabbard speaks of her experiences as a politician and a Soldier in the Hawaii National Guard during the Women's History Month observance at the Tropics Warrior Zone, March 27. The event was held to recognize and honor the contributions and accomplishments of female Soldiers, past, present and future.

Congresswoman visits Schofield for Women's History Month

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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — The seats in the Tropics Warrior Zone, here, were filling up fast, with more chairs needing to be pulled out and set up in the aisles.

By the time U.S. Rep. Tulsi Gabbard took the stage, Soldiers were standing in every free space available.

The 25th Infantry Division hosted a Women's History Month observance, March 27, to honor women's contributions to history, culture and society.

Gabbard, who was the event's guest speaker, joined the Hawaii National Guard while serving in the Hawaii House of Representatives in 2004. She served as both an enlisted Soldier and as an officer, and she told Soldiers joining the National Guard was just another way she could serve her country and community.

"I didn't grow up thinking I wanted to run for office or join the military," Gabbard said. "I was the shyest of my siblings, but as I got older, I decided I wanted to do something that made a difference.

"I found success in my military service," she continued. "I learned so many valuable lessons. I met many other strong women who served. We had to work through countless challenges, including opinions that we

can't keep up. Breaking through misconceptions can only be done through action."

Women have served in the military since the U.S. was formed, not always as Soldiers, but as nurses, cooks, seamstresses and spies.

These ladies traveled with the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War, braving the battlefields to care for the wounded and enduring the same hardships as the uniformed Soldiers.

Women took an active role in alerting American troops to enemy movement. They carried messages, transported contraband and gathered information as spies for the cause.

Some women traveled with their husbands, often stepping in when their men fell to enemy fire. Others even disguised themselves as men in order to fight.

By World War I, women not only acted as nurses overseas, they picked up the slack in the workforce on the home front left by their fighting men. They worked in factories, offices and shops across the country, taking over once male-dominated jobs, such as clerical workers, telephone operators, typists and stenographers.

Other women volunteered to deploy overseas to assist the troops as communications specialists, nurses and dieticians. Because these women had served the Army without benefit

of official status, they had to obtain their own food and quarters, and they received no legal protection or medical care.

World War II saw women serving in the military as uniformed troops, and the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps, or WAAC, was created. Members of the WAAC were the first women other than nurses to serve within the ranks of the U.S. Army.

These groundbreaking women seized the opportunity to take a major role in the national war effort overseas.

By the end of the war, their contributions would be well known; the battle for women's complete integration into the armed services had begun.

"I do believe strongly in opening the combat arms for women," stated Gabbard. "However, the standards for those jobs are in place for a reason. It's a matter of life and death, more so than with the other military occupations.

"There should be no exceptions, in any training," Gabbard added. "If a woman chooses to join the combat arms, she should be held to all the same standards as the males."

Since 1987, the U.S. has observed women's contributions through Women's History Month, which is celebrated annually throughout the month of March.

BACKTObASICS

Vigilant leaders create safe barracks

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Many noncommissioned officers do all that they can to care for and mentor Soldiers during the duty day.

One thing that has been often overlooked is that our responsibilities do not end with the sounding of retreat; we have an obligation to ensure the safety and welfare of our Soldiers both on and off duty.

Many units no longer require charge of quarters (CQ) in each building, or they utilize staff duty to conduct patrols throughout the night. This lack of supervision can often result in troubling occurrences that can severely impact a Soldier's career and discipline within an organization.

So, I ask, when was the last time you, as a leader, walked through the barracks area after 9 p.m. on a Friday night?

Some might argue that they are simply trying to respect the Soldiers'

privacy and sense of independence.

I question the validity of such arguments.

First and foremost, it is our responsibility to provide a safe and secure area for our Soldiers. Oftentimes, the mere presence of leaders in the barracks can deter Soldiers from committing acts that would endanger either their safety or that of someone else. As Command Sgt. Maj. McCraw of the 500th Military Intelligence Brigade would say, "Nothing good happens at 2 a.m."

We can all think back to the experiences we had during our time in the barracks. Many of those are great memories, but we are all aware of the dangers of an unsupervised barracks.

Soldiers often drink far too much, increasing the likelihood of making poor decisions. Soldiers and civilians have been victims and perpetrators of rape, robbery and other criminal ac-



Jenkins

tivities. As leaders, it is our job to ensure that good order and discipline are maintained not only during the duty day, but off-duty as well.

In an effort to deter and prevent problematic occurrences in the barracks and to ensure a safe living environment, leaders in our unit conduct presence patrols within the barracks. These patrols are conducted prior to midnight, as well as in the early hours of the morning. Such presence in no way violates a Soldier's privacy.

Health and welfare checks should not be the only time leaders get involved in the barracks. As Benjamin Franklin once said, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

Leading Soldiers will never be an easy task, and it will always require a significant amount of self-sacrifice. This fact is a responsibility we all accepted when we became leaders.



in FAITH

Seasons change, but God does not

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We have just come out of the winter season and the Easter season.

Seasons change; we can count on that.

Soon, we will enter the summer season, and the seasons of Memorial Day and Independence Day. Seasons change.

The 25th Combat Aviation Brigade has come out of the season of deployment and entered the season of reset. Other units have suddenly come out of the season of deployment prep and entered, for many, an unknown season. This unknown season does not revolve around redeployment, reset and deployment again.

The Army is changing because seasons change. The Army is changing because our nation is entering a season of lean years as our leaders make difficult decisions to come into compliance with budgetary cuts and constraints.

For some, that means no off-island tour of duty, except for the Noncommissioned Officer Education System, or NCOES, and a precious few other essential career progression schools. For others, that means parking mission-essential vehicles and converting their status to "low use."

For all Soldiers and dependents, it means a new mission that was unexpected and all the stress rapid change brings to commands, leaders, Soldiers and their families. Seasons change.

All that change may sound depressing, stressful and undesirable. Nevertheless, there is another way we can frame change.

Rather than focus on change and all the adversity that it brings into our lives, we can focus on what does not change. Deployment, no deployment; new mission, old mission; severe budgetary constraints, money flowing like a waterfall — all of this does not change the most important things.

The camaraderie of the women and men who wear the Army uniform does not change because seasons change. The loving commitment of Soldiers and their spouses to each other and their children does not change because seasons change. The tight-knit family readiness groups that support their units' families does not change because seasons change.

The commitment of leaders to train and take of care of their Soldiers and families does not change because seasons change. The most important things do not change.

Above all else, we have faith and confidence that our God does not change. God is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow. God always stands ready to come to our aid and to comfort us in our times of adversity. No amount of seasonal change affects God's nature and character.

In the storm of change and the flood of its consequences, God is the rock on which we may make our home. Seasons change, but God does not change.

Whatever change you may be experiencing now or in the future, I encourage you to hold fast to the one who never changes. When the new normal is finally established, you will find that your faith and trust in God has grown and enriched the quality of your life.



Burris

Voices of Ohana

April is Month of the Military Child.

"If you had the chance to be 10 years old again for one day, in Hawaii, what would you want to do?"

Photos by 500th Military Intelligence Brigade Public Affairs



"Play Skylanders."

Troy Eckert
Information assurance manager, 500th MI Bde



"Eat pineapple and ice cream all day at the Dole Plantation and run wild in the corn maze."

Staff Sgt. Melva Ridley
Signals collector/analyst, Co. A, 715th MI Bn., 500th MI Bde



"Ride my bike all over the island."

Matthew Rossi
Information assurance manager, 500th MI Bde



"I would want to learn how to surf."

Spc. Richard Vargen
Human intelligence collector, 500th MI Bde



"Spend the day at Sea Life Park."

Staff Sgt. Joshua Zielger
Signals intelligence analyst, Co. A, 715th MI Bn., 500th MI Bde

Hagel says DOD review means ‘big choices’

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WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel signaled possible big changes ahead for his department in acquisition, personnel and organization as he delivered his first major policy speech as Pentagon chief, Wednesday.

Hagel outlined his plan of attack for the strategic and financial challenges the Defense Department faces during remarks at the National Defense University, here.

“We need to challenge all past assumptions, and we need to put everything on the table,” he said.

Hagel said DOD’s task is to prepare for the future, “but not in a way that neglects, or is oblivious to, the realities of the present.”

At his direction, Hagel said, Deputy Defense Secretary Ash Carter, working with Gen. Martin Dempsey, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, is leading a review of the department’s strategic choices and management.

The review is intended to identify the challenges, uncertainties, risks and opportunities connected to both strategic priorities and budget uncertainty. It’s also “about matching missions with resources — looking at ends, ways and means,” he said.

The review will consider big choices, “change that involves not just tweaking or chipping away at existing structures and practices but, where necessary, fashioning entirely new ones that are better suited to 21st century realities and challenges,” the secretary said.

Reshaping the defense enterprise means confronting “the principal drivers of growth in the department’s base budget — namely acquisitions, personnel costs and overhead,” Hagel said.

The Pentagon’s biggest budget challenge is not its top-line budget, he said, but “where that money is being spent internally.”

Spiraling costs to sustain existing structures and institutions, to provide personnel benefits and to develop replacements for aging weapons platforms will, if unchecked, eventually crowd out spending on procurement, operations and readiness, which are the budget categories that enable the military to be, and stay, prepared.

Hagel said the U.S. military has grown more deployable, expeditionary, flexible, lethal “and certainly more professional” since 9/11.

“It has also grown significantly older — as measured by the age of major platforms — and it has grown enormously more expensive in every way,” he said.

The department will “get out ahead” of challenges, Hagel said, noting he has told the senior leaders across the department and the services that “we are all in this together, and we will come out of it together.”

Hagel said the military’s modernization strategy “still depends on systems that are vastly more expensive and technologically risky than what were promised or budgeted for.” The department must develop an acquisition system that responds more quickly and effectively to the needs of troops and commanders in the field, one that rewards cost-effectiveness “so that our programs do not continue to take longer, cost more and deliver less than initially planned and promised,” he said.

On the personnel front, Hagel said, DOD leaders must determine how many military and civilian people they have, how many they need and how to compensate them for their service.

He said that process will involve questioning the right mix of civilian and military members, the right balance between officer and enlisted service members, and the appropriate troop strength dedicated to combat, support and administrative duties.

Hagel noted that his two immediate predecessors as defense secretary — Leon Panetta and Robert Gates — each led efforts to cut costs across the department. But sequester cuts and budget uncertainty have “led to far more abrupt and deeper reductions than were planned or expected,” he said.

“Now, DOD is grappling with the serious and immediate challenges of sequester, which is forcing us to take as much as a \$41 billion cut in this current fiscal year, and if it continues, will reduce projected defense spending by another \$500 billion over the next decade,” the secretary added.

Full Speech
Review the DOD secretary’s speech at www.defense.gov/speeches/speech.aspx?speechid=1764.

America pays tribute to spouses, family members of fallen military

LUKE ELLIOTT
U.S. Army Installation Management Command

SAN ANTONIO — America will pay respect to the spouses and families of fallen members of the U.S. Armed Forces, April 5.

A resolution to designate Gold Star Wives Day was approved, March 20, by the U.S. Senate in recognition of the sacrifices made by these spouses and family members.

The Senate resolution states that military service members and veterans “bear the burden of protecting the freedom of the people of the United States and ... the sacrifices of the families of the fallen members and veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States should never be forgotten.”

Gold Star Wives Day was first celebrated Dec. 18, 2010, through a Senate resolution with support from the Gold Star Wives of America, Inc., a nonprofit organization of about 10,000 members that provides

services and support to the spouses of fallen service members.

“Remembrance days like Gold Star Wives Day specifically honor the sacrifices of some of the individuals a fallen Soldier has left behind,” said Don-

na Engeman, Survivor Outreach Services program manager, U.S. Army Installation Management Command. “The sacrifices of a Gold Star wife reach beyond losing the person she considers a life partner — it is a loss of goals and expectations, it impacts her identity within the Army culture and completely changes the path of her future.”

“The importance of Gold Star Wives Day is that it brings acknowledgement to and honors the many sacrifices of these incredibly courageous and resilient women,” she added.

The Department of Defense presents one of two lapel pins to Gold Star Family members. The pins are worn by the survivors to recognize their sacrifices and as a way for others to honor their family members’ military service.

The first pin is the Gold Star Lapel Pin, which was established by Congress in 1947 and is presented to spouses and family members of service members killed in combat.

The second pin is the Next of Kin Lapel Pin, which features a gold star on a gold background and is presented to immediate family members of service members who die while serving outside of combat operations.



An act of Congress established the Gold Star Lapel Pin, for issue to immediate family members of service members killed in combat. (U.S. Army photos)

(Photos have been altered from its original form; background elements have been removed.)



The Next of Kin Pin signifies a service-related death during active duty other than combat.

Army improves base access for Gold Stars

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U.S. Army Installation Management Command

SAN ANTONIO — The U.S. Army Installation Management Command recently implemented a program to ensure family members of fallen Soldiers have easier access to Army installations.

Army installations began issuing a standardized Gold Star Installation Access Card to parents and siblings of deceased active duty Soldiers, March 14, to allow unescorted access to the installation, so they are able to receive services and support.

“Surviving parents, siblings and others who do not already have a military or family member ID have told us that one of their biggest frustrations is getting onto an installation to attend Survivor Outreach Services (SOS) support groups, attend events, visit memorials and visit with other survivors,” said Hal Snyder, chief, Wounded and Fallen Support Services, G-9 Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Programs, Headquarters, IMCOM.

This issue was raised to the Department of the Army level through the Army Family Action Plan program, which provides a grassroots forum for members of the Army community to raise quality of life concerns.

The Gold Star Installation Access Card was created in response to this feedback after reaching the highest levels of Army leadership.

“Senior Army leadership was listening, and we are pleased to be able to continue to honor the promise that survivors remain part of the Army family for as long as they desire,” said Snyder.

In addition to providing access to all Army installations, the new identification card also serves as a small way of paying tribute to these family members.

“This card allows survivors to have a transportable method to not only gain installation access, but it provides acknowledgement that they are Army survivors,

which is very important because of the sacrifices they have made,” said Christine Carruthers, SOS region specialist, G-9

vidual journey and make sure they receive all the services, support and benefits they are entitled.



FORT SILL, Okla. — Fort Sill is one of many Army installations to begin providing designated parking spaces and installation access cards to family members of fallen Soldiers. (Photo by Monica Wood, Fort Sill Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation)

FMWR Programs, Headquarters, IMCOM.

Carruthers said that it is also important for survivors to have easy access to an installation, because many of them are not familiar with how the Army works.

“In many cases, those individuals have no knowledge of the Army lifestyle and culture, so having ease of access is very helpful to them, and it means a lot to them to be able to receive the services and support from the Army,” Carruthers said.

Many installations were already assisting and recognizing Gold Star family members with post decals, and some were even providing identification cards, but the new installation access card program standardizes these efforts across all Army installations.

The HQ IMCOM SOS was one of the lead proponents assigned to make the Gold Star Installation Access Card a reality.

“The grief journey is unique to every survivor and is experienced in its own way and time,” said Carruthers. “Our program is there to assist them through their indi-

“For survivors who are not familiar with the Army system, having somebody already connected and knowledgeable about the agencies and resources available to them helps survivors navigate through that much easier,” Carruthers added.

In addition to the installation access card, the Army also implemented a program, March 22, that provides reserved parking spaces to Gold Star family members at various Army installation locations.

Army SOS
The Survivor Outreach Services program was established in 2008 as the long-term solution in causality assistance continuum of care.

The program provides services that address financial, educational, emotional, health and family issues that may arise following the death of a Soldier, while continuously linking survivors to their Army family for as long as they desire.



PANANG, Malaysia — Col. Thomas Mackey, commander, 2nd SBCT, 25th ID, inspects the 6th Brigade, Malaysian Armed Forces Honor Guard during a trip, here, recently, to take part in the initial planning conference for the annual combined joint exercise KrS13. (Photo by Col. Jonathan Wung, 9th Mission Support Command)

Warrior Brigade will lead KrS13

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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — The 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, “Warriors,” 25th Infantry Division, is taking the lead for Keris Strike 13 (KrS13), an annual combined joint exercise that partners Soldiers with the Malaysian army in its country.

KrS13 will take place Sept. 17-27; for the first time in many years, the 25th ID will be involved.

Col. Thomas Mackey, commander, 2nd SBCT, is partnering with the commander of the Malaysian army’s 6th Brigade, 2nd Division, to lead the exercise.

“With the 2/25 not deploying anymore, it was the perfect opportunity for us to take over and have an ... active unit relationship,” said Maj. Paul Oh, intelligence officer, 2nd SBCT. “The Malaysian Armed Forces is pretty excited about that prospect, and we’re excit-

ed also about working together with the Malaysian Armed Forces.”

In previous years, Keris Strike was led by the 9th Mission Support Command, a U.S. Army Reserve component based out of Fort Shafter, with help from U.S. Army-Pacific. This year, both commands are still involved, but in support roles.

Recently, Mackey and Oh, along with Maj. Andrew Lynch, supply officer, 2nd SBCT, took a trip to Panang, Malaysia, to attend the initial planning conference for KrS13.

Lynch said it was the first time 2nd SBCT has had the chance to meet with 9th MSC, USARPAC and the Malaysian army at the same time.

“This was our first opportunity to sit down in a classroom-type environment, meet their leadership, meet the staff counterparts,” said Lynch. “There was a lot of social interaction, building those relationships, going through staff processes, planning for the (final planning

conference) and the actual exercise itself.”

Keris Strike’s core is to conduct a humanitarian assistance/disaster relief mission.

In addition, 2nd SBCT will be teaching the Malaysian army counter-IED techniques and medical first-responder courses.

“There’s going to be instances where the U.S. Army will need to partner with other nations’ forces in order to accomplish missions,” Oh said. “This scenario is a case in point. If there is a humanitarian assistance or disaster relief mission in the Pacific, and we do get called to help, we obviously can’t do it by ourselves. We need to do it with the host nation.

“Keris Strike is important, because it gives us a chance to partner with foreign armies, build that type of relationship and build our capacity to work together with our partners to accomplish our mission,” Oh added.

DIMA supports USACE in Key Resolve 2013

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS
Pacific Ocean Division
Public Affairs

FORT SHAFTER — A team of five Drilling Individual Mobilization Augmentee (DIMA) Army Reserve Soldiers deployed to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Pacific Ocean Division (POD) in Hawaii and to the Far East District (POF) in Seoul, Korea, and demonstrated their capabilities during exercise Key Resolve, last month.

The combined and joint defense-oriented annual training event was designed to defend the Republic of Korea, protect the region and maintain stability on the Korean peninsula.

Col. Thomas Lavender led the DIMA team, which was assigned to support POD and POF in the exercise. Rounding out the team were Lt. Col. Nicholas Nazarko, Maj. Aaron Eklund, Lt. Col. Stuart Ross and Maj. Jeffery Ward.

Nazarko and Eklund deployed to Fort Shafter, where they updated a draft concept plan to support military contingencies on the Korean Peninsula and developed a tabletop exercise for split-basing in the event of a Non-Combatant Evacuation Operation.

In Seoul, Ross and Ward participated as USACE liaison officers to Combined Forces Command and the ROK army.

Col. Gregory Gunter, commander, POD, spoke highly of the DIMAs’ contributions to USACE.

“DIMA Soldiers provide valuable assistance to commanders by serving as additional emergency operations staff,” said Gunter. “The team validated its competencies during this major annual exercise, which is designed to enhance the ROK-U.S. alliance. The DIMAs serving in our region are a group of talented officers and noncommissioned officers who maintain a high level of readiness and are ready to support contingency operations.”

The purpose of the DIMA pro-

gram is to facilitate the rapid expansion of the active Army wartime structure in order to meet military manpower requirements in the event of military contingency, pre-mobilization, mobilization, sustainment and/or demobilization operations.

This objective is accomplished by preassigning qualified members of the Army’s Selected Reserve to required mobilization positions that have been specifically designated and documented to augment a proponent agency, such as USACE.

Some people are not aware of the difference between an Army DIMA Soldier and a traditional Army Reservist.

“The primary difference is a DIMA provides support to the active component, while a traditional Reservist is part of a larger reserve component unit,” explained Lavender, who is the senior DIMA Soldier at POD. “DIMAs normally have the flexibility to perform their annual training and drills all at once, or they can space them out, depending on the needs of the Soldier and the needs of the unit.”

POD has six DIMA positions, and POF has 18 positions, consisting of planning and operations staff members, as well as a number of liaison officers.

This 24-Soldier team of DIMAs is the largest of all the divisions within USACE.

In addition to the five DIMAs who recently assisted in the Key Resolve exercise, a number of DIMAs are on active duty orders providing long-term support to POD and POF.

Lt. Col. Amy Trombley has been supporting POD since June 2011.

POF is enjoying the benefit of support from Maj. Randy Lorenzo, Maj. Vincent Lee, Maj. Brian Becker, Sgt. Maj. David Breitbach, Sgt. 1st Class Ernestine Smith and Staff Sgt. James Park, who are all performing duties associated with managing one of the largest construction programs in the history of USACE in Korea.

Reserves’ first-ever KATUSA joins the ranks of the 9th MSC

Program fosters U.S.-ROK relationship

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9th Mission Support Command

HONOLULU — Being selected to serve as a Korean Augmentation to the U.S. Army (KATUSA) is an honor in itself.

But, being selected as the U.S. Army Reserves’ first-ever KATUSA takes the distinction to a whole new level.

Initiated more than 60 years ago through an agreement by Republic of Korea President Rhee Syng-man and U.S. Gen. Douglas MacArthur, KATUSAs are an integral component to the relationship that has developed between the ROK and U.S. and remains a vital element of the strong bonds between the two nations.

A few short weeks ago, the 9th Mission Support Command’s 658th Regional Support Group, located in Yongsan, Seoul, South Korea, enlisted the help of Korean counterpart Pvt. Kieok Ryu to assist in its day-to-day activities.

Col. Stacy Yamada, commander, 658th RSG, explained the addition of its newest member represents more than just additional manpower.

“Additional support provided by KATUSAs allows units to broaden our engagements with the community and quickly build a necessary support structure,” Yamada said.

“Pvt. Ryu, who not only speaks, lives and knows the Republic of Korea, provides us a critical link to our host nation,” Yamada added. “In the reality of war and conflict, particularly in South Korea, having a local as a member of our unit allows us to find and capitalize on

the bonds between our two countries.”

South Korea requires that all males serve for just less than two years in the military. Citizens have the option to serve with the ROK army or volunteer for the KATUSA program, which requires an in-depth application and selection process.

Applicants are also tested on their English proficiency. The process culminates with a lottery drawing where some applicants are chosen to augment the U.S. Army.

“The KATUSA program is very popular here, and it takes a lot of hard work and luck to be chosen,” Ryu said.

Ryu explained that he picked up the English language in Korea and Singapore, and by watching a lot of American movies.

He made it a goal to become profi-

cient because he knew knowing English would make him an ideal candidate for not only the program, but also when applying to universities and ultimately jobs.

So far, Ryu is learning a great deal from his U.S. counterparts.

“Working with U.S. Soldiers has been great,” Ryu said. “I can tell they care so much about how their Soldiers are doing. Their quality of life is so much more improved, and I feel really luck to be involved.”

Ryu also said he feels Koreans and Americans have so much to learn from each other and hopes the KATUSA program will be better known so that other countries can be involved.

“It would be a good start in creating global alliances amongst militaries throughout the world,” said Ryu.



SEOUL, South Korea — Col. John Cardwell (front right), commander, 9th MSC, places a unit patch on the uniform of Pvt. Kieok Ryu, welcoming him to the 658th RSG. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Robert Hisle, 658th Regional Support Group)

Prime Power helps get Guam mission accomplished

Story and photo by
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CAMP COVINGTON NAVAL BASE, Guam — Soldiers from the 249th Engineer Battalion (Prime Power) provided their technical experience and assessments to support the 523rd Eng. Company, 84th Eng. Bn., 130th Eng. Brigade, 8th Theater Sustainment Command, during its deployment, here, recently.

The battalion is a versatile power generation battalion, assigned to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, that provides commercial-level power and electrical systems expertise to military units and federal relief organizations during full-spectrum operations.

One of the battallion’s key tasks is to assess Guam’s critical infrastructure facilities as determined by the Guam Homeland Security and Office of Civil Defense. The team is responsible for ensuring that each facility



Sgt. 1st Class Brian George (left), 249th Eng. Bn., explains possible solutions to a generator issue at the Department of Public Health and Social Services facility during a recent deployment to Guam.

has the proper interim power generation in the event of a natural disaster or emergency.

For the facilities that do possess their own backup generation capabilities, the Soldiers determine if the capabilities

are sufficient enough to handle the critical load of the facility based on its intended use during emergency or disaster situations, and to implement a backup plan if the facility experiences some type of failure in its elec-

trical infrastructure.

For the facilities that do not have backup generation capabilities, the team develops an emergency installation plan using the Federal Emergency Management Agency power

generation assets.

Assessment information attained includes determining the proper size of generators needed, location and configuration of generators, cabling sizes and length, connection point to the facility, and all pertinent information for the facility.

The assessment data is put into Engineers Link Interactive (ENGLink), which enables USACE to initiate and direct larger relief efforts with reduced operational costs and lower response times.

ENGLink effectively serves as a centralized point for the collection, analysis and dissemination of assessment information.

The electrical assessments performed by the 294th Eng. team will go a long way in helping to ensure that critical facilities will have electrical power available to mitigate, prepare, respond and recover from any and all types of emergencies in order to protect the lives, environment and property of the island of Guam.

FSC moves quarry gear

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CAMP COVINGTON NAVAL BASE, Guam — The Forward Support Company, 84th Engineer Battalion, 130th Eng. Brigade, 8th Theater Sustainment Command, currently forward deployed, here, completed its first major movement of oversized quarry equipment to the Port Authority of Guam.

Nine vehicles were moved in total, to include five oversized pieces.

The equipment previously was used in a quarry located on Naval Base Guam, which had been the source of blast rock used for asphalt and paving missions completed by the Navy Seabees, and recently closed down.

“It was sad to see the quarry go, because it was a great training opportunity,” said Navy Chief Petty Officer Williams Sanders.

Company provided equipment operators to help assist the embarkation team with movement to the port.

The NMCB 5 crane crew assisted by helping load and offload equipment from trailers once it arrived at the port.

In addition, the Guam Police Department provided a police escort for the oversized vehicles to ensure that the convoy did not hinder any local traffic. The officers were very flexible and worked with the embarkation team with changing port dates and movement times.

“The Guam Police Department has really been helpful in our missions,” said Sgt. David Alex, transportation yard boss, FSC, 84th Eng. Bn. “They are a great asset to our team.”

The embarkation team has worked closely with the Guam Port Authority before, as well as the Surface Deployment Distribution Command, a company that coordinates with other contractors to arrange movements and shipping dates.



Sturgis Award nominee Staff Sgt. Charles Worley (front), a squad leader for 643rd Horiz. Eng. Co., 84th Eng. Bn., 130th Eng. Bde., 8th TSC, shows his leadership skills by working with locals from Thailand on their engineering project. (Photo courtesy Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 84th Engineer Battalion, 130th Eng. Brigade, 8th Theater Sustainment Command)

Engineers earn regimental awards

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Sustainment Command

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — The 84th Engineer Battalion, 130th Eng. Brigade, 8th Theater Sustainment Brigade, selected four of its Soldiers to compete for various regimental awards within the Army engineer community.

Each Soldier underwent a rigorous selection process, competing against many other Soldiers throughout the 8th TSC.

The nominees and their respective awards are as follows:

•1st Lt. Shane Wright, for the Grizzly Award.

Wright has increased his platoon’s operational readiness by 23 percent, received 100 percent on all his inspections and increased his Mission Essential Task List capabilities by 20 percent. He also participated in the Best Sapper Competition and then deployed to the Pohakuloa Training Area, Hawaii, only 48 hours later.

“To me, it was a great honor to be nominated for this award, but

the recognition should really go to my platoon,” said Wright, a platoon leader in 561st Horizontal Eng. Company.

“Without their hard work and dedication to the mission, we would never be as successful,” Wright added. “I’ve learned a lot from them, and that has helped me grow and become a better leader each and every day.”

•Chief Warrant Officer 2 Edgar Espiritu, the Warrant Officer Award.

Espiritu, a construction engineer technician, said that it was a privilege and honor to be nominated for the Warrant Officer Award.

He served as the backbone of construction execution for more than \$3.7 million worth of troop construction and has extended his influence to Soldiers of both the U.S. and host nations.

He has served in combat deployments in Kuwait, with a Civic Action Team in Micronesia and in six Theater Security Cooperation Program exercises throughout U.S. Army Pacific.

•Staff Sgt. Charles Worley, the Sturgis Award.

Worley is currently a squad leader for 643rd Horiz. Eng. Co. In just six years from enlisting in the Army, he has been in charge of numerous construction projects located in Afghanistan, the Philippines and at PTA.

He coached his platoon at an M-16 range, which resulted in 100 percent qualification, and earned consecutive perfect scores on the Army physical fitness test.

•Spc. Austin Gonzalez, the Van Autreve Award.

Gonzales has won the Battalion Soldier of the Month, Battalion Soldier of the Quarter, and Brigade Soldier of the Quarter in just two years of service.

“I would like to thank my chain of command for the opportunities they have given me, as well as my peers, who helped me push myself,” said Gonzales. “It’s an honor to have represented the 84th Eng. Bn. for this award.”

The 84th Eng. Bn. hopes to continue its streak by producing quality Soldiers and leaders who constantly spread their knowledge throughout the unit.



The Soldiers of FSC, 84th Eng. Bn., 130th Eng. Bde., 8th TSC, move a rock drill from the quarry on the recently closed Naval Base Guam as part of a recent deployment to Guam.

The Seabees also use a quarry at Naval Air Weapons Station in China Lake, Calif.

Although the closing of the quarry was bittersweet, the transportation of the equipment showed a joint effort among the services and Guam authorities.

Coordination was made with the Port Authority of Guam, the Guam Police Department, the Naval Mobility Construction Bn. Five (NMCB 5) and Soldiers within the 84th Eng. Bn.

The 523rd Horizontal Construction

“The Port Authorities are always very cooperative and helpful,” said Staff Sgt. Danielle Quimbley, embarkation team section leader, FSC, 84th Eng. Bn. “They always assist us with accomplishing our mission.”

Overall, the movement of the quarry equipment was a great success, thanks to multiple agencies and services working together to accomplish the mission.

It was a major accomplishment for the embarkation team to close out the chapter of the quarry at Naval Base Guam.



NCOs of 3rd BCT, 25th ID, recite the NCO Charge during the Bronco NCO Induction Ceremony, March 20.

Broncos induct Army’s newest leaders

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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — “I will discharge carefully and diligently the duties of the grade to which I have been promoted and uphold traditions and standards of the Army.”

Those were the words that thundered throughout F Quad, here, March 20, as nearly 100 newly promoted noncommissioned officers from 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, lifted their right hands and took the NCO Charge during the NCO Induction Ceremony, hosted by Command Sgt. Maj. David Clark, senior enlisted leader of the Bronco Brigade.

NCOs took part in three days of vigorous activity that ended in a 12-mile foot march before being inducted into the NCO Corps.

Their days kicked off with physical readiness training competitions that tested their strength and classroom lessons where seasoned leaders from the unit taught classes on various Army programs and regulations.

Clark opened the ceremony by saying that the NCO Corps has long been the envy of all other armies in the world, and he stressed the importance of the very essence of leadership that these Soldiers were about to take on.

“Today you stand publicly to accept the charge of the noncommissioned officer and to make the commitment to take on all the responsibilities that go along with your new role in our Army,” said Clark.

He added that trust is the bedrock of our profession, saying, “The Army Values that we live by are the framework of our profession and are non-



Nearly 100 NCOs stand in formation and await to receive their certificates from Maj. Gen. Kurt Fuller, commander, 25th ID, and Command Sgt. Maj. Ray. Devens, senior enlisted leader, 25th ID, during the Bronco NCO Induction Ceremony.

negotiable.

“You earn the trust of your Soldiers by being the uncompromised standard bearer for Soldiers,” he continued. “Your leadership is key in showing our Soldiers what right looks like.”

The NCOs then passed underneath the arch, representing the Army regulations that provide the legal and regulatory guidelines to execute their duties.

Next, they passed the line of authority, symbolizing a place to which they will never return, reminding them that they are no longer one of the troops.

Sgt. Maj. Ray Devens, senior enlisted leader, 25th ID, served as guest speaker for the event.

He told the NCOs, “Everything in your life changes today, whether you know it or not.”

Devens also emphasized the significance of the NCOs’ new role.

“The tempo of your unit is pushed out, developed and set in place by the E5s in the formation, and it is the most important job you will have in the Army right now,” he said.

“How you will lead when you’re a sergeant major? How will you lead when you’re a squad leader?” he added. “How you present yourself as a leader and the example you set for your Soldiers will define who you are for the rest of your life.”

EDRE: Bn. prepares

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hicles onto trailers; and the last station, the embarkation team, was responsible for the weighing and marking of vehicles.

Tracking this information was crucial, because the documentation was given to the Air Force to ensure the right amount of equipment was being loaded onto the aircraft.

Teamwork across the board was essential to the success of this practice exercise, as many moving pieces had to come together.

“This is a great learning experience,” said Staff Sgt. Danielle Quimbley, platoon sergeant and embark supervisor for the Distribution Platoon, FSC, 84th Eng. Bn.

“Soldiers and leaders are able to gauge their capabilities as well as their shortcomings,” Quimbley added. “This exercise will provide positive feedback that will allow the company to improve and make the process better in the future.”

By the end of the exercise, the engineers had processed more than 45 pieces of equipment and palletized more than 20 containers.

The overall goal was met by working day and night and getting all the equipment on the priority list through multiple processes.

In addition, every section of the battalion was able to see the areas needing improvement.

“The company was able to get a better understanding and feel for what was needed to conduct an emergency mount out,” said 1st Sgt. Pete Leao, FSC, 84th Eng. Bn.

“Our main objective is to push out all the equipment safely and in a timely manner to be able to support the operations aiding the emergency situation,” Leao continued. “We will continue to prepare and always be ready for if and when an emergency does occur in the Pacific.”



Sgt. Zachary Rice, flight instructor, C/2-25th Avn. Regt., 25th CAB, 25th ID, drops some supplies out a UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter to ground Soldiers at a remote outpost in Kandahar province, Afghanistan, Feb. 22.

25th CAB crew chief recognized

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WHEELER ARMY AIRFIELD — A UH-60 Black Hawk crew chief from Company C, 2nd Battalion, 25th Aviation Regiment, 25th Combat Avn. Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, accepted the 2012 Army Aviation Association of America (AAAA) Henry Q.



Rice is the 2012 AAAA Henry Q. Dunn Crew Chief of the Year.

Dunn Crew Chief of the Year Award in a ceremony, held here, March 25.

Sgt. Zachary Rice, C/2-25th Avn., 25th CAB, received the award from Command Sgt. Maj. James Thomson, senior enlisted leader, Army Aviation Center of Excellence, for his actions during a recent deployment to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom 12-13.

“It is a great feeling to be recognized by my command and peers,” Rice said.

As the company’s flight instructor, Rice assisted with the readiness level progression, continuation training and annual and semiannual evaluations for 30 non-rated crewmembers.

His actions as a flight instructor contributed to more than 7,500 combat flight hours in at least 1,500 missions in support of Regional Command-South and the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan.

Rice, who has flown more than 550 combat flight hours in at least 110 combat missions, was selected ahead of more than 2,500 crew chiefs and flight engineers from across the Army.

“Rice goes above and beyond in every category,” said Sgt. 1st Class Daniel Ray, the platoon sergeant for C/2-25th Avn. 25th CAB. “He was requested by name for several high-risk missions due to his ability to adapt to any situation, react quickly to changes and his sound judgment.”

“Every mission you do is different,” Rice stated. “I am glad I can help Soldiers who are in difficult places to complete the mission safely, so we all can return home.”

209th ASB wins DA’s Lt. Gen. Parker Award

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25th Infantry Division

WHEELER ARMY AIRFIELD — The 209th Aviation Support Battalion, 25th Combat Avn. Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, received the Lt. Gen. Ellis D. Parker Award in the Combat Service Support category during a ceremony, here, March 25.

Maj. Gen. Kevin Mangum, commander, Army Aviation Center of Excellence, presented the award to Lt. Col. Keriem Kvalevog, commander, 209th ASB, for the battalion’s outstanding support of the 25th CAB during its yearlong deployment to Afghanistan.

“Winning the award shows the dedication, professionalism and hard work the Soldiers put forth every day,” said Kvalevog. “I am in awe and humbled by what they do. Each and every Soldier played a role in winning the award.”

The Lt. Gen. Ellis D. Parker Award is a Department of the Army-level award that recognizes excellence at the battalion level in the primary warfighting aviation force.

The 209th ASB was selected in recognition of the 209th Soldiers’ efforts and sense of mission accomplishment.

“It feels pretty great to receive this award,” said Sgt. 1st Class Jose Moreno,

electronic warfare noncommissioned officer, 209th ASB. “This is a great accomplishment for the battalion and just one more piece of evidence (that) the hard work we did paid off.”

In addition to providing support to the other battalions of the 25th CAB during deployment, 209th ASB was instrumental in training and certifying Afghan soldiers of the Kandahar Air Wing, the aviation attack and support force of Southern Afghanistan.

The training and certification included several programs that gave Afghan soldiers valuable skills, including wheeled vehicle maintenance, forklift operations, drivers’ training and aviation maintenance.

The Lt. Gen. Ellis D. Parker Award is one of many awards received by Soldiers and units of the 25th CAB as a result of their efforts in Afghanistan.

In 2012, the Army Aviation Association of America awarded 25th CAB Soldiers with the Henry Q. Dunn Crew Chief of the Year Award, the Rodney J.T. Yano NCO of the Year Award, the Army Aviation Medicine Award, the DUSTOFF Medic of the Year Award, the Aircraft Survivability Equipment Award and the Avionics Award.



Lt. Col. Keriem Kvalevog (left), commander, 209th ASB, 25th CAB, 25th ID, accepts the Lt. Gen. Ellis D. Parker Award in the Combat Service Support category for her battalion from Maj. Gen. Kevin Mangum (second from left), commander, Army Aviation Center of Excellence, during a ceremony on WAAF, March 25. (Photo by Sgt. Daniel Schroeder, 25th Combat Aviation Brigade Public Affairs, 25th Infantry Division)

Medal: Ceremony remembers sacrifices

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rine Master Sgt. Travis Riddick with her father’s medal. “I hope that in the future, the children will understand how important their father is to many others and people from Hawaii,” said Takai. Riddick’s daughter was not the only family member whose emotions were evident during the ceremony. “This ceremony put us over the top,” Logan said. “He was our G.I. Joey; that’s what we called him. They say the children emulate the parents; I didn’t realize it until all this happened, what our kids were doing. They were paying attention, and I’m grateful for it.” After taking part in the ceremony, Logan was inspired to bring the honor of remembering the fallen to his home

state. “I am going to take this legislation back to Texas,” Logan said. “Texas has lost 613 (service members), and California has even more. A lot of families are affected by the loss of a Soldier. What happens is a tragedy. With losing a son or daughter, the feelings don’t go away. They stay there.” With his military past, Takai has had to deal with the loss of fellow service members. “We see the pain in both the children and grandparents,” Takai said. “The military has been such an important part of our history. “Our military is part of our Hawaii ohana,” Takai added. “The state cares about the Soldier, the family and the person the family lost. We will continue to do this.”



Soldiers of the 2nd SBCT, 25th ID, participate in awareness exercises while role-playing as part of the ASAT, March 21. (Photo by Staff Sgt. James Fitzgerald, Advanced Situational Awareness Training program)

ASAT: Exercise gives Soldiers a new toolset

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ground. “This training provides a toolset of advanced critical thinking, problem solving and sense making,” Fitzgerald said. “It is capable of being effective in any given battle space, because human behavior is a constant.” “This training relates directly to every Soldier being a sensor,” Wiseman said. “It doesn’t matter who senses something is wrong; they should never have a problem saying, ‘Hey, Sarge, something is off,’ even if they can’t quantify it.” According to Wiseman, the combined effect of our five senses, processed subconsciously, produce a chemical reaction in the brain when it senses something does not align with the normal environment. “You might not consciously notice the lack of children

playing or the sounds of the metal shop missing, but your mind picks up on this and gives you that feeling that something is wrong,” he explained. “There is no such thing as a sixth sense,” added Fitzgerald. “We give the Soldiers the science behind these feelings and are able to articulate what it is in the environment that is triggering it.” This training is a valuable asset for any Soldier, as it increases the ability to make critical decisions with more information. “I feel this course should be taught from the lowest ranking Soldier to the highest general officer,” Fitzgerald said. “If it is a human problem, it deserves a human solution.” Ensuring that Soldiers have every available tool, whether the latest optic for their weapon system or the latest training for their mind, is critical in ensuring mission success.

NEWS Briefs

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

Today
Gas Pumps Closure — The Schofield Car Care Center gas pumps will be closed, now through April 10, in order to install new gas pumps. The retail store will be open 5 a.m.-10 p.m. Kole Kole Express will be open 24 hours, selling both gas and retail merchandise.

6 / Saturday
Sergeant Road Closure — Sergeant Road in front of the Pharmacy, Bldg. 695, Schofield Barracks, will be closed, April 6. Traffic will be detoured using the Exchange parking lot. Also, one-way traffic will be in the westbound lane (toward the Exchange) fronting the Pharmacy, Sunday-Friday, through April 9. Eastbound traffic (toward the Commissary) will be detoured through the Exchange parking lot. Access to the Pharmacy will be maintained throughout the project. Allow extra time when traveling in this area, and drive with extra caution. Visit www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil/info/trafficcalendar.htm for the latest Traffic Alerts.

8 / Monday
Aliamanu Drive/Skyview Loop Lane Closures — Portions of Aliamanu Drive, between Okamura Road and west of Ama Drive, and at the intersection of Skyview Loop and Bunker Access Road, will be partially closed, 7 a.m.-4 p.m., April 8-26, for installation of a new eight-inch waterline. Traffic will be one way at all times, with two-way traffic during non-work hours. Project schedule is subject to weather delays. Call 835-4078.

Hewitt Road Closure — Portions of Hewitt Road, between Trimble and Lyman roads, will be fully closed for road reconstruction, April 8-May 9. Schedule is as follows and is subject to change, pending weather delays: •Between Trimble Road and Waianae Uka, closed April 8-19 and May 7-8; and •Between Waianae Uka and Lyman Road, closed April 22-May 6 and 9. Also, there will no parking available along the westbound lane of Waianae Uka, between Floyd and Carpenter streets, April 22-May 9. Call 656-2532.

10 / Wednesday
Employee Town Halls — Col. Daniel Whitney, commander, U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii, will conduct an Employee Town Hall, 10-11 a.m., April 10, at the Aliamanu Military Reservation Chapel. A second town hall will be at 1-2 p.m., April 12, at Main Post Chapel, Schofield Barracks, with a hearing impaired interpreter available.

15 / Monday
Technology Days — All interested personnel are invited to attend the 20th annual Technology Days, 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m., April 15, at the Hale Ikena, Fort Shafter, and April 17, at the Nehelani, Schofield Barracks. More than 40 exhibitors will be on hand, with demos on some of the latest advancements in the information technology field from leading industry and government vendors. There is no fee to attend. Email dennis@fbcdb.com.

26 / Friday
Military Spouse Career Forum — U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii and the Army Community Center’s Employment Readiness Program sponsor a Military Spouse Career Forum and Career Fair, hosted by local TV personality Bernadette Baraquio of “Living Local,” 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m., April 26, at the Nehelani, Schofield Barracks. Call 655-4788.

Month of the Military Child

Keiki-centered activities include attention to issue of preventing child abuse

STACY TIMMINS

Army Community Service; Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation; U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — What do all of us have in common when it comes to children? Protecting them.

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month, or CAPM, and Col. Daniel Whitney, commander, U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii, has kicked off the month of activities by signing the CAPM Proclamation, March 29, at the School Age Center, here.

The proclamation encourages community support and participation when it comes to raising awareness of child abuse.

The colonel was surrounded by Family Advocacy Committee members and distinguished guests – the children.

The theme for Army CAPM 2013 is "Protecting Children: It's Everyone's Job." The proclamation encourages community support and participation when it comes to raising awareness of child abuse.

The proclamation also encourages Army family members to rethink ways to stay

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Col. Daniel Whitney, commander, U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii, helps Family Advocacy Committee members and children kick off Child Abuse Prevention Month by signing the CAPM Proclamation at the School Age Center, March 29. (Photo by Tye Clark, Army Community Service)

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FUN Fest and Earth Day converge

Annual event attracts thousands, entertains military families

JENNY COLLINS

Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation
U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — The smell of fried carnival food lingered into the crisp spring air.

Wrinkled piles of plastics inflated into towering structures of air-filled bounciness.



Victoria Rutlidge, daughter of Sgt. Alvin Rutludge, 643rd Engineer Company, 84th Eng. Battalion, 130th Eng. Brigade, 8th Theater Sustainment Command, colors a fish at a wildlife conservation education booth at the Fun Fest and Earth Day celebration on Weyand Field, Saturday.

Cheers from the activity booths echoed throughout the field as the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation kicked off the 18th annual FunFest and Earth Day celebration, Saturday, at Weyand Field.

"This is a great Easter spring tradition that we program for Soldiers and families," said Aubrey Kiemnec, FMWR event programmer. "It's one of our more popular events, especially for kids."

The morning started with an Enchanted Character Breakfast where Disney princesses, superheroes and other famous costumed characters entertained military families.

"We came for the breakfast, so we can fill these kids up with energy before they go play," said mom April Smith. "There are just so many activities to do."

Activities included pictures with the Easter bunny, kiddie and pony rides, games and a petting zoo.

A major component of Fun-fest is FMWR's Leisure Travel Services Office Travel Fair. Local vendors set up booths to provide information on discounted travel offers, attractions and other recreational opportunities in Hawaii and on the mainland.

"Our patrons can get a chance to meet the vendors in person and perhaps hear

about the great offers that they didn't know were available to them," said Abigail Stehulak, LTS travel clerk. "Our grand prize, a Kilauea Military Camp trip for two, is also a big draw."

For the past two years, the event has included an Earth Day element that promotes green living and showcases sustainability initiatives taking place inside and outside the gate.

"We're trying to make our FMWR events more environmentally friendly and also bring awareness to our sustainability and recycling programs here on post," said Kiemnec.

As the event wound down, the vendors packed up, the crowd retired to their homes and the FMWR staff hopped away with the Easter bunny to plan Fun Fest 2014.



Soldiers and their families enjoy the Fun Fest and Earth Day celebration on Weyand Field, Saturday. The event included display and interactive booths, games, food and rides. (Photos by Sgt. Ariana Cary, 25th Infantry Division Public Affairs)

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PT IN THE PARK



SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Members of the Strong Beginnings program, a kindergarten preparation program with Child, Youth and School Services, enjoy their time with Mickey Mouse at the 2013 PT in the Park event at Bennett Youth Center, Tuesday. (Photos by Jack Wiers, U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii Public Affairs)



Lena Armstrong, 5, joins father Pfc. James Armstrong, Signal Company, Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 25th Infantry Division, and brother Gabe, 2, for some aerobic exercise during the early Tuesday morning event that featured a 30-minute workout followed by a continental breakfast.

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Briefs

6 / Saturday

Ladies Golf Clinic — Ladies can partake in a free golf lesson from PGA professionals in a 30-minute lesson at Leilehua Golf Course. By appointment only; call 655-4653.

March Madness — Enjoy delicious food and drinks while rooting for your team during the 2013 March Madness Tournament, now-April 8, at Kolekole Bar & Grill, SB.

10 / Wednesday

Preschool Story Time — Take your toddlers to story time, Wednesdays, 10 a.m., Sgt. Yano Library, SB; different theme and story each week. Call 655-4707.

New Drawing Classes — Learn basic cartoon drawing at the SB Arts and Crafts Center with creativity and confidence by taking the mystery out of drawings.
Wednesday sessions follow:
•Adult class, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., \$35.
•Teens class, 2-3 p.m., \$25.
All supplies included; preregistration required. Call 655-4202.

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 programs. Call 655-1130.
•North meetings, 3 p.m., every 1st and 3rd Wednesday, Tropics Warrior Zone.
•South meetings, 10 a.m., every 2nd and 4th Wednesday, AMR Chapel.

12 / Friday

Coed Kickball — Entry deadline is April 12 for this event at TAMC Tripler Field and FS Takata Field. Tournament runs April 29-May 10. Call 655-0856 for applications and information.

SB Right Arm Night — Get in the baseball spirit, beginning at 4 p.m., and enjoy drink specials and a pupu buffet. Spouses and DOD civilians welcome. This event is for adults. Tickets are \$5 in advance or \$8 at the door. Tickets are on sale at the Hale Ikena. Call 438-1974.

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

Today
Schofield Gas Pumps — Schofield Car Care Center gas pumps will remain closed until April 10, during installation of new gas pumps. The retail store will be open 5 a.m.-10 p.m.
Kole Kole Express will be a 24-hour operation selling both gas and retail merchandise during the Car Center gas pump renovation. Contact Floyd Wynn at 423-8632/343-5660.

6 / Saturday

Surf and Turf 5k — This Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, 6:30 a.m. race will take runners from the Officers' Club, through the Klipper Golf Course and North Beach. The race is open to the public. Register at www.mccshawaii.com/races.

Camp Erdman Free — Enjoy a fun-filled day of amazing activities with family and friends, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., April 6, at YMCA Camp Erdman on the beautiful North Shore.

EARTH MONTH

April special activities sprout

U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii is hosting numerous events throughout its second annual Earth Month celebration.
What began as a single day has evolved into a monthlong celebration with a wide variety of events for Soldiers and families to enjoy throughout the island of Oahu.

Earth Month

Happenings include the following events:
•April 6, 8-11 a.m. Pearl City “Mauka to Makai” Bike Path Clean-up hosted by the 9th Theater Support Group (TSG) Environmental Division, 438-1600, ext. 3307. Volunteers will meet at the Honolulu Police Department Academy on Waipahu Depot Road. Sign-up at www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil/sustainability/Environmental.aspx.
•April 6, 11, 19 and 30, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Kahanahaiki, Makua Military Reservation and Makaha Valley, Oahu. Volunteer service trips to clean out invasive weeds along a moderately challenging trail. Hike will include a detour to view Makua Valley and leeward coast.
Volunteer application must be received at Oahu Army Natural Resource Program at least two weeks prior to the event. Minimum age 14. Call 656-7741.
•April 9, and 16, 12-3 p.m. Dumpster Diving at various locations on post. Help us help you increase diversion of waste from landfills by determining what’s in your dumpster.

Contact the DPW for details, 656-3085.
•April 11 and 18, 8-11 a.m. Greening Your Workspace at various offices on post. Call the DPW, 656-3085, to schedule an office greening to help your office be more sustainable.
•April 22, 10:30, 11 and 11:30 a.m. Tour Hale Kula Elementary School on Schofield Barracks. Learn about the school’s Sustainable Outdoor Classroom through student-led tours of the working garden, rainwater harvesting system and native plant gardens. Call 656-3086.
•April 24, 1-4 p.m. IPC and DPW Environmental Division team up on Earth Day, April 24, at the Kalakaua Community Center on Schofield Barracks for a fun-filled family event.
•April 27, 8-10:30 a.m. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is hosting a beach cleanup. Volunteers will meet at the Pacific Regional Visitor Center (438-2815) at Fort DeRussy near Waikiki.
•April 27, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Fort Shafter Flats Parade Field’s Earth Day Festival hosted by the 9th Mission Support Command and 9th TSG’s Environmental Division, 438-1600, ext. 3307.

Additional information and sign-up sheets for various activities can be found at the USAG-HI DPW Environmental Division’s webpage: www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil/sustainability/Environmental.aspx.



14 / Sunday

National Library Week — Receive a free book bag at FS Library during National Library Week, April 14-20, while supplies last. Call 439-9521.

19 / Friday

Softball Registration — Sign up now through entry deadline of April 19 for Army Hawaii men’s and women’s intramural softball at FS Takata Field and SB Stoneman Complex. League runs May 6-Aug. 30. Call 655-0856.

20 / Saturday

Parent-Child Ball — Child, Youth and School Services will hold a parent-child ball, 5:30-9 p.m., April 20, at the Nehelani (SB). Price for children 6-11 years, \$13; 12 and older, \$15. Tickets available at the CYSS School Age Centers at Fort Shafter, Aliamanu, Schofield or the Nehelani. Call 656-0137.

23 / Tuesday

Investment Workshop — Learn about investing, 6 p.m., Sgt. Yano Library, SB, through Morningstar In-

vestment Research Center, an online stock and mutual fund resource available through AKO and Army libraries. Preregister at 655-8002.

24 / Wednesday

Administrative Professional’s Day Lunch Buffet — SB Nehelani (655-4466) and FS Hale Ikena (438-1974) will offer a special luncheon in recognition of support help. Reservations suggested.

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17 / Wednesday

Technology Exhibition — Free industry and government demonstrations with more than 35 exhibitors, 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m., SB Nehelani. Visit www.fedpage.com.

20 / Saturday

Bishop Museum — Grow Hawaiian Festival celebrates Earth Month, 9 a.m.- 3 p.m., April 20. Admission fee is \$14.95-\$19.95; 3 and under are free. Live music, hula performances, food, makahiki games and Hawaiian crafts with full museum access throughout the day.

26 / Friday

Career Fair — Army Community Service will host a military spouse career forum as part of the career fair, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m., April 26, SB Nehelani. Contact the ACS Employment Readiness Program, 655-4489.

Ongoing

Bishop Exhibit — Japanese-American World War II Nisei Soldiers and the Congressional Gold Medal Exhibit honoring the 100th Infantry Battalion, 442nd Regimental Combat Team, and the Military Intelligence Service, are on display now through

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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

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
- 10:45 a.m. at WAAF (Spanish language)
- 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, WAAF and TAMC chapels
•Lutheran/Episcopalian
- 10 a.m. at HMR
- 10:30 a.m. at AMR
•Contemporary Service
- 11 a.m. at Soldiers Chapel

This Week at the MOVIES
Sgt. Smith Theater

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

Safe Haven

(PG)
Fri., April 5, 6 p.m.



Wreck It Ralph

(PG)
Sat., April 6, 2 p.m.
Sun., April 7, 2 p.m.

(Grand opening for both performances is \$1 admission.)

Jack the Giant Slayer

(PG-13)
Sat., April 6, 6 p.m.

Escape from Planet Earth

(PG)
Wed., April 10, 6 p.m.
Thurs., April 11, 6 p.m.

No shows on Mondays, or Tuesdays.

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

Garrison volunteers recognized for selfless service

JACK WIERS
Pau Hana Editor

FORT SHAFTER — The reasons for the donation of hours for a variety of tasks vary, but hundreds of Soldiers, family members and civilians were feted together, March 27, at Fort Shafter’s Hale Ikena, for a year of selfless volunteer service that assisted U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii’s programs, services and community members.

The annual Volunteer Recognition Ceremony provided U.S. Army command members the opportunity to say “thank you” to the documented 2,048 volunteers who provided 80,461 hours of service during 2012 for the garrison.

By providing more than 1,350 hours of service during the year, Laura Miller, an education assistant working for the Soldier and Family Assistance Center, part of Army Community Service, Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, received praise at the awards ceremony for her SFAC assistance commitment.

The combined volunteer efforts, tracked through the Volunteer Management Information System, were valued at the equivalent of \$3,755,606.

Dan Furlano, director, ACS, DFMWR, presented a check for the equivalent sum to Col. Daniel Whitney, USAG-HI commander, and Command Sgt. Major Philip Brunwald, senior



Maj. Gen. Kurt S. Fuller, commander 25th Infantry Division (bottom row, third from right), joins USAG-HI Commander Col. Daniel Whitney (top row left) as they recognize installation volunteer efforts, March 27, at the annual garrison Volunteer Recognition Ceremony, at Hale Ikena, Fort Shafter. (Photo by Brian Gruspe, Visual Information, USAG-HI)

enlisted leader.

Whitney stressed, during informal remarks, that the volunteers’ help was even more essential during current austere times, as the entire community is called upon for teamwork in an effort to maintain Soldier readiness.

Maj. Gen. Kurt Fuller, the commander 25th Infantry Division at Schofield Barracks, recog-

nized the more than 150 in attendance. While he paid tribute to their service, he also reflected on the creation of the Army Volunteer Corps, created in 2002.

“Today, as we in the Army face these very difficult and challenging fiscal times,” said Fuller, “please know that it would be virtually impossible without you — our dedicated volunteers

— for our many family programs to offer the variety and quality of services that they provide.

“The Army Volunteer Corps was not created as a ‘new bureaucracy,’ but rather as a new way of thinking about volunteerism, using existing Army resources and programs,” Fuller explained. “It formalizes the Army’s commitment to volunteerism.”

New Helemano homes readied for Soldiers and families

ISLAND PALM COMMUNITIES
News Release

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Moving trucks began rolling into Helemano Military Reservation, last month, delivering household goods to nearly two dozen families moving into the first new homes constructed in Island Palm Communities’ (IPC) Helemano community.

Families settling into their new homes will begin welcoming more than a hundred new neighbors moving into the community as new homes are completed through September.

“Helemano’s location on the plains above Wahiawa provides our families with beautiful views of the North Shore and offers them an option for quieter on-post living,” said Col. Daniel Whitney, commander, U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii. “Our partner, Island Palm Communities, has also completed extensive renovations to nearly all existing homes in Helemano, creating a quality living environment that meets our families’ needs.”

Renovations are based upon need of each individual unit, but generally include items such as installing split air conditioning systems and new flooring, replacing tubs and light fixtures, installing ceiling fans, and replacing kitchen countertops and appliances.

Planned renovations to 2,500 existing homes throughout IPC are scheduled to wrap up in 2515; 2,103 have been completed to date.

New homes also are on the way at Schofield Barracks where construction is taking place in the third and final phase of the Kalakaua com-

munity, located on the South Range just off Lyman Road. The first group of the planned 296 homes will be completed in August, and an average of 25 homes will be completed each month through June 2014.

In IPC’s south communities, the last new

homes in Aliamanu’s Valley View Phase 1 were completed last month, and Phase 2 construction of 44 homes scheduled for completion in November is now underway.

Construction of 137 homes in the Hibiscus neighborhood continues; 47 will be completed in July, and the remaining will be delivered in October.

“The demand for homes has never been greater, and I’m thrilled we can provide quality homes and community amenities to service members who want to live on post,” said Whitney, adding that construction of the Red Hill Mauka Community Center is scheduled to begin in August.

Families will have use of a swimming pool, spray park, large tot lot, full basketball court and picnic pavilion, and the community center facility will have available a large multipurpose room and complete kitchen facility. The community center is targeted for completion in August 2014.

To date, 3,818 homes, six community centers and dozens of amenities have been built throughout Army installations on Oahu as part of IPC’s initial development plan, and 1,423 more homes are scheduled to be completed over the next seven years.



HELEMANO MILITARY RESERVATION — Families began moving into the first of 146 new homes planned at Island Palm Communities’ Helemano Community, here, in March. Renovations to the 888 existing homes in the community are nearing completion. (Photo courtesy Island Palm Communities)

State legislature salutes Hawaii’s military keiki

HAWAII STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

News Release

HONOLULU — The Hawaii State House of Representatives approved a House Resolution recognizing Hawaii’s advocates for military children, Monday, the first day of the Month of the Military Child.

“April is the Month of the Military Child, a time to honor youth impacted by deployments. We wear purple (the color that symbolizes all branches of the military) to show our support and to thank military children for their strength and sacrifice,” said Rep. K. Mark Takai, who introduced the resolution.

Military families tend to move quite frequently between military bases, and while re-assignments can often be a boon for a military career, they can be difficult for the children of military families, Takai added.

According to the latest figures, the average military student faces transition challenges more than twice during high school, and most military children will attend six to nine different school systems in their lives from kindergarten through the twelfth grade.

“Our military children and military families help sustain our fighting force. Our deployed service members need to focus on the fight. They must not worry about their children or family back in Hawaii,” said Takai, who is chairman of the House Committee on Veterans, Military and International Affairs. “This is

why support for our schools, especially those on our military bases, is critical.”

March 7, the Hawaii Congressional Delegation announced that Hale Kula Elementary School received a \$26.6 million grant from the U.S. Department of Defense. The state provided matching funds of an additional \$6.6 million.

Hale Kula Elementary, a public school located on Schofield Barracks, serves a student population of 1,000 students, which includes 98 percent military dependent children. The grant will help the school make critical facility improvements in order to address student overcrowding.

Facilities at Hale Kula Elementary school were built in 1959, and there have been no upgrades or additional buildings since. Plans include a new two-story classroom building, a student center, a library-media center and additional classrooms. Project groundbreaking is expected to begin this summer.

The late U.S. Senator Daniel Inouye inserted \$250 million into the military spending bill for fiscal year 2011 to “address capacity or facility condition deficiencies” at base schools, which Congress passed in April 2011.

“I especially want to recognize the leadership of Cherise Imai, who also serves as a board member of the National Association of Federally Impacted Schools and as a board member of the National Military Impacted Schools Association. Her efforts at the national



The Hawaii House of Representatives celebrated the Month of the Military Child by recognizing a few outstanding advocates for military children in a ceremony at the State Capitol, Monday. They are (front row, from left) Cherise Imai, military liaison, Hawaii Department of Education; Sonya Bonet, deputy director, Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation; John Brummel, Central District Complex Area superintendent; Jason Kawaguchi, school counselor; Command Sgt Maj. Philip Brunwald, senior enlisted leader, U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii; Cathy Ferreira, school administrative service assistant; Brenda Lowrey, Department of Education Facilities Office; Wendy Nakasone, director, School Support Services, USAG-HI; Tamsin Keone, Army School Liaison officer; and (back row, from left) Hawaii State Reps. Scott Nishimoto, Aaron Johanson, Lauren Cheape and K. Mark Takai. (Photo courtesy the Hawaii State Department of Representatives)

level helped to secure these much-needed funds,” Takai said.

“Besides Senator Inouye’s leadership as our champion on this effort, I also want to recognize both U.S. Senator Mazie Hirono and U.S. Congresswoman Colleen Hanabusa who also were very supportive of this program for schools on military bases like Hale Kula Elementary,” Takai added.

Receiving the accolades and certificates from the House of Representatives were the following personnel:

- Dr. John Brummel, Central District Complex Area Superintendent;
- Brenda Lowrey from the Department of Education Facilities Office;

- Cherise Imai, Department of Education Military Liaison;
- Command Sgt. Maj. Philip Brunwald, senior enlisted leader, U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii;
- Sonya Bonet, deputy director, Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation; USAG-HI.
- Wendy Nakasone, director, School Support Services, USAG-HI;
- Tamsin Keone, School Liaison Office, School Support Services, USAG-HI;
- Jason Kawaguchi, counselor, Hale Kula Elementary School; and
- Cathy Ferreira, school administrative service assistant, Hale Kula Elem.

CAPM: Child safety urged with community-wide support and recognition

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healthy and reach out for help. It asks Army families to recognize signs of distress and abusive actions and to guide those in need to the help and support that is available.

Child abuse crosses all ranks and classes; it does not discriminate. Each and every one of us is asked to make a commitment to child abuse prevention.

ACS Related Classes

You can find more information on the classes offered through ACS at www.himwr.com.

Activities throughout the month include an information table, a food and school supply drive, Daddy Boot Camp classes and a special play morning dedicated to child safety, called

“Play it Safe.”

The month of activities will culminate, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., April 27, with a Teddy Bear Drive at Windward Mall.

You may notice blue pinwheels throughout post, which are part of the proclamation. Pinwheels for Prevention is a campaign by Prevent Child Abuse America to change the way our nation thinks

about prevention. The pinwheel is an uplifting reminder of childhood, and the bright futures all children deserve, according to Prevent Child Abuse America.

Child abuse prevention is indeed a challenge. Who can face it? It needs to be all of us.

Alcohol and drunk driving takes health, safety toll

JESSICA RAWLINGS
U.S. Army Public Health Command

ABERDEEN PROVING GROUNDS, Md. — Drunk driving kills.

On average, someone dies as a result of drunk driving every 53 minutes, and someone is injured as a result of drunk driving every 90 seconds.

According to the National Safety Council, at any given moment, one in 50 drivers is not just impaired but legally intoxicated. This number jumps to one in 10 on the weekends.

In 2012, nearly 300,000 incidents of drinking and driving occurred each day.

Drunk driving costs the U.S. an estimated \$132 billion per year, and costs each adult in the U.S. almost \$500 per year in increased taxes due to the higher demand for law enforcement.

In an effort to draw attention to this national tragedy, the National Safety Council has designated April as “Alcohol Awareness Prevention Month.”

Alcohol is a depressant that slows down the brain and body. The first abilities that are altered are judgment and coordination. An impaired driver cannot recognize a dangerous situation and react quickly enough to avoid an

accident.

Unfortunately, because judgment is impaired, impaired drivers do not often realize they have had too much.

Heavy alcohol consumption is a problem nationally and in the military. The Institute of Medicine recently reported the use of alcohol has spiked since the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan began. Nearly half of active duty military personnel report being binge drinkers.

Binge drinking is having five or more drinks on a single occasion at least once in the past 30 days:

- 1 drink is equal to 5 ounces of wine,
- 1.5 oz of 80-proof distilled spirits, or
- 12 ounces of regular beer.

Unfortunately 20 percent of the population still admits to drinking and driving.

Drunk driving can be prevented in many ways, including these:

- Appoint a designated driver who sticks to nonalcoholic beverages. If a designated driver slips or cannot be decided on, call a taxi (and keep a taxi company telephone number in your cell phone).
- If you are throwing a party, offer nonalcoholic drinks, arrange for a cab for someone that has had too much to drink and do not be afraid

Alcohol Abuse Awareness

For more information on alcohol and alcohol abuse or drunk driving, visit these sites:

- Army Substance Abuse Program, <http://acsap.army.mil/sso/pages/public/facts/facts-training-packages.jsp>
- Mothers Against Drunk Driving, www.madd.org/drunken-driving/
- U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, www.cdc.gov/Features/VitalSigns/DrinkingAndDriving/

to take someone’s car keys. You may save someone’s life.

- Even if you have not been drinking, ways exist to protect yourself on the road by knowing what to look for. According to law enforcement officials, signs of drunk driving include wide turns, weaving, swerving, drifting, driving on the wrong side of the road, driving at a very slow rate or stopping without reason.
- If you encounter someone on the road who you think is driving under the influence, keep a safe distance and call 9-1-1.



Do not be afraid to take someone’s car keys. You may save someone’s life. (Courtesy photo)

Free online alcohol screening service available for Soldiers

MILITARY PATHWAYS
News Release

WELLESLEY HILLS, Mass. — With April being National Alcohol Awareness Month, and April 11 National Alcohol Screening Day, the Military Pathways program is encouraging service members, veterans and their families, to take advantage of the free, anonymous alco-

hol-use screenings at www.DrinkingIQ.org.

Military Pathways, which offers the online screenings, reports that more than 30,000 screenings for alcohol-use disorders have been completed since it started the program in 2006.

The screenings ask individuals to answer a simple set of questions about their drinking habits. After completing a screening, service

members receive feedback as to whether their symptoms are consistent with alcohol misuse as well as a list of resources on how and where to get further evaluation and help.

All branches of the military have programs where service members can get treatment for substance abuse problems.

Visitors to the site can also access a host of articles, videos and other information that gives them, among other things, tips on how to cut down on alcohol use. Several free, downloadable mobile applications for mental health are also available.

“Using alcohol to manage a life problem, what professionals call ‘self-medicating,’ is never a good idea. Not only does a drinking problem emerge, the original problem goes unfixed,” said Dr. Robert Ciulla, Mobile Health director for the Defense Department’s National Center for Telehealth and Technology.

“A successful career in the military means knowing when to draw the line with alcohol

and when to get help when the drinking is out of control,” he added. “The anonymous self-assessment gives individuals the opportunity to check and see if their drinking is a problem and how to get help or cut back.”

Military installations and health care providers around the world are recognizing National Alcohol Screening Day and National Alcohol Awareness Month by holding events to reach out and educate people about alcohol use and abuse. Every alcohol awareness event is unique to the local population’s needs.

Some locations will hold events that include engaging activities, educational brochures and screenings. Others will just offer information about the screenings.

About Military Pathways

Military Pathways gives service personnel and their families the opportunity to learn more about mental health and alcohol use through anonymous self-assessments offered online.

The program is designed to help individuals identify symptoms and access assistance before a problem becomes serious.

The self-assessments address alcohol use, post-traumatic stress disorder, depression,

generalized anxiety disorder, bipolar disorder and adolescent depression.

After completing a self-assessment, individuals receive referral information, including Tricare, Military OneSource and Veterans Affairs.

The program is run by the nonprofit Screening for Mental Health and is funded by the Department of Defense with support from the National Center for Telehealth and Technology.

Screening Resource

Free, anonymous screenings are available at www.DrinkingIQ.org.

UnitedHealthcare assumes coverage

TRICARE
News Release

FALLS CHURCH, Va. – Tricare beneficiaries in the West Region are getting their Tricare coverage from a new contractor, UnitedHealthcare Military & Veterans, as of April 1.

All West Region beneficiaries should have been notified by mail of the change.

UnitedHealthcare sent Welcome Packets to beneficiaries in February and March with information about their enhanced services, any actions they need to take and contact information should they have any questions.

These packets were also sent to Tricare for Life (TFL) beneficiaries in the West Region to notify them of the change. However, TFL beneficiaries need to take no action related to the transition. Wisconsin Physician Services (WPS) remains the TFL contractor, providing service to TFL beneficiaries across all Tricare regions.

The Tricare Regional Office-West is working closely with UnitedHealthcare to ensure the continued delivery of quality health care and customer satisfaction during the transition. Both are committed to supporting military families and look forward to providing the information and assistance to help beneficiaries maximize their Tricare health care benefits.

SOCCER CHAMPS



HONOLULU — Chief Warrant Officer 4 Matthew Roman (blue, on ball) and teammate Capt. Steve Martin (right), both from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, control the ball in the 2013 Army Hawaii Intramural Soccer Championship game at Tripler Army Medical Center, Monday. Sgt. Andres Atehortua (red), 3rd Bde. Special Troops Battalion, 25th ID, gives chase.

The 3rd BSTB won the tournament championship game, 3-0, while also capturing the regular season championship. (Photo by Michael Kim; Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation’s Intramural Sports Office)



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Ongoing

Water Exercise and Private Swim Lessons — This new service features lessons and classes at both Tripler (433-5257) and Helemano (653-0716) pools.

DIY Auto Repair — SB (655-9368) and FS (438-9402) Auto Skills centers offer bay rentals; a flat bay is \$4 per hour and a lift bay is \$5 per hour.

New App — Zinio Digital Mag-

azines, the world’s largest newsstand, offers an app for magazine lovers, with digital magazines for iPad, iPhone, Android, Mac and PC. An Army Hawaii library account is required for access.

Set up a Zinio account via the Army Hawaii libraries web at <http://dodhawaiilibraries.org>, select eResources tab, and then Zinio.

Guests without a library account may gain access via AKO, Self-Service, My Library. Call 655-8002.

Outdoor Recreation Scuba — Dive shop service has started at Outdoor Recreation Center and includes retail, rentals, classes and charters. Call 655-0143.

Brake Rotors and Drums Repair — The SB (655-9368) or FS (438-9402) Auto Skills centers’ specialists can help resurface brake rotors or brake drums.

Brake rotors are resurfaced for \$12 each and brake drums resurfaced for \$10 each.

Whale Watching Cruises — Sign up to see these majestic creatures with Leisure Travel Services and save money. Call 655-9971.

Neighborhood Watch Program (NWP) — Would you like to know how to keep your neighborhood safe? Interested in starting an NWP? It’s a simple process that takes initiative and personal responsibility. Email NWP@IPChawaii.com.

Storage Shed Rental — Rent a storage shed from either the FS (438-9402) or Schofield Barracks (655-9368) Auto Skills centers. Fee is \$40 (8x6x5, metal) or \$60 (8x6x6, plastic) per month.

RV/Boat/Jet Ski Lot — Store recreation equipment, 655-9368.



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April 14 at Bishop Museum. Call 848-4190 for more details.

Tax Center — All Army, Reserve, Guard, family members and retirees are eligible for free tax service assistance. Tax centers are open at SB and FS. Call 655-1040 or visit www.facebook.com/hawaiiarmytaxcenters/info.

Legal Aid — The SB and FS Legal Assistance offices provide free legal assistance to active duty personnel, family members, retirees and certain Department of Defense personnel.

The offices provide assistance on issues including, but are not limited to, estate planning services (includ-

ing wills and advance medical directives), consumer affairs, guardianship, divorce, taxes, landlord-tenant law, military administrative matters and insurance claims.

Additionally, notary services and powers of attorney are available. Contact SB Bldg. 2037, 655-8607, or FS Bldg. 330, Rm. 110C, 438-2627

Free College Level Exam — The Schofield Army Education Center offers CLEP and DANTES Subject Standardized Tests (DSST) every Tuesday, from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., SB Education Center, Bldg. 560, Rm. 214.

Testers must arrive two hours before closing time to provide ample time to complete the tests. Study guides are available at the Learning Resource Center, Rm. 203.

Visit hpunationaltestingcenters.wordpress.com/about/.

Food for Families — ASYMCA at WAAF has an emergency food locker to assist families, 624-5645.