

OPERATION RAIDER PILLAGE



SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Spc. Derrick Penninger (center, foreground), infantryman, Troop C, 3rd Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, fires a burst from his M240B machine gun as his squad engages an enemy bunker at the improvised explosive device lanes during Operation Raider Pillage, held here, April 24, in preparation for the Bronco Brigade's upcoming exercise, Bronco Rumble. (Photo by 1st Lt. Garrett Nash, 3rd Brigade Combat Team Public Affairs, 25th Infantry Division)

See story online at www.hawaiiarmyweekly.com and related story, p. A-5.



Spc. William Tosie, medical readiness specialist, 8th STB, studies his map of Schofield Barracks during the nighttime urban orienteering portion of the 8th TSC's Best Warrior Competition, April 24.

Warrior competition finds the best of the 8th TSC's best

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8th Theater Sustainment Command Public Affairs

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — It's 3 a.m. on a Tuesday on Oahu, Hawaii.

Shops are closed and the highway's empty. Bakeries haven't begun making their morning bread, and coffee will go unbrewed for another two to three hours. The island is asleep.

It's 3 a.m. on a Tuesday on Oahu, Hawaii, and it's time to fight!

Four Soldiers and four noncommissioned officers from 8th Theater Sustainment Command came together to compete against each other in the 8th TSC's Best Warrior Competition, April 23-26:

- Sgt. Randal White and Spc. William Tosie from the 8th Special Troops Battalion,
- Sgt. Justin Mazzullo and Pfc. Cody Derington from the 130th Engineer Brigade,
- Sgt. Brian Rozario-Martinez and Spc. David Boone from the 8th Military Police Brigade, and
- Sgt. Colten Linville and Pfc. Jonathan Nelson from the 45th

Sustainment Brigade.

They were selected by their units to represent them in this challenge.

The purpose of the competition was to select the best Soldier and NCO from the command to compete in the U.S. Army Pacific's competition.

"I am competing because I want to be the best," said White, transportation management supervisor in support operations. "I want to make it to the DA (Department of the Army) level."

Others agreed.

"Everyone wants that title of 'the best,'" said Boone, military police officer.

Day 1 began with an equipment layout and moved directly into an Army physical fitness test, but this test was not the standard PT. The Soldiers performed their pushups, sit-ups and two-mile run wearing a full combat uniform and carrying an M4 rifle.

"The physical aspect of the competition was the toughest part of the competition," White said. "It's a lot tougher than

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25th CAB welcomes new commander

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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Soldiers of the 25th Combat Aviation Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, welcomed a new commander at a ceremony, Tuesday, as Col. Frank Tate passed the "Wings of Lightning" to Col. Kenneth Hawley.

Hawley came to the 25th CAB from the Naval War College, where he served as an instructor.

"I am excited about commanding the 25th CAB, knowing the Soldiers and their accomplishments," said Hawley.

Hawley is no stranger to the 25th CAB, having commanded 2nd Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment, from 2007 to 2010.

"It felt like home to me when I stepped off the plane. This is my first time back to the same location," said Hawley.

Tate, who took command of the 25th CAB in October 2010, led the brigade in the train up, implementation and deployment of the brigade in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

"It has been a tremendous honor to lead these Soldiers into combat once again," said Tate. "It was great receiving feedback from young infantrymen and their leaders about all the support they received from the CAB. ... (They) repeatedly expressed gratitude for us living up to our motto, 'We fly for the troops.'

"One of the few things that softens leaving the unit is leaving it

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Col. Kenneth Hawley (left), incoming commander, 25th CAB, 25th ID, receives the colors from Maj. Gen. Kurt Fuller, commander, 25th ID, during the brigade's change of command ceremony, Tuesday.

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Hawaii Army Tax Centers end busy season

Story and photo by
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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — The Hawaii Army Tax Centers officially closed, April 26, with a ceremony commemorating their success and recognizing the 42 Soldiers who prepared thousands of tax returns and generated millions of dollars in refunds.

The ceremony took place at the post conference room.

Maj. Gen. Kurt Fuller, senior commander, U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii, and commander, 25th Infantry Division, presented awards and personally thanked the HATC Soldiers.

Two tax centers, one each at Schofield Barracks and Fort Shafter, processed claims for service members, Department of Defense civilians, retirees and family members. This action was completed without charge to clients.

“This year our tax preparers served 3,287 clients, generating more than \$9,111,801 in tax refunds,” said Capt. Whitney Wiles, attorney, U.S. Army-Pacific and U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii Consolidated Legal Center (CLC), which encompasses legal assistance, claims and the tax center. “More importantly, the tax center saved our military families more than \$840,070 in preparation fees,

which, without the tireless work of our tax preparers, would have been paid to commercial tax businesses.”

The numbers will be revised after the late filings are included, Wiles added.

For the second year in a row, the 2012 tax filings were done by appointment, instead of walk-ins, saving customers both money and time. The average wait during the 2010 tax season was four hours.

Soldiers tasked to work at HATC don’t do taxes as their daily military occupational specialty. Sgt. Robert Guinn, an unmanned aerial vehicle operator, 3rd Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 25th ID, wound up at the tax center after the Soldier originally assigned became unavailable.

“He found out his wife was going to be due during the tax season, so I replaced him,” said Guinn.

Most of the preparers worked half the season. Guinn ended up working the entire season as both a tax preparer and quality reviewer for about 250 clients, returning \$212,169 in refunds. For his efforts, Guinn received an Army Commendation Medal.

“I came from the aviation world, so everything is by a checklist” said Guinn. “I just treated it like it was part of the aviation world and followed the check-



Sgt. Robert Guinn (right), UAV operator, 3rd BSTB, 25th ID, accepts an ARCOM from Maj. Gen. Kurt Fuller, USAG-HI senior commander and commander, 25th ID, April 26.

list, and went through a step at a time.”

Pfc. Jamar Lee, automated logistic specialist, Company A, 225th Bde. Support Bn., 2nd Stryker Bde. Combat Team, 25th ID, also found himself detailed to prepare taxes.

“I wasn’t too happy about it at first, but I’m happy I learned, because I didn’t

know anything about taxes,” said Lee, who received an Army Achievement Medal for serving more than 200 customers, resulting in \$466,000 in refunds. “It’s actually a skill I can take further in my career.”

Due to budgetary reasons, this year’s tax preparers had only about two weeks to learn what normally takes three months.

“I really can’t say enough about these guys and gals, because we take them out of their MOS, with no prior training, and we basically gave them two-and-a-half weeks to certify on beginning, intermediate and advanced military IRS tax preparation,” said Maj. Lynn Bruck-elmeyer, chief of client services, CLC. “They did it during their duty days and on their off time to make sure they were 100 percent certified by the time that we opened at the end of January, and that is such a hard, hard feat.”

HATC clients expressed their appreciation in more than 2,000 positive Interactive Customer Evaluations.

Although HATC officially closed for 2012, redeploying Soldiers can still get their taxes done. Updates will be posted in News Briefs as they’re available.

Customers may also ask questions or post comments at www.facebook.com/hawaiiarmytaxcenters.

BACKTObASICS

Soldiers can develop through counseling

Many warriors don’t understand counseling is good

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I can remember the first time I heard the word counseling.

My supervisor at the time told me one day that he needed to counsel me. I, being a brand new Soldier in the United States Army, thought that I was in trouble.

As I stood there with a puzzled look on my face, he then stated that leaders, both officers and noncommissioned officers, have the responsibility to formally inform Soldiers under their charge how they are performing. He further explained that by providing feedback, positive or negative, counseling could provide Soldiers with a sense of self-worth.

Most Soldiers, however, associate counseling as being negative, not realizing that leaders use counseling as a tool to develop Soldiers both professionally and personally.

In doing my own research, I realized that the Army has several categories of counseling.

As I began to move through the enlisted ranks, it became clear to me that, as leaders, we have a moral obligation to our Soldiers to provide coaching and mentoring through counseling (FM 6-22). We must understand how to apply these counseling types and techniques when events in a Soldier’s personal or professional life deem them necessary.

Leaders have the responsibility to guide and outline areas where

subordinates could improve by assisting them in developing a plan of action and setting realistic and achievable goals.

And, one of the most effective parts of counseling, but often ignored, is following up.

Most of us have heard the term, “What gets checked, gets done.” This is true for counseling. Following up and closing out the counseling session ensures that the desired result is achieved or the need to reassess/reshape the plan of action is done.

The 18th Medical Command requires all leaders to counsel their subordinates verbally and in writing. Our command strongly believes that monthly and quarterly counseling will truly shape a Soldier’s future.

Within my directorate, I enforce the Army’s policy and the command’s guidance by ensuring that I set the example for my Soldiers.

After arriving at 18th MEDCOM, I ensured that the NCOs I was responsible for supervising received their initial counseling statement that outlined all required information. Additionally, I counseled all of my junior Soldiers to give my expectations of them as Soldiers.

I also spot-check my subordinates’ leaders books to ensure that they, too, are counseling their Soldiers.

If we, as leaders, show Soldiers what right looks like, they will pay it forward as they progress through the ranks and lead our Soldiers of tomorrow.

Many leaders only counsel Soldiers when discipline action needs to occur. However, I challenge leaders to stray from the norm and counsel Soldiers when they have made significant career achievements. This action not only builds the Soldier’s self confidence, but it also lets the Soldier know that you, as his or her leader, care.

Leaders today should remember that counseling, if done correctly, shapes our future leaders.



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FYI STEPS in FAITH

Problems increase in divorce

Studies show that kids of divorced parents are likely to suffer at school, live in poverty, commit crimes and use drugs

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One of the social myths of our time is that divorce is better for children than being exposed to arguing parents.

While it is harmful for children to be exposed to argumentative parents, research has proven that divorce is much worse, leading to emotional trauma and insecurity with severe and lasting impact.

Family life therapist Steven Earll writes the following:

“Children have the attitude that their parents should be able to work through and solve any issue. ... No problem should be too great for their parents to handle.

For a child, divorce shatters this basic safety and belief concerning the parents’ abilities to care for them and to make decisions that truly consider their well-being.

Children have the strong belief that there is only one right family relationship, and that is Mom and Dad being together. Any other relationship configuration presents a conflict or betrayal of their basic understanding of life.

In divorce, children tend to resent both the custodial and absent parent.”

I have a good understanding of how divorce affects children. My mother was divorced five times. During all the turmoil, I never doubted my mother’s love for me and my younger brother.

However, our upbringing was anything but stable and secure. In many ways, I had to raise myself.

Psychologist Judith Wallerstein explains, “It is not that parents love their children less or worry less about them. It is that they are fully engaged in rebuilding their own lives — economically, socially and sexuality. Parents’ and children’s needs are often out of sync for many years after the break up.”

Several research studies compared children of divorced parents to children of married parents; the results demonstrate

the odds are heavily stacked against children from broken homes.

Research compiled by the American Sociological Review, the “Journal of Marriage and Family,” and studies conducted by Harvard and Princeton universities show the following:

- Children from divorced homes suffer academically. They experience higher levels of behavioral problems, and they are less likely to graduate from high school.

- Because a custodial parent’s income drops substantially after a divorce, children from divorced homes are five times more likely to live in poverty.

- The children of divorced parents are more likely to commit crimes and be incarcerated as juveniles.

- Teens from divorced homes are more likely to engage in drug and alcohol abuse and in promiscuous sexual activities than children from intact families.

We must realize the level of risk is significantly increased when parents divorce. The best way for parents to prepare their children for adult life is to love each other when loving is difficult and when leaving seems so much easier.

This type love is mature — when love becomes a decision and not a mere whim. I am suggesting that parents must make the decision to love, in spite of how they feel.

What, then, should a couple do when they find themselves in constant conflict? Instead of opting for divorce, with the inevitable emotional and psychological trauma to the children, we should consider the harder right: Humble ourselves, apologize for our wrongs, forgive our spouse and do the hard work to save our marriages.

Modeling respect, love, forgiveness, patience and kindness in the way we treat our spouse provides a model for our children to follow and sets our children up for success in this difficult world.

Marriage Counseling

If you would like help to save a troubled marriage, contact your unit chaplain for confidential pastoral counseling to help you get the marriage back on track.



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Voices of Ohana

Military Spouse Appreciation Day is May 10.

“Why is it important to say ‘thank you’ to military spouses?”

Photos by 500th Military Intelligence Brigade Public Affairs



“Military spouses are the hardest working people in the military.”

Sgt. 1st Class David Davis
Human intelligence collector, 205th MI Bn., 500th MI Bde.



“Because the backbone to every Soldier in the military is the military spouse ... This we’ll defend!”

Staff Sgt. Michael Rowell
Human resources specialist, 205th MI Bn., 500th MI Bde.



“They are the ones who make all the cupcakes!”

Pfc. Morgan Shuman
Human intelligence collector, 205th MI Bn., 500th MI Bde.



“When work crosses over to family time, they’re there to pick up the slack and play mom and dad.”

Sgt. Myles Todd
Signal support specialist, HHD, 205th MI Bn., 500th MI Bde.



“Because they’re family, best friends and support.”

Sgt. Katie Trevino
Intelligence analyst, Co. A, 205th MI Bn., 500th MI Bde.

U.S. will remain world power despite budget ‘mess’

KAREN PARRISH
American Forces Press Service

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — The chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff didn’t mince words when he spoke about the Defense Department’s fiscal challenges during a town hall gathering, here, April 25.

“OK, the budget,” Army Gen. Martin Dempsey said. “It’s a mess. It’s just a real mess.”

This year’s budget is particularly difficult because we’re trying to absorb all these changes in the last six months of the fiscal year, the chairman said.

Dempsey said the military will get through the rest of the fiscal year, which ends Sept. 30, by stretching its readiness as far as possible and being “extraordinarily careful about how we spend our money.”

The services have reduced maintenance, flying hours and steaming hours, he noted.

Aspects of the funding squeeze “just are heart-wrenching,” Dempsey said.

He told civilian employees in the audience that he is “personally embarrassed” about “this issue of furlough (that) hangs over you.”

Current Defense Department plans call for cutting 14 days from civilian employees’ work schedules and paychecks between June and the end of September. Dempsey has said, Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel has told the chairman and the service chiefs to “get that number (of furlough days) down as low as you can.”

“And we will,” he added, noting that the challenge in doing so is getting to the end of the fiscal year with a force that is still ready. The answer,



Gen. Martin Dempsey, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, discusses the Defense Department’s budget with U.S. service members during a town hall meeting, here, April 25. (U.S. Department of Defense photo)

he said, is that money has to come out of modernization, maintenance, training and compensation.

In response to a question about changes to the military retirement system, Dempsey said any changes will be “grandfathered” to exclude those currently serving. Service members have a right to expect that the promises made to them when they joined up will be kept, he said, adding, “I haven’t heard anyone waffle about that.”

Any changes to retirement will be subject to a committee or a commission’s study, he said, and

will not happen quickly.

“I do think we need to change,” the chairman said.

He explained that while only 17 percent of those who serve eventually retire, the Defense Department is required to set aside retirement funds for 100 percent of the force.

Manpower costs at their current level will overwhelm modernization and training, Dempsey said.

“I don’t want to be the chairman known for having taken a machete to your paycheck,” he said. “That’s not the reputation I want to have. ... But I don’t want you being the most well-compensated military on the planet that doesn’t train.”

The U.S. military won’t withdraw to “Fortress America,” Dempsey said, and the Defense Department has pared back its forward presence in places such as Japan, the Korean Peninsula and Europe “about as far as we can.”

Rotational deployments and other measures can help the nation’s military “accomplish almost the same thing, but with smaller force structures,” he said.

“We’re going to have to think about how to remain a global power with fewer resources, and also managing it inside of an (operational tempo) that is acceptable to you. ... I’m actually quite confident we’ll be able to figure that out,” he said.

Dempsey told the troops to remember one thing: “We are going to do less with less, but not less well. That’s the commitment. ... You’re still going to be the best-trained, best-equipped, best-led force on the planet.”

Area advised of training noise

The ‘sound of freedom’ mixed with a little smoke is in the forecast

25TH INFANTRY DIVISION
Public Affairs Office

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Residents near Schofield Barracks may experience periodic increases in noise until May 14 as a result of scheduled training exercises.

During these training dates, the 25th Infantry Division’s 3rd Brigade Combat Team will be conducting a brigade-wide, combined arms training event.

The training, consisting of small arms and artillery fire, will be conducted 6 a.m.-1 a.m., daily.

Please note that training dates are subject to change, and are contingent on required environmental conditions, such as wind speed and moisture levels. Additionally, overcast conditions may increase noise and vibrations.

Smoke may be visible for a short time; however, there is no immediate danger.

The Army in Hawaii appreciates the community’s understanding and continued support of local Soldiers and their families. While sometimes loud, the sounds of training represent how the Army ensures our nation’s Soldiers are ready to accomplish the mission and return home safely.

To report concerns related to noise or training, please call the U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii (USAG-HI) Noise Concern Line at 656-3487.

The USAG-HI Public Affairs Office will contact you about your concern during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

May is National Military Appreciation Month

IMCOM promotes the ‘pillars of resiliency’ throughout the month

U.S. ARMY INSTALLATION MANAGEMENT COMMAND
Public Affairs

SAN ANTONIO — The President of the United States has proclaimed May as National Military Appreciation Month to remind Americans of the importance of the U.S. Armed Forces in history.

It is a symbol of unity, honoring today’s military men and women, veterans and those who paid the ultimate sacri-



More Details
For additional information about National Military Appreciation Month, visit www.nmam.org.

fice in the defense of freedom.

The U.S. Army Installation Management Command salutes those who serve — their strength, commitment and unwavering service to this nation.

This year’s theme is “The United States Armed Forces: The Strength of the Red, White and Blue.”

Throughout this monthlong observance, which is focused on the theme of strength, IMCOM is highlighting events promoting fitness and teambuilding — some of the pillars of resiliency, according to organizers.

National Military Appreciation Month is an opportunity for Army leadership at every level to raise awareness of service members’ contributions both on and off post, as well as

deepen partnerships that support resilience and enhance the total wellness of the force.

May 2013 is the 28th anniversary of Hawaii Military Appreciation Month. Look for numerous activities and discounts.



May Events

Look for localized information on these national events in May:

- Public Service Recognition Week (May 5-10)
- Victory in Europe Day (May 8)
- Military Spouse Appreciation Day (May 10)
- Armed Forces Day (May 18)
- Memorial Day (May 27)

Sappers team up for rigorous, inaugural skills test

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25th Infantry Division

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — “Sappers never quit, sir!” yelled Staff Sgt. Shane Sawyer, the oldest and most experienced squad leader in the 66th Engineer Company, 1st Battalion, 14th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Inf. Division.

As Sawyer was yelling, he was also pointing to his Sapper Tab during a 12-mile foot-march, the culminating event of Operation Expert Sapper.

The operation was 25th ID’s inaugural event for Sapper companies from 2nd Stryker BCT and 3rd BCT. Leaders from 66th Eng. Co. and Co. A, Special Troops Battalion, 3rd BCT, seized the opportunity to combine efforts in establishing a baseline standard for testing individual Sapper skills.

Although this event came at a tumultuous time when both brigades were off-ramped from deployment, both companies collectively re-sourced tough realistic training for their men.

“Expert Sapper is the only true event when an individual Sapper can prove that he is the best,” said 1st Sgt. Cory Wingfield, 66th Eng. Co.

A total of 92 Sappers trained at Schofield’s Area X and the South Engineer Training Area,



Staff Sgt. Shane Sawyer, squad leader, 66th Eng. Co., 1st Bn., 14th Inf. Regt., 2nd SBCT, 25th ID, points to his Sapper Tab during a 12-mile foot march, April 18. (Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Edgar Vasquez, 66th Eng. Co., 1st Bn., 14th Inf. Regt., 2nd SBCT, 25th ID)

April 15-18. Seven from the 66th were rated Expert Sappers after receiving first-time success in all eight events.

Day one began with a rigorous combat physical fitness test, consisting of an 880-yard run, ammo lift and maneuver under fire. Medical testing followed, focused on combat lifesaver techniques and communications testing.

On day two, Sappers were tested on their ability to identify, inspect and tie 10 essential knots for military mountaineering, with only two minutes to complete each task. They then moved to demolitions testing, an exhaustive evaluation of their knowledge of constructing demolition firing systems and priming explosives.

The third day focused on individual weapons and equipment used by a Sapper counter-mine operations. Candidates were required to perform detection operations with a mine detector and mark five out of six buried mines.

Weapons testing required correct assembly and function checking of the M9, M4, M249 and M240 weapons systems.

Day four culminated with a 12-mile foot march in three hours or less. The grueling, hill-studded route started at Area X, moved across a gulch to McCarthy Flats, ran back through the gulch and up to the Kolekole Pass, down to the Cadet Sheri-

dan intersection, and returned to Area X-Ray and the finish line.

As there is only one engineer company in each brigade combat team, Soldiers took advantage of this unique opportunity to share valuable experiences within the 25th ID’s engineer community. Both companies benefited from establishing a professional network over the past four days and increased esprit de corps.

“At the end of the day, we’re here to support maneuver operations to units assigned to the 25th Infantry Division,” said Capt. Elliot Brass, commander, Co. A, 3rd STB, during the closing remarks.

“The last time a similar event like this occurred was back in 2005, when the 65th Eng. Bn. was assigned to the 25th prior to reorganizing as the Special Troops Battalion for 3rd Brigade,” said 1st Sgt. Jesus Pedraza, Co. A, 3rd STB. “At the time, only about 10 percent of the participants received the coveted title of being an Expert Sapper. That trend still remains, and it’s good to know the standards haven’t changed.”

Wingfield said, “Success of the Expert Sappers was measured by their physical fitness, knowledge and will to fight, which makes them a champion in their own right. This is just the beginning of what’s yet to come!”

2SBCT certifies fire support

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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Soldiers of the 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, conducted fire support certifications throughout April at Area X and East Range to ensure the indirect fire capabilities of the brigade met the establish standard.

“These are semiannual certifications for the support teams within the brigade,” said Capt. Andrew Krumm, the assistant fire support officer for 2nd SBCT. “We’ve been rotating through four battalions’ fire support teams.”

“The purpose of this is to ensure a standard is set and maintained,” said Spc. Ezra Joseph Cerrentani, a member of the common observation lasing team, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd SBCT. “It

is important we maintain a high standard so that the commander can have a high confidence level in his fire supporters.”

The certification is a two-day event designed to test all the components of a fire supporter’s job requirements.

“Day one has a written exam covering all three skills levels for fire support officers, NCOs (noncommissioned officers) and Soldiers,” said Krumm. “After the written exam, they move on to the call for fire trainer to have their skills evaluated. Officers are given a maneuver plan they must brief using a sand table.”

The second day of the event is more physical, requiring long foot marches along the rough terrain of Schofield’s East Range.

“Day two is done at the East Range to assess the Soldier’s ability to perform land navigation and set up observation posts,” said Krumm.

“This is a time to shine on one hand, but also know what you’ve done wrong, so you can improve,” said Cerrentani.

“It is important to give a warm and fuzzy if you will to a fire support team,” said Krumm. “The certifications allow us to know that we are capable as sire support teams to operate and support the maneuver element with timely and accurate indirect fires.”

“You get to see what you taught your Soldiers and how well that has paid off in the long run,” said Cerrentani. “You learn a lot by teaching them.”

Indirect fire is an important part of any combat operation, allowing for devastating firepower at long range to the units that need them. These certifications help to ensure that when the Soldiers on the ground need that support, it will be on time and accurate.



2nd Lt. Gustavo Garcia, fire support specialist, Troop C, 2nd Sqdn., 14th Cav. Regt., 2nd SBCT, 25th ID, completes an exam testing his knowledge of fire support. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Sean Everette, 2nd SBCT Public Affairs, 25th ID)



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Today
School Gate — The School Gate (HECO Gate) on Wheeler Army Air Field is now open weekdays, 4-6 p.m., to alleviate Wright Avenue traffic congestion during the afternoon commute.

The gate will be open until May 10 to reduce traffic on Wright Avenue while the roadway is under construction. Call 656-6751.

7 / Tuesday
Schofield Road Closure — Portions of Hewitt Road, between Trimble and Lyman roads, will be fully closed for road reconstruction. Schedule is as follows and is subject to change, pending weather delays:

- Between Trimble Road and Waianae Uka, May 7-8.
- Between Waianae Uka and

Lyman Road, closed April 22-May 6 and 9.

There will no parking along the westbound lane of Waianae Uka, between Floyd and Carpenter streets, until May 9. Call 656-2532.

10 / Friday
60th Korean War Commemoration — Korean War veterans attending an American Legion recognition ceremony, May 25, at the Oahu Veterans Center, 1298 Kukila Street, Foster Village, are asked to provide their contact information and T-shirt sizes for shirts and certificates by the May 10 deadline.

The ceremony takes place Memorial Day weekend in conjunction with the Department of Defense’s 60th Korean War anniversary commemoration activities. Call 682-1949.

13 / Monday
Fort Shafter Closure — From 7 a.m.-5 p.m., Wisser Road and 7th Street, Fort Shafter, will be closed. Watch for detour signs and flagmen directing traffic. Call 835-4477.

31 / Friday
DKO Ends — Defense Knowledge Online reaches the end of its life. June 1, DKO account holders won’t have access. Users wishing to retain

content stored on DKO must download it before May 31; any remaining data will be deleted. To transfer data, go to <https://efs.deps.mil/>.

June 14 / Friday
Happy Birthday — The 238th Army birthday takes place at the Hilton Hawaiian Village. Contact your unit representative or check future News Briefs for updates.

Ongoing
Funston Road Closure — Outbound lanes of Funston Road near Buckner Gate, Fort Shafter, will be closed at various times until May 6. One inbound lane will remain open at all times. Expect delays.

Alternatively, use Patch or Patton gates. For up-to-date info, call 835-4229 or visit <https://www.facebook.com/usaghawaii>.

Santos Dumont Closure — Portions of Santos Dumont, between Lauhala and Warhawk Field roads and Lilienthal Road, will be fully closed, 24/7, until May 3, to install an underground electrical conduit, waterline and asphalt restoration. Call 656-2420 or 864-7014.

Best: Warriors run on adrenaline only

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I imagined it would be, but I understand that it’s to exhaust us as much as possible and prepare the winner for the next level.”

The following day continued with a land navigation course, warrior tasks and drills, and finally, a nighttime urban orienteering course. With the stress levels kept high and the sleep kept to a minimum, the Soldiers were running on little more than adrenaline alone to finish out their day.

“This competition has taught me how to stay motivated,” explained Tosie, medical readiness specialist. “It’s hard to dig deeper when your well is dry, but in order to succeed in this competition and the Army as a whole, you have to learn to find that reserve of motivation.”

Day 3 continued with a four-mile road march to a rifle range where each Soldier competed in three different events: the .9 mil accuracy test, the M4 ri-

fle accuracy test and the stress fire challenge.

The competition finished up with an eight-mile road march straight into a combatives tournament. Each competitor walked off the road march and right into the “ring,” which was a patch of grass, marked off with white engineering tape.

Mazzullo said that he was so tired after the road march, but wouldn’t let himself stop there.

“I came this far and I’m going to finish it,” he said to himself.

In the end, there could only be two winners. White and Derington became the 8th TSC’s best warriors.

Although the others will not be moving on, each will take the lessons back to their units and Soldiers.

“This is one of the best things I have ever done in the Army,” said Boone. “Even though it was a competition, we built a lot of team cohesion, and we pushed each other to make it and get better.”

CAB: Tate departing for Pentagon duties

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with a great team, old friends, a great Army family, and a great combat leader, Col. Kenneth Hawley,” Tate added.

Tate spent more than 10 years serving in various positions in the 25th ID, holding positions as the

25th ID chief of plans; operations officer for 1st Battalion, 25th Aviation Regt.; operations officer and deputy commanding officer for the 25th CAB; and commander of 2nd Bn., 25th Avn. Regt. He completed four deployments with the 25th ID.

Tate’s next assignment will be in the Pentagon as the director of force development for aviation.



Col. Frank Tate (right), outgoing commander, 25th CAB, 25th ID, reviews his Soldiers one last time with Maj. Gen. Kurt Fuller, commander, 25th ID, during the brigade's change of command ceremony, Tuesday.



Spc. Colton Carlson (standing), 1st Plt., Troop A, 3rd Sqdn., 4th Cav. Regt., 3rd BCT, 25th ID, mans the turret on the Reconfigurable Vehicle Tactical Trainer in a virtual combat scenario, April 24.

Raiders fight in realm of virtual combat

Story and photo by
SGT. BRIAN ERICKSON
3rd Brigade Combat Team Public Affairs
25th Infantry Division

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Advances in technology have provided the military with more ways to conduct live action training without leaving the installation.

The 3rd Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, “Raiders,” 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, took to the virtual world to complete this type of training exercise, April 23-25.

The exercise was made possible by using the Reconfigurable Vehicle Tactical Trainer and the Virtual Battle Space 2. Both systems worked in conjunction to give troopers an experience as if they were carrying out live missions simultaneously.

The systems allowed Soldiers to move about in a shared, immersive, first-person environment that supports mounted and dismounted operations, combat platforms, small arms and vehicle mounted weapons.

“We are able to use both systems to tie everyone into the same mission,” said Capt. Grant Speakes, commander, Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 3-4th Cav. Regt.

Another advantage to the virtual world is everything happening during the scenarios is recorded and can be played back for others to watch.

“The ability to record what happens and replay it makes it easier to conduct our after-action reviews and learn from our mistakes,” said Speakes.

However, actual training can’t be replaced. It can only be replicated to prepare Soldiers to better perform their missions, said Maj. Dan Rausch, operations officer.

“The training gives us the ability to give Soldiers solid repetitions to prepare for a live exercise,” said Rausch.

By using the RVTT and VBS2, the unit can drastically cut the amount of money it has to spend to be able to successfully qualify the unit for its upcoming mission.



Riders from the 94th AAMDC practice riding in a group as they travel to Kualoa Ranch via the H-3 freeway as part of a quarterly motorcycle safety ride around the island, April 18.

Motorcycling mentorship makes quarterly safety ride

Story and photo by
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94th Army Air and Missile Defense Command
Public Affairs

FORT SHAFTER FLATS — Self-described as one of the safest units in the Army, the 94th Army Air and Missile Defense Command successfully completed its quarterly motorcycle mentorship ride, April 18.

The ride took about 30 minutes to go from the start point at Fort Shafter Flats to Kuuloa Ranch and another 30 minutes to ride back to the post.

“Before we took off, we did important training on motorcycle personal protective equipment (PPE), motorcycle required training, tires, controls, lights, oil, chassis, stands (T-Clocks) ... and a little bit of training on group riding with all levels of experienced riders,” said Master Sgt. Joshua Quinton, 94th AAMDC senior mentorship rider.

“After we got to the ranch, we sat down to eat and talk about the ride, bringing experienced riders in with a couple of the novice riders to help build camaraderie amongst all of us,” Quinton added.

The 94th AAMDC and the Pacific Air Forces Command work together on many military situations, but this event marks the first time that an Airman from the Headquarters, Air Force A7 Directorate, has worked together to maintain a relationship with motorcycle safety.

“It’s good to come and ride with the Army folks,” said Tech. Sgt. Shawn Nichols, motorcycle safety representative, HQ Air Force A7. “I am good friends

with Master Sgt. Quinton, and I thought that this would be a good opportunity to eventually get the Air Force and Army to ride together to communicate on motorcycle safety,”

The two motorcycle safety coordinators plan to work together on future motorcycle rides.

Nichols explained, “This was sort of like a pre-ride to try to get to know the other people and see if this would be something that they would like to be interested in doing later on.”

The importance of continuous training on motorcycle safety is key to the prevention of the loss of Soldiers and Airmen, and the ability of their units to deploy. Preventable accidents damage our military’s readiness, which requires valuable resources from which to recover.

“Everyone who gets a motorcycle should take the time to learn how to ride safely instead of getting on a bike and just taking off. (They should) seek others who already have experience and watch out for each other,” said Nichols.

Motorcycle Safety Foundation

The foundation offers free courses to military riders at Schofield Barracks to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam to Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay.

If you’re interested in motorcycle riding, sign up online at <https://apps.imcom.army.mil/AIRS>.

94th AAMDC receives Army safety streamers

SGT. LOUIS LAMAR
94th Army Air and Missile Defense Command Public Affairs

FORT SHAFTER — The Army’s top safety officer and senior enlisted leader visited the 94th Army Air and Missile Defense Command, April 24.

Brig. Gen. Timothy Edens, Army safety director and commander, U.S. Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center, and Command Sgt. Maj. Rick Stidley, senior enlisted leader, USACR/SC, presented 94th AAMDC with the U.S. Army Safety Excellence Streamer for outstanding safety achievements during fiscal year 2012.

“I’m a big advocate of safety culture,” said Edens. “The actual definitions of that term, however, can be as varied as the missions we perform every day. That’s why it’s important we have some measures in place as a litmus test for leaders looking to evaluate their culture and climate.”



Stidley pointed out that the biggest topic in Army safety right now is disorderliness.

“The USACR/Safety Center’s preliminary loss reports, which detail every fatal accident in the Army and link to outside resources like news reports and obituaries, are a very effective tool for reinforcing the negative effects of indiscipline. Few things speak more clearly to Soldiers than real-world examples of how one bad decision led to the end for someone just like them,” said Stidley.

Edens addressed 94th AAMDC troops standing in formation.

- 94th AAMDC Safety Awardees**
 - Capt. Stephan Arnold, safety officer, 5th Battlefield Coordination Detachment
 - Col. Jonathan Howerton, commander, 5th BCD
 - Maj. Gabrielle McKinney, and NCOs, Public Affairs
 - Maj. Timothy Rustad, operations
 - Staff Sgt. Joseph Steele, safety non-commissioned officer, 5th BCD
 - Jarrod Strickland, Ventura Technology contractor
 - Staff Sgt. George Torres, health care NCO

Brig. Gen. Daniel Karbler (front left), commander, 94th AAMDC, and Brig. Gen. Timothy Edens, director of Army Safety and commander, USACR/SC, attach the Army Safety Excellence Streamer to the 94th's guidon at an official presentation ceremony, April 24. Capt. Eric Blewitt (rear, left), commander, HHB, 94th AAMDC, also accepted a streamer on behalf of his battery for its outstanding safety achievements during FY 2012. (Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Karry James, 94th Army Air and Missile Defense Command Public Affairs)

“In order to enhance your existing risk management programs, senior leaders must be visibly committed to the safety program; junior leaders have to be even more engaged. All leaders should focus on safety as part of their performance,” said Edens. “Soldiers have to be active participants in the process, and the safety program has to fit the 94th’s culture.”

The 94th AAMDC Headquarters and Headquarters Battery was also awarded a Safety Excellence Streamer for FY 2012 for its outstanding safety achievements.

After the streamers were attached to the unit’s guidon, individuals and subordinate units received awards for their exceptional, meritorious safety actions while assigned to the 94th AAMDC.

Fort Shafter Earth Day

With the help of U.S. Army Garrison - Hawaii's Directorate of Public Works, a group of keiki paint Hawaii's endangered species and other things they may find on the island during the 9th Mission Support Command's annual Earth Day festival, Saturday.



Festival promotes native Hawaiian culture respect

Story and photos by
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305th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment,
9th Mission Support Command

FORT SHAFTER FLATS — Rooted deep in the islands of Hawaii is a *kokua* (respect) for not only the native culture, but for the 'aina (land) and kai (sea).

That love and respect is the message the 9th Mission Support Command's U.S. Army Reserve Theater Support Group-Pacific, also known as the TSG, wanted to convey through its annual Earth Day festival, here, Saturday.

More than 30 vendors and volunteers were invited from around Oahu to help Soldiers and their families gain a better understanding of how Hawaiians care for their land and water.

"Earth Day is an important day, globally, and we are taking large steps in tying in various eco-friendly practices in everything we do," said Col. Eddie Rosado, commander for the TSG.

"But we really want to embrace the culture, and we are moving forward in working with and adopting the practices of the native cultures where we have Soldiers located."

The family-friendly day featured native Hawaiian activities like peeling and pounding taro to make poi, lei making and weaving coconut leaves.

Kaneala Salsedo, a teacher with Mana Ai, a group of Hawaiians who educate and provide the community with hand-pounded poi, said he was very grateful to be a part of the event.

"It gives me such a joy to teach young people to perpetuate our culture and Hawaiian ancestors, and what better way to do it than through food," said Salsedo, as he helped a boy beat the purple, clay-like substance.

Woven into the day's happenings was a variety of earth-friendly fun for people of all ages.

Face-painted children and their parents flooded the parade field of the 9th MSC as they made their way to the various tents featuring a mock excavation encouraging participants to dig for artifacts, live music, bouncy houses, mural paintings and hands-on learning about Hawaii's sea creatures in Living Art Marine Center fish tanks.

U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii's Directorate of Public Works wowed event-goers with their "Upcycle" program, which took old tank tops and made them into useful, reusable bags.

In a most eco-friendly fashion, the TSG enlisted the help of U.S. Army-Pacific in powering the entire event with solar panels, a solar windmill and a hydrogen-fueled Chevrolet Volt.

"One of our main goals was to use alternative energy sources to run the event. We didn't want to use generators or even power outlets from the buildings," said Rosado. "We thought if we're going to do an Earth Day event, let's really practice what we preach."

Rosado said he hopes, in the years to come, the 9th MSC and the TSG will be able to engage more of the general public in the event.

"This event is a great opportunity to reach out to the local community and let them know what we are doing to help the environment," Rosado said. "We really hope to be able to work more



Face-painting for people of all ages is in evidence during the 9th Mission Support Command Earth Day festival, Saturday. (Photo has been altered from its original form; background elements have been removed.)

closely with them in the future, exchanging ideas and expanding awareness."



Kaneala Salsedo (left), a teacher with Mana Ai, helps a boy pound taro into poi in an effort to perpetuate the Native Hawaiian culture during the 9th Mission Support Command's annual Earth Day festival, Saturday. (Photo has been altered from its original form; background elements have been removed.)



Families learn the art of peeling taro in order to make the Hawaiian delicacy poi during the 9th Mission Support Command's Earth Day festival.

Hundreds attend annual IPC Kalakaua Earth Day Festival

ISLAND PALM COMMUNITIES
News Release

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Earth Month at U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii culminated with a grand Earth Day Festival, here, that brought together hundreds of families to learn about Hawaii's natural environment, April 24.

Organized by the Environmental Division, Directorate of Public Works, USAG-HI, and Island Palm Communities (IPC), dozens of organizations representing Army, state and community agencies, plus local businesses shared information, resources and activities that gave

event-goers of all ages a fun, hands-on learning experience.

Attendees learned about preservation and conservation efforts taking place throughout the state and found out what they could do to support them.

"We've hosted the festival with IPC for six years, and it has grown to become one of our most popular events that exhibitors and families look forward to," said Col. Daniel Whitney, commander, USAG-HI.



"It's a great opportunity to show our Soldiers and families how we can preserve the environment and conserve our natural resources in the communities we live and work in. This is critically important in this era of financial uncertainty," Whitney added, "that we use the environmental program to facilitate our other missions for which our ability to train our Soldiers is paramount."

Among the most popular exhibits was the

Hawaii Department of Agriculture's display of live invasive species, confiscated by its officers, including some sizeable Madagascar hissing cockroaches.

Another favorite was the Environmental Services' up-cycling booth, where kids decorated and sewed cool tote bags made from old tank tops.

Also, the lively theatrical musical of 'Ohia Production's "In the Clear Blue Sea" was a hit. It explored marine life that inhabit Hawaii's coral reefs through the eyes of Liona the lionfish and other delightful characters.



Briefs

Today

Cinco De Mayo — Celebrate from 6-10 p.m. with DJ D Rek at Tropics Warrior Zone. Event is for 18 and older. Call 655-5698.

Friday Night Fever — Enjoy a \$5 special for Cosmic Bowling at Wheeler Bowling Center at WAAF. Includes three games and one shoe rental, 5-10 p.m. Call 656-1745.

Libraries — Universal Class Army Hawaii Libraries has more than 500 online courses offered on a wide range of subjects. Courses are available 24/7, instructor led and self-paced.

Access to Universal Class is free to library account holders or those with access to AKO. Participants should be at a high school reading and writing levels.

Set up a Universal Class account via the Army Hawaii Libraries' web-pac at <http://dodhawaiilibraries.org>, select eResources tab and then Universal Class.

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

4 / Saturday

Toby Keith Concert Pre-event Party— Doors open at 3 p.m., Weyand Field, SB, for Red Solo Cup Round-up, a pre-event party, presented by Country 97.5. Call 655-0115.

Ladies Golf Clinic — Ladies receive a free 30-minute golf lesson from PGA professionals at Leilehua



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

Today

Noise Advisory — Residents in the vicinity of Schofield Barracks may experience periodic increases in noise, through May 14, as a result of scheduled training exercises. The 25th Infantry Division's 3rd BCT will be conducting a brigade-wide, combined arms training event, from 6 a.m.-1 a.m., daily.

To report issues related to noise or training, call the USAG-HI Noise Concern Line at 656-3487. The USAG-HI Public Affairs Office will contact you about your concern during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

5 / Sunday

Marine Triathlon — Join Marines and Sailors, 6:30 a.m., May 5, at Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, for the Sprint Triathlon. This race is open to the public. For information and registration, visit www.mccshawaii.com/races.

Arthritis Walk — Arthritis Foundation's annual nationwide signature event will be held at Kakaako Waterfront Park, May 5, and raises funds and awareness to find a cure for the nation's leading cause of disability. Visit www.HIarthritisWalk.org.

9 / Thursday

Military Spouse — Military Spouse magazine, will be live-streaming video of its annual awards luncheon for the 2013 Armed Forces Insurance Military Spouse of the Year, from 6-8 a.m. HST, May 9, at <http://msoy.militaryspouse.com>. This video is the first time the magazine has made the annual ceremony available live

SATURDAY SCHOFIELD CONCERT



SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — The USO presents Toby Keith in concert, 7 p.m., May 4, at Weyand Field. The event is free and open to authorized Department of Defense ID cardholders.

No outside food or beverage, glass containers, canopies or pets are permitted. Please allow 1-1.5 hours after the concert to exit the installation due to the anticipated number of attendees. Call 655-0115.

Golf Course.
By appointment only, call 655-4653.

7 / Tuesday

HMR Learn to Swim — Registration ends May 7 to enroll your keiki in summer swim lessons. May classes are from May 7-17th. All children must be registered with CYSS prior to learn to swim registration. All classes consist of eight 30-

minute sessions, \$60 per student; eight 45-minute classes are \$70. Call 653-0716.

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

8 / Wednesday

Water Safety Demonstrations — Learn about water safety, 2-4:40 p.m., Bennett Youth Center, SB. In-

cludes emergency rescue demonstrations. Call 655-9653.

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.

9 / Thursday

Clay Hand Building Workshop — Learn to work with clay from the experts at the SB Arts and Crafts Center. Initial session is \$25, additional sessions are \$5. Call 655-4202 for pre-registration.

Tropics Poker Tournament — Texas Hold'em poker, 6 p.m., at Tropics Warrior Zone, SB, every Thursday. The free weekly tournament is open to all ID cardholders, 18 and older. Call 655-5698.

12 / Sunday

Mother's Day Brunch — Nehelani and Hale Ikena celebrate moms at this annual brunch. Reservations highly suggested. Call 438-1974 for Hale Ikena (FS) or 655-4466 for the Nehelani (SB).
Military discount of 10 percent for active duty and 20 percent for E1-E9.

Mother's Day Bowling — Schofield and Fort Shafter bowling centers offer free bowling for mothers if you bring receipts from the Mother's Day Brunch from the Nehelani or Hale Ikena. Call 655-0573 or 438-9521.

15 / Wednesday

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

16 / Thursday

Basketball Shootout — Strong

See FMWR Briefs, B-5

14 / Tuesday

Army Birthday Commemoration — U.S. Army Pacific will hold a commemoration for the Army's 238th birthday at 6:30 p.m., June 14, at the Hilton Hawaiian Village. Cocktail hour begins at 5:30 p.m. For more information, contact your unit representative, or call 438-9761.

17 / Friday

Bellows Volleyball — Registration deadline is May 17 for the inaugural Bellows four-person Memorial Day Weekend Volleyball Tournament, May 25-26. Registration fee is \$10 per person; includes shirt. Visit www.bellowsaifs.com.

18 / Saturday

Fort DeRussy Living History Day — The U.S. Army Museum honors the men and women of our nation's armed forces with its annual Living History Day, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., May 18, on the museum's front lawn. Free event features interactive exhibits of modern military Soldiers and equipment, military memorabilia, restored military vehicles, re-enactors in period uniforms from the Civil War and Spanish-American War to Vietnam. Call 438-2819.

Ongoing

Children's Waiting Room — The ASYMCA Children's Waiting Room offers on-site child care for healthy children whose parents or siblings have medical appointments in any of the Schofield clinics or at TAMC. No fee is charged.
SB (433-8410) weekday hours are 8 a.m.-noon, and 1-4 p.m.; TAMC (833-1185) hours are 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

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

FREE SCHOFIELD PREVIEW



SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Sgt. Smith Theater will host a free studio appreciation of "Star Trek: Into Darkness" (Rated PG-13), 6 p.m., May 11.

Free tickets will be given away at noon, May 8, at the Schofield Exchange food court. Non-ticket holders will be admitted 30 minutes prior to the show, subject to availability. Service members, retirees, their families and authorized civilians are invited.

The national release date for "Star Trek: Into Darkness" is scheduled for May 17.

throughout the U.S. and overseas.

atre.com, or call 528-0506.

11 / Saturday

Pacific Aviation Museum — See the instruments of a World War II fighter or modern-day jet fighter at Open Cockpit Day, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., May 11, at Pacific Aviation Museum, Pearl Harbor, in Hangar 79. Free with paid museum admission and free for museum members. Parental supervision required for keiki ages 10 and younger. Call 441-1007 or visit www.PacificAviationMuseum.org.



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

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

Buddhist Services

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

Catholic Mass

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

Gospel Worship

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

Islamic Prayers and Study

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

Jewish Shabbat (Sabbath)

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

Pagan (Wicca)

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

Protestant Worship

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



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



Olympus has Fallen

(R)
Fri., May 3, 7 p.m.
Sat., May 4, 6 p.m.
Wed., May 8, 7 p.m.
Thurs., May 9, 7 p.m.



Oz the Great and Powerful

(PG-13)
Sat., May 4, 2 p.m.
Sun., May 5, 2 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

- 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

Hawaiian concert series will offer cultural insights



TRISHA KEHAULANI WATSON

Native Hawaiian Liaison Office

U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Hawaiian music is known and celebrated across the world. From blockbuster Hollywood movies to television commercials, you don’t have to look far to find the islands’ distinct sound.

A new concert series will be bringing Hawaiian music even closer to the Army community. In an effort to help the Army community develop a deeper understanding about the origins of Hawaiian music, the Native Hawaiian Liaison



Dennis (left) and David Kamakahi headline the first Leilehua Summer Concert Series, May 11, at the Leilehua golf course. (Photo by Lynn Piccoli)

Office has arranged for a series of storytelling concerts to be held throughout the summer at Leilehua golf course.

The Leilehua Summer Concert Series will feature some of Hawaiian music’s most prominent musicians and storytellers. Musicians will share the stories behind songs they have written and other traditional songs, known in Hawaiian as mele.

“Music is a very important part of our culture,” explained award-winning musician Matthew Sproat, who is helping to coordinate the series. “Behind every song is a story. These stories help people develop a great appreciation of Hawai’i and its traditional culture.”

Sproat explained that May is also known in the Hawaiian music community as “Mele Mei,” an annual monthlong celebration of Hawaiian music, language and culture.

Numerous concerts occur throughout the month giving all Hawai’i residents opportunity to enjoy top-selling Hawaiian artists.

The monthlong celebration culminates on May 25 with the Na Hōkū Hanohano Awards, the annual music awards hosted by the Hawaiian Academy of Recording Artists.

The new Leilehua Summer Concert Series will be a welcome addition to the celebrations, as these concerts are the only free Hawaiian music concerts in central O’ahu.

Many of the concerts will feature “slack key” guitarists. Hawai’i is famed for inventing this playing technique, known in Hawaiian as kī hō’alu.

Slack key is when a guitar is tuned to an



Nathan Aweau performs June 7 at Leilehua golf course as part of the Leilehua Summer Concert Series. (Photo courtesy <http://nathanaweau.com/>)

“open tuning,” meaning a chord can be played without fretting any strings. This technique is achieved by detuning or “slacking” the strings until the six strings form a single chord.

The concert series will begin at 6 p.m., Satur-

Leilehua Summer Concert Series

Concerts are 6–7:30 p.m. at the Leilehua Golf Course Bar and Grill.

Admission is free, with food and drinks available for purchase. No outside food, beverages or coolers are allowed.

May 11, David and Dennis Kamakahi
June 7, Nathan Aweau
July 13, Mike Ka’awa
Aug. 10, Kawika Kahiapo

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This event is being offered by the U.S. Army Garrison-Hawai’i’s, Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation and the Native Hawaiian Liaison, in support of the Army’s Native Hawaiian Covenant and its goal of creating learning opportunities for the Army and Native Hawaiian community.

For more information, contact usaghi.nhl@gmail.com. Schedule subject to change.

day, May 11, with a concert featuring three-time Grammy award-winning artists Rev. Dennis and his son David Kamakahi.

Rev. Kamakahi was recently honored by the Smithsonian when one of his guitars was added to the permanent collection of the Museum of American History.

Concerts will continue through the summer.

Hui hosts ‘Here’s Looking at You’ spouses club gathering

HUI `O NA WAHINE

News Release

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — The Hui `O Na Wahine all-ranks army spouses club is hosting a luncheon at the Nehelani, Thursday, May 16, to recap and remember all that the club has accomplished this year .

All military spouses are welcome to attend the end of the year “Here’s Looking at You” themed luncheon, which will bring together military ohana for an afternoon focused on all the achievements and memories of the group.

A slideshow of pictures accompanied with a few short videos of the club’s adventures will be presented. The club will also welcome in the new executive board members, as well as

thank their predecessors.

“We have done so well this year, and we want to dedicate this luncheon to all of those who have helped to make it so,” said 2nd Vice President Margaret Trimble.

Members are encouraged to wear their Hui membership pins for random opportunity drawings and to fill their purses for the purse game.

All members are invited to come have some fun, shop with the Hui vendors and socialize with other spouses. Vendors include Longaberger, Thirty One Gifts, Creative Memories, Premiere Designs, Stampin’ Up, Silpada, Avon, Stella and Dot, Scentsy, and Once in a Blue Moon Designs.

May Luncheon

Spouses must be 2012-2013 members of the Hui to attend the luncheon.

The event opens at 10:30 a.m. for shopping with a buffet lunch from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. The event costs \$20 and covers a buffet lunch provided by the Nehelani.

Reservations must be placed by Thursday, May 9, at noon to huireservations@gmail.com.

For more details, email huionawahine@gmail.com or go to www.schofieldspousesclub.com.

For May, the donation basket is for Operation Homefront’s “Back to School Brigade.”

Members are asked to bring in school supplies for military children for next school year: backpacks, markers, pencils, erasers, rulers, composition notebooks, pencil pouches, paper, children’s scissors, glue, glue sticks, folders, sharpies, calculators and more.

In return for their donations, members will receive free tickets for the opportunity drawings.

Target work Hawaiian style

Local awareness a key to securing employment

Story and photo by
STEFANIE GARDIN
U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii Public Affairs

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Army wife Ashlyn Dickson moved to Hawaii with her husband two days before Christmas last year.

Since then she’s been settling in, making friends in her Wahiawa neighborhood and tackling what some consider the “dreaded” employment search.

Army wives facing similar employment challenges joined more than 100 military spouses and attendees at the Military Spouse Career Forum & Fair, April 26, at the Nehelani Banquet and Conference Center.

Dickson had been looking for a job on her own, but admitted looking hasn’t worked out the way she thought.

“Everyone says it’s hard to get a job in Hawaii if you are not from Hawaii,” said Dickson. “I kind of think that’s silly, but I can also identify ... in



Ashlyn Dickson (left) and Cherry Whitley network with representatives from Lockheed Martin at the Military Spouse Career Forum and Fair, April 26, on Schofield Barracks.

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

Texas it’s the same way. If you don’t know someone, no one’s going to be able to vouch for you.”

Event organizer Yolanda Johnson, program manager, Employment Readiness Program, Army Community Service, within the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, took a wholistic approach to the career fair by adding a panel discussion that touched on everything from handling disappointment to volunteering to business attire in Hawaii.

She asked local celebrity Bernadette Baraquio to lead the panel discussion.

Baraquio is the creative director and executive producer of the weekly television show “Liv-

ing Local with the Baraquios,” which highlights the special stories, people and places of Hawaii.

“What comes with getting a job in Hawaii is learning about the culture.” Johnson said.

“(With the panel,) I wanted to bridge the gap between the local and business communities and the military community and teach our spouses about what Hawaii is.

“How do you get a job someplace when you don’t really know where you are? Learn the culture, and you can learn how to live in Hawaii,” she added.

The panel discussion struck a cord with Army spouses Lakeisha Bullock and Sharless Harrison, both recent arrivals to Hawaii, giving them tips on how to proceed with their searches. For example, Bullock plans on researching volunteering as a way to get her foot in the door for careers she’s interested in.

The panel’s emphasis on patience, perseverance and networking — particularly in the island environment — also hit home with the women.

“Like they talked about in the panel, it’s all about who you meet and who you know. You never know who you’re going to meet,” Harrison said.

Attendees put their networking skills to use after the panel discussion, mingling and interviewing with approximately 50 participating companies, such as Bank of Hawaii, Paul Mitchell the School Honolulu, and Roberts Hawaii.

The experience was a first for Dickson, who had never attended a career fair and wasn’t sure what to expect.

“I was so nervous when I woke up this morning. Just ask my husband, I’ve been nervous all week,” Dickson said.

“But everybody’s made me feel so comfortable. It’s just nice to get out of the house and talk to people who are professionals. ... It’s been a really good experience.”

Employment Readiness

The Employment Readiness Program hosts career fairs every April and October, and offers employment orientations every Friday.

For more information, visit www.himwr.com, call 655-4ACS or follow “Army Community Service Hawaii” on Facebook.



Soldiers of the 84th Engineer Battalion, 130th Eng. Brigade, 8th Sustainment Command, load a truck with debris and leftover tree branches during their cooperative cleanup effort with the Boy Scouts at Piti, Guam’s Santos Memorial Park, in April.

84th Eng. Bn. volunteers for Eagle Scout project

Story and photo by
2ND LT. CARLIE TURNNIDGE
84th Engineer Battalion, 130th Eng. Brigade, 8th Sustainment Command

PITI, Guam — The Soldiers of the “Never Daunted” battalion volunteered their time and efforts to impact the local community by cleaning up a local park in Piti, Guam, recently.

The project was initiated by a local Eagle Scout, James Cook, and featured the combined efforts of the Army, Navy, Boy Scouts, Mayor of Piti and local villagers.

The cleanup effort of Santos Memorial Park required the removal of debris and overgrown trees and the painting of pavilions. Every Soldier who volunteered in the local park cleanup, expressed enthusiasm for the opportunity to help a good cause, which began early in the day in efforts to avoid the midday heat.

“It was good to go out there and support the Eagle Scout, the community and represent our battalion, as well,” said Spc. Reginald Johnson, construction engineer for the Forward Support Company, 84th Engineer Bn.

Johnson supports the engineer battalion in its construction projects and day-to-day operations in Guam.

“It’s a good feeling knowing we will leave a print on the island, with the locals here, volunteering for humanitarian as-

sistance operations that are outside our mission requirements,” Johnson said.

The Boy Scouts and aspiring Eagle Scout enjoyed talking with Soldiers and learning about what it means to be a Soldier, an engineer and serving others.

“This is awesome!” said Sgt. 1st Class Rene Ompad, Headquarters and Headquarters Co., 84th Eng. Bn., with enthusiasm about the number of volunteers and the amount of work that was complete at the end of the day.

The Sergeant Audie Murphy member also stressed the value of cleanup in terms of volunteerism and giving back.

“We get to impact the young men of our future,” Ompad said.

The cleanup offered the appreciative community the chance to use Santos Memorial Park once again.

“Thank you very, very much for your support!” Cook said. “The (Boy) Scouts really enjoyed working with the Soldiers, and this is the environment that I wanted to create between the Scouts, Soldiers and villagers.”

Following the cleanup, the Mayor of Piti invited “Never Daunted” Soldiers and other volunteers for some local-style cooked food.

Positive community impact has been a key message for the battalion during recent operations in the Pacific realm that is scheduled to last until October.

Tripler’s ‘Oncology on Canvas’ paints therapeutic art

Story and photos by
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HONOLULU — Patients, families and survivors joined together at Tripler Army Medical Center (TAMC) for the seventh annual Oncology on Canvas, April 19.

The event assists cancer patients and family members to cope through art therapy.

The program started nationally as a contest for those affected by cancer, according to Dr. Pat Nishimoto, adult oncology clinical nurse specialist at TAMC.

When Nishimoto realized that using art could help patients and families communicate feelings about their cancer journey, she and colleagues began using art at TAMC. Instead of a contest, art was turned into an event where patients, family members, survivors and friends could get together, deal with their diagnosis and start on the path to healing.

One of the many families participating in the event was Marine Corps Lt. Col. Brian Grana of U.S. Pacific Command, who lost his wife from a brain tumor this past December.

“It was never not (to) keep going forward ... but still recognizing we have to grieve. It’s constant; it never stops,” said Grana.

“Dr. Nishimoto and the folks at Oncology, they’ve just been great.

“This is our first time doing it (Oncology on Canvas),” Grana continued. “When we started meeting with Dr. Nishimoto and her staff, they had mentioned art therapy and I thought it was a great idea.”

Grana agrees with Nishimoto and the staff at TAMC’s Oncology Clinic.



Logan Myrick creates his own painting at the Oncology on Canvas event at Tripler Army Medical Center, April 19. Logan was diagnosed at age 5 with Choroid Plexus Carcinoma; he is now 12 and in remission.

The seventh annual event is designed to help cancer patients, survivors and families who have suffered a loss due to cancer cope. Art created at this event will be on display at various spots around Oahu throughout the spring and summer.

“One of the things you realize, when you’re grieving, is that it’s all five senses,” Grana said. “We all grieve at a different pace. ... With art therapy, it really allows you to engage, touch and see; I think it’s a good fusion. It’s just one of the many mechanisms of grieving. ... It’s a really good idea for folks who can’t communicate real well, and it’s a good outlet.”

Joy Myrick, whose son Logan was diagnosed with Choroid Plexus Carcinoma, at age 5, who is now 12 and in remission, participated in the event for the third year in a row.

“Art therapy is a wonderful way to express and share feelings,” Joy Myrick said. “Being around the other families is a way for all of us to share in the frustration of treatments, sadness of friends dying and happiness of just knowing your friends and family love and support you.”



Maj. Matt Myrick assists his wife, Joy, with her painting during the Oncology on Canvas event at Tripler Army Medical Center, April 19.

Art Locations

The Oncology on Canvas art is on display:

- Honolulu Hale in May,
- Kahala Mall in June, and
- TAMC at the end of June through July.



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B.A.N.D.S. “Hot Shots” sign up begins at 6 p.m., FS PFC gym,

with open competition. Call 438-1152.

17 / Friday
Lei Making Workshop — SB Arts and Crafts Center hosts the great Hawaiian tradition of lei making every 3rd Friday of the month from 1-3 p.m. Call 655-4202 for preregistration.

Black Light Party — Tropics Warrior Zone hosts this late night party, beginning at 9 p.m., with white or neon

clothing as you dance in the dark with black light. Open to 18 and older. Call 655-5698.

Ongoing

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.

- South meetings, 10 a.m.,

2nd and 4th Wednesdays, AMR Chapel.

- North meetings, 3 p.m., every 1st and 3rd Wednesday, Tropics Warrior Zone.

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.

Military Special — Bowl a free game when you make a

purchase more than \$6 from Wheeler Bowl’s snack bar.

Must have receipt. Game must be used same day as snack bar purchase. Cannot be combined with additional discounts or offers. Call 656-1745.

Vehicle Safety Check — The SB and FS Auto Skills centers perform Hawaii safety checks on a first-come, first-served basis; no appointments.

Call SB auto at 655-9368 or

Fort Shafter at 438-9402.

Neighborhood Watch Program (NWP) — Would you like to know how to keep your neighborhood safe? Interested in starting an NWP? Email NWP@IPChawaii.com.

Mongolian Barbecue — Dinner is served starting at 5 p.m., Mondays, at SB Kolekole Bar and Grill (655-4466) and Thursdays at FS Mulligan’s Bar and Grill (438-1974). Cost is 65 cents per ounce.