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Purple Heart Ceremony

There will be a ceremony at 1:30 p.m. today at Sills Field on Schofield Barracks to present Purple Hearts to eight Soldiers from Hawaii units. The community is invited to come out and show their support.

Deployment Survival Night

A Special night for spouses and families of deployed Soldiers will be held July 27 at the AMR Chapel. Come and learn how to check the oil, windshield washer fluid, tire pressure and much more. Bring your car and talk to car care folks about how to inspect your vehicle. For more information or to make reservations, call 839-4319.

Purple Heart Monument Dedication

A memorial commemorating the service and sacrifices of veterans who have earned the Purple Heart will be dedicated at 10 a.m. Aug. 7 at the Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery in Kaneohe. The date coincides with the establishment of the original Purple Heart – known then as the Badge of Military Merit – on Aug. 7, 1782, by Gen. George Washington. Ceremonies will be held throughout the country on this year's observance of Purple Heart Day. For more information, call Charles Turner at 833-6655.

Quarterly retirement ceremony

U.S. Army, Hawaii will conduct a quarterly retirement ceremony at 2 p.m. Aug. 19 in Sergeant Smith Theater at Schofield Barracks to recognize retiring Soldiers for their dedicated service to the U.S. Army and the nation. For more information, call Sgt. Maj. Billie Thompson at 655-8711.

Women's Equality Day Celebration

The 10th Annual Women's Equality Day Celebration will be held at 7 a.m. Aug. 28 at Stoneman Field on Schofield Barracks. There will be a 5k Fun Run, a 1-mile Keiki Run, a guest speaker, keiki activities and information booths. For more information or for a run application, call 655-3578/8389.

SMA visits Hawaii Soldiers

By Staff Sgt. Bradley Rhen
Editor

Other than combat, transformation is the most important thing Soldiers should be focused on, the Army's top enlisted Soldier said Monday at Schofield Barracks.

While combat and combat-related missions remain the Army's priority, transforming into a more lethal and more relevant fighting force is also a top priority, said Sgt. Maj. of the Army Kenneth O. Preston, the 13th sergeant major of the Army.

"It's because of the war that we need to transform," he said.

Preston visited Hawaii Monday for his first official visit since taking over as the SMA earlier this year. Prior to that, he served as the command sergeant major for Combined Joint Task Force 7

in Iraq.

Preston recalled how on his last flight out of Baghdad many of the houses below had satellite dishes – something that was forbidden during Saddam Hussein's regime. He said that, as well as the fact Saddam is now on trial shows progress is being made in Iraq.

"Right now, they're actually seeing, for the first time ever, their government at work and the goodness that comes out of it," he said.

However, Preston said there's no telling how long the United States' will be involved in both Iraq and Afghanistan.

"Our intent is to work ourselves out of a job as quickly as we can," he said.

As the sergeant major of the Army, Preston is the personal adviser to the Army chief of staff on matters concerning

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Staff Sgt. Bradley Rhen

Sergeant Maj. of the Army Kenneth O. Preston talks to Soldiers Monday at Sgt. Smith Theater on Schofield Barracks.

Strykers on display



Mark Bates

A Stryker vehicle rolls off a C-17 aircraft last week at Hickam Air Force Base.

U.S. Army, Hawaii Public Affairs Office
News Release

Stryker vehicles will be on display on the Big Island and Oahu this weekend and next week.

The displays are designed to educate and inform Soldiers, their families and members of the civilian community about the Stryker vehicle. Visitors will see the Stryker vehicle and be able to speak to Stryker crew members from units in Alaska and Fort Lewis, Wash.

Displays will be held:

* Saturday Waimea-Kohala Airport on the Big Island from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

* Sunday at the National Guard Center in Hilo on the Big Island from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

* Tuesday at Ali'i Beach Park in Haleiwa on the North Shore, Oahu from 5 - 7:30 p.m.

* Wednesday at the Wahiawa District Park, Oahu from 5 - 7:30 p.m.

* Thursday at Waianae Intermediate School, Oahu from 5 - 7:30 p.m.

In addition, a special Stryker display for Soldiers, their families and the entire USARHAW community will be held on Monday from 4 - 7 p.m. at the Schofield Barracks Commissary parking lot.

Division Re-enlistment will be on hand to discuss current bonuses and re-enlistment options for Soldiers interested in serving with the 25th ID's Stryker Brigade.

Strykers are 19-ton, armored vehicles that are the centerpiece of the Stryker Brigade Combat Teams. The vehicles can reach speeds in excess of 60 mph and have a range of over 300 miles.

The 2nd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division (Light) will transform into an SBCT when it returns from its current Operation Iraqi Freedom deployment.

Tropic Lightning Soldiers receive combat decorations

Spc. Sean Kimmons
25th ID (L) Public Affairs

KIRKUK AIR BASE, Iraq – Tropic Lightning Division Soldiers who fought in the Vietnam War were given the right to display the taro leaf and lightning bolt combat patch on the right sleeve of their uniforms.

Forty years later, Division Soldiers currently deployed in Operation Iraqi Freedom II are now able to do the same.

Almost six months into their slated year-long deployment, Soldiers of 2nd Brigade

Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division (Light) had Maj. Gen. Eric T. Olson, commander of the 25th ID (L), and Command Sgt. Maj. Franklin Ashe, command sergeant major of the 25th ID (L), present for their combat patch ceremony on Kirkuk Air Base July 12.

Olson and Ashe, now commander and command sergeant major for Combined Joint Task Force-76 in Afghanistan, took time out of their hectic schedules to take part in this historic event and

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Spc. Sean Kimmons

Maj. Gen. Eric T. Olson, commander of the 25th ID (L) and CJTF 76, pins a Combat Infantryman Badge on the chest of Pvt. 2 Eric Martinez, a rifleman with Co. C, TF 1-21 INF, during a ceremony July 12.

Mortars make a difference in Afghanistan



Sgt. Jeremy A. Clawson

Spc. Matthew Root, a mortarman from Co. C, 2nd Bn., 35th Inf. Rgt., kneels to adjust his team's mortar, while Pfc. Joseph Borgula, makes adjustments during Operation Dragon Tree in the Afghan Argandab Valley.

By Sgt. Jeremy A. Clawson
105th Mobile
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ARGANDAB VALLEY, Afghanistan – Watching his team place mortar aiming stakes, Spc. Donald King entered grid coordinates on a M23 Mortar Ballistic Computer ready to deploy his team's 60 mm mortar. He prepared to cover troops as they moved into action recently during Operation Dragon Tree.

On this mission through the Argandab Valley in south central Afghanistan, Company C, 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry Regiment moved to search a village. King and his team positioned themselves two kilometers away to over watch the villages on both sides of the objective and the ridgeline in the distance.

"The mortar is the most

casualty producing weapon in the company," said King. The enemy knows this too and it makes the unit a 'hard target.'

For the enemy, a hard target is not only one with a hard shell such as armor plates, but also the ability to violently respond with effective fire. The job of a mortar team is to provide timely and accurate indirect fire in support to units as they move across the battlefield.

According to the team's gunner, Spc. Matthew Root, the mortar team's presence is a deterrent to enemy forces. The enemy knows when mortar teams are providing cover for Soldiers as they search villages, "it makes the enemy think twice before trying anything," Root said. This deterrence enables troops to complete their missions without enemy contact.

King said Taliban and al Qaida fighters coming face to face with the U.S. infantry troops since the fall of the Taliban regime in 2001 will reconsider confronting Coalition forces. "I've never been on the opposite side of a mortar, but the (Taliban) probably have at one time and it's probably not fun," said King.

Moving through the mountainous terrain taxes the toughest infantrymen, each Soldier is weighted with equipment, weapons and ammunition. For mortar teams, that weight is compounded by the mortar system.

The gunner usually carries the cannon, bipod, sight unit, and usually two or three rounds, said Root. The assistant gunner carries the mortar base plate, while more rounds are divided among the line

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We want to hear from you

The Hawaii Army Weekly welcomes letters and commentaries from readers. To submit call the editor at 655-4816 or e-mail editor@hawaiiarmyweekly.com. The deadline for articles is the Friday prior to the week of publication. Send all articles in Microsoft Word or text format.

OPINION & COMMENTARY

Gimlets receive CIBs, SSI

Commentary

Ist Sgt. Robert Jennings
Co. A, 1st Bn., 21st Inf. Rgt.

KIRKUK AIR BASE, Iraq – This week kicked off with the Soldiers of Alpha Company receiving their Combat Infantryman’s Badge and Shoulder Sleeve Insignia. In order to be awarded the CIB a Soldier must be an infantryman satisfactorily performing infantry duties, must be assigned to an infantry unit during a time when his unit is engaged in active ground combat, and must have actively participated in ground combat and been under hostile fire.

Wearing the SSI on the right shoulder signifies what unit in which a Soldier served in combat. It is also known as the combat patch.

The ceremony kicked off at 2 p.m. on July 11. The battalion commander, Lt. Col. Mark Dewhurst pinned CIBs and SSIs on the company commander, Capt. Todd Moe, and I. We in turn pinned the platoon leaders and platoon sergeants, they pinned their squad leaders, and the squad leaders pinned their Soldiers.

After everyone received their CIB and SSI, Dewhurst explained to all the Soldiers that we had definitely earned this award over the last six months. We should be proud to be the first Soldiers to wear the 25th Infantry Division shoulder sleeve insignia on the right shoulder since Vietnam.

The ceremony ended with photos of the company. This is only the third time in six months that we have all been together at the same place. Thanks to Charlie Company for falling down on our observation posts so we could all participate in this long awaited ceremony.

13 Jul 2226 hours – One of our observation post reports hearing three mortar rounds being fired 400 meters from their position in the middle of the city. None of the rounds impacted on the air base so we dispatched the police to investigate points of origin and impact.

They were unable to deter-

mine exactly where and who fired the rounds. Initial casualty report: no one on the airbase was injured; 4 civilians killed and unknown injured as two rounds struck a neighborhood not even close to the airbase.

Again our cowardly enemy has decided to change his tactic by aimlessly firing on his own people. It’s hard for me to understand the mentality of a person that has so much hatred for another human being because of where he is from; so much hatred that he would ineptly or intentionally kill some of his own people to try to stir anger towards us.

Throughout the rest of the week we continued our patrols throughout the city monitoring the police and Iraqi National Guard as they learn their new trades. We are trying to take on a lesser role in the city since the transfer of power. We are letting the Iraqi people learn to do things on their own. But still there are times when we have to resort back to cleaning up the garbage that is trying to prevent this country from moving forward.

I want to end this week with my condolences to the family of John Prehn. John passed away recently on Oahu, as he lost his battle with cancer. He will be sorely missed by his family and friends. I wish we could have talked war stories; I had a few I wanted to share. You’re not in any pain now old friend; they’ll be talking “Johnny VO” stories for some time to come.

This week meet Pfc. Michael Elliott, a grenadier for 1st Squad, 3rd platoon. He is from Strathmore, Calif., and has been in the Army for 16 months. Elliott said he really thinks we’ve made a positive impact here.

“The work we’ve done out in Amu Shabi has sure made it better for the kids,” he said. “I think we’ve definitely helped the police get better at their job. The proof is how quiet the city has been lately.”

Elliott said he’ll always remember the day they got hit by the ambush.

“I’ll never forget Staff Sgt. [Todd] Nunes. He had a different demeanor than a lot of other leaders. I never heard him raise his voice, but the job always seemed to get done.”

Officer experiences combat mission for first time

Commentary

By Ist Lt. Jennifer Cope
Task Force Diamondhead

KANDAHAR AIR FIELD, Afghanistan – As I watched the sunset over the sand dunes and majestic mountains, I thanked God that our convoy had arrived safely. Thinking back, it was completely uneventful. We saw at least five goat herders, three wild camel packs and hundreds of children. The kids came out of nowhere.

One thing Afghans have a lot of is space. Nothingness. The best description I could give this place is that it is biblical. In the last 5,000 years nothing has changed. They live in mud huts, draw water from wells, and wear robes and borquas. It is a respectable lifestyle. So simple that it makes me wonder why we need so much.

I woke up the next day to the Afghan soldiers praying as the sun was rising over an eastern mountain range. I said a silent prayer myself that the refueling mission we had ahead of us would go smoothly. I’m in charge of a 22-person squad, mixed with my unit and National Guard Soldiers who I do not know.

The Special Forces captain came by and said “Good morning.” He is the team leader of the Special Forces unit we are supporting for this mission. The Special Forces guys spent the night outside, so he’s walking around waking everybody up. It’s time for us to get started too. Everyone is getting ready for the mission, tired from the stress of the convoy and a short night’s sleep on an uncomfortable cot. We are about to do a real mission for the first time. I’m secretly wondering what the Special Forces guys think of us. The success of their mission depends heavily on the aircraft getting refueled throughout the duration of the mission.

We finally get everything together and roll out. Once we are set up, we sit around and wait for the mission to start. Everything in the Special Forces world depends on what happens in their mission as it develops. If a target is captured, the mission will go one way. If not, it could take a completely different spin.

It is different from the conventional army where everything happens on a timeline. A couple hours into the mission the Soldiers had refueled seven CH-47’s successfully. Shortly after refueling the aircraft, the SF captain received word that the SF guys were on their way back with some prisoners. Hearing this kind of freaked me out

and I realized it freaked out some of the Soldiers too, so I made some jokes and tried to shrug it off like it was no big deal. I’ve learned that just like negative behavior, positive behavior is infectious.

They land and we watch the Special Forces guys walk off the LZ with three prisoners. I feel like I’m watching a movie. It looks as though they are walking in slow motion because of the heat waves rippling effect on the air in front of them. I remind myself that this is real and I’m really a part it. A rush of accomplishment, belonging and pride rushes over me and I feel like the world stops for a minute. Within minutes, the Special Forces guys and prisoners are getting back on the aircraft and heading towards Kandahar Air Field.

The squad is busy cleaning and picking up the equipment. I cheer them on like I’m a cheerleader and they laugh. They have done a darn good job today. They were an integral part of a successful mission. We got three bad guys and refueled seven aircraft without a hitch. Everyone is feeling good.

We return to the austere conditions of the firebase. No showers, no real bathrooms and, at the moment, no food. For some reason the infantry battalion is not re-supplying its company the way it’s supposed to, so at night we only have meat for dinner ... no sides, no dessert, no nothing, just meat.

Once we fill up on chicken we head back to our packed tent. The Soldiers tease each other about the mission, who likes who, and why someone acts a certain way. Once the jokes run out, the conversation gets a little more serious as people start asking each other where they are from, what they do for a living, and who they left behind. I listen carefully, trying to remember a little something about each person.

Mike, who is a mechanic in “real life,” left his wife and new baby behind. Rob, who is engaged to his high school sweetheart, is a little nervous she’ll find someone else while he’s gone. Another Mike, an amazing artist, loves to draw pictures of beautiful woman he hopes to meet one day. They are real people, with deep and complex lives and responsibilities beyond the Army.

Just as I settle into my sleeping bag with my book, an infantry officer comes by the tent and tells us that they just got intelligence that 200 Taliban fighters were coming down the road towards Qalat. He explains that they are angry that the Special Forces guys took their guys as prisoners, and they are coming to take revenge. He says that most likely the Taliban will attack Qalat City as a warning to the locals to stop helping us. He finishes with saying, “If you hear the infantry guys start yelling and screaming that the Taliban are here,

put your stuff on and head out to the perimeter.”

I look around and think, Get on the perimeter? I haven’t fired in months and who knows how long it has been for the National Guard guys. I am more afraid of one of us accidentally shooting each other than I am of the Taliban coming over the walls.

Just as I am getting more and more nervous our medic looks at me and says, “Ma’am I have to go to the bathroom.” LB is a female and we were instructed not to go to the bathrooms by ourselves at night. We grab some toilet paper and head out to the bathrooms. She goes first and is talking about how she’s scared and what we’ll do if they come. I try to ease her nerves and tell her we will be fine but my head is running wild with scenarios.

Just as I sit down to use the restroom a gunshot goes off. LB freaks, swings open the door and says, “Ma’am we have to get back to the tent right now!” I look over her shoulder and see a bunch of infantry guys getting their flak vests and weapons, so I postpone my bathroom break and start back to the tent.

Halfway there people start screaming, “AD, AD.” This, thank God, stands for accidental discharge. I grab LB and head back to the bathroom, wondering if the accidental discharge was from our tent. Minutes later, I find out it was. I was thankful no one was hurt, but knew that there would be a lot of questions when we got back to Kandahar.

Again, I settled down into my sleeping bag and begin reading my book. I listened intently to the radio whenever someone was making a transmission and continuously reassured the Soldiers that we’d be fine. I was almost asleep when a deafening explosion went off. I jumped out of my bag and ran outside. It was friendly fire. The mortar platoon had decided to shoot off HE rounds all night in the direction they thought the Taliban would be coming from.

I went back to my tent and finally fell asleep, and next thing I remember was waking up to what I thought were Harriers, but later found out were B-51 bombers, flying over about every 30 minutes. I listened for a while but couldn’t hear any gunfire or any bombs dropping so I figured we were safe.

That morning I woke up early again. I had time to reflect on the events of the night before and for the first time since arriving in early April, I felt like I was at war. It was a weird feeling. Just as I got the feeling I was at war and far away from the security of Kandahar, the missions were over for the week.

Voices of Lightning

What has been the biggest change you’ve noticed on post since the deployments?



"A lot of the parking areas are being improved, and there's construction for new barracks. The post is being totally renovated. It'll be like a new installation when we return, which is nice to come back to."



"The speeding has gone down, and crime overall has gone down too."



"There are new barracks facilities, and things are a lot quieter."



"There's less traffic on post now."



"There are a lot less people around now, because of the deployment."



"There are police officers at the gate now, and it's quieter – which is sad because it reminds us that our boys are gone on deployment."

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Freedom Calls Foundation links Soldiers with loved ones

By Joy Boisselle
Staff Writer

Thanks to The Freedom Calls Foundation, Soldiers of the 40th Quartermaster Company, deployed near Camp Cooke, Iraq, and several of their families in Hawaii reunited via teleconference technology July 14 at the Army Community Services building Computer Lab at Schofield Barracks.

In a statement released by Freedom Calls Foundation co-founder Ed Bukstel, he said, “The Freedom Calls Foundation received an email message from a base north of Baghdad indicating that Soldiers from the 40th QM stationed in Hawaii would like to video conference with their families via the Freedom Calls Network.

Brian Dougherty of Army Community Service, Hawaii quickly made it clear that the equipment was in place and testing of the satellite communications to Iraq was completed very quickly.

According to Dougherty, the facilities to interface with Schofield Barracks are only available to 25th Infantry Division (Light) Soldiers near Camp Cooke at this time.

“We expect in the next few months to see at least four other Freedom Calls facilities in Iraq. Some of our other units should be able to use those facilities,” he said, “We have eight computers capable of interfacing with forward units, but our system is only as good as what they have available on the other end.”

Crediting Capt. Kristine Mobley, 40th QM company commander, with getting the



Joy Boisselle

Sgt. Christopher Sartain gets a look at his 2-month-old son Christopher, Jr., held by his wife, Michelle. The family was taking part in a video conference made possible by The Freedom Calls Foundation at the Schofield Barracks ACS building.

ball rolling on the July 14 video conference for her Soldiers and families, Capt. Charles Starr, Rear Detachment commander explained, “Working with our unit in Iraq, families here, the division signal office, and ACS, it took a little less than two weeks to coordinate this event.”

Echoing Starr’s remarks, Family Readiness Group Leader, Anne Yoder, said, “Our goal was to get as many of our spouses as possible scheduled for the videoconference. Unfortunately, mission requirements caused a few families to miss seeing their Soldiers and some of the spouses felt it would be too hard emotionally to see their deployed Soldier.”

Many of the families had not seen their Soldiers since the year-long deployment began more than six months

ago. One family taking advantage of the rare opportunity was Staff Sgt. Leroy Gethers and his three sons, Raymond, 12, Devante, 8, and Javier, 20 months. Gethers’ wife, Staff Sgt. Claudia Gethers deployed Jan 20. The teleconference session was the first time she had seen her family since departing from Hawaii.

“We haven’t seen my wife in six months and this is great for all of us,” said Gethers, adding, “I read about this program [Freedom Calls Foundation] in the Army Times but never thought it could be coordinated for us.” Gethers’ son, Raymond, agreed with his Dad. “It’s cool to see her after such a long time and I miss her a lot,” he said while holding back tears, “I told her I loved her, but then I started to cry and didn’t say much

after that.”

The 25th ID (L) is not the first unit to benefit from the generosity of The Freedom Calls Foundation. Last August, Bukstel received an email from a Soldier stationed in Iraq explaining how difficult communications were with families on the home front. Moved by the email, Bukstel contacted other businesses in the communications field to garner donations of equipment, money, and support. As a result, The Freedom Calls foundation was born. The mission of the foundation is to provide communications technology to help deployed service members communicate with their loved ones free of charge.

In an email response, Bukstel said, “The funding

and donations provided to the Freedom Calls Foundation has been a lesson and we have the support of some truly good Americans and companies on a global basis. Companies such as Hewlett Packard, FedEx, Motorola, and Loral have made an incredible impact on the equipment and services donations to the troops.”

Cash donations to the foundation have come primarily from the personal savings of Bukstel and co-founder John B. Harlow II. “I think most people cannot believe that there is actually a charity that is donating this type of service to the military. Even the Army was surprised when we offered the donation to the troops,” he remarked.

Asked what motivated him to help service members in an area cited by troops as the number one morale boost while deployed, Bukstel’s reasons are straightforward.

“My personal motivation began and continues to be my beautiful daughters, Jillian, 5, and Ally, 3. Jillian had cancer when she was 2 and a half years old. She lost her eye but we are extremely blessed that the cancer did not spread to her brain,” Bukstel stated, “I realized how blessed my family was.”

Bukstel, also, has a military connection as his father served in Viet Nam.

“I can still remember the "telephone calls" and the time lag in communications from the technology that was available at the time,” he said. Finally, Bukstel said, “On a daily basis my partner and I are humbled by the

selflessness of the troops. They take care of someone else in their unit first.”

In nearly a year, The Freedom Calls Foundation has provided free communications to more than 10,000 service members and collected over \$10 million worth of donations for equipment and services. Bukstel said, “The support from the Army has been exceptional throughout the chain of command. This effort started with an email in 2003 and it is our mission to supply the highest end communications technologies to troops and their families for as long as it takes.”

According to Bukstel, new communications facilities will be ready in both Iraq and Afghanistan in the next 60 days.

“Frankly, I wish it was over the next 60 minutes,” he said, adding, “At present, we are helping nearly 1,500 Soldiers and families each day. There is so much more that needs to be done.”

The real impact of the foundation is on the deployed Soldier who through the donated technology is able to watch a daughter graduate from high school or see a newborn son for the first time or visit children left in grandma’s care.

“Communications are so important,” Yoder said. “When we see [the Soldiers], we have peace of mind and we know they are doing well. That feeling is important for both the Soldiers and their families on both ends.”

(Editor’s Note: For information about the Freedom Calls Foundation, visit their Web site at www.freedom-calls.org/index.html)

Rumsfeld: 'We do not need a draft'

By Linda D. Kozaryn
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – "We do not need a draft," Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said in a July 16 interview with National Public Radio. The all-volunteer force "has worked brilliantly for our country."

Asked if he would rule out the idea of reinstituting a draft, Rumsfeld replied, "I'm not the government of the United States. I am just one person. But if you ask me personally would I rule it out, the answer is 'absolutely.'"

Noting that there are a lot of inequities in any draft, he said, "I would argue vigorously against reinstituting a draft." The secretary pointed out that in the 1960s he was one of the first members of Congress to introduce legislation to create an all-vol-

unteer force.

The military's current recruiting and retention efforts are working well, Rumsfeld said. "The Air Force is way above where it should be and is in the process of trying to reduce some of their numbers," he said. "The Navy's about where it wants to be and the Marines are where they want to be."

There are one or two areas in the Army where retention "has not been as good as one would have anticipated," he said, and defense officials are carefully watching these areas. If necessary, he added, military officials can "increase incentives and reduce disincentives."

At present, Rumsfeld said, the armed forces have nearly 2.5 million men and women: 1.4 million in the active force and the remainder in the National Guard

and Reserves. He predicted that any recruiting and retention shortfall would be "in the low few thousands."

The secretary noted that the number of Individual Ready Reserve members called to active duty "is a very modest number."

Letters went out July 6 to 5,674 members of the IRR, Soldiers who have completed an active-duty enlistment but still are within eight years of when they entered the military. All enlistees agree to an eight-year commitment, usually served in a combination of active, reserve-component and IRR service.

Of those who received the letters, Army officials said, roughly 4,000 will be brought to active duty. Most of those will be in the specialties of military intelligence, engineers, truck drivers, and other combat service support forces.

Briefs

Concerts at Crossroads Coffeehouse – Local Jazz artist BeverlyB will be in concert with her band at 7:30 p.m. tonight at the Crossroads Coffeehouse. Recording Artist Greg Dahl will be hosting his final concert on the island, with his full band, at the Crossroads Coffeehouse, Aug. 6 at 7:30 p.m. Crossroads Coffeehouse is held every Friday at the Ka'ala Recreation Center on Schofield Barracks. The events are free and open to everyone. For more information, call 655-9355.

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Protestant Women of the Chapel – Protestant Women of the Chapel at Schofield Barracks welcomes all military spouses to their weekly Bible study and time of fellowship. Meetings are held each Tuesday morning at 9 a.m. in room D-9 of the Main Post Chapel on Schofield Barracks. Pre-arranged on-site child care is provided. For more information, call Effie at 624-8251. For child care, call

Sonya at 455-4011.

Radio or a Satellite Location Device Now Required for Boaters – Hawaii passed a law recently requiring all boaters sailing more than one mile off shore to carry either a VHF radio or a satellite location device. Many boaters are now acquiring Global Positioning System devices to assist in navigation and to aid the Coast Guard in finding them when lost. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Flotilla 18, is offering a GPS for mariners class. This course will teach boaters how to use the GPS. The cost is \$35 dollars and includes a text. Class will be held at West Marine at 111 Sand Island Access Road on July 24 from 2 to 5 p.m. and July 25 from 1 to 4 p.m. For more information or to reserve a seat, call Jason Reed at 845-9900 or 778-2862.

AYSO Fall Youth Soccer Registration – American Youth Soccer Organization Hickam/Pearl Harbor Region 188 will hold the final registration for fall youth soccer from 2 to 6 p.m. July 31 at the Hickam Air Force Base BXtra. Registration is open to boys and girls ages 4-18. Season runs August through early November. Registration fee is \$55. Proof of age required for first time registrants. Pre-register on-line at www.aysoregion188.org. For more information, call 834-5979 or e-mail registrar@aysoregion188.org.

Boating Class Offered – Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 18 is offering a class on how to read nautical charts at the McDonald's Uptown party room at Pearlridge Mall from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 7. The cost is \$35 and includes a manual and exams. This course meets U.S. Coast Guard, state and national boating law administrators' requirements. The course includes the use of aids to navigation, nautical measurements, significance of various symbols, abbreviations and terms. Send check payable to: USCG AUX F-118; Kawika Warren; 23 Kimo Drive; Honolulu, HI 96817. For more information, call Kawika

Warren at 595-4934.

Networking and Salary Negotiation – Have you wondered how people get the best jobs with great salaries? A Networking and Salary Negotiation Workshop will be held from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Aug. 12 at Army Community Service, Bldg 2091, on Schofield Barracks. Get information on different resources that can be accessed to see if your salary requirements are comparative to qualifications you hold. For more information or to register, call 655-2400.

Women's Equality Day Celebration – The 10th Annual Women's Equality Day Celebration will be held at 7 a.m. Aug. 28 at Stoneman Field on Schofield Barracks. There will be a 5k Fun Run, a 1-mile Keiki Run, a guest speaker, keiki activities and information booths. For more information or for a run application, call 655-3578/8389.

American Red Cross CPR Class – The Red Cross will hold a CPR class from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Aug. 28 at the Schofield Barracks Red Cross Office. This course will cover adult, infant and child CPR, First Aid and AED. The cost for military ID cardholders is \$53. For more information or to register, call the Red Cross office at 655-4927.

Logistics Intern Program – Every couple years, college graduates are selected from universities to participate in the Department of the Army Logistics Management Internship Program at Fort Lee, Va. The next recruitment effort being pursued by the Logistics Propensity Office will utilize the Federal Career Intern Program as the vehicle to hire National Supply and Maintenance Interns for FY 05. The entry requirement of FCIP is a GPA of 2.95 or higher out of a possible 4.0, and applicants with a master's degree will now qualify without a specific GPA. This program will provide someone without Army working experience the opportunity to start a career with the Department of the Army as a Department of

the Army Civilian. The National Logistics Management Internship program is a two-year paid program with target grades of GS-7 to GS-11. Salary of interns start at pay grade of GS-7 or \$29,821 per year with an automatic advance to a pay grade of GS-9 or \$36,478 per year after one year and to pay grade GS-11 or \$44,136 at the end of two years. Interns are hired into the U.S. Government and will report to Army Logistics Management College at Fort Lee, Va., for six months. Due to the highly competitive and selective nature of the Department of the Army Federal Career Intern Program, the intern(s) selected for National Supply and Maintenance Internship programs are awarded to individuals possessing strong academic credentials, in any discipline fields, with cumulative grade point average of 2.95 or higher in their undergraduate class or is rated in the upper third of their graduating class in college or university or has a master's degree and a high degree of motivation. Besides the GPA requirement, individuals must also meet the following requirements: All candidates must be United States citizens, good communication and analytical skills are desirable, must be of strong character to pass a routine background investigation for a Secret security clearance, must sign a mobility agreement. Permanent duty location will be based upon the needs of the Army. You may not return to where you are recruited. The application deadline for interns starting the second week of January 2005 is Sept. 24, 2004. To apply, mail, e-mail or fax your resume and a complete undergraduate college transcript or graduate transcript that clearly shows your GPA to: Headquarters, U.S. Army, Pacific, DCS, G-4, Office: APLG-SY, Fort Shafter, Hawaii 96858-5100. E-mail: servidajr@shafter.army.mil. Fax: (808) 438-2690. For more information, call Jose Servida at (808) 438-8650.

Free Basic Skills Course

– Brush up on math and reading, get ready for college and improve GT scores with a free basic skills course offered by the 9th RSC at Fort Shafter Flats. Courses are 60 hours each. They will be held Aug. 12 to Sept. 30, and Oct. 21 to Dec. 13. All classes are held 5:30 - 9:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays in Room 105, Building 1554, Fort Shafter Flats. For more information, call 438-1600 Ext. 3293; or e-mail education@9rsc.army.mil.

Apheresis Center Open – The Schofield Barracks Apheresis Center, located in Bldg. 679, is open for collections. Apheresis (cell separation) is a specialized automated blood collection method. The center is open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and appointments can be made by calling 433-8810/6195. Contact the Apheresis Center for more information, a demonstration or to schedule an appointment. The Tripler Army Medical Center Mobile Team visits the center on select Fridays to collect whole blood donations. Contact the center for dates and times.

OCS Selection Board – The September 2004 Department of the Army Officer Candidate School Board has been cancelled. The next HQDA OCS Selection Board is scheduled to convene the week of Jan. 24, 2005. Soldiers who wish to be considered by this selection board must submit their applications through command channels to Military Personnel Division, DA Boards Section, Trailer #14, Room 4, (located on Ayers Avenue) Schofield Barracks between Nov. 1 and 18. The Installation Structured Interview Panel will convene Dec. 6 to interview qualified applicants. Specific interview dates, times and location will be provided to individual applicants. Eligibility criteria and application procedures are outlined in AR 350-51. The education requirement to apply for OCS is a minimum of 90 semester hours and verified by the education center. For Soldiers who do not pos-

sess a baccalaureate degree, a Scholastic Aptitude Test (850 or higher) or American College Test (19 or higher) not older than 6 years is required. Soldiers without a secret security clearance must provide a memorandum signed by the Division Security Officer stating a secret security investigation has been received and initiated by Defense Security Service. If interested in applying for OCS, provide original and three copies of completed application packet to our office by Nov. 18. An OCS information packet can be picked up at Trailer #14, Room 4. For more information, call Nan Lucero at 655-4511 or Corinne Queja at 655-1845.

EFMP Summer Pool Parties – Exceptional Family Member Program families from all services are invited to attend a free summer fun program designed to meet their special needs. Army Community Service EFMP will be hosting an afternoon of fun at the Schofield Barracks pool from noon to 4 p.m. Aug. 14. Hot dogs, salads, ice cream, shaved ice, pinatas and much more will be available. EFMP enrollment and advanced registration is required. Reservations must be made through your service's EFMP coordinator by Aug. 9 for the Schofield Barracks party. Army EFMP families must call 655-2303 or 655-2324 for reservations. For more information, call the Army EFMP manager at 655-2303.

OIF/OEF apparel and memorabilia – AAFES-Schofield Barracks Main Exchange is now offering official OIF and OEF apparel and memorabilia of the 25th Infantry Division (Light). Selection includes T-shirts, hats, stickers, flags, pins, yellow ribbon car magnets, mouse pads, playing cards and more. Support our men and women of the 25th ID (L) and Schofield Barracks and shop the Schofield Main Exchange. It is open daily from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. For more information, call 622-1773.

Army hits retention mark for third quarter

By Courtney Hickson
Army News Service

WASHINGTON – The active Army is at 100 percent mission accomplished of its retention rate for the third quarter.

In addition, said Brig. Gen. Sean Byrne, chief of Military Policy, G1, said, in a media round table Friday, all 10 divisions are at or above 100 percent retention. He also said the aggregate number of the Army is 100 percent.

When units have Soldiers deployed, those units often have lower retention rates, but when Soldiers return to the base those numbers rebound. Byrne said some of the reasons for the increase are the Soldiers are getting re-involved in the post and discussing their situations with

their family.

When Soldiers from the 82nd Airborne returned home their retention numbers increased 9 to 10 percent, he said. Additionally, the Army surveys Soldiers as they return from deployment and Byrne said they have been getting good feedback.

"There may be some talking, but Soldiers aren't walking," Byrne said.

The Soldiers impacted by the Stop-Loss are counted as eligible for re-enlistment and the Army is actively perusing them to re-enlist. There were about 9,500 Soldiers impacted by Stop-Loss, according to Byrne.

In order to compete with the civilian sector the Army offers bonuses and competitive wages. A little over half of the military

occupational specialties qualify for bonuses at re-enlistment time, with the average bonus for someone who re-ups for three years being \$4,200, and six years, \$8,300. In addition, the Army offers various programs with enlistment.

"You are not going to find a more patriotic group of young Americans," Byrne said.

About 5,600 Individual Ready Reserve were recently notified they were being called to active duty to fill approximately 4,400 requirements. There may be the need for additional Soldiers in the future, Byrne said.

The IRR Soldiers received a mailgram telling them they are being called to active duty and another packet would arrive with their orders 30 days later. At that

point, they will be told where to report and go through an intensive screening and then receive common task training.

If IRR Soldiers have been out of the Army for a while, they will get current military occupational specialty training. They will then report to an installation to join with their unit, 60 to 90 days before deployment.

The Army is also trying to provide predictability for Soldiers, as to when they will deploy.

"We try to get the Soldiers together 90 to 100 days before so they are doing things collectively," Byrne said. "They deploy as a unit and come back together. The focus is on the unit."

This predictability will allow Soldiers to have full knowledge of when they are going to deploy so

they can be with their unit before deployment. Additionally, this will allow for greater unit stability. The effort to create predictability is to allow Reservists and National Guardsmen called to active duty enough time to work with their employers.

Byrne also spoke briefly about the Reservist and National Guardsmen having employee rights, full benefits and having their jobs for them.

Lt. Col. Richard Guzzetta a National Guardsman said as members return from Iraq they are working very closely with the communities to welcome them home properly.

He also said there are over 400 family assistance centers to aid families of National Guard members while they are deployed.

Honolulu Engineer District welcomes new commander



Pacific Ocean Division commander, Brig. Gen. Robert Davis (left) hands the Corps of Engineers' flag to the new Honolulu Engineer District commander, Lt. Col. David E. Anderson (right). Ray Jyo, deputy district engineer for Programs and Project Management, looks on.

By Joseph Bonfiglio
Honolulu Engineer District

Lt. Col. David E. Anderson became the 64th Commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Honolulu District in a change of command ceremony July 16 at Fort Shafter.

Anderson replaces Lt. Col. David C. Press, who will be serving at the Pentagon as the Military Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, John Paul Woodley.

Pacific Ocean Division commander, Brig. Gen. Robert (Larry) Davis, hosted the ceremony. During the ceremony, Press and Anderson passed the ceremonial flag symbolizing the official change of command, and Anderson and his family were presented with fresh flower leis, a Hawaiian symbol of welcome.

Anderson takes his new command after serving as the Army's liaison officer to the House Armed Services Committee and Senate Armed Services Committee on all matters related to military construction, installation support, real estate and housing privatization.

Anderson will command an organization of about 400 military and civilian engineers and scientists in Honolulu, Palau, Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas and Kwajalein. His district is responsible for major military design and construction, civil works and environmental projects valued at more than \$1.5 billion.

Southern European Task Force set to take over in Afghanistan next spring

By Jon R. Anderson
Stars and Stripes

BAGRAM AIR FIELD, Afghanistan – The Italy-based Southern European Task Force has gotten the nod to take over the main field headquarters in Afghanistan next spring, according to Army officials.

SETAF will replace the 25th Infantry Division (Light), which began its year-long tour about three months ago as the headquarters nucleus for Combined Joint Task Force 76.

CJTF-76 is primarily responsible for fighting pockets of Taliban holdouts throughout the country and coordinating the ongoing hunt for Osama bin Laden and his al-Qaida fighters.

Oversight of reconstruction efforts throughout the war-torn country also falls under the purview of the CJTF-76.

There are currently about 18,000 U.S. troops in Afghanistan. That level is expected to remain steady "for months to come," Lt. Gen. Norton Schwartz, director of operations for the Joint Staff, told Congress last week.

SETAF will arrive on the heels of Afghanistan's historic national elections in October – the first since U.S. forces ousted the Taliban regime in late 2001 – and parliamentary elections expected after the New Year.

Commanded by Brig. Gen.

Jason K. Kamiya, SETAF is expected to formally replace the 25th ID (L) in March, said Sgt. Maj. Larry Lane, a spokesman for the command.

Designed as Europe's light infantry rapid reaction force, the 2,000-strong SETAF includes the 173rd Airborne Brigade, also based in Italy.

A variety of units will augment the headquarters, including elements of the Fort Bragg, N.C.-based XVIII Airborne Corps.

The 21st Theater Support Command, based in Germany and led by Maj. Gen. Bennie Williams, will provide the bulk of the task force's logistics assistance.

Although final details are still being worked out, according to command spokesman Maj. Mark Wright, units that are likely to deploy include 29th Support Group, 14th Transportation Battalion and 191st Ordnance Battalion.

Kamiya and Williams traveled to Afghanistan last week for briefings in preparation for the upcoming deployment.

"There are a lot of lessons learned coming out of Afghanistan right now that will definitely be incorporated into this deployment," said Lane.

The task force is now preparing for field maneuvers and headquarters battle drills at the Army's Grafenwöhr training center in Germany through September and October.

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enlisted Soldiers, including pay and quality of life. At Schofield Barracks, he spent over two hours talking to Soldiers and answering some of their questions. A majority of Preston’s speech to the standing-room-only crowd at Sgt. Smith Theater focused on Transformation. That includes the formation of six Stryker Brigade Combat Teams and converting 33 brigade combat teams in the active Army to 43 Units of Action. Prior to Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom, Preston said the Army still had a Cold War mindset that focused on the threat of the

Soviet Union invading Eastern Europe. Now, he said, the Army is learning that it needs to be more deployable and more lethal with the same number of Soldiers. “We’re a Cold War, defensive-based Army,” he said. “That threat is gone. We won the Cold War.” Preston said for most Soldiers, Transformation will be transparent. They will continue to do their jobs while the Army transforms around them. “What Transformation means to you is predictability and stability for you and your family,” he said, noting to the Army’s plan to stabilize Soldiers for up to seven years at one duty station.

Most of the Soldiers who packed the theater were from rear detachments of deployed units. But just because they’re not deployed to a combat zone the Soldiers shouldn’t feel as though they’re not as important, Preston said. In many cases, Soldiers in rear detachments work just as hard, if not harder than Soldiers who are forward-deployed, he said. “I’ve been on a lot of deployments ... and I will tell you that the rear detachments because of the increased responsibilities, because of all the families back here to look after, in many cases they actually work harder than the Soldiers who are deployed,”

he said. Preston said he is very supportive of rear detachments and urges them to maintain their skills. Preston also talked about the Soldier’s Creed and the Warrior Ethos and said that all Soldiers, regardless of military occupational specialty and location, are infantry Soldiers first. At one point, he pulled 14 Soldiers up to the front of the theater and had them recite parts of the Soldier’s Creed. He said the creed and the Warrior Ethos are an integral part of what Soldiers must be. “We are an Army at war supporting a nation at war, and that’s why transformation is so important,” he said.



Staff Sgt. Bradley Rhen

Sergeant Maj. of the Army Kenneth O. Preston listens as Soldiers recite the Soldier's Creed Monday at Sgt. Smith Theater on Schofield Barracks.

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bestow combat patches, combat infantryman badges and combat medical badges upon the uniforms of their troops. Maj. Gen. John R.S. Batiste, commander of the 1st ID, Command Sgt. Maj. Cory McCarty, command sergeant major of the 1st ID, Col. Lloyd Miles, commander of 2nd BCT, and Command Sgt. Maj. Jerry L. Taylor, command sergeant major of 2nd BCT, also presented combat patches and badges to the Soldiers in formation. Concluding the presentation, Batiste stepped up to the podium. “It is truly a historic day and I couldn’t be prouder of you,” said Batiste, whose Division commands 2nd BCT Soldiers while they are in Iraq. “You are awarded your combat patches, your combat infantryman badges and your combat medical badges – all badges of honor that you will wear proudly from this day forward for the rest of your lives.” Batiste went on to mention about the brigade combat team’s principles that are implemented in their daily missions. “The 2nd Brigade service has set the standard for all of us fighting for the cause of peace and freedom for the nation of Iraq. You have all earned the right to wear the shoulder sleeve insignia,” Batiste said to the formation of Soldiers.

“Back in Afghanistan, your brothers and sisters in arms send you greetings. They are proud of you,” Olson said. “We hear about what you do – day in and day out – as part of this 1st Infantry Division combat team.” He then talked about how he felt about the duties 2nd BCT Soldiers are accomplishing in Iraq and their recent opportunity to wear the combat patch and combat badges. “I can’t tell you how proud I am of everything that you are doing here and how proud I am for you to be wearing that right shoulder patch, CIB and CMB. “Thank you for what you’re doing and more importantly thank you for the victory that you will score,” Olson concluded. Staff Sgt. Richard Corp, a battle non-commissioned officer for Task Force 1-21 Infantry, received the CIB and the combat patch during the ceremony. He said it was twice the honor to be able to wear the Division patch on his right sleeve. “It’s an honor for two reasons,” Corp said. “One is serving our country and the 25th Infantry Division. The other is that I am a second generation 25th combat patch wearer, because my dad wore it for the Vietnam War.” Corp also highlighted the importance for Olson’s attendance during the ceremony. “It’s good for our unit to see that our commanding general cares enough to come all the way over here,” Corp said. “It shows that even though he’s in Afghanistan, he still has a lot of concern for his troops over here in Iraq.”

When Olson spoke to his troops, he reiterated greetings from more than 5,000 other Tropic Lightning Soldiers deployed in Afghanistan.

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company fire teams, each round weighing nearly five pounds. Once the team has set up the mortar position, they can respond with supporting fire within seconds of receiving a mission. Ground troops call for fire adjustments and within three rounds the team can lay a barrage of mortars on target. A mortar team carries four different types of rounds, high explosive, illumination, infrared illumination and white phosphorous. Each round is used for a different effect. The team has participated in numerous combat

missions to shut down terrorists and as 11 Charlies, (11C – the Military Occupational Specialty for mortarmen) they stand ready to strike – from a distance. The nature of an over watch position keeps King and his team away from most of the close encounters. Watching things develop from afar irritates King at times. “I guess I’m just frustrated because we haven’t even been close” to an enemy engagement, said King, although he qualified his unease about not engaging the enemy up close. “I’m not a warmonger. I’m not trying to get into firefights or anything. If I go the whole war without seeing a firefight I’ll be happy.”

Olson, Ashe visit Tropic Lightning troops in Iraq

By Spc. Sean Kimmons
25th ID (L) Public Affairs

KIRKUK AIR BASE, Iraq – Far away from their demanding work environments as commander and command sergeant major of Combined Joint Task Force-76, Maj. Gen. Eric T. Olson and Command Sgt. Maj. Franklin Ashe left Afghanistan, not for rest and recuperation, but to visit their troops deployed in Operation Iraqi Freedom II.

The focus of their visit was to meet their 25th Infantry Division (Light) Soldiers and thank them for all the great things they are doing for the people of Iraq.

Their travels gave them the opportunity to get face-to-face with many Division Soldiers at eight different forward operating bases throughout Iraq July 12 - 16.

When asked why he left one combat theater to visit another, Olson responded about a leader's yearning to be with his troops no matter where it takes him.

"Anytime a commander sends 4,000 Soldiers to a theater and doesn't get to accompany them himself ... there is always a burning desire to visit those Soldiers and see how they are doing," Olson said. "[Command Sgt. Maj. Ashe and I want to] let them know that even though we may not be serving in the same combat theater, they are never far from our thoughts."

In January, units from the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 45th Corps Support Group (Forward) and Aviation Brigade deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom II. Almost two months later more than 3,500 troops from the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, Division Artillery and Division headquarters traveled to Afghanistan for Operation Enduring Freedom.



Spc. Sean Kimmons

Sgt. Andrew Reeves (middle), a team leader with Co. B, TF 1-21 INF, receives his chevrons as he gets promoted by Command Sgt. Maj. Franklin Ashe (left), command sergeant major of the 25th ID (L), and Maj. Gen. Eric T. Olson (right), commander of the 25th ID (L), during their visit to Bull Patrol Base in Kirkuk July 12.

The Division was basically split in half to cover the Army's demands in both combat theaters. Olson and Ashe made it their responsibility to show Division Soldiers in Iraq that they still care and have knowledge of their operations.

"I know I speak for Command Sgt. Maj. Ashe when I say that we need to ensure things are going okay for our Soldiers here in Iraq as we do for our Soldiers in Afghanistan,"

Olson said.

As Olson visited his troops, he would often tell them about the accomplishments he hears from their operations.

"I get nothing but glowing reports from their chain of command over here about what it is they are accomplishing and the great glory they are bringing to the Tropic Lightning Division. They are adding another story to our great history."

Ashe also gave praise to his troops as he visited the different forward operating bases.

"I can't tell you how proud I am of you and how much I respect what you are doing," Ashe told a group of Battery C, Task Force 2-11 Field Artillery

Soldiers at FOB Dibbis.

Spc. Kenneth O'Dell, a TF 1-27 Infantry radio transmission operator at FOB McHenry, thought it was "hooah" for the Division's top leaders to meet their Soldiers in Iraq.

"It shows that [they] care and want to see how the

whole Division is doing, not just over in Afghanistan," O'Dell said.

It raises morale to know that the Division commander and command sergeant major are coming to see their Soldiers in another combat theater, O'Dell added.



Capt. Michael Poirier

A Soldier from the 29th Eng. Bn. take measurements outside the missile silos at the Ronald Reagan Ballistic Missile Defense Test Site on Kwajalein Atoll.

Shafter Soldiers deploy to Kwajalein

By Capt. Michael Poirier
70th Engineer Co.

The nation’s focus in the Global War on Terrorism may be on the Middle East, but many U.S. Army Pacific Soldiers are defending the nation in a slightly different environment.

The peaceful and idyllic island of Kwajalein in the South Pacific would hardly seem to be of much interest to the U.S. Army, but it possesses a strategic importance far greater than its size.

While it belongs to the Marshall Islands, the atoll that was liberated by American Soldiers and Marines 50 years ago is still leased by the United States today.

Home of the Ronald Reagan Ballistic Missile Defense Test Site, Kwajalein Atoll is one of the key components of the nation’s defense against rogue nations and terrorists armed with long-range missiles.

Recently, 28 Soldiers from the 29th Engineer Battalion (Topographic) stationed at

Fort Shafter traveled to Kwajalein to provide the U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll garrison with the finest geodetic and hydrographic survey support in the Pacific.

The agencies involved in Ballistic Missile Defense, including NASA, Space Command, and several large defense contractors like Boeing and Lockheed-Martin, all have a need for geo-referenced survey data to support their missile tracking systems. Before the 29th deployed to Kwajalein in June, no such data existed in the atoll.

To remedy that problem, the 29th Eng. Bn. sent a mixed group of military surveyors, terrain analysts, and Army divers to do the job.

The surveyors completed a coastal survey around the entire island to decimeter accuracy, and pinpointed the exact location of over 50 major monuments. They also set the stage for a return to the atoll in August to perform FAA airfield surveys on both Kwajalein and Roi-Namur islands.

The terrain analysts combined the data collected by the surveyors with imagery provided by the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency to provide the garrison with a detailed base map of the island.

The divers completed detailed hydrographic surveys of not only Kwajalein Harbor, but also the harbors for 12 more strategically significant islands throughout the atoll.

The USAKA garrison engineers were pleased with the products that the 29th was able to provide them with, and probably just as happy to have some fresh faces in their tiny little enclave for a while.

The Soldiers of the 29th, for their part, never let the idyllic surroundings make them forget the importance of their jobs.

If any did, the ballistic missiles that roared out of the sky and landed in the atoll two nights before they departed were a not-so-subtle reminder of the seriousness of their mission.

Field artillery diversifies mission

By Sgt. Frank Magni
17th Public Affairs Det.

KANDAHAR AIR FIELD, Afghanistan — Composed mainly of field artillery elements, Combined Task Force Steel is responsible for providing indirect fires to other units throughout their area of operations. But, as with most other units deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, their mission is multifaceted.

Since deploying to Afghanistan, artillery Soldiers from the 3rd Battalion, 7th Field Artillery Regiment, are living up to their motto, “Never Broken,” tackling every challenge that comes their way. These Soldiers, stepping outside the realm of field artillery, have mastered and are executing many of the same tasks infantrymen and military policemen traditionally perform.

Village assessments, which are conducted during presence patrols, are one the biggest ways CTF Steel is contributing to the security and stability of southern Afghanistan.

On every presence patrol they stop in different villages to conduct assessments. During each village assessment, a few tasks must be accomplished, said Staff Sgt. Marcus Taum, CTF Steel intelligence NCO in charge.

First, the patrols are gathering the needs of each village, he said. “Not every village needs the same things. One village might need a well, while another might need school supplies.”



Sgt. Frank Magni

Sgt. Lloyd Lau, CTF Steel, takes information from an Afghan during a village assessment in Mir Kheskhi, just north of Kandahar city.

Second, the Soldiers are always noting the dispositions of the people in each village, said Taum. “There have been times when they have thrown rocks at us. This is a situation we must be aware of so can find out why they disapprove of the Coalition.”

Finally, village assessments are helping to open the lines of communication between the villagers and the Coalition.

“The more they see and talk to us, the more they feel secure,” he said.

Taum said in the few months he has patrolled with CTF Steel he has seen a definite improvement.

Though this improved relationship helps with the overall mission of providing stability in Afghanistan, there are other measures the task force must implement to ensure security. They embark on multiple presence patrols daily, each focusing on different outcomes.

“Our goal is to constantly show a Coalition presence,” said Taum. “We have found that the more the locals see us, the more they will trust us.”

In displaying this presence, the Soldiers on patrol face a variety of challenges. One of these challenges is providing a military presence within urban areas. Here, CTF Steel uses the added reinforcement of a platoon of military police that have been added to the task force. However, the artillery Soldiers are still expected to accomplish the same mission.

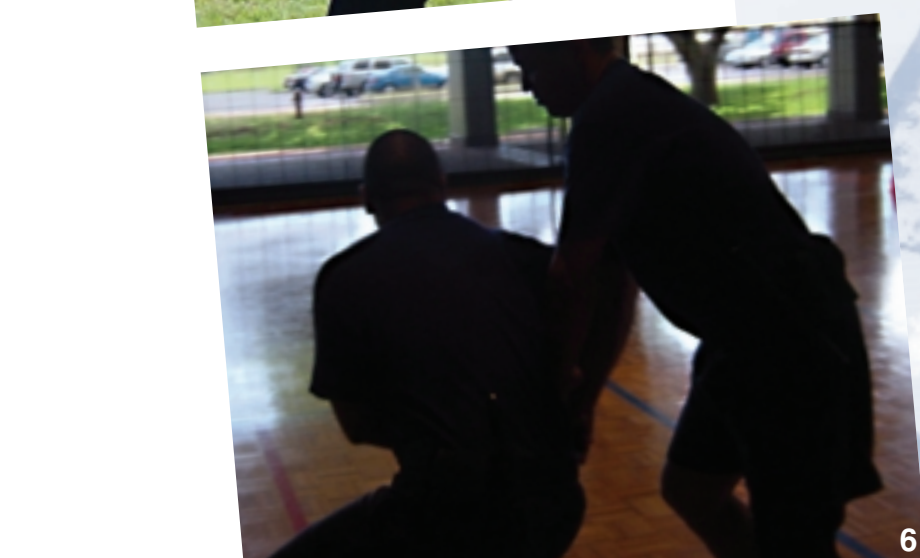
“The MPs just add another capability to make our mission successful,” said Maj. David Flynn, CTF Steel operations officer. The task of conducting patrols isn’t just an infantry or military police task in Afghanistan, he said.

“Many of the tasks required to successfully patrol can be achieved by any Coalition member that has been properly prepared,” said 1st Lt. Reggie Remley, Headquarters and Headquarters Service Battery executive officer.

Often the senior person on the patrols, Remley said he recognizes the need for Soldiers to fall back on their people skills to be successful in their mission. However, they must always be prepared for enemy contact.

To better prepare for patrolling, CTF Steel implemented training with an increased emphasis on reflexive fire and convoy live fire techniques, as well as small arms marksmanship, said Flynn.

By enhancing these skills, the Soldiers have prepared themselves for any scenario they may encounter. This allows them to better focus on their tasks at hand.



D.A. POLICE: MORE THAN 'GATE GUARDS'



Officer Pavez pretends to be an uncooperative, knife wielding assailant. Brent Alfred and Peter Landry take him down during training at Fort Shafter April 30.

By Sharee Moore
Assistant Editor

A common misconception about Army installations is that the Department of Army police are simply here to check identification cards. Chief of DA police Richard D. Thompson sets the record straight.

"Our basic mission is to help ensure the safety and security of the community on all Army installations in Hawaii," said the retired 1st Sgt.

"We are not guards," Thompson said forcefully. "We are police officers. Yes, we conduct security at the gates, but we also enforce the laws, like UCMJ, state statutes and U.S. Code," Thompson added.

Today there are 289 DA police officers in five detachments on Hawaii. Two detachments are based at Fort Shafter and three at Pihilaau Army Recreation Center in Waianae.

"We patrol at Waianae, DeRussy and (Pohakuloa Training Center). We can patrol on other installations, but right now that's not our mission, but we can if called upon," Thompson emphasized.

Both Thompson and D.A. police Sgt. Danny B. Carr were former military police and know that the support they provide as DA Police ensures that the MPs are able to perform their missions during peacetime and in war.

According to Carr, there is a major difference between a job as a DA police officer and an MP. "The biggest difference between an MP and DA Police is you don't have to worry about rank structure so, you can focus on the job you have to do today," he said.

All officers must pass an eight-week training course at the police academy on Fort Shafter in addition to doing PT three times a week. The course includes: bomb recognition, traffic accident reporting, driving under the influence processing, weapons training with several weapons, NBC, drugs, gangs and community policing, patrol activities including hostage situations and domestic disturbances, unarmed self-defense, search and seizure, riot control and MP investigations.

Right now, there is a recruitment drive to outfit the Army civilian police force with 36 more qualified officers.

Applicants usually consist of "A lot of spouses and people that used to be in the military, but want to stay here. It's very competitive, we hire less than 40 percent of those who apply," Thompson said.

To apply one must pass the physical agility test, be drug free, pass a criminal background check, and maintain a secret security clearance. A two-year college degree in law enforcement, or six months of relevant experience is also required.

Thompson suggested prior service applicants add guard duty, key control and motor pool guard to their resumes as valid experience.

For Carr, the biggest thing on the job is ITC or interpersonal communication skills.

"You need to be able to talk to them as if it were you in that seat. If you had this, that and the other wrong; how would you want to be talked to?" He asked.

(Editor's Note: For more information about the Department of Army Law Enforcement application process and requirements call Officer Rodriguez or Officer Palmer at 438-2625 or 423-0233).

1. Stacy Burdick practices pressure point procedures on Brent Alford during training at Fort Shafter in April.

2. Lt. Gerald Reyes slaps handcuffs on a trainee during a demonstration at AMR in April.

3. Joshua Perreira applies a pressure point technique to a fellow police officer during training on AMR April 5.

4. Lt. Gerald Reyes, the primary instructor and detachment commander for Pihilaau Army Recreation Center, demonstrates take down procedures for a group of trainees at the AMR gym in April.

5. Landry swings a monadnock at a bag held by Edward T. Yee during training in April.

6. Two police officers grapple inside the AMR gym in April.

Floats N' Flicks and National Kids Day – Child and Youth Services hosts a National Kids Day event to recognize and honor children and their role in society and its future. In conjunction with Floats N' Flicks, families and children can enjoy hands on activity booths, youth demonstrations, contests, swimming, games, air jumpers, hot dogs and a movie for families to enjoy together. Join the fun on Saturday from 5 - 7:30 p.m. with the movie beginning at 8 p.m. at the Aliamanu Military Reservation Community Activity Center and Pool. And on July 31, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Tropics, Bldg. 589 on Schofield Barracks (this one is not in conjunction with the Floats N' Flicks Program.) For more information, call 655-8628.

Richardson Pool has re-opened – Richardson pool is now open every day from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Dive off the diving boards, rent water toys, slide down the slide, and use the snack bar. Active duty Soldiers swim for free and entry charges for family members are \$1 per visit per person, \$12 per month per person or \$20 per month per family. Entry for retirees and DOD civilians is \$2 per person per visit and guests are \$3 per person per visit. Call 655-9698.

Tropic's Evening Closure – Tropics, building 589 on Schofield Barracks will be closed beginning at 7 p.m. on July 30 in support of a teen center function. Normal hours will resume on July 31. Call 655-0002 for more information.

Bowling Summer Programs – Schofield Barracks Bowling Center is offering a Junior Bowling program open to ages 5 to 21 beginning at 8:30 a.m. every Saturday through July. Cost is \$5 a week and includes three games and show rental. Call 655-0541 for information. Fort Shafter is offering a Junior Bowling program open every Saturday beginning at 8:30 a.m. all year long. For more information call 438-6733.

Spouse's Night Out – This free adults-only program at Army Community Service on Schofield Barracks is designed to get spouses out of the house every Thursday night from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. to have some fun. On Thursday, participate in Game Night. Meet, greet and compete with other spouses, How Living Healthy Habits can Ease your Reunion (4 of 4), Natural Health and Wellness, Learn how to Use a Web Camera and Quilting. MWR Blue Star Card holders will receive free child care from 6 - 9 p.m. by reservation only at Peterson Child Care Center. Call 655-3929 by

noon of the Tuesday prior to each Thursday event to make your child care reservations. Child care reservations can be made two weeks in advance. Pre-registration for classes is required, call 655-2736.

Care Package Materials Available – Every 3rd Sunday of the month from noon - 4 p.m. at the Tropics, Schofield Barracks supplies for care packages will be provided. Pick up boxes, packaging materials, and tape. We do not take the package to the post office or pay for shipping. Call 655-0002 for more information.

Personal Trainers – Do you want to lose body fat, tone and build muscle? Improve your cardio vascular fitness, increase flexibility and understand what nutrition means to your body? Personal trainers are available at the Health and Fitness Center on Schofield Barracks. The trainers will develop an individualized program to help you reach your goals. Get started today. Call 655-8007.

Better Opportunity for Single Soldiers Meeting – A full council meeting will be held Monday at 2 p.m. at the Tropics, building 589 on Schofield Barracks. Call 655-8169 for more information.

Blue Star Card Bowling Special – Blue Star Card Holders can bowl at Schofield Barracks Bowling Center, Monday - Friday from 2 - 5 p.m. for \$1 a game. Call 655-0573.

Aliamanu New Temporary Library Hours – Aliamanu Library hours are as follows: Monday and Tuesday 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Saturday 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. The library will be closed on Fridays. Call 833-4851 for more information.

Child and Youth Services Fee Increase – The Department of the Army has issued new fee policies and guidelines for Army Child and Youth Services, which include Child Development Centers, School-Age Programs, Family Child Care, Middle School and Teen Programs and Team Sports. Patrons can expect to see an average 5 percent increase in their fees beginning Sept. 1, 2004, in compliance with the Department of Army Guidance. For more information contact your nearest Child and Youth Services facility.

Na Koa Aina Golf Tournament – Participate in 27 holes of Golf during this benefit golf tournament on Aug. 13, beginning at 8:30 a.m. at Leilehua Golf Course. Participants have an opportunity to win more than \$20,000 worth of prizes, to include Mainland trips, inter-island trips,

dinners for two, golf clubs and much more. The entry fee is \$115 for active duty, Reservists, National Guard or military retirees. \$125 for DoD employees, and \$135 for individual or corporate persons. All proceeds help to fund a holiday dinner for enlisted Soldiers and their families. Last year we raised enough funds to provide 1,300 young families with complete holiday dinners. Completed applications and payments must be made by Aug. 13. For applications visit Leilehua Golf Course or stop by Army Community Service, Building 2091 on Schofield Barracks. Call 655-2400 for information.

Patriotic Magnetic Ribbons for Sale – The Schofield Barracks and Fort Shafter Arts and Crafts Centers are selling several different designed patriotic magnetic ribbons. Large ribbons are \$4 and small ribbons are \$2.50. Call 655-4202 or 438-1315.

Teen Baggers – Are you currently a Child and Youth Services member? Are you 16 years old? Are you attending school? Do you have a current military I.D. card? Than you can become a teen bagger at the Schofield Barracks Commissary. Call 655-0451 for more information.

Schofield Barracks Teen

Temporarily Moves – The Teen Center has temporarily moved to a new location in the back of the Bennett Youth Center on Schofield Barracks. The Youth Center is located at 9090 McMahon Road. Hours for the Teen Center until today are as follows: Monday - Thursday 1 - 8 p.m. Friday 1 - 11 p.m. and Saturday 11 a.m. - 11 p.m. Call 655-0451 for more information.

Tennis Lessons – Participate in tennis lessons every Wednesday evening at the Schofield Barracks Tennis Complex. From 7 - 8 p.m. beginners and intermediate level players ages 6 - 14. The cost is \$10 per session. From 8 - 9 p.m. beginners and intermediate teenagers and adults. Cost is \$12 per session. Classes are on-going. Private lessons are available by appointment. Call 284-7986 for information.

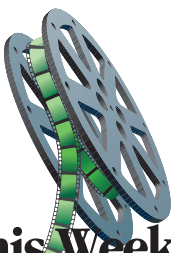
Tee Time Policy Change – For a limited time only, the call in for tee time policy has changed. Weekdays and weekends at Nagorski Golf Course on Fort Shafter and Weekdays only at Kalakaua Golf Course on Schofield Barracks are as follows. Priority A and B can call in seven days in advance beginning at 10 a.m., Priority C and D can call in seven days in

advance beginning at noon, and friends of MWR can call in five days in advance. Call Nagorski at 438-9587 or Kalakaua Golf Course at 655-9833 for information.

R&R Deployment Specials – Soldiers returning from Operation Enduring Freedom or Operation Iraqi Freedom will receive 50 percent off regular cottage rates at Pililaau Army Recreation Center in Waianae or 30 percent off all room categories, dining and entertainment events at the Hale Koa Hotel in Waikiki. For Pililaau reservations call 696-6783. Eligible Soldiers must be accompanied by a Blue Star Card Holder upon check-in or have a copy of their leave orders.

For Hale Koa reservations call 955-0555 or visit www.halekoa.com. Eligible personnel must mention at time of reservations that they will be using the R&R or Leave Program. A copy of leave orders is required at the time of check-in.

Tropics July Specials – Buy any breakfast sandwich or burrito and get potato rounds for an extra \$.50. Buy two slices of pepperoni or cheese pizza with a soda for \$5 or one slice of pepperoni or cheese pizza for \$2. Or choose the taco salad for \$5. Call 655-0002.



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SGT SMITH THEATER

TODAY
Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban
7 p.m. (PG)

SATURDAY JULY 24th
Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban
2 p.m. (PG)

SATURDAY JULY 24th
The Chronicles of Riddick
7 p.m. (PG-13)

SUNDAY JULY 25th
Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban
2 p.m. (PG)

SUNDAY JULY 25th
The Stepford Wives
7 p.m. (PG-13)

MONDAY JULY 26th
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TUESDAY JULY 27th
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WEDNESDAY JULY 28th
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THURSDAY JULY 29th
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July 23 - 29

HACN TV2 Schedule

Morning		4:00	Pentagon Channel
		Evening	
6:00	Sign on	6:00	Community Focus
6:25	Bulletin Board	6:20	OEF Deployment photo Montage
6:30	Cardio Kickboxing	6:30	Families in Transition
7:00	Fit for Life	7:00	OEF Deployment Ceremony
7:30	Bulletin Board	7:30	OEF Deployment Luau
7:40	Voting 04' Assist Program	7:54	OIF Photo Montage 2
7:42	MG Olson Afghanistan	8:00	Helicopter Introduction
7:50	OIF Photo Montage 6	8:22	MG Olson Afghanistan
8:00	Pentagon Channel	8:48	OIF Photo Montage 5
9:00	Pentagon Channel	9:00	ASAP Smoking Part 1
10:00	Honor to Serve	9:24	Bulletin Board
10:30	VATV	9:30	ASAP Smoking Park 2
11:00	US Army Safety Message	10:00	The History of Army AVN
11:46	OIF Photo Montage 2	10:44	OEF Deployment Photo Montage
11:51	Volcano	11:00	US Army Safety Message
Afternoon		11:50	Hale Kula Elementary Tribute
12:00	Pentagon Channel		
2:00	Dash N Grab		
2:15	Hurricane Safety		
2:30	ASAP		
2:34	Voting 04' Assist Program		
2:40	Hale Kula Elementary Tribute		
		Overnight	
		12:44	Pentagon Channel

DoD aids electronic health records system initiative

By Gerry J. Gilmore
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, July 21, 2004 – The Defense Department will share its expertise using electronic health care records as part of a government initiative that aims to establish and link such a system nationwide by the end of the decade.

Making electronic record-keeping part of the public health care system would improve medical care and save money, Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy G. Thompson noted here today at the HHS-sponsored Secretarial Summit on Health Information Technology.

Across-the-board implementation of health information technology could save the nation about \$130 billion a year in health costs, Thompson said. And, he added, use of electronic medical records likely would improve the nation's correct medical treatment rate, currently at 55 percent.

"Don't you think, in America, we deserve (medical) treatment that's better than 55 percent correct?" Thompson asked his audience.

In April, President Bush

directed DoD, the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Office of Personnel Management to examine how they'd advance health information technology for public use nationwide in 10 years.

Bush also created an Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology. Dr. David J. Brailer, who also attended the summit, was appointed in May to lead that office.

Implementing health information technology across America, Brailer declared, "is about transformation of (U.S.) health care."

Thompson said he'd soon appoint a leadership panel to estimate the costs and benefits of implementing health information technology nationwide. That panel, he noted, would report back to him in October.

DoD will join with the Department of Veterans Affairs and HHS, explained Dr. William Winkenwerder Jr., assistant secretary of defense for health affairs, in developing "usable standards" for public-sector application of electronic storage and movement of medical information.

Winkenwerder attended

today's summit with Thompson, Brailer and other health care officials.

Winkenwerder said DoD first used electronic medical record keeping about 12 years ago and is now introducing an updated system.

DoD, through its vast health care system that includes contracted civilian-sourced providers as part of the Tricare system, also would "encourage the use of health information technology and health information exchange" across the private sector, Winkenwerder noted.

And today, Winkenwerder

pointed out, DoD is contributing its knowledge to develop a national electronic bio-surveillance system. President Bush today signed legislation establishing Project BioShield, a program that encourages U.S. drug companies to develop antidotes for bio-terrorism agents.

It's logical, Winkenwerder noted, for DoD to share its computer expertise in developing a national electronic health records system. "After all, the Internet did, in fact start at the Department of Defense," he said.

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School physicals offered to Schofield TRICARE patients

Tripler Army Medical Center Public Affairs Office
News Release

Schofield Barracks Family Practice Clinic is offering its annual School Physical and Sport Physical Exam Day Aug. 7 at the clinic for TRICARE Prime patients enrolled to Schofield Barracks only.

Appointments will last about an hour, said Lt. Col. Heather W. Hansen, chief of the clinic. Hansen has these recommendations to make the appointments run smoothly:

- « Have your child's immunizations checked and updated at the Immunization Clinic before Aug. 7. The Immunization Clinic is in Building 682 and is open the following hours – Mondays, 7:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.; Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.; Wednesdays 7:30 a.m. – noon; and Fridays, 7:30 a.m. – noon and 1 – 2:30 p.m. on a walk-in bases. A parent must accompany children under 18.
- « Parents are encouraged to bring their children's immunization records, TRICARE cards, military IDs, medical cards, and whatever form your school wants the staff to fill out (part of the school registration packet).
- « Dress children in shorts and t-shirts for physicals, and bring only the child with an appointment.
- « If a TB skin test is done Aug. 7, remember that the child must come back to have it read and entered into the record by Tuesday, Aug. 10 at the latest.

TRICARE Prime patients enrolled to the clinic may call 433-2778, ext. 141 to book appointments. Patients with questions may call 433-8153 or 8112.

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Soldier qualifies for Olympic 10K race



Oregon National Guard Capt. Dan Browne, a former member of the U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program, secures his second Olympic berth with a third-place finish in the 10,000 meters with a 28:07.47 clocking in the 2004 U.S. Olympic Track & Field Team Trials at Sacramento State University. Earlier this year, Browne qualified for the Olympic marathon.

By Tim Hipps
Army News Service

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – Oregon National Guard Capt. Dan Browne has earned a berth on Team USA for the 10,000-meter race in Greece by placing third in the event at the U.S. Olympic Track & Field Trials.

The only other military athlete to qualify for the USA Track and Field Team

so far this week was Air Force 1st Lt. James Parker, who won the hammer throw July 12 with a hurl of 77.58 meters/258 feet. The track and field trials at Sacramento State University run July 9-18.

Browne, a 1997 graduate of West Point and former member of the U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program, finished the 10,000 meters in 28 minutes, 7.47 seconds on open-

ing night July 9. Meb Keflezighi of Mammoth Lakes, Calif., won the race in 27:36.49.

Browne, who earlier this year qualified for the Olympic marathon, said he hasn't decided yet if he will compete in both events in Athens.

"I'm going to run the marathon, that's for sure, but the 10K is a great precursor," he said. "I need to sit down with [Coach] Alberto

[Salazar] and talk it over."

Army Capt. Ryan Kirkpatrick, a WCAP distance runner, also competed in the 10,000 meters but dropped out around the mid-way mark to conserve energy for the 5,000 meters July 12.

"I was really feeling fatigued at about 3,000 meters into the race," he said. "Then the pace really sped up and I felt the effort was way too much."



Spc. Lakeisha Backus (center), a member of the U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program, competes in the 100 meters in the 2004 U.S. Olympic Track & Field Team Trials at Sacramento State University. Backus advanced to the semifinals before being eliminated with a time of 11.52 seconds.



Capt. Michael Mai, a member of the U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program, whirls to an eighth-place finish in the hammer throw in the 2004 U.S. Olympic Track & Field Trials at Sacramento State University.

Three nights later, Kirkpatrick was running on the leaders' shoulders until the final three laps when he faded to a last-place finish in 14:08.82 in the second semi-final heat of the 5,000.

Army Sgt. Sandu Rebenciuc finished the second heat of the 3,000-meter steeplechase semifinals July 12 in fourth place with a personal-best time of 8:30:45 that propelled him into the final heat scheduled for the evening of July 15.

"It was a [personal record] by only two seconds, but it was a different kind of PR," Rebenciuc said. "I came in strong at the end, looking back, not even pressing that hard. I never really kicked."

A native of Romania, Rebenciuc defected in 1988 and came to the United States in 1990. He joined the U.S. Army in 1998 and entered WCAP one year later. He competed in the 2000 U.S. Olympic Team Trials but failed to reach the final.

"There are a few guys in there who are really, really tough to beat, but they could have a bad day and then it's anybody's run," Rebenciuc said about his upcoming chance to make Team USA.

Army Spcs. Regan Nichols and Quinton Milner reached the 400-meter semifinals but

did not advance to the final. Milner finished seventh in the first heat in 51.28 seconds. Nichols was fifth in the second heat in 49.60.

Army Spc. Lakeisha Backus advanced from the first round of the women's 100 meters but was eliminated in the semifinals with a time of 11.52 seconds.

Army Spc. Pamela Simpson finished 12th in the first flight of the women's long jump qualifying round with a leap of 6.05 meters/19 feet, 7 inches and failed to reach the final.

Army Capt. Michael Mai, a 2000 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., and member of WCAP, fouled on two of his first three attempts in the hammer throw but launched the other 68.41 meters to grab the final of eight spots in the second round of the hammer finals. He finished eighth with a throw of 68.86 meters/225 feet, 11 inches.

Army Staff Sgt. Tonyo Sylvester finished eighth in the shot put with a heave of 19.57 meters/64 feet, 2 1/2 inches. U.S. Olympic Trials record-holder Adam Nelson won the event at 21.64 meters/71 feet.

(Editor's note: Tim Hipps writes for the U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center.)

Army Ten Miler ups field to 20,000

Army News Service

WASHINGTON – The Army Ten Miler increases to a field of 20,000 runners this year and nearly half of that number is already registered for the Oct. 24 race.

Entries totaled 9,700 after the July 4 weekend, and race officials said there is an indeterminate time left to sign up. Registration is over when the meter hits 20,000, and it is expected to do so well before the Sept. 17 calendar deadline.

It will be the 20th year for America's largest 10-mile race. The run begins at the Pentagon, winds through Washington, D.C., and returns to the headquarters of the U.S. military.

"I'm not sure how many Army Ten-Milers I've run, but it has to be close to 10 with my first race being either 1987 or 1988," said Lt. Col.

Dick Kuehl. "The competition has really improved. In the 80s, my 55:12 finish time placed me in the top 35. In 1995, my 55:20 time placed me only in the top 100."

"Each year I see many of my old teammates," said Kuehl, an executive officer and military assistant in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army. In the past, he has run on teams Fort Harrison, Ind.; Fort Campbell, Ky.; Eighth Army in Korea; Fort Bragg, N.C.; the Military District of Washington (the race host), and the Pentagon.

Leslie Higgins, a Floridian, has registered for the race. Higgins had never heard of the Army Ten-Miler until this year, but she said that she already feels a connection to the race. Higgins served in the Women's Army Corps in World War II.

At 79, Higgins trains 30 miles a week including three days of seven-

mile workouts and a 10-mile run on the weekends.

Back in 1998, elite track star Alisa Harvey of Manassas, Va., ran her first Ten Miler, winning the women's title in that year, 1999 and in 2003.

"For me, there are a couple of reasons why I like to run Army," said Harvey, one of the nation's top 800-meter runners in the 1990s. "The main one for me is the time of the year. Summer racing is over and it's starting to cool in October."

"The other reason is location."

Harvey has benefited greatly over the years from a huge fan base that easily recognizes her on the course, a fact not lost on her. "The turnouts are huge," she pointed out. "And, you are running around scenic Washington. It's not just a race -- it's an event. It is a very popular, well-organized event."

"The other Army Ten-Miler that was memorable was last year, when I ran in such pain," she said. "I strained my foot on the track a week before and I tried to cancel but I just couldn't." Harvey ran with the pain and held on to win the 2003 women's title in 59:29.

Harvey will be back in 2004 to defend her title, and someone else who also has three victories in the race is also weighing an invitation to return.

Back in the late '80s, local Washington, D.C. running star Darrell General could have won nearly any race in the region. In 1987 General was just 21 years old and training to qualify for the U.S. Olympic Marathon Trials. He decided to run the Army Ten-Miler and won the race in 49:44. General would go on to win again in 1988 and 1991.

"When I first started running [the Army Ten-Miler], it was a good tune-up race, then it became pretty competitive," said General, now 38 and still living nearby in Maryland. "1987 sticks out, that was the year I was trying to get the Olympic trials qualifier," he recounted. "I went under 50 minutes for the first time at the Army Ten-Miler. That race was a big breakthrough race [for me]."

More information and registration for this year's Ten Miler is available at www.armytenmiler.com.

(Editor's note: Information provided by U.S. Army Military District of Washington Public Affairs Office.)

Anyone interested in being a member of the U.S. Army, Hawaii Army Ten Miler team should contact Sgt. Maj. Raymond Arnold at 655-0578.

Spouse's Spotlight

Event planner puts skills to work for Soldiers, families

Sharee Moore
Assistant Editor

One would never know she runs a battalion-level family readiness group, parents three children, volunteers, manages an event calendar straight out of a nightmare and her husband is deployed to Afghanistan.

In the last 12 months alone, Lee has attended between 50 and 60 events on and off post.

Most people would feel frazzled, but she sits serenely, with a slight smile, as if she doesn't still need to pack the family up for their weekend getaway.

Old lady Lee, as she described herself, has brainstormed, planned, spearheaded and attended countless events for Soldiers, their families and her own family for more than 20 years.

It all began when Gina Lee began a career in special events, Soldier programs and recreation center management with Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

Lee became hooked on serving Soldiers upon "seeing that first smile and hearing that first Soldier who said, 'wow, you're doing this for us' ... and I could not imagine myself doing anything else in my personal or professional life," said Lee.

The first event Lee planned for the battalion was a FRG golf tournament last October. She coordinated with employees at



Photo

Gina Lee (with cap) leads softball teammates Jan Brewer and Veronica Lile in a cheer before a game July 12. Lee's daughters Francesca, Isabella and Hannah join in.

Golf Digest, The Golf Channel and the Ellen Degeneres Show for goodies that included a free magazine subscription, a book and pin flag autographed by celebrities and more.

With the money raised, "We had a battalion-sized holiday party in the Conroy Bowl," Lee began. Homemade carnival games surrounded a blow-up jumper with activities for every age group.

"Not only did the Soldiers come, but they stayed. If you could have seen them with that piñata, you would have asked 'who are the kids, here?'"

In addition, Lee had a part in planning all the activities sponsored by 125th Military Intelligence Battalion where her husband Lt. Col. Jim Lee is commander. Events include Tropic Lightning Week, the Memorial Day picnic, an

Easter egg hunt, the 4th of July picnic, a carwash and Motor pool Monday.

"Fund raisers at the motor pool gave me an opportunity to see [the Soldiers], the first sergeants and the people I wouldn't normally get a chance to see," explained Lee.

Family time is chocked full of activities, too.

When the family isn't at the pool, "We go to the beach and we've gone to the Hale Koa and treated ourselves to an overnight there. "Friday is our day at the water park and we'll meet with our friends and do our weekly water park thing."

After coaching a girl's soccer team on Wednesdays, it's mom's turn to play ball. Lee plays on the FRG softball team. "We even make that a family thing and my girls are

with the other ladies' kids."

"My priority this year since my three girls are in school full time is, I will volunteer one day in each girl's class in anyway I can help," Lee said.

"I hope to be there three days per week, so if a teacher needs me there, I will be. I know it might sound corny, but I want to be there for my children's teachers. I value what they do so highly," said Lee.

The commitment to education runs in the family. Lt. Col. Lee is the founder of the U.S. Army Hawaii School Partnership Program. To get a feel for the program's success, last fiscal year, more than 2,000 Soldiers volunteered more than 20,000 hours to help with school projects.

Is there a secret to 125th MI Battalion's FRG success? She offers three tips for rallying participation.

First, look for the go-getters. "I'm truly blessed because I have the individuals who want to be where they are. They believe in it and they support their spouse. This isn't their husband's job, this is their career and they want to be a part of that. In this battalion, that [type of attitude] is across the board. You can't make somebody volunteer," Lee emphasized.

Second, leadership is key. "As a leader, I'm approachable and open and I know any one of them feels they can pick up the phone or drive to my house any time of day for any reason. I try to go to every-

thing that the companies' have. Even if it's not my bailey wick, I still try to go and I try to go to the company level FRG meetings," Lee said.

Third, never exclude people from events. "Everything we have is for everyone. We have a monthly coffee and it's open to any spouse who'd like to attend. We have it at a different house each time and it's not just restricted to NCOs and officers' wives. Besides it being an opportunity to socialize and meet spouses, it's an opportunity to put out information to Soldiers' spouses."

In support of the Soldiers and other battalions, Lee is showing up at all the on-post activities Schofield Barracks offers. She does it to show esprit de corps during more than just the social events.

"Something I take great pride in and I try to do for my husband is I try to go to every change of command, the retirement ceremonies, all of the military graduations and all the things my husband would have gone to in support of the battalions.

"Even though Jim Lee is not here to be [at events], guess what? Old lady Lee is here and will be there," she said with a laugh.

(Editor's Note: If you or someone you know has an interesting, or unique story to tell, please e-mail us at editor@hawaiiarmyweekly.com or call 655-8728 or 655-4816.)

Lightning Spirit

Observations from the 4th of July

By Chap. (Maj.) Jack Herron
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During the recent 4th of July festivities here on Schofield Barracks, I witnessed a fight. Two women ignited in an exchange of bitter, vulgar language towards each other and in a short but violent exercise of pushing and shoving. It was a very public display of rude, crude, and rather un-lady-like behavior in front of several lines of folks waiting their turn to use the Port-o-Johns.

Granted that temperaments may have been aggravated by the waiting in line, and perhaps even by alcohol, the energy expended far exceeded any recognizable provocation, like fireworks going off (prematurely) at the wrong time. This event deserves some reflection.

One thought is that rage and violence can easily exist just below the surface in each of us. I saw it erupt in these two women. You hear or read about it in incidents of "road rage."

I wonder about myself, however. What would trigger this tendency should I find it "scratched" in me, and I suddenly become irritated, and how would I control it?

St. Paul describes this conflict in the human person in Chapter 7 of his letter to the Romans, namely the rift between one's reasoned desire for the goodness of the law (do unto others as you would have them do unto you) and their actual performance that is so contrary to the Golden Rule. He would answer something like: "But for the grace of God in Christ Jesus, I too would end in cursing and violence." We were witnesses of an age-old problem, a microcosm of what yet exists far beyond this incident on Sills Field on 4 July 2004. Our Soldiers are deployed in two countries to contain whole nations' tendency to violence, and to help direct their energies in a more creative, up-building way.

A second reflection concerns Jesus' universal command to love your neighbor as yourself. He classifies this "law of love" for a lawyer who asked him, "Just who is my neighbor?" In the parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37) Jesus requires a love that is the practical, material assistance to a person in need; it is medication, food, transportation, and money to pay the bills.

"You be the neighbor to the one in need," Jesus says in effect to the lawyer, "just like the Samaritan did for you when you were in need."

If everyone was a neighbor to those in need, in the outward, other-centered kind of love Jesus commands, the world would be a different place than it is right now.

Without the obedience of people doing as the Good Samaritan and trusting in the transforming power of Christ's love for others, we are just like the folk in the Port-o-John line, wondering when the next fight is going to break out.

July has many significant dates for independence, equal rights

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July is the seventh month of the year according to the Gregorian calendar, which is used in nearly the entire world today. It was the fifth month in the calendar of the ancient Romans.

Many countries celebrate their national independence in July. In the United States, Independence Day is celebrated on July 4, the day in 1776 the Continental Congress adopted the Declaration of Independence. In France, Bastille Day is celebrated on July 14; Canada celebrates July 1 as Canada Day. Independence Day in the Philippines is also on July 4; in Venezuela, July 5, in Argentina, July 9; in Belgium, July 21; and in Peru, July 28.

On July 2, 1937, Amelia Earhart and her copilot Lt. Cmdr. Fred J. Noonan, disappeared near Howland Island in the South

Pacific during an attempted around-the-world flight. An American aviator, Earhart was noted for her flights across the Atlantic and Pacific oceans and her attempt to fly around the world.

She was born in Atchison, Kansas, and educated at Columbia University and Harvard Summer School. In 1928, she accepted the invitation of the American pilots Wilmer Stultz and Louis Gordon to join them as a passenger on a transatlantic flight, becoming the first woman to make the crossing by air.

In 1932 she became the first woman to fly across the Atlantic Ocean alone, establishing a new record for the crossing: 13 hours, 30 minutes. For this feat she was awarded honors by the American and French governments.

In 1935 she became the first woman to fly the Pacific Ocean, crossing from Hawaii to California. Later the same year she set a speed record by flying

nonstop from Mexico City to New York City in 14 hours, 19 minutes. In June 1937, she began a flight around the world, flying eastward from Miami, accompanied by Frederick J. Noonan, a navigator. Their plane disappeared on July 2, while en route from Lae, New Guinea, to Howland Island. An extensive search by planes and ships of the U.S. Navy failed to discover any trace of the lost flyers, and their fate remains a mystery.

On July 3, 1962, Jackie Robinson, who broke the barrier for blacks in modern Major League Baseball, was the first African American to be inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame. Robinson was an American athlete who became a civil rights icon when he broke major league baseball's color barrier in 1947.

Born in Cairo, Ga., to a family of sharecroppers, Jack Roosevelt Robinson attended Pasadena Junior College (now Pasadena City College) in California and

UCLA. He demonstrated exceptional athletic ability and became the first UCLA student athlete to win varsity letters in four sports — football, basketball, baseball and track.

After leaving baseball, Robinson became vice president of a restaurant chain in New York City. He also promoted black business enterprises in New York's Harlem neighborhood and became a leading advocate for black civil rights. From 1964 to 1968 he served as special assistant for civil rights to Governor Nelson Rockefeller of New York.

Robinson starred in the motion picture The Jackie Robinson Story (1950) and was the author, with Alfred Duckett, of I Never Had It Made (1972). Robinson died October 24, 1972, in Stamford, Connecticut. The epitaph that appears on Robinson's gravestone is one that he wrote for himself. It reads: "A life is not important except in the impact it has on other lives."

Monthly Town Hall meeting provides answers

By Joy Boisselle
Staff writer

The Town Hall meeting held July 20 at Sgt. Smith Theater on Schofield Barracks maintained its tried and true format with a few notable differences. As the 25th Infantry Division's deployment continues, crowds continue to thin, and issues focus more on installation rather than deployment concerns.

The first difference was on display outside the theater. A Program Management Stryker Team from Warren, Mich., brought the new Stryker vehicle to the Town Hall to give Schofield Barracks residents their first look at the vehicle soon to be part of the Division's inventory. On Monday at 4 p.m, the team will again display the Stryker at the Schofield Barracks Commissary parking lot.

The second notable difference was the absence of the 25TH ID (L) Tropic Lightning Band, which departed July 15 for duties in support of operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. Replacing the talented musicians was the equally talented and homegrown musician, Gordon Freitas, whom Col. Michael McBride, U.S. Army, Hawaii chief of staff, referred to as one of Hawaii's state treasures. Freitas has performed at numerous military functions.

Additional entertainment included the Schofield Barracks Praise Band, a group of musicians and vocalists from the Main Post Chapel and a video featuring The Army's 229th Birthday Celebration from an Operation Enduring Freedom perspective. Highlighting the video clip were "Alohas from Afghanistan," featuring messages of love and support from Division Soldiers.

The meeting proceeded with spotlight briefs including an overview of the current operational situations in both Afghanistan and Iraq from Lt. Col. Malcolm Frost, U.S. Army, Hawaii chief of operations. Frost highlighted the upcoming mobilization of 2500 Hawaii National Guard and Reserve Soldiers and the ongoing troop deployments in support of



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A Stryker Infantry Carrier Vehicle with slat armor was on display at the Town Hall Meeting July 20 at the Sgt. Smith Theater on Schofield Barracks.

both operational theaters.

Col. Lorraine Tyacke, United States Army Pacific Command assistant chief of staff for personnel, followed Frost and delivered a detailed briefing on the "rest and recuperation," R&R, program for deployed Soldiers. She said, "The R&R Leave program is a privilege for deployed Soldiers who will serve a one year or more tour. However, the commander on the ground determines whether or not a Soldier will get the leave." According to Tyacke, factors affecting a Soldier's R&R leave include mission requirements in theater and that no more than 10 percent of deployed forces may be gone at one time.

Rounding out the spotlight briefs was the Family Life Chaplain, Ch. (Maj.) David Baum who gave a brief

overview of stress and stress management. Jack Weirs, Directorate of Community Activities Marketing Director, closed the formal brief with highlights of several upcoming community events, including, the Aug. 13, Na Koa Aina golf Tournament at the Leileihua Golf Course. Participants can win more than \$20,000 worth of prizes and a trip to Las Vegas. Weirs also announced that Actus Lend Lease, the company chosen for the privatization of housing at Schofield Barracks, had agreed to sponsor the next Dash N' Grab at the Schofield Barracks Commissary.

The question and answer period began after a five-minute intermission. The following is a recap of questions and answers presented during the meeting:

Q. Is a Soldier who has taken emer-

gency leave still eligible for R&R?

A. Yes

Q. Are the R&R discounts offered at hotels and other places good for anyone?

A. No, Discounts are for R&R Soldiers only. Soldiers wanting to use a discount will have to present R&R leave papers.

Q. My quarter's carpet is 15 years old, covered in mold and mildew and my son has recently been diagnosed with asthma. I was told that I would have to wait for the new Actus Lend Lease contract to take effect before something could be done. What can I do?

A. While it is true that renovations and restorations will not begin until the October 1 changeover date; individual situations such as this will be evaluated on a case-by-

case basis. Please contact your Community Center manager for assistance.

Note: Several questions concerned work-related issues of an urgent nature rather than routine. The Actus representative asked all residents to report problems to their Community Centers. Center Staff will check the problems and determine the appropriate resolution.

Q. We have recently moved on post, do we have to sign a lease?

A. Yes, the goal is to have all leases signed by Sept. 15, but not later than the Oct. 1 change over date. Leases are available at your community center and Online at www.armyhawaiiifamilyhousing.com. Spouses of deployed Soldiers must have a Special Power of Attorney to sign the lease.

Q. A pit bull attacked my son and dog the other day and it is never on a leash. What can be done?

A. Make sure the incident is reported to the Military Police. All dog incidents are evaluated by the Oahu Base Support Battalion command and action taken if warranted.

Note: Effective December 1, Soldiers who PCS to Hawaii will not be permitted to bring pit bulls to any Army installation. Owners of pit bulls already on the island must obtain an exemption to retain the animal on the installation. The Jul. 19 Information Paper, Subject: Policy on Pit Bulls residing on Army Installation Hawaii, is available at the OBSB. The command will publicize the change prior to policy implementation.

Q. Is there a formal MP report every time an incident occurs?

A. There is always a report of some kind, either formal or log entry.

The next Town Hall is Aug. 17 at 6:30 p.m. at the Sgt. Smith Theater.

Heard any rumors, unable to attend the next meeting, too shy to ask your questions? Submit questions in advance to Col. Mike McBride, U.S. Army, Hawaii chief of staff, via email at mcbriedmt@schofield.army.mil.