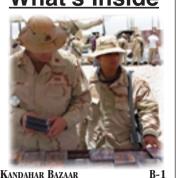
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9/11 anniversary observance

There will be an observance to commemorate the third anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks at 11 a.m. Sept. 10 at the Schofield Barracks Main Post Chapel, Bldg. 790. Join family and friends, service members and civilians as we remember and honor those men and women who lost their lives, and give thanks for the sacrifices made by others on Sept. 11, 2001.

Security Personnel System Town Hall Meeting

There will be National Security Personnel System town hall meetings at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at the 9th RSC Assembly Hall on Fort Shafter Flats and at 1 p.m. Thursday at the Sgt. Smith Theater on Schofield Barracks. The meetings will be conducted by David Snyder, assistant G-1 for civilian personnel policy at the Department of the

Hui O' Na Wahine Luncheon

The Hui O' Na Wahine, Schofield Barracks will hold its first Hui Luncheon on Sept. 16 at the Nehelani on Schofield Barracks. Cost is \$12. Guest speaker will be Nalani Olds who will soon celebrate her 50th year as a professional entertainer. For the past 22 years, she has been a featured vocalist for The Royal Hawaiian Band. Recently, she has been promoting the "Queen's Song Book" and has had performances at Smithsonian Washington, D.C., Carnegie Hall. Doors will open at 10:30 a.m. and lunch is served at 11 a.m. Anyone interestedbecoming a vendor, should call Amy Snyder at 624-4989. For reservations, call Judi Rossi at 778-3704. Limited onsite child care will be provided. Call central registration at 655-3929 and 655-5314 to make a reservation.

JEMS Job Fair

JEMS will hold its 17th annual job fair from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 15 at the Banyans Club on Pearl Harbor. The job fair is open to military family members, active duty personnel, military retirees Reservists, DoD and Coast Guard employees with base access. No children will be admitted, so plan accordingly. This is an opportunity to talk to recruiters, drop off resumes, pick up applications and research the job market. For more information, visit the JEMS Web $_{
m site}$ www.JEMS-Hawaii.com and click on Job Fair/Events. For more information, call Rita May at 473-0190.

25th Trans. Co. masters the roads of Iraq



Pfc. Michael D. Friederich of the 25th Transportation Co. along with other gun trucks in the convoy, prepare to conduct a test fire of crew-served weapons at the test fire pit prior to heading out on a Main Supply Route north of Baghdad.

By 1st Lt. Andra Allison 25th Trans. Co.

FORWARD OPERATING BASE SPEICHER, Iraq -Since early February, Soldiers of $_{
m the}$ Transportation Company out of Schofield Barracks have been conducting missions in and around the volatile Tikrit

Since trading the white, sandy beaches of Oahu for the hot, dry sand of Iraq over six months ago, the Roadmasters have taken it all in rolling stride.

In addition to the sand and 130-degree heat, these transporters have found themselves performing more than their regular mission.

Besides performing regular duties of Military Occupational Specialty 88M, driving and truck commanding military transports, the company has taken on a new responsibility – gun truck escorts.

"The gun truck escort mis-

sion was somewhat of a surprise to us," said Capt. Jason R. Burwell, the 25th Trans. Co. commander. "We conducted a thorough mission analysis and determined that we needed to completely restructure our line platoons to meet this new requirement.

"In addition to restructuring the line platoons, we had to retrain all Soldiers to be gunners as well as drivers and truck commanders," Burwell continued. "The Soldiers learned quickly and continue to provide outstanding support to Multi-National Coalition Forces-Iraq often during stressful combat situations and searing heat."

The Sergeant Major of the Army had it right when he said every Soldier is a warrior first in this modern war and non-linear battlefield. Transporters in Iraq are finding that statement true firsthand as they drive and move cargo through unpredictable territory and unfamiliar

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'Go For Broke' battalion gets new commander

By Staff Sgt. Bradley Rhen Editor

One of the Army's most decorated units and the Army Reserve's only ground combat unit got a new commander during a change of command ceremony Saturday at Schofield Barracks.

Lt. Col. Alan D. Ostermiller assumed command of 100th Battalion, 442nd Infantry Regiment, replacing Lt. Col. Joseph M. Krakowiak, who will be reassigned to U.S. Forces Korea.

The battalion is currently at Schofield Barracks preparing for a deployment to Iraq with Hawaii National Guard's 29th Infantry Brigade.

The Army Reserve primarily consists of combat service and combat service support units. Other than the 100th Bn., the only other combat unit in the Army Reserve is an attack aviation unit based in the New England

Brig. Gen. Joseph Chavez, commander of the 29th Infantry Brigade said Krakowiak's performance over the last two years has been absolutely outstanding.

"Anticipating a mobilization and deployment, Joe has developed and executed an aggressive training plan that put this battalion on glide path to success," Chavez said.

Krakowiak said it was very difficult for him to leave this team at this point in time, but he knew his com-



Staff Sqt. Bradley Rhen

Lt. Col. Alan D. Ostermiller, right, incoming commander of 100th Bn., 442nd Inf. Rgt., accepts the colors from Brig. Gen. Joseph Chavez, commander of the 29th Infantry Brigade, during a ceremony Aug. 28 at Schofield Barracks.

mand time was complete:

"It's been my distinct privilege to serve as the 29th battalion commander 100-442 these last couple years," he said. "It is the absolute high point

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2004 CFC kicks off Tuesday

1st Lt. Scott M. Gregory CFC Project Officer

As this year's Combined Federal Campaign begins, all federal employees and military personnel within the Hawaii-Pacific areas should remember that donating is a way to show caring and to give something back to the community, the nation and the

The CFC campaign will run Sept. 7 through Oct. 19 and this year, many local, national, and international voluntary agencies will benefit from the contribu-

A few minutes today, can mean meals for hungry children, relief for families in need of counseling, further work on cures for diseases, comfort for the dying, access to water in Third World, protection of our environment and better lives and renewed hope for millions of people in the global community and federations participating within the Hawaii – Pacific Area CFC.

Rather than setting a monetary goal, organizers want to maximize the CFCs potential by using payroll deductions.

These deductions do not start until January 2005 and the recommended donation is one hour's pay per month which is equivalent to working one hour per month for a charity. That's about one half a percent of one's base pay amount.

In fall 2003, about 70,000 military and federal civilian employees raised more than \$5.5 million through the Hawaii Combined Federal Campaign. The contributions are being distributed to more than 1,700 local, national and international charities.

President John F. Kennedy established the CFC in March 1961 to consolidate numerous charitable campaigns in the federal workplace.

The CFC was developed in response to federal employees' wish for a single campaign to cut administrative expenses, to permit payroll deductions for contributions and to better support local, national, and international health, welfare, and philanthropic organizations.

Since its inception, the CFC has become the largest combined charity drive in the world. The CFC is conducted once a year which, makes fundraising easier for both federal employees and charities. The campaign, conducted each fall, follows regulations and guidelines established by Congress.

To make a contribution, contact the unit or agency project

For more information on the Combined Federal Campaign, contact the Army CFC project officer, 1st Lt. Scott M. Gregory at 655-8588 or visit the Web site www.hawaii.navy.mil/cfc2004/ind

Air defenders adapt to Afghanistan mission

By Sgt. Frank Magni 17th Public Affairs Det.

KANDAHAR AIRAfghanistan – Of the many tactics anti-Coalition militants employ against the Coalition, none of them have ever involved aircraft. Without an immediate threat from above, organic air defense artillery assets within Combined Task Force Bronco are using their personnel and equipment for threats on the

While systems like the Avenger and Sentinel radar were designed for conventional air threats, ADA Soldiers from Battery A, 1st Battalion, 62nd Air Defense Artillery Regiment, are finding unconventional uses for their equipment on the battlefields of Operation Enduring Freedom.

With their eyes not on the skies, many of the ADA Soldiers now perform the tasks of convoy escort, perimeter security, and even as maneuver elements in support of

CTF Bronco. "Since day one we have been pro-

Spc. Jerry Bass, Btry. A, 1st Bn., 62nd ADA Rgt., pulls security from the top of an Avenger while on a security halt in Zabul Province.

viding security and maneuvering with the infantry," said 1st Lt. Tim Bible, Btry. A, 1st Bn., 62nd ADA Rgt., platoon leader. "But this was no surprise to us."

In preparation for their new role, the unit began training months before setting foot in Afghanistan.

Last August, the unit deployed with 2nd Bn., 35th Inf. Rgt., to the

National Training Center in Fort Irwin, Calif.

"We trained inside the Box (maneuver area) for 30 days, focusing primarily on our ground mission," said Sgt. 1st Class Juan Ferreira, Btry. A, 1st Bn., 62nd ADA Rgt., platoon sergeant. "From convoy live fires to cordon and searches, we got a good idea of what our new role would be."

After returning from the exercise, the unit also participated in training exercises with the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division (Light) in Hawaii. Again, they performed more of their maneuver element role, said Ferreira.

Since hitting the ground in Afghanistan, the unit has even incorporated weapons like the MK-19 grenade launcher and sniper rifles into certain platoons. But it's the Avenger weapon system that is gaining popularity on patrols.

While its Stinger missile pods are normally its primary weapon in air defense, its secondary weapon – the

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Ben Stein's Letter gives thanks and well-deserved praise to Military Spouses

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Joy Boisselle

As military spouses, we are very good at supporting one another and offering encouragement during the ups and downs of deployments. We have a lot of practice. When an outsider offers that same encouragement, both eloquently and heart-felt, it seems to make even more of an impact on us. I know it did to me.

I received an email recently from a fellow Army wife stationed in Germany. In the forwarded email was a letter written by Ben Stein, noted columnist, author, and television personality, to another Army wife, Karen Yates, whose husband is deployed to Iraq with A Battery, 1st Battalion, 37th Field Artillery Regiment from Ft. Lewis,

Yates, a Family Readiness Group leader, wrote Stein expressing her appreciation for an article he had written about Soldiers. Stein replied asking Yates what he could do for spouses. On her Web site, Yates wrote, "I asked if he would consider writing a letter to the spouses. The wonderful letter that I received to share with all of you, the heart of the homefront, is posted below."

Dear Karen,

rich and poor.

I have a great life. I have a wife I adore, a son who is a lazy teenager but I adore him, too. We live in a house with two dogs and four cats. We live in peace. We can worship as we please. We can say what we want. We can walk the streets in safety. We can vote. We can work wherever we want and buy whatever we want. When we sleep, we sleep in peace. When we wake up, it is to the sounds of birds.

All of this, every bit of it, is thanks to your husband, his brave fellow soldiers, and to the wives who keep the home fires burning while the soldiers are away protecting my family and one hundred and forty million other families. They protect Republicans and Democrats, Christians, Jews, Moslems and atheists. They protect white, black, yellow, brown and everyone in between. They protect gays and straights,

And none of it could happen without the Army wives, Marine wives, Navy wives, Air Force wives -- and or husbands -- who go to sleep tired and lonely, wake up tired and lonely, go through the day with a smile on their faces. They feed the kids, put up with the teenagers' surliness, the bills that never

plumbing breaks and there is no husband to fix it, and the even more desperate hours after the kids have gone to bed, the dishes have been done, the bills have been paid, and the wives realize that they will be sleeping alone -- again, for the three hundredth night in a row.

The wives keep up the fight even when they have to move every couple of years, even when their checks are late, even when they have to make a whole new set of friends every time they move.

And they keep up the fight to keep the family whole even when they feel a lump of dread every time they turn on the news, every time they switch on the computer, every time the phone rings and every time-worst of all--the doorbell rings. Every one of those events--which might mean a baseball score or a weather forecast or a Fed Ex man to me and my wife--might mean the news that the man they love, the man they have married for better or worse, for richer and for poorer, in sickness and in health, is now parted from them forever.

These women will never be on the cover of People. They will never be on the tabloid shows on TV about movie stars. But they are the power and the strength that keep America going. Without them, we are nothing at all. With them, we can do everything.

They are the glue that holds the nation together, stronger than politicians, stronger than talking heads, stronger than Al Qaeda.

They deserve all the honor and love a nation can give. They have my prayers, and my wife's, every morning and every night. Love, and I do mean Love, Ben

I wrote both Stein and Yates to ask their permission to share this uplifting letter with the spouses of the 25th Infantry Division (Light) and U.S. Army Hawaii. Both quickly replied in the affirmative, Yates writing, "It was encouraging to our ladies and others should be able to benefit

Stein responded to me writing "You have my permission. Best wishes to all Army wives, all of whom are my stars. My wife is an Army brat and her mother and her sister and she went through a lot while her father was in the Army -- from 1941 to 1974. I know what you give up. And I know every single luxury, every single freedom, every good day, every day of any kind, is all thanks to you and yours. When I say I am grateful, I mean every second of every waking hour. Love to you all. You are everything to the cause of decent humanity everywhere."

To both, Yates and Stein, thank you for providing a pat on the back to the spouses of the Tropic Lightning Division. To those stop piling up, the desperate hours when the who ask little, much is given.

When dealing with Soldier-spouses home for R&R, patience isn't just a virtue — it's a necessity

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Lisa Eichhorn 235th Base Support Battalion Public Affairs

KATTERBACH, Germany -It's finally here.

He's coming home for his much earned rest and recuperation leave. I'm filled with trepidation and excitement. What will he look like? What will he be like? Is he different?

Then the moment comes and I see him for the first time and the emotion is overwhelm-

My husband recently returned from his second consecutive tour in Iraq to attend a two-week Army course. At the end of it he would return to Iraq, so it was not R&R in the truest sense. But I certainly wasn't complaining.

He returned to our home here and off we all (myself and two of our three children) went to Fort Rucker, Ala. My hopes for "alone time" were dashed, but all in all, it was a great time. With so many friends in the area, we were busy every night. Even our dear friends came from Fort Campbell and Wisconsin to spend the weekend with us. We were just having a blast -- on the surface, anyway.

There was an underlying difference in my husband. He was distracted, distant. I knew he was happy to be with us, but he seemed disconnected. When I talked with him about it, in our brief moments alone, he agreed he felt different. He missed his unit, he felt somehow like he was letting them down by being home and having normal civilian fun. It really bothered him, and in turn, it bothered me to see him like

At one point, I listened to him talking about his unit to a friend. He said, "I need to get back. They need me. I miss them and worry about who's filling in for me and if it's going okay." My first reaction was thinking, "I wonder if he says the same about his family

when he's in Iraq?" I have to admit at first I was insulted. Here he was, with the people who love him more than anyone in the world, and he's longing to be back in Iraq? What is he thinking?

I didn't say anything then, but the next day we were walking into the local Wal-Mart, and he said he was disappointed that the people there were so unaffected by this war. "It's like there's not a thing more important than being in here,' he said. I pulled him aside and let it rip.

I told him that he was the reason they were able to live like this. That his dedication and service to his nation allowed the American people to go on as they always have, and that he can't hold that against them. He needs to take that as a compliment -- that he and his unit are doing a fantastic job. It was at that moment he realized he had been having a hard time adjusting to the world he misses so much when he's

It was an incredible moment; definitely a moment that is frozen in time for me.

I guess I'm trying to tell other spouses that when their Soldiers come home for a much-needed break, we need to give them one. I spent the first week irritated that he didn't seem as happy as he should to be home, and the second week I spent just giving him the space he needed and trying to understand what he was feeling.

He knew he needed a break, but he also knew he had to go back. The Soldiers' our Soldiers serve with are family to them, and the stakes are so much higher in Iraq than they seem to be while at home.

When the kids argued about where to eat, he would say, "You know, it's so much easier in Iraq. (There are) no choices - you eat what they got." We'd laugh at him, but we knew it was time to just make a deci-

All his behavior was normal according to the experts. I read a lot, and I read everything I

reintegration. I think that was the key for me. I could have easily spent our time together pouting and being mad at him. But to what end? With both of us feeling bad as soon as he went back? I couldn't do that.

My husband is a wonderful man and an incredible Soldier. His focus right now is this war and making sure the men and women he works with come home. It doesn't mean he doesn't love his family, but that's hard to reconcile for a spouse.

We spend so much of our time in the support mode for our Soldiers, sending packages e-mails, and letters. It's natural to want that kind of support in return. I think -- for me anyway -- the only way to get through this is to look at it like a chapter in a book that's hard to get through, but you have to do it to get to the good part at the end. I know my husband loves us, even when he isn't able to show it like he used to.

I hope that every spouse whose husband comes home on R&R will take a few breaths and spend time talking to her spouse about her feelings before rushing to rash judgments. R&R is a wonderful thing if you keep everything in perspective.

This deployment isn't about us; it's something much bigger. So we have to swallow our need to be the center of the universe in our Soldier's life. It's as hard for them to readjust as it is for their families. About the time I liked my husband again, he was redeploying back to Iraq.

I've done reintegration once already (if you don't count his Korea tour), and it was tough. It helps if spouses educate themselves and know the signs of stress in their Soldiers. And get help if you need it – asking for help is not looked down upon any more. It could help your spouse and maybe even save your marriage.

And in the meantime, you can hope that when he redeploys, the next chapter of the book will be the sappy one that culminates in the two lovers walking off hand-in-hand into

Voices of Lightning

How valuable has your training been so far and what will you miss most about Hawaii?



"We are still going through the Soldier Readiness Program making sure our records are up to date in preparation for our deployment. We have been doing a lot of physical training too. I will miss my two grandkids the most."

Staff Sgt. Andres Alcain, Jr. Co. B, 2nd Bn., 299th Inf.



"So far, we have been unloading our gear, checking equipment and sensitive items, and we will forward to the deployment, but I will miss Hawaii in general and my girlfriend, Jericca."

Pvt. Logan Luta Co. B, 2nd Bn.,299th Inf.



"Training is good. I am looking forward to the deployment because this is what we have trained to do begin shooting soon. I am looking and it will put that training to the test. I will worry about my wife who is deploying also and I will miss my family and aloha.

> Spc. Daniel Kaiawe Co. B, 2nd Bn., 299th Inf.



"Training has been good and we have learned a lot of new things. We have learned many first aid techniques including MEDEVAC procedures. I will miss my wife, Tiffany and my son, Leeland, who just turned one.

Spc. Ku'I Barboza Co. B, 2nd Bn., 299th Inf.



"Training has been invaluable. We have done land navigation, the gas chamber, and SRP to make sure all paperwork is up-to-date for Soldiers and families. Morale is good and we keep the Soldiers very busy. Besides family, I will miss the weather and the ocean. '

1st Sgt. Yale Alama, Co. A, 29th BCT



"Training has been outstanding and awesome. Individual Soldier training has been a good review for everyone. The challenge has been integrating Soldiers who only see each other once a year into a team, but morale is great and confidence is high. I will miss the food and music the most."

Capt. Joe Burdett, Co. A, 29th BCT

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Spc. Fay Stewart of the 25th Transportation Co. radios to other Soldiers in the convoy while Sgt. Dwayne Reeves runs to relay information to his squad members pulling security during a temporary halt on a Main Supply Route south of Baghdad.

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main supply routes and alternate supply

From all over Iraq and into Kuwait, these truck drivers have tread where few have dared to tread before delivering food, water, maintenance equipment, supplies, vehicles,

"While our mission on a scale is considerably small, we can only hope that a difference is being made on the global war on terrorism," said Sgt. 1st Class Jason Runnels, truckmaster of the 25th Trans. Co. "The Transportation Corps will forever be changed due to lessons learned here in Iraq."

The company's assets mainly include M1083 five-ton cargo trucks, M1088 five-ton tractors, and M871 30-foot flatbed trailers.

Recently, the company upgraded its fleet and added steel armor, weapons mounts and kevlar blanket protection to its cargo trucks and transformed them into tactical gun trucks. These upgraded vehicles serve as security escorts for other convoys pushing sustainment supplies, construction equipment, force protection equipment and other immediate needs of the Army to Forward Operating Bases in and around the 1st Infantry Division's and 2nd Brigade Combat Team's areas of operations.

"The way we trained in Hawaii was very informative, but based on our experiences here so far we realize that we will have to adapt, revamp, and refocus our training upon returning to garrison," said 1st Sgt. Zacarias Rivera, the company first sergeant. "We will need to focus on unconventional tactics,".

Both the vehicles and the Soldiers are put to the test daily as they have logged over 500,000 miles and completed more than 250 combat convoys.

Compare those statistics with 60,000 miles driven annually back at Schofield Barracks, and there is no question these Soldiers are putting in countless hours on the road, literally wearing out the tread on the tires.

Though most of the missions take the transporters outside of the perimeter, personnel are also provided to conduct local national escort for AAFES, sandbag, and Class I and II yard details for self-sustainment and FOB improvement.

In addition, as much as a platoon-sized element was tasked to fill the 167th Corps Support Group requirement for force protection manning of several observation posts.

With the increasing demand for gun truck support in theater, the company was tasked to conduct split-based operations by sending a detachment to southern Iraq to serve as convoy escorts for units moving in and out of theater. The detachment has been there for nearly four months.

The primary threat to convoys is Improvised Explosive Devices, Vehicle Born IEDs, Rocket Propelled Grenades and Small Arms Fire still continuing to be an everyday threat on the road.

"When you are on the road you must be aware of all of your surroundings," said Pfc. Timothy Alibrando. "Not only do you have to pay attention to the road, but you must scan the sides looking for the slightest odd looking object wondering if it's an IED."

Alibrando added that gunners have to watch the traffic patterns and how the locals are acting around the convoys.

The company is never a stranger to weekly, if not daily, mortar and rocket attacks on FOB Speicher.

The headquarters and line platoons alike are looking forward to the seventh inning stretch as some Soldiers have already begun to take advantage of the leave policy offered in theatre without a misstep in mission accomplishment.

As the Soldiers of the 25th Trans. Co. are finding out, the role of the modern day transporter is ever-changing and is no longer limited to driving from point A to point B carrying X classes of supply.

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of my professional military life and it flew by like a ride on a bullet train."

Chavez said Ostermiller is a very capable leader and is the right man for the job as the battalion prepares for combat.

"His numerous assignments on active duty and in the Reserves combined with his combat experience will surely serve this battalion well in our deployment in support Operation Iraqi Freedom," Chavez said

Ostermiller, a graduate of the University of Hawaii, said he was honored to take command of such a storied unit.

"When I grasped the colors of the battalion just a moment ago, I could not only help but feeling the passing of a wooden rod and a cloth at the end of the rod, but I felt the power of the noble and honorable commanders who have laid their hand on those precious colors before me," he said. "All these men have left a legacy of honor and commitment that will be carried in times to come, and I will dedicate my last breath, my last heartbeat and the last drop of my blood to maintain that honor and dedication."

The 100th Bn. of the 442nd draws its lineage from World War II's 442nd

Regimental Combat Team which conducted combat operations in the European theater during the war. The 100th Bn. has units in Guam, American Samoa and Saipan.

The 100th was the first all-Japanese-American combat unit and was made up of mostly National Guardsmen from Hawaii.

They were already fighting in Italy when the also mostly Japanese-American 442nd was formed. The 442nd joined the 100th in Italy in June of 1944 and by August, the 100th had become the first battalion of the 442nd.

During World War II, Soldiers of the 442nd earned more than 18,000 individual decorations. Among the 18,000 were a Medal of Honor, 52 Distinguished Service Crosses, 560 Silver Stars, 28 Oak Leaf Clusters to the Silver Star, 4,000 Bronze Stars and 1,200 Oak Leaf Clusters to the Bronze Star and 9,486 Purple Hearts.

The 442nd was also recognized with a Presidential Unit Citation eight times.

Until 2000, the achievements of 100th and 442nd only included one Medal of

Former President Bill Clinton changed that in 2000 when he awarded 22 Medals of Honor to Asian-Pacific Army World War II veterans.

The belated medals were given after the Army reviewed war records and found 22 Soldiers were awarded with the Distinguished Service Cross when they were actually deserving of a Medal of Honor. Twenty of the 22 were Soldiers in the 100th and 442nd, giving the 442nd a total of 21 Medals of Honor.

U.S. Senator Daniel K. Inouye, himself a veteran of the 442nd, spoke at the ceremony. He said in his mind, the 100-442nd is the top battalion in the U.S.

"I stand before you a bit older, but at one time, I stood with you," he said. "My spirit still stands with

He warned the Soldiers standing on the field that the enemy they will meet is a faceless one, and they will be in harm's way.

"But with your discilpline, your training, your leadership, your dedication and your commitment, I'm certain that all of you will return," Inouye said.

Inouye, who lost his right arm during World War II, received the Distinguished Service Cross, but it was upgraded to the Medal of Honor, and that medal was presented to him by Clinton on June 21, 2000.

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www.25idl.army.mil 25th Infantry Division (Light) and United States Army, Hawaii



M3P .50 caliber machine gun – is its bread and butter in Afghanistan, said Bible.

"The M3P has many advantages over not only the M-2 .50 caliber machine gun, but many of the crewserved weapons mounted on top of vehicles," he said.

The M3P's longer barrel gives it increased range. It also has an advanced target acquisition system that puts it ahead of traditional crewserved weapons.

Normally designed for detecting aircraft, the Forward Looking Infrared system has night-vision capability and can adjust for inclement weather like dust storms, said Ferreira.

The turret on the Avenger also has major advantages while passing high valley walls and ridgelines, said Bible.

"Sometimes threats are straight up when we are

traveling through valleys, said Bible.

The Avenger can engage those enemy straight up in the air, whereas traditional crew-served weapons would have problems, said Bible.

The appearance of the Avenger also has a psychological effect on the enemy, said Capt. Todd Schmidt, special assistant to the CTF Bronco commander.

"The psychological impact of seeing a weapon like the Avenger is enough to deter some attacks," he

"The primary use for the Avenger has been perimeter security and we use it in blocking procedures during cordon and search operations," said Bible. "With the Avenger, we make sure nobody enters an area of operations and nobody leaves."

The Avenger isn't the only ADA system getting into the act in Afghanistan.

The Sentinel radar system, normally used for monitoring airspace, is being used to track friendly aircraft.

"The Sentinel radar teams are being deployed to that have bases increased amount of air traffic, but don't have a control tower," said Schmidt. "It is just a tool for unit commanders for air space com-

mand and control.' While the equipment still stands ready to execute its traditional mission, the one asset contributing most to the success of CTF Bronco is the Soldiers, said Schmidt.

"The way our unit has adapted here illustrates the versatility of the U.S. Soldier," he said.

Schmidt said he couldn't have expected a better reaction to the new mission.

"They have embraced every mission put in front of them," he said, "and have become very viable assets to Bronco commanders.'

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ACAP Lunchtime workshops - The Army Career and Alumni Progrom will host two lunchtime workshops to help prepare attendees for the JEMS Job Fair. The "How to Work a Job Fair" classes will be held 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sept. 9 and 13 at the Schofield Barracks ACAP Center (Aloha Center, Bldg. 690, Rm 3H). The workshop is open to all ACAP clients and their family members. For more information or to reserve a seat for one of the classes, call the ACAP Center at 655-1028.

English as a Second **Language** - This is a basic, adult education English course. The course designed for beginners to those seeking to improve written and verbal communication skills. Classes are Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:30 to 11 a.m. The fall session begins Tuesday through Nov. 30. Enrollment is ongoing. Registration and a \$15 fee are required. Call for more information and for child care (limited slots for qualified personnel), the YMCA on Wheeler at 624-

Protestant Women of the Chapel Fall Kickoff -The Schofield Barracks' PWOC invites all ladies to their Fall Kickoff Luncheon Sept. 14 at 9 a.m. in room D-9 of the Main Post Chapel. A pot-luck lunch will be served, the yearly theme will be announced, and attendees may sign up for a quarterly Bible study. Free prearranged STACC site child care is available. For more information, call Effie Powell

at 624-8251. For child care services personnel office or www.jointspousesconferinformation, call Sonya Byrdsong at 455-4011.

 \mathbf{the} perform a concert, mime act and skits at 7:45 p.m. Conway at 655-9355 for 6771. information.

new TRICARE contracts some beneficiaries may experience occasional transition challenges such as long wait times when calling their new regional contractors. Some tips for assessing TRICARE information include:

Beneficiaries may enroll or change enrollment information online, search for and find information on the health plan as well as links to other sites for information on claims processing and from 9:45 - 10:45 a.m. online appointments. Visit TRICARE West at www.tri-

Thursdays Fridays have the least calls, making these days the best for gaining quick access to Conference - The 10th information beneficiaries Annual Joint Spouses' need. Call 1-888-TRIWEST (1-888-874-9378), but prepare for longer wait times, due to high call volume, during the transition.

Visit TRICARE Service Centers for face-to-face assis-

Defense Enrollment and Eligibility Reporting System, updated. Failure to keep this workshops with an array of information current may interests including cultural result in future provider and pharmacy service denials of ness, parenting, career care, returned TRICARE enhancement, military benehealth care claims, and undefits and more. Forms may be livered updates about the picked up at base exchanges, transition. To update person- commissaries, support cenbeneficiaries may:

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contact the Manpower Data Center both days or \$15 Friday or Crossroads Support Office (DSO) at 1-Coffeehouse - Sept. 10, at 800-538-9552. Visit www.trithe Crossroads Coffeehouse, care.osd.mil/DEERSAddress tonight, 7:45 p.m. at Ka'ala to update address informa-Rec Center on Schofield tion, or Fax address changes more information and to pre-Barracks the drama and to DEERS at 1-831-655-8317, musical group, T-n-C will or mail the address change to the Defense Manpower Data Center Support Office, Performance is free and open ATTN: COA, 400 Gigling to everyone. Call Chaplain Road, Seaside, CA 93955-

New Times for Worship Tips to ease TRICARE at AMR Chapel - All three transition challenges – services have changed their While transitioning to the times of worship. Religious Education Classes will also change, beginning Sept. 12.

•Catholic Mass 8:30 a.m. Contemporary

Protestant 9:45 a.m.

•Gospel 12:15 p.m. Registration for Sunday School and Catholic CCD •Conduct business online Classes has begun. Register possible. at any time on the downstairs lanai at the self-registration table.

Sunday School (ages 3 providers in their local area, adults) begins Sept. 12 from 11 a.m. - noon

Catholic CCD (ages 4 -12th grade) begins Sept. 19

RCIA classes for adults will be held Tuesday evenings from 6 - 7:30 p.m. •Call during non-peak For more information on worand ship times or religious education, call 833-8175.

Joint Spouses' Conference will be held Oct. 15 and 16 at the Hickam Air Force Base Officers' Club. The conference is a forum for military spouses from the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Coast Guard to come together as It is also important for one-family to learn and share beneficiaries to keep their experiences from military life. Registration opens Sept. 1 - 30. Registrants may DEERS, information choose from more than 50 arts, cooking, health and fitchapels. Registration forms

Defense ence.com. The cost is \$25 for Saturday only. includes workshops, two continental breakfasts, two lunches and a tote bag. For view some of the workshops, visit www.jointspousesconference.com or call Kaye at 839-6151.

Cub Scout Joining Night - The Cub Scouts of Pack 197, supporting families residing on Aliamanu Military Reservation, invite all families with boys in 1st through 5th grades to attend "Joining Night" on Sept. 11 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Mokulele Elementary School cafeteria. The purpose of this event is to provide AMR families an opportunity to learn about the Cub Scouts and to join Pack 197. For more information, call Bob Hoelscher at 833-7623 or e-mail rhoelscher@hawaii.rr.com.

Waianae Veterans Day **Parade** – Begins 9 a.m. Nov. at the Waianae Boat Harbor. At 10 a.m., there will be an hour of speeches and awards to veterans, and talks about the Soldiers currently deployed. There will be video taken of families and local community groups at this Hoolaulea, and there are plans to send copies of the videos to deployed Soldiers.

Thinking about leaving the Army? - The Army Career and Alumni Program can help with the decision. What the Army offers, compared to what's available on the outside, may be better than one thinks. Find a job that's a right match. Skills assessment, job search techniques, access to job openings are all part of the ACAP process. Counselors can help translate experiences and skills into job market language and determine one's fair market value. ACAP shows how to put the best foot forward with interview techniques, salary negotiation, dress for success, networking, resumes and cover letters. For more information, visit the Schofield Barracks ACAP office in the al information in DEERS, ters, thrift shops, and Aloha Center, building 690, 3rd Floor, Room 3H or call

Schofield Barracks Thrift Store extends its hours -7 p.m. (consignments taken from 4 - 6 p.m.). Regular hours are Tuesday, Thursday and the first Saturday of the month 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Consignments are from 9 a.m. to noon on the days the thrift shop is open. The shop will be closed the third Thursday during the day, but open in the evening from 4 to 6 p.m. The thrift shop will be open that Friday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Volunteers are always needed. The thrift shop is in Bldg. 2107, behind Army Community ServiceSchofield Barracks. For more information, call April at 624-4646.

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Education Program - The Office of The Judge Advocate General is now accepting applications for the Army's Funded Legal Education Program. Under this program, the Army projects to send up to 15 active duty commissioned officers to law school atgovernment expense if funding permits. Selected officers will attend law school beginning in the fall of 2005 and will remain on active duty while attending law school. Interested officers should review Chapter 14, AR 27-1 (The Judge Advocate General's Funded Legal Education Program) to determine their eligibility. This program is open to commissioned officers in the rank of second lieutenant through captain. Applicants must have at least two, but not more than six years of total active federal service at the time legal training begins. Eligibility is governed by statute (10 U.S.C. 2004) and is non-waivable. Eligible officers interested in applying should immediately register for the earliest offering of the Law School Admission Test. Applicants must send their request through command channels, to include the officer's branch manager at HRC, with a copy furnished to the Office of The Judge Advocate General, ATTN DAJA-PT. 1777 North Kent

Hui O' Na Wahine Street, Rosslyn, VA 22209-2194, to be received NLT Nov. 1. Submission of the The store will be open on application well in advance Thursday night from 4 until of the deadline is advised. Interested officers should contact their local Staff Judge Advocate for more information.

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The Schofield Barracks Military Police Found **Property Program -** Lost items can be received by showing valid identification, a detailed description of the property, and proof of ownership.

The Found Property office is located at the Provost Marshal Office, Bldg. 3010, Lyman Road, Schofield Barracks. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Found Property office has a variety of items. If you have items that have been lost or missing, contact Staff Sgt. Dorothy Bundra or Harold Roberts at 655-7114. * Bike, purple in color, 18

NAPA Air Filter

* Blue Quicksilver wallet * arm band (plastic) with contractor ID's

* Two computer monitors (broken),

Video game controller

(steering wheel type). Boating Skills Seamanship Class - Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 18 is offering Boating Skills and Seamanship classes to the public in two sections at McDonald's Pearlridge Uptown. Classes will be from 6:30 to 9 p.m., Monday and Thursday evenings beginning Sept. 13. Section one. Boating Skills and Safety, is \$35 and includes seven lessons, a manual and exams. This course meets U.S. Coast Guard, state and national boating education require-Seamanship, consists of five lessons for \$35, and includes manual, exams and certificate. Combined courses are offered for \$60 and students completing section one may sign up for the second class at the reduced fee. These courses are designed to make the boater more safety conscious and safer operators. For more information, call Kawika Warren at 595-4934.

'Gators' help Coalition get the job done

By Spc. Dijon Rolle 17th Public Affairs Det.

FORWARD OPERATING BASE RIPLEY, Afghanistan –It's common throughout several Coalition-maintained bases in Afghanistan to see small green- or tan-colored, all-terrain vehicles maneuvering through the country's rocky, dusty terrain, hauling equipment and personnel from one place to another.

There are several commercial variants being used throughout Afghanistan. Despite their actual brand name, they are commonly referred to as "gators." Individual vehicles are designed with different special features, from blackout lights to litter-carrying capabilities, but overall, their uses are sim-

Gators are about the size of a small golf cart, feature an automatic transmission and require no special training to operate. Those deployed to Forward Operating Base Ripley use the gator primarily for logistical purposes such as picking up mail, passengers and equipment from the flightline, transporting food and fuel cans to locations all over the base.

Coalition members are also using them to get to different locations throughout the base.

We use this piece of equipment every day for a lot of different things," said Staff Sgt. Charlie Pepin, 2nd Battalion, 5th Infantry Regiment, personnel noncommissioned officer. "This base is pretty big, so if we want to get in contact with one of the units, we use this piece of equipment to get to them."

"It's a valuable asset for an infantry unit. Period. Regardless if it's a heavy unit or a light unit," said Task Force Bobcat Command Sgt. Maj. Frank Leota.

Using the gator also requires less time and manpower to accomplish daily missions than other

"Normally we'd have to resource a vehicle, such as a (high mobility multipurpose wheeled vehicle), or HMMWV and a trailer, with of course a vehicle commander - or a TC - and a driver and Soldiers to help unload the supplies. (The gator) can take one person or two to load the supplies and get (them) to where (they) need to go in a pretty good time," said Leota.

The gator runs on diesel or gas

fuel and uses much less than HMMWVs and civilian vehicles. It is cost efficient, mobile, and light, allowing it to maneuver quickly and easily into tight spaces or along narrow roadways, reaching areas a truck or HMMWV could not easily get to.

With its increasing popularity comes the issue of safety for those operating the equipment. Drivers and passengers are required to wear a ballistic helmet and eye protection while driving, in addition to reflective belts. Operators are also required to receive instruction from unit safety noncommissioned officers, including proper operating procedures, the importance of wearing the right safety gear while driving, and limitations of the vehicle.

For all its many benefits and convenience, the gator is proving to be a small but powerful tool for members serving Coalition throughout Afghanistan.

Spc. Adam Wyatt, HHC, 2nd Bn., 5th Inf. Rgt., drives a gator filled with gear to the flightline of FOB Ripley.



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Brownlee visits 2nd BCT Soldiers in Iraq

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

KIRKUK AIR BASE, Iraq – The top civilian in the Army met with 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division (Light) Soldiers to honor and commend their duty toward Operation Iraqi Freedom II Aug. 27.

With a smile on his face and a microphone in hand, acting Secretary of the Army Les Brownlee addressed about 200 2nd BCT Soldiers inside the base gym.

"I want to tell you how important this mission is that you are performing," Brownlee said. "We are truly at war and we are at war with some of the most murderous, hateful thugs that we've ever faced."

Brownlee then went on to say the mission 2nd BCT Soldiers are conducting is two-fold – representing America in a professional manner and defending the people of America.

"You are as you know because you can see the results of it everyday, providing an opportunity of freedom and democracy for the people of Iraq," he said. "They are able to observe you as you go about your duties each day and what they see in you and the examples you set tell them a lot.

"So, remember that you are in fact representing your country at the same time you are performing your mission here," he added.

The second part of the mission is providing protection to the American people, Brownlee said.

"By fighting these terrorists here, where they train, where they organize, you are ensuring that we won't have to fight them in your own hometowns in America," he said.

To eliminate doubts of American support, Brownlee made certain the crowd of Soldiers knew that their duties in Iraq were not going unnoticed.

"It is very clear today that the people of America appreciate what you are doing maybe more than any other time in our history because the homeland of America was attacked," Brownlee said.

"The people of America know that it's only you that are standing between them and the terrorists. I assure you that the American people appreciate what you are

doing for them and you have every reason to be very, very proud of what you are doing here."

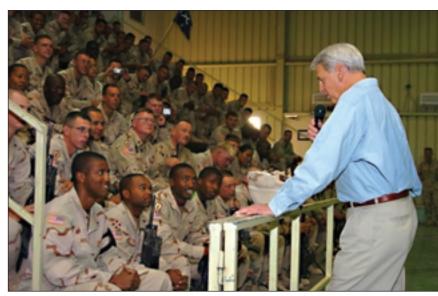
Brownlee also wanted the Soldiers to communicate with their families as much as possible while deployed and pass along his appreciation for their service and sacrifice.

"You know when you are gone they have to put up with a lot," Brownlee said about Soldiers' families. "I promise that all of your families say they don't know when you are in danger, so they literally worry about you every minute you are gone.

"I hope you will find a way to communicate with them frequently through email, phone calls or letters and let them know you are okay. I promise you that they will be very appreciative of that."

At the end of his remarks, Brownlee opened up to questions about Army issues such as, deployments, stop-loss and transformation. He also made time for Soldiers to pose in a photograph with him.

Sgt. Bertha Bell, an automated logistics supply specialist with Battery B, 1st $\,$



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Acting Secretary of the Army Les Brownlee answers a question from a 2nd BCT Soldier in the audience during his visit to Kirkuk Air Base Aug. 27.

Battalion, 62nd Air Defense Artillery, said she was glad to have Brownlee visit the base.

"It shows that he's for us and taking time out to meet and greet us," Bell said. "It boosted my morale to see someone from higher up show his concern for us being in a combat zone."

Brownlee also visited 25th ID (L) Soldiers deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom when he made a trip out to Kandahar, Afghanistan on Aug. 25.

84th Eng. Bn. Horizontal Platoon hard at work in Iraq

By 2nd Lt. Michelle Vargo 84th Eng. Bn.

LSA ANACONDA, Iraq – In the past four weeks, the mission has not changed much for the Horizontal Platoon, "Regulators," of Company B, 84th Engineer Combat Battalion (Heavy).

The Regulators have finished their Apache and Kiowa helicopter force protection mission and are continuing the forward airfield refueling point for the Louisiana National Guard.

However, a high priority bridge mission is on the



2nd Lt. Michelle Varg

A Soldier from the Horizontal Platoon, Co. B, 84th Eng. Bn. places a bridge abutment in Iraq.

horizon and will take the Regulators outside the wire again.

The Horizontal Platoon's other challenge has been finding some recreation in the extreme weather during the off hours set by last month's new time schedule.

At the end of May, the Regulators were given a mission to complete seven Apache and eight Kiowa helicopter parking stalls. However, since the airfield actually belongs to the Air Force, the task was only half completed because of a change in the aviators' plans for runway use.

Coalition forces hope to make LSA Anaconda a major hub for operations in Iraq. Currently, the airfield has two runways with one assigned to the Army and the other to the Air Force. In a year, the Air Force hopes to open both runways to fixed-wing aircraft.

After revising the Army helicopter parking assignments, the Air Force finally approved a plan for the rest of the force protection parking stalls. In the last two weeks, second squad placed five Kiowa and four more Apache parking areas. For the mission, 177 Hesco Bastion Barriers were set-up and filled.

As before, the HBB needed to be capped with four inches of concrete to provide dust suppression for the ascending aircraft. The only difference this time is that 1st Platoon, Bravo Company placed the concrete caps for the Regulators.

Also a continuing project on the airfield, the Louisiana National Guard FARP is an ongoing company mission. The task has placed a great emphasis on teamwork not only within the platoon but also between the vertical and horizontal platoons.

With 1st Platoon, the Regulators have placed four Apache and three Blackhawk and Kiowa concrete pads. These pads are 65 feet by 55 feet. Along with the groundwork for these refueling sites, the Regulators have also prepped the sites for four asphalt roads leading from the main runway to the four Apache pads.

Given the destructive capabilities of the Apache's weapons system, the four Apache pads also have a double stack of seven-foot HBB. This is to prevent injury or damage to equipment in the event the weapon system accidentally discharges during refueling.

At this time in the project, the four roads have been paved by the 277th CSC Company out of San Antonio, Texas, and 1st Squad are erecting and filling the HBB. Also, three of the four Chinook pads that are being placed have been prepped.

Third squad has taken the lead on these mon-

strous 100 feet by 100 feet pads. These pads will also have asphalt roads, but they cannot be completed until 2nd Platoon finishes the concrete. Meanwhile, 2nd Squad has excavated half of the

road network and started setting up the refueling vehicle parking area. The parking area is a graveled 120 feet by 120 feet area surrounded by double stacked 7 foot HBB.

The two Hemmit fuelers responsible for storing the site's fuel will be parked and protected in this area. From there, hoses will run along the ground to the refueling concrete pads. Work at the site has been difficult because of the poor soil conditions and the extreme external factors.

Although these obstacles have made the mission more tedious and challenging, the Regulators have been persistent and determined to maintain and exceed the standard. The original time line needed to be sacrificed to meet the standard in these conditions, but Bravo Horizontal should finish the project in mid-September.

In the midst of these other projects, the Regulators have also been preparing for a new mission off post: Bridge abutment construction and emplacement. Many times a new smaller bridge is placed over a destroyed space when the rest of the original bridge is determined safe.

In other cases, the transition area between the main road and the bridge is destroyed and vehicles cannot simply get onto the bridge. In both instances, the military's bridge ramping systems are essential for reconstruction. Therefore, a new, cheaper, and more readily available concrete ramp system has been designed. 2nd Platoon has poured these concrete ramps and Bravo Horizontal is on standby to go out and place the structures.

A Marine bridging unit is responsible for placing the new bridge and the Regulators have gone through a full rehearsal with the unit.

Two key parts to the mission are the weight of the concrete ramp barriers and the stabilization of the earth ramp within the concrete. Between the rehearsal and some creative thinking the Regulators have devised a plan to meet the mission's intent.

Gimlets act as mediators among Arabs, displaced Kurds

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

KIRKUK, Iraq – While hundreds of displaced

Kirkurk, fraq – white nundreds of displaced Kurds return to claim land in the northwest part of this city, many Arabs in the surrounding areas are becoming overly concerned.

More than 400 tents have popped up in less

than three weeks since the Kurds began to move to their previous homesteads, which is now a displaced Kurdish camp.

The Kurds say they are coming back to proper-

ty that Saddam Hussein's Army stole from them to make room for the Kirkuk Air Base. Now with Saddam and his Army gone, Kurdish people who were kicked out before are heading back to where they once lived.

Arabs in the nearby communities are upset about this massive move, as they fear for their land and the theory behind Kurdish political parties moving the displaced Kurds into the city only to receive more votes in the upcoming elections early next year.

Arguments among the Arabs and Kurds have erupted and even persuaded Company A, Task Force 1-21 Infantry and the Iraqi Police to jump in and mediate meetings between both groups and show presence in the area in hopes to avert violent conflicts.

"Basically, all we've done thus far is just mediate the talks and provide our presence," said 1st Lt. Richard Lane, a platoon leader with Co. A, TF 1-21 INF. "When we go out [to the displaced camp], we're not there to enforce security or anything, we are just there as mediators."

It is an Iraqi government issue that their police force takes care of, Lane added.

But as the Iraqi government begins to build a reputation amongst their people, Multi-National Forces stand by lending support.

Spc. Christopher Poe, a M203 gunner with Co. A, TF 1-21 INF, has conducted many dismounted patrols within the camp area and is glad to be out there interacting with both ethnic groups.

"It's a good relationship to have and harbor,"

Poe said. "If we can be friend both sides maybe we could end up being a good quality mediator for them and get both sides of the story."

It is also important to become familiar with the

It is also important to become familiar with the displaced Kurds who are relocating outside Kirkuk Air Base, where thousands of Soldiers, Airmen work and live, said Sgt. Joshua Chesley, a team leader with Co. A. TE 1.21 INF

team leader with Co. A, TF 1-21 INF.

"This is a big group that we don't know anything about, so we go out there to find out what

they are doing, what their problems are and try to help them," Chesley said.

"That and they're so close to the airfield. As far as launching rockets, it would be a very good location for them," Chesley added.

The dismounted patrols are just about a daily occurrence for the Soldiers and Iraqi Policemen. However on Aug. 20, the Soldiers and police assisted in chalking a boundary line between the displaced camp and the Arab town of Amu Shabi in order to settle an agreement involving the Kurds and Arabs.

"We went up there to put up a boundary to try to prevent those two [ethnic groups] from clashing," Chesley said. "We hired local children to chalk the boundary line, so they can feel that they are doing something for themselves rather than us doing it for them."

Because of a conflicting past amid the Kurds and Arabs, it will take time for each other to forgive and forget. Children of today may be the deciding factor in this heated rivalry that lingers all over Northern Iraq.

For now, Multi-National Forces and the Iraqi Police will intervene to ensure peace in the area until the Iraqi government determines what to do with the displaced Kurds.



Spc. Sean Kimmons

Staff Sgt. Chris Golde, a squad leader with Co. A, TF 1-21 INF, befriends a Kurdish child during a dismounted patrol within a displaced Kurdish camp in northwest Kirkuk Aug. 19.

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The bazaar can be a fascinating place as this thoroughfare demonstrates. Venders are eager to show off their wares to Kandahar Compound residents. Shoppers can dicker to get the prices they want.

By Sgt. 1st Class Matthew Fearing and Spc. Claudia Bullard 105th Mobile Public Affairs Det.

KANDAHAR AIR FIELD, Sir, a very good price. It is the voice of a vendor as he waves his hand above his wares arrayed on a table. He is polite yet insistent with a passing Soldier who takes a glance to consider

The two men begin to dicker over the price of a watch. Similar bargaining occurs at several displays in the Kandahar Air Field bazaar held each

Saturday just inside the outer gate.

the Afghan's offering.

The bazaar offers the Kandahar Air Field denizens a variety of bargains for the smart shopper. DVDs, knives, watches, lapis jewelry, antique firearms, and rugs are among the many treasures that can be purchased for a fraction of the price one would pay in the United

One Soldier revealed that she bought a Cashmere scarf that would demand \$250 in the U.S. for a mere \$20.

Since only a certain number of shoppers are allowed into the bazaar at a time, residents of the Kandahar compound must line up and wait to enter. Sgt. 1st Class Darian Hayes, C Company, 528th Engineer Battalion, noted this day's wait was relatively short. "It wasn't too bad," he said as he was allowed to enter. "I had to wait about thirty minutes. One time I had to wait an hour and a half to get in."

Sgt. 1st Class Keith Hall, 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment, came away from the bazaar with glass figures, two DVD collections, an "excellent marble desk set" according to Hall, and sev-

Hall said he was shopping for himself. "I collect stuff from around the world," said Hall who has also been to bazaars in Orgun-e and Shkin, "That way I can decorate a different room in my house for each country I've been to."

Chief Warrant Officer Tim Gaby, 221st Ordnance Company, left the bazaar with a small rug slung over his shoulder. "I got a great deal on a rug." he said with a grin. "And I got to barter."

Gaby compared the bazaar to flea markets back home in Wawaka, Ind. He pointed out two differences, though. 'They're similar, but this is hotter. And you don't do as much bargaining."

Visitors came to the bazaar for a variety of reasons. Some came to shop for Christmas gifts, others for themselves and still others just to see what it was all

Sgt. Simmie Brown, HSC, 528th Engineer Battalion, stopped to look at some knives a vendor held out to him.

Brown said he was there to shop for his wife. "I have sent her a quilt and a tea set and she wants another tea set. This time copper or brass," said Brown who was also considering buying what he called 'trinkets' or small pieces of jew-

Brown also bought some compact discs for \$2 which he said was cheaper than he could get at the bazaar in Bagram.

Sgt. Alex Owen, 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit, browsed for a gift for his mother. "I'm just picking up something for Mom."

He picked up a watch and turned it in his hand. He placed back on the table.

He smiled and moved over to another dis-

As the day wore on, the sun's rays bore down on the bazaar shoppers. The traffic continued back and forth through the bazaar gate at a steady pace. A ple of Air Force Civil Air Patrol employees, Matt Marshall and Matt Axberg found respite from the heat by sharing tea with one of the rug vendors under a

As it turns out, the bazaar is more than just a shopping experience. It is also a cultural exchange of West and Middle East.



A line forms as service members wait to enter the Kandahar Air Field bazaar June 12. Several Soldiers said they only had to wait 30 minutes to get through the gate to go shopping.



Sgt. Simmie Brown, HSC, 528 Engineering Battalion, pauses to look at some weapons while in search of a tea set for his wife. Many shoppers came to buy gifts for their family.



Maj. Christopher Armour, 726 Expeditionary Air Control Squadron, and Pfc. Oscar Colindres, HHC 2-25 Aviation, look over a selection of DVDs offered at the Kandahar Air Field bazaar June 12, 2004. Shoppers can pick up a number of bargains at the bazaar.



Below: Chief Warrant Officer Tim Gaby, 221st Ordnance Company (of Wawaka, Indiana) carries an Afghan rug back to the Kandahar Air Field compound. Gaby enjoyed dickering for a good price on the rug he purchased June 12, 2004.



Sgt. 1st Class Matthew Fearing





TODAY Catwoman 7 p.m. (PG-13)

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 4 Cinderella Story 2 p.m. (PG)

> Catwoman 7 p.m. (PG-13)

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 5 Cinderella Story 2 p.m. (PG)

> Catwoman 7 p.m. (PG-13)

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 6 Closed

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 7 Closed

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 8 Closed

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 9 Closed

HICKAM MEMORIAL THEATER

TODAY The Bourne Supremacy 7 p.m. (PG-13)

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 4 The Bourne Supremacy 7 p.m. (PG-13)

SUNDAYSEPTEMBER 5 The Bourne Supremacy 7 p.m. (PG-13)

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 6 Closed

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 7 Closed

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 8 The Thunderbirds

7 p.m. (PG)

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 9 The Thunderbirds 7 p.m. (PG)

Swap Meet Shopping **Trip** – Search for a bargain at the Aloha Stadium Swap meet on Sept. 15 and 29 from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Round trip transportation will be provided from Bennett Youth Center, Schofield Barracks or Helemano Development Center, departing at 8 a.m. and returning at 1 p.m. Bring a brown bag lunch, coolers will be provided. Admission to the Swap Meet is \$.50 per person. Limited seating available,

reservations required by

noon on Sept. 14 and 28, call

656-0110 or 655-0009. 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 fun. On Sept. 9, New, Glamour Make Over, Hula, Learn 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. Preregistration for classes is required, call 655-2736.

Spouse's Night Out **Expands** – On Sept. 10, 6 - 8 p.m. Spouse's Night Out will be held at the Aliamanu Community Center. Adults will have a spa retreat while the kids have a free movie and snack. Call 438-9285 to register or for details.

Parade of Pets Participate in a parade with your pet, contests, and learn animal safety tips, information about the MWR Pet Kennels on Sept. 25 at the Tropics, building 589, on Schofield Barracks. Sign-in and late registration is at 11 a.m., parade begins at noon. Awards will be given for best in show, most unique, best dressed, best trick and many more. Entry fee is \$2 if preregistered by Sept. 15 or \$3 at the event. Registration is required, and breed restrictions may apply. Call 655-

Special Aerobic Class Offered – On Sept. 18 at 9 a.m. visit the Health and Fitness Center on Schofield Barracks to try out the NIA (neuromuscular integrative action) class. This latest trend in aerobics offers a unique blend of yoga, martial arts and dance. Class is free for members or \$3 for nonmembers. Call 655-8789 for more information.

West Side Story – A popular love story comes to Richardson Theatre on Fort Shafter, Sept. 9 - 11, 17, 18, 24 and 25. Curtain at 7:30 p.m. Tickets for adults are \$17 and \$14. Children (under 12) pay \$10 and \$8. The box office is open Monday - Friday from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Call 438-4480 for information.

West Side Story Preview - Blue Star Card special for patrons to watch the West Side Story play and eat appetizers free of charge Sept. 8 at 6:30 p.m. Round trip transportation is provided from Peterson Child Development Center on Schofield Barracks. Free child care at Peterson is also offered to Blue Star Card holders beginning at 6 p.m. Call 655-8313 for information. Transportation reservations can be made until noon Sept. 3 by calling 655-0002.

Sgt. Yano Library Closure - The Sgt. Yano Library on Schofield Barracks will be closed on Sept. 12 for its quarterly carpet cleaning. Call 655-0145 for information.

Upcoming Tropics Yu-Gi-Oh Activities Tournament Sept. 11, sign up at 11 a.m. Cost is \$5 per entry. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes will be awarded. Sept. 13 watch the Monday Night Football kickoff with weekly trivia contests, quarterback toss and giveaways. Also, from 5 - 8 p.m. that day, have all-you-can eat foot long hot dogs and a soda for \$6.

Sept. 15, participate in a National Hispanic Heritage Day celebration with story hour at 6 p.m. followed by crafts, games, piñatas and a Dora the Explorer marathon at 6:30 p.m. Call 655-0002 for information.

Hanauma Snorkeling - Ages 10 and older can snorkel on Sept. 18, from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m for \$10 per person. Round trip transportation from Schofield Barracks and snorkeling gear will be provided. Register at Richardson Pool, Schofield Barracks Physical Fitness Center or the Recreation Equipment Rental office, limited to the first 15 registrants. We will provide ice, water and snacks, bringing a bag lunch is suggested. Participants without a state ID or Kama' aina car will be charged an additional \$5 to park at the bay. Call 655-

0101 for information. Labor Day Family Picnic - Feast on barbequed ribs or chicken along with a selection of picnic favorites Sept. 4, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Nehelani on Schofield Barracks. Kids will receive free hotdogs with a meal purchase and can play on inflatable bouncers. Call

655-0660 for information. Commissary Dash N' **Grab** – Enter for a chance win the next Commissary Dash N' Grab event scheduled for Sept. 30 at 7:30 a.m. Entry boxes are located at the Schofield Barracks Commissary, Army Community Service or Tropics. Three finalists

will be chosen at the September Town Hall meeting. MWR Blue Star Card members are automatically entered to win. Finalists will be notified. Open to active duty families and spouses. This event will be held quarterly. Event is sponsored by Actus Lend Lease, DECA and MWR. Call 438-0117 for informa-

Hui O' Na Wahine gains new members



Beverly Polin and Susan Davis apply for membership at the Hui O' Na Wahine membership and community sign up night Monday at the Nehelani on Schofield Barracks.

HACN TV2 Schedule | September 3-9

Morning	
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6:00	Sign On		Evening
6:30	Fit for Life	6:00	Voting Assist Program '04
7:00	Bulletin Board	6:03	Community Focus
7:30	Shamu-The Bird Story	6:14	Bulletin Board
8:00	Pentagon Channel	6:47	Army Values - Respect
9:00	Pentagon Channel	6:53	OIF Photo Montage 3
10:00	VATV	7:00	NFL-Turf Talk 95
10:30	OIF Photo Montage 7	8:00	OEF Deployment Ceremony
10:46	Bulletin Board	8:30	OEF Deployment Luau
11:16	Dash and Grab	8:50	History of JAG
11:30	Hawaii Hidden Beauty, Danger	9:00	ASAP-Smoking
11:50	OIF Photo Montage 6	9:30	Oakland Army Base
12:00	Pentagon Channel	10:00	Youth Protection
		11:00	NFL-Greatest Games 77AFC
		12:12	Bulletin Board
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2:02	Afternoon Hurricane Safety		
		12:12	Bulletin Board
		11:00	NFL-Greatest Games 7
12:00	Pentagon Channel	10:00	Youth Protection
11:50	OIF Photo Montage 6	9:30	Oakland Army Base
11:30	Hawaii Hidden Beauty, Danger	9:00	ASAP-Smoking

2:28 OIF Photo Montage 2 Shamu-Whale and Dolphin Story 2:30

3:00

Shamu-Animal Rescue 3:40 Oahu-Aloha Begins

3:50 OIF Photo Montage 5

4:00 Pentagon Channel

Top Civilian on CJTF 76 staff leaves his mark in Afghanistan

By Spc. Francis Horton CJTF-76 Public Affairs

AIRFIELD, BAGRAM Afghanistan—Sitting in the back of a non-descript office in the Joint Operations Center is the power behind resources in Afghanistan.

That man is Herbert Morikawa, a Hawaii native from Honolulu. After five months in country as the director of resources for Combined Joint Task Force 76, he is headed home, but not without some regret.

"It's bittersweet," he said wistfully. "Many of these people are like family to me.'

Hawaii, Back in Morikawa's job is the same. As a Department of Army civilian Schofield \mathbf{at} Barracks, the only differences in Afghanistan are the urgency of resources needed, danger of being in a war zone and impact of my job, he said.

Morikawa said he started working in resource management when an internship opened with DA at Schofield Barracks, and he was hired. Since then, he has worked

in resource management for the past 31 years.

"I enjoy making things happen," Morikawa said.

Morikawa is a volunteer deployed to Afghanistan. His friends and family have both asked the question every person who volunteers overseas to support an army at war. Why?

In a letter home to his daughter, he describes his patriotism and loyalty to his country, and his wish to be with the Soldiers from the

"I thought it was my duty to come out here," he said with pride in his voice.

A farewell dinner was held here for Morikawa two days before he was scheduled to leave. Though the meal was exactly what every other service member was eating in the dining facility, the company and conversation were much better than usual.

"Herb represents the excellence in the team," said Brig. Gen. Charles Jacoby, Commanding General (Support) of CJTF-



Herbert Morikawa, US Army Garrison, Hawaii DoD civilian employee from Honolulu, tries on a local Afghan hat given to him at his farewell dinner, after five months in country as the director of resources for Combined Joint Task Force 76.

Morikawa and the work he has done for the 25th Infantry Division (Light).

"I have the highest confidence because of what he's done," beamed Col. Chuck Cardinal, CJTF-76 chief of staff. "His contributions to us are endless."

Once all the speeches were finished, parting gifts were bestowed from his office-

Keeping with Hawaii tradition, leis were draped around his neck and hugs exchanged. There was also a native Afghan hat given to him, which he donned immediately with a grin.

At the end of his speech, he assured his friends he would not stop thinking about them or the unforgettable time he had in Afghanistan.

"Every time I put on my uniform, I try to be like the Soldiers in Tropic Lightning,' Morikawa said with a smile.

departed Morikawa Afghanistan this week for home before the rest of the 25th ID (L). He guaranteed his co-workers he would be there for them when they return to Hawaii.

"I'll be at the airport giv-Everyone at the dinner ing my Hooahs," Morikawa had good things to say about said with a laugh.

Happy 90th Birthday, Sgt. Maj. O'Reilly

By Joy Boisselle Staff Writer

The 1st and Battalions of the 27th Infantry Regiment Wolfhounds and their families celebrated the 90th birthday of Honorary Regimental Sgt. Maj. (Ret.) Hugh F. O'Reilly Aug. 27 at the Nehelani at Schofield Barracks.

O'Reilly received well wishes from around the world including messages and presents from Soldiers deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan.

'Sgt. Maj. O'Reilly, while your efforts may go unmentioned at times, they are never unnoticed," said Col. Dave McKenna. On behalf of the 25th Infantry Division (Light) command, McKenna presented O'Reilly with a framed archive photo from the late 40's of O'Reilly and a child from the orphanage.

O'Reilly began his service with the Wolfhounds in 1948 in Osaka, Japan. He is credited with creating and maintaining a more than 50-year relationship between the Wolfhounds and the children of the Holy Family Home Orphanage. As a sign of their respect and love, the children of the home sent O'Reilly more than 100 handmade birthday cards.

He reflected on his years of service including a 3-year stint in the Army from 1932-1935, and his service during World War II as a Marine. Although proud of those years, O'Reilly said, "I am proudest of being a Wolfhound, a respected member of a unit with an unparalleled combat record and a member of the finest regiment in the United States

Cpl. Matthew Proctor, 1st Battalion, said, "He is important Wolfhounds, he is part of our tradition, and he is a living connection to our

past. O'Reilly's importance connection



tal Sgt. Maj. Hugh F. O'Reilly by giving him a 90th birthday celebration at the Nehelani at Schofield Barracks Aug. 27. First Lts. Robert Benson and Brandon Torres steady the cake as O'Reilly makes a wish.

Wolfhound Soldiers was evident in the tributes prepared for him by both deployed battalions. 1st Battalion., in Iraq, sent a slide show of Soldiers holding up signs of birthday greetings, including well wishes from Sgt. Maj. of the Army Kenneth O. Preston. Lt. Col. Walter Piatt, commander, 2-27 Inf. Rgt.., sent a plaque in the shape of Afghanistan and a letter.

"We follow your example and press on with no fear," Piatt wrote. "No fear on earth" is the regiment's motto. As part of his duties, O'Reilly briefs new Soldiers on the motto's meaning and the responsibilities behind it.

Of the event, "We wanted to let sergeant major know how special he is to the regiment," said 1st Lt. Robert Benson, 2-27 Inf.

Rgt.. rear detachment commander. Even though the unit is deployed, O'Reilly comes to nearly every regimental event and still maintains offices at each battalion headquarters.

Benson added, "He builds Soldier pride in our unit." The Wolfhound's associ-

ation with the Holy Family Home in Japan was a life-defining moment for O'Reilly. Without realizing it, he said, the children of the orphanage carried him

"It has been a life goal for me to see what I could do for them," he said. Hundreds and hundreds of Japanese men and women and former children of the orphanage, know the heart of the American Soldier, O'Reilly

"I found a goal for my life; dedicated myself to it, and many wonderful things happened," he said referring to the Wolfhounds and orphans. His advice to others was, "have a goal and try all your life to do the best you know how."

Overwhelmed by the tribute, and displaying the modesty and selflessness he is noted for, O'Reilly said, "God knows that the story isn't O'Reilly, it's Wolfhounds." Many would argue that the O'Reilly-Wolfhound stories are inseparable; one would not be complete without the other.

"There is nobody in the world betterWolfhound Soldiers and Wolfhound families," he

added.

Lightning Spirit Eternity and Ethics:

How you can turn the other cheek

By Chap. (Capt.) Thomas J. Faichney U.S. Army Hawaii Garrison Chaplain

"Superstition." whispered the Japanese sergeant into the ear of Dusty, one of his Christian POWs, just before nailing him to a cross. So goes a scene from To End All Wars, a challenging movie with Kiefer Sutherland.

It is based on the actual internment by the Japanese of the 93rd Battalion of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, an elite British infantry unit, from the fall of Singapore in 1942 to the end of World War II.

Placed in a crucible of persecution and tyrannical oppression, it would seem that their ability to turn the other cheek, and to forgive their enemies would be impossible.

And yet that is what unfolded in this brutal prison camp in Burma-Siam. Why? It is because "the eternal pierced the tem-

Now you might ask, Chaplain, what does that mean?' It means that I can turn the other cheek today because of what Christ has secured for me in eternity.

When the Apostle Peter says not to repay evil with evil, but with blessing instead (1 Peter 3:9), he bases it on Christ's taking the penalty for my sin on the cross and securing eternity with God, or Heaven, through his resurrection (1 Peter 3:17-22).

When others do you harm, and cause you pain and embarrassment, perhaps even for doing the right thing, do not be quick to return the favor, bless them instead.

This is not easy in and of myself. When I am not treated fairly, I know what my first response has been, and often still is. I want to repay evil for evil. I do not want to go the second mile with the person who has forced me to go with him one. I would rather have my temporal justice and feel good through immediate

For example, I want to 'strangle" the guy who cuts me off on the freeway. But this always consumes my soul and causes me to do

violence to the dignity of that person, either through saying bad things about him, or doing wrong things to him. It hardens my heart in the long run and harms the other person. Taking justice into my own hands perpetuates the cycle of evil.

So how do I do it? How did the soldiers in the Burma-Siam jungle manage to turn the other cheek? How can all of us as Soldiers and spouses and even children bless those who curse us?

When we are called to lay our life down for our country, for our families, friends and neighbors what motivates and sustains this sacrificial service?

For the Christian, it is the certain knowledge of the eternal God piercing the temporal as a man (Jesus) and, because he did this, he secured forgiveness and the promise of Heaven.

It is realizing the power of God's eternal love working in me and through me here and now because of what Christ has accomplished and what He has promised. I can forgive because I have been forgiven. I can repay blessings for curses because my curse has been taken away and blessing has been gifted in its place.

Here and now there are proper avenues for justice. The guilty often are held accountable in this life and that is some comfort. God has placed governments in positions to provide justice on this earth and that is what good governments do.

Good laws guide good governments and these laws must be based on something. Is that something "superstition" or is it faith in a holy God who has blessed us with the knowledge of himself and his will for us?

As a nation we have been, and are in, the business of responding to temporal tyranny with freedom because of this ultimate

If it were not so we would become the oppressors ourselves. Eternity in our hearts is how and why we turn the other cheek.

It is how and why we can go the extra mile in Iraq, Afghanistan and here at

AMR Chapel announces new fall line up

By Kathy Hudson Whalen Religious Education Director AMR Chapel

As we get ready to go back to school, we start practice for sports and in the same way, we need to get ready to head back to church and the many fall programs that are offered. Here in Hawaii we have to imagine the crisp air and the smell of burning leaves that many of us remember from our childhood. It's a great time - you feel like you're on the brink of new discoveries! Join us at AMR Chapel as we discover how God is moving in our lives and what He is calling us to do in our daily life and in the lives of others.

As the religious education director, I can say that God is setting things in motion here at the AMR Chapel. There is a spirit of excitement as we work together and watch how God is touching people's lives. We have something for everyone and we are working hard to meet people's needs spiritually, emotionally and physically. These are trying times for everyone and we want folks to know they can come to the Chapel and find meaning and purpose in their life through a relationship with God.

The fall line up begins in September. There are classes and programs for women, men, youth, children, singles, couples and families. We provide child care through the STACC Sites, which is based here at the Chapel. Children must be registered through the STACC Site and the registration is free if you tell them it is for the Chapel STACC Site. Call 833-5393 for information and an appointment. Leave your name and phone number so that a staff member can call you back.



- Sunday's at 8:30 a.m. Catholic Mass, 9:45 a.m. Contemporary Protestant Worship, and 12:15 p.m. Gospel Woship service.
- ·Sunday School 11 a.m. to noon begins Sunday, Sept. 12 for children ages 3 years – 12th grade and three Bible studies
- •Catholic CCD Classes 9:45-10:45 begins Sunday, Oct. 3 for children ages 4 years – 12th grade.
- ·Protestant Women of the Chapel, or PWOC, meets on Tuesday from 9 - 11:30 a.m. starting Sept. 7
- •Tuesday's from 5:30 7:30 p.m. is Family Night at the Chapel. Potluck begins at 5:30 p.m. followed by Bible study classes at 6 p.m. There is free child care for nine-months-old to age four. Children and youth group meets and there are three adult Bible study classes. RCIA and My Spouse is Deployed groups also meet.
- •Military Council of Catholic Women (MCCW) meet on Thursday's from 9 –11:30 a.m. starting now. The fall Bible study, "Woman of Grace - a Bible Study for Married Women" by Michaelann Martin begins Thursday, Sept. 9. MCCW is open to women from all ranks and services.

Call 833-8175 or 839-4319 for more information about AMR Chapel programs.

Hui Craft Fair was informative, interesting

By Chandra Lewis Contributing Writer

Whether work or play at night or day, the Fort Shafter Hui O'Wahine Spouse's Club annual Craft and Information Fair had something for everyone. Held Aug. 25, the Hale Ikena on Fort Shafter was transformed into a bustling marketplace.

Military ID card holders and family members snacked on refreshments, participated in raffle prize drawings, and collected freebies while perusing more than 50 different booths offering everything from handmade ceramics to custom made jewelry to information on various community activities.

For those who were looking for a way to make friends and become involved in the community, information was readily available. There was membership information from booths operated by members of the Joint Spouses Conference, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Aliamanu Chapel or one of several Hui O'Wahine tables.

If one wanted to get away from it all, they could stroll over to the Hale Koa booth. Opportunities to support deployed troops were available by purchasing items at a display booth operated by one of the participating Family Readiness Groups.

Artists showcased art, theater representatives promoted events, independent beauty consultants offered makeovers, and several other independent home-party retailers sold goods. This craft and information fair was a one-stop

Shopping was not the only focus of those attending this fair. Those new to the Hawaii military community, like the Lorey family of Kaneohe, used the event to gather needed information.

"We came here to get information on all of the community organizations in the area," Lynbeth Lorey stated. When asked which was his favorite, 7-year-old Jack Lorey, exclaimed, "Boy Scouts!"

With more than 20 military and community organizations on hand from all over the island, there were plenty to choose from. Some display booths, like the one

Detective Miles Jung, were to edu-

the increase in cases of identity

theft in Hawaii," said Jung during his demonstration, "so I am here to explain ways that you can protect against it." Other organizations, the Honolulu Symphony Orchestra or the Fort Shafter Bowling Center, offered entertainment or leisure activities.

The Red Cross and Army Community Services, which count on volunteers for their day-to-day activities, showed the many services they provide to the military community and reached potential volunteers.

The Fort Shafter Hui O' Wahine's fundraisers enabled the organization to award more than \$20,000 in welfare funds and academic scholarships last year. Those interested in becoming members should contact Amanda Purdom at 234-2816 or Beth Roussel at 839-2458.

Active membership in the Fort Shafter Hui O' Wahine is open to spouses of active duty and Reserve military members, spouses of DoD and Red Cross civilian employees and female active duty service memmanned by Honolulu Police bers. Spouses of military retirees and widows of active duty and military retirees are offered associate "The public needs to be aware of membership. Membership costs \$20

Soldiers in Afghanistan inducted into Sgt. Audie Murphy Club



Club.

By Spc. Daniel P. Kelly CJTF-76 Public Affairs

AIR FIELD, **BAGRAM** Afghanistan - Soldiers of the 25th Infantry Division (Light) were formally inducted into the Sgt. Audie Murphy Club during a ceremony at the Clamshell Aug. 23.

Staff Sgt. Arnold Guzman, Secretary of the Combined Joint Staff for Combined Joint Task Force 76 noncommissioned officer in charge, was one NCO inducted. "It's a great accomplishment,"

Guzman said. "But more importantly, it gives me the chance to inspire my Soldiers and my peers to challenge, and improve themselves."

The challenge Guzman and 17 other NCO inductees faced involved weeks of preparation for the Sgt. Audie Murphy Board.

"We went through a month of study groups and studied about four hours a week," Guzman said.

At the board, the NCOs were asked questions about their military knowledge, and about Audie Murphy, the most highly decorated

Soldier in U.S. history. Soldiers who completed the board were recognized with the honor of becoming honorary members of the Sgt. Audie Murphy

"The pressure of not knowing whether or not I was selected was the hardest part of the board,"

During the ceremony individual NCOs recited the Soldier's Creed and Creed of the Noncommissioned Officer in a "surround sound" fashion. Parts of the creeds were recited on all sides of spectators watching the ceremony.

Inductees received the Sgt. Audie Murphy Club medallion, club card, certificate and Combined Joint Task Force 76 leaders Maj. Gen. Eric T. Olson, commander, and Command Sgt. Maj. Franklin G. Ashe, command sergeant major.

Sgt. Audie Murphy Club inductees from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 25th ID (L) included Sergeants 1st Class Pamela Smith and Michael Sutterfield; Staff Sergeants Tammie Campbell, Arnold Guzman, Rafael Torres; and Sgt. Annette Laulusa.

Inductees from 58th Military Police Company included Staff Sergeants Jose Gomez, Curtis Harris, Wendell Jackson, Clint Kramer, Danilyn Lewis and Benson Thomas. .

Inductees from 13th MP Co. included Staff Sergeants Chadwick Deal and Clavis Gilbert. Staff Sgt. Alma Alexander with 725 Main Support Battalion, Staff Sgt. Brice Henry from 125th Signal Bn., and Staff Sergeants Richard Bush and Craig Lyle from the 551st MP Co. out of Fort Campbell, Ky., were also

Staff Sgt. Jose Gomez, 58th Military Police Company MP, stands with his peers after induction into the Sgt. Audie Murphy Club.

Combat stress symptoms may vary among war vets

Bv Rudi Williams American Forces Press Service

Mental health experts don't know what combat stress reactions to expect from service members returning from the war in Iraq. And it's not just stress reactions from actual combat, according to Army Lt. Col. (Dr.)

Elspeth Cameron Ritchie. Some could be disturbed or demoralized by stressors from the consequences of combat, such as handling remains of civilians, enemy soldiers or U.S. and allied personnel. Or they could come from dealing with POWs, witnessing homes and villages destroyed by bombing or a number of other battlefield stressors.

"Combat stress reactions, which are psychological reactions to fierce combat or operations other than war, are both physical and psychological," said Ritchie, program director for Department of Defense's mental health policy and women's issues for the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs. "Physical reactions are things like your hands sweating and trembling and your heart racing, or a need to go to the bathroom a lot.'

The psychological reactions include things like anxiety, hypervigilance, difficulty concentrating, or sleeping, irritability and sadness. Ritchie emphasized that combat stress reactions are normal reactions to abnormally stressful or traumatic situa-

However, Ritchie, a psychiatrist, said, "If these reactions go on for long periods of time or get in the way of job performance, it's important to get treatment.'

She said Soldiers and

Marines can recognize in themselves or their buddies the anxiety and irritability that combat stress reactions can cause.

"When things get in the way of functioning, that's when a little more help is needed," Ritchie noted.

Some people returning Operation Iraqi Freedom may not want to talk about what happened for a while, she pointed out.

Signs that a returning service member is having genuine difficulty, she said, could include temper outbursts, detachment or general difficulty interacting with family members. A loved one who seems to be having a hard time adjusting to life back at home, Ritchie said, should be encouraged to talk to a mental health profession-

The extent of psychological reactions service members might have from Iraq is unknown

"What we may see is people who are repeatedly seeing the images of battle," Ritchie

She pointed out that

stress and PTSD - nightmares, insomnia, anxiety, numbness, hypervigilance and intrusive thoughts."

Some service members may have only some symptoms of PTSD and have difficulty functioning. Some people may be troubled by an occasional nightmare, which isn't classified as PTSD.

"But other folks might feel that they're so scared that they can't get to work," she said. "That is a problem, and we want them to seek treatment."

However, she said some of these reactions are common; therefore, she doesn't advocate necessarily seeking treatment immediately.

"If the symptoms keep going on, such as nightmares night after night, they should seek help," Ritchie said.

Some health providers and family members make the common mistake of encouraging people to talk about everything that happened before the patient is ready to talk, Ritchie noted.

"I wouldn't push the returning Soldier or Marine Marine weren't part of. So often there is some friction when the Soldier or Marine gets home.

"Families should expect a little bit of friction so it doesn't spook them," she said. "So, they don't think, 'Oh, no! My marriage is coming apart!' It's part of the reintegration process."

Modern day transportation plays a major role in creating the problem, she noted.

"In World War I and World War II and Korea, people came home by ship that took two or three weeks," Ritchie said. "They had a chance to get rested and talk to their unit about what had happened and prepare to reintegrate with the family.

"Nowadays, people have been on the battlefield one day and maybe at home or

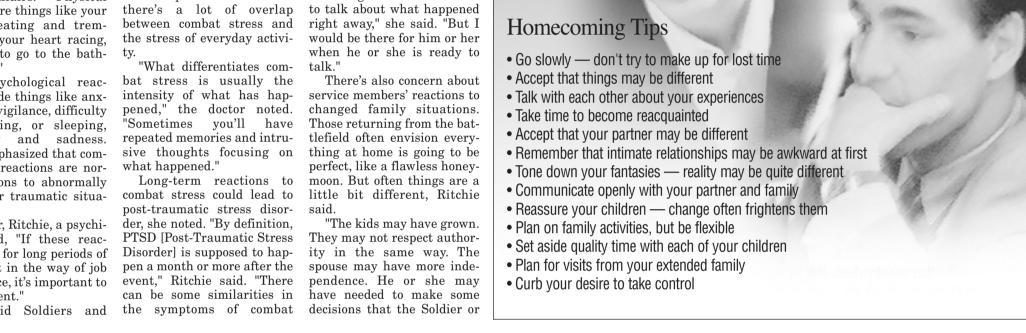
the shopping mall in a day or two. That reintegration is just a little bit too fast. In some cases, it could be jar-

(Editor's Note: If you feel the need to talk to someone about your deployment experiences or need information on where to seek physical and mental care, there are several resources available.

Many family support centers on installations as well as chaplains and other clergy members in your local communities provide one-on-one counseling and group sessions with licensed, professional counselors. Mental health services that are available through your TRICARE medical benefits are also a resource to call if you need them. Log on to the TRICARE Web site at http://www.tricare.osd.mil.

The Deployment Health Clinical Center at Walter Reed Army Medical Center joins with veterans, their families and their providers in an effort to find answers, improve health care and enhance quality of life after military deployments. You can reach them by calling toll-free (866) 559 - 1627 or the Web http://www.pdhealth.mil.

Another resource is the Direct Hotline for Service Members, Families and Veterans where contact managers are able to assist in answering deployment-related questions. You can call the toll-free hotline number (800) 497 - 6261 Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.







Schofield Barracks celebrates women's equality day



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litionist and freed slave, who

advocated women's rights

who marched onto battle-

fields to aid Union Soldiers

and also founded the

fought for equal rights, like

Mary Bethune Cookman,

renowned educator; and

Barbara Streisand, director

health and beauty organiza-

tions set up booths at the

event and were given certifi-

Vendors from various

There were others who

American Red Cross.

and performing artist.

and emancipation of slaves.

Sojourner Truth, an abo-

•Clara Barton, a pioneer,

the earth for 188 days.

Maj. Chris Stenman, 732nd MI Co., runs with daughters Bekka, 9, and Emma, 7, during the Women's Equality Celebration 5K Run and Walk Saturday at Stoneman Field, Schofield Barracks.

Sharee Moore Assistant Editor

Two hundred and fifty pairs of feet toed the starting line of the 5K run that launched the Women's Equality Day Celebration on Schofield Barracks Aug. 28.

The morning's events culminated with a speech by Denby Fawcett, local author and broadcast journalist.

In addition to the fruits and pastries available to participants, there was a static display hailing many bastions of women's equality

•Shannon Wells Lucid, a U.S. scientist and astronaut,

were also given to the top three male and female race finishers in each age group. In 1971, Congress desig-

cates of appreciation. Awards

nated Aug. 26 as Women's Equality Day in commemoration of the 19th Amendment, ratified Aug. 26, 1920, which locked in a woman's right to vote. Aug. 26 is a time for American citizens to honor those who fought for women's suffrage, and for those who continue the fight for equal

At the Seneca Falls Convention in 1848, supporters of women's suffrage, marched, lobbied and suffered for American women. Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Lucretia Mott led the movement and their vision has advanced the call for equal rights.

In 2004, American women continue to make a difference in the community, at home and in the work force. Their accomplishments in business, health, science, education, athletics and other areas have reinforced and made this country better.

The grit and determination of the American woman is exemplified in many fields, but especially in those serving in the Armed Forces. The American government champions opportunity for all, and Aug. 26 was a day to commend those women who have helped make opportunity equal.

Women's Equality Day is one of eight annual observances recognized by the government and the 115th Military Intelligence Group organized this year's event. The race was held Saturday, instead of Aug. 26 to encourage maximum participation in the day's festivities.

U.S., Afghan women celebrate equality

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BAGRAM AIR FIELD. Afghanistan - For most American women, a time when they were secondclass citizens not allowed to vote, much less attend school and have most of the same opportunities afforded to them as men is a distant memory.

For the women Afghanistan, equality is just beginning.

"The magnitude Women's Equality Day is realized for American servicewomen deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, Afghanistan," said Lt. Col. Jennifer Caruso, Combined Joint Task Force 76 equal opportunity program manager.

"The Department of Defense mandates that all military services will recognize certain observances throughout the year and one of those is Women's Equality day," Caruso said.

For 33 years, Women's Equality Day has celebrated the anniversary of Aug. 26, 1920 - the day American women were constitutionally guaranteed right to vote.

"We are celebrating Women's Equality Day here on the military base at Bagram at a grassroots level with a 10K run and Tshirts recognizing the struggle to gain the right to vote," Caruso said.

This year will mark the beginning of a new legacy for Afghanistan. The country is holding a democratic election for the first time. Both men and women will go to the polls on Oct. 9, a day that will mark the beginning of an era for Afghans – an era of freedom and democracy. Gaining

the right to vote is especially significant for the women of Afghanistan who have lived under harsh and oppressive regimes for decades.

Afghan women are not taking their new voting rights for granted. Estimates show 90 percent of the Afghan population has registered to vote. Figures show Afghan women are rejoicing over their newfound freedom. Of the 10 million Afghans registered to vote, 40 percent, or four million, are women.

Under the Taliban, who U.S. and Coalition Forces ousted from power in 2001, women in Afghanistan were not allowed out of their homes without a male-relative escort. They could not go to school, let alone work or vote.

Caruso parallels present day events in Afghanistan to the early suffrage movements in America.

"When America came together and ratified, through law, basic civil rights for all citizens, like giving blacks and women the right to vote, then other doors opened. When blacks and women were afforded the opportunity in America to own property, the door opened for them to become full citizens. As generations have passed, those basic liberties aren't an issue in America any more."

Liberty, freedom, and democracy are not just American ideals. Many people in different parts of the world crave freedom, a human ideal. The coming democratic election is just the beginning for the people of Afghanistan. The right to vote will open many doors and opportunities for Afghan women just as it did for American women.



Afghan women register to vote in Kandahar City voter registration center. So far, ten million people have registered to vote throughout Afghanistan, forty percent being women.