



Gold Star Families and military, state and community representatives hold hands and sing “Hawaii Aloha” at the conclusion of the groundbreaking ceremony for a Gold Star Families Memorial Monument, Monday, at Hawaiian Memorial Park Cemetery.

Groundbreaking held for Gold Star Monument

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KANEOHE — As the nation paused to remember the 16th anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks on Monday, a smaller group gathered at Hawaiian Memorial Park Cemetery, here, to break ground on the site of a future Gold Star Families Memorial Monument.

The monument, to be located at the entrance to the veterans’ section of the cemetery, would honor those from Hawaii who died in service to their country. It would also recognize the sacrifice made by their family members.

“As we come together as a nation to remember those 3,000 people who lost their lives on 9/11, we also remember those individuals who lost their lives fighting for our freedom,” said the Rev. Wayne Surface, pastor at Ohana Baptist Church and chairman of the Gold Star Families Memorial Monument Committee.

“Those individual losses are just as important as the 3,000 lost on 9/11. The families of those individuals need their own monument,” he said.

Judge Ed Kubo, the committee’s honorary chairman, quoted from the Book of John in the Bible, reminding those gathered that there is “no greater love than to lay down one’s life for one’s friends,” which is what the Gold Star Families’ service members had done.

“Many have laid down their lives not just for American values, but for the person on their left and the person on their right,” he added. “We’re here not only to celebrate the lives of those who have given the ultimate sacrifice for our freedoms, but to honor their families.”

Hawaii State Rep. Ken Ito, whose district includes Kaneohe and Kailua and who chairs the Committee on Veterans, Military & International Affairs in the State House of Representatives, said Gold Star Families have the full support



Image courtesy of Gold Star Families Memorial Monument Committee. The above rendering depicts what the completed Gold Star Families Memorial Monument will look like at Hawaiian Memorial Park Cemetery.

of the state legislature.

“We may disagree about a lot of things, but when it comes to veterans’ issues there’s no disagreement,” he said.

Cathy Ignacio, a Gold Star spouse and the coordinator of the Survivor Outreach Services Program on Schofield Barracks, said the memorial monument would help Gold Star Families on their journey of healing.

“We want to know our fallen will never be forgotten, no matter how many years go by,” she said. “Thirty years could go by, and this monument will still be here as a physical reminder.”

Gold Star spouse MacKenzie Scobie

Right — Gold Star Families stand with state and Army officials at the site of the groundbreaking for a Gold Star Families Memorial Monument at Hawaiian Memorial Park Cemetery, Monday. The Gold Star Families Memorial Monument Committee is currently accepting donations to help complete the project.

attended the ceremony with her children, Duke Scobie, 8, and Drew Scobie, 3. She said her family had cremated and scattered the ashes of her late husband, Hawaii Army National

Support Hawaii’s Gold Star Families

Hawaiian Memorial Park Cemetery donated the land on which the Gold Star Memorial Monument will be built, but the Gold Star Families Memorial Monument Committee still needs to raise approximately \$150,000 for the monument itself.

The Hershel Woody Williams Medal of Honor Foundation will provide \$5,000 in matching seed money. To donate, visit hwwmohf.org/Kaneohe-hi.html or goldstarmonumenthawaii.org.

Guard Sgt. Drew Michael Scobie, after he died in Afghanistan in 2014.

“With this (monument) my family will have a physical place they can come to remember him,” she said. “And so many more people can come to remember as well. I think that’s a good thing.”

The Hawaii Gold Star Families Memorial Monument is one of 50 being

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First responders stage disaster preparedness exercise at HMR

Story and photo by **KRISTEN WONG**
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HELEMANO MILITARY RESERVATION — As hurricanes Harvey and Irma are putting first responders to work on the mainland U.S., Hawaii’s emergency crews are practicing for the next time they too will face disaster.

Approximately 100 first responders from multiple agencies engaged in an incident management exercise, here, Sept. 8. It was the first time the exercise was conducted at HMR.

Police Maj. Ryan Borges, commander of HPD’s Major Events Division, was the incident commander of the Incident Management Team (IMT).

He said the groups’ objective that day was to establish the IMT and coordinate the logistical needs of disaster relief. Part of the set up included hooking up generators and testing equipment.

While at the military reservation, personnel set up a base camp in Building 619, near the fire station. Emergency vehicles were parked strategically together, police tape blocked off parts of the area and personnel pitched tents.

Borges said the exercise could potentially train personnel to be able to offer support in other locations affected by disaster. Ideally, through participation in the exercise, he said, “Our team (would be) trained enough that they could go anywhere in the country and plug right in.”



Members of the Honolulu Fire Department set up their equipment during an incident management exercise at Helemano Military Reservation, Sept. 8.

During this exercise, personnel used a scenario in which a tropical cyclone had caused the Wahiawa Dam to breach, causing 3 billion gallons of water to flood the community. Armed with laptops, maps, communications equipment and more, each department set up its own workspace.

“Practice makes perfect,” said Charles Gibbs, the fire chief for U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii. “In the event of a real emergency, you don’t want to be fumbling around trying to put stuff together.”

Gibbs acted as a military liaison for the

event. He welcomed future visits to the site.

The first responders used the National Incident Management System (NIMS) practices. In light of the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, the Federal Emergency Management Agency created the NIMS in 2003.

“It is the goal of the NIMS to provide a consistent nationwide template for all levels of government and private sector organizations to effectively work together in preparation, response and recovery from domestic incidents,” according to the NIMS guidebook.

“I’d like the public to understand that we have a system in place, a nationwide system that (we) here in Honolulu are trained for, and we’re able to deal with any potential situation or catastrophe that happens here in the islands,” Borges said.

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For more information about NIMS, visit <https://www.fema.gov/national-incident-management-system>.



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Leaders sign suicide prevention pledge

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Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Public Affairs

PEARL HARBOR — Emphasizing a message that losing even one service member to suicide is too many, leaders across the armed forces came together at the Missing Man Memorial, here, Sept. 6, to sign a proclamation declaring September as National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month.

Among the dignitaries attending was Lt. Col. John Hill, executive officer, U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii, who took his turn, among the dignitaries, to sign the proclamation that affirms the military's commitment to promote awareness, prevention and intervention of suicide.

The dignitaries were joined by special guest and Hall of Fame football player Herschel Walker, who recounted his battle with mental illness and stressed the importance of seeking and receiving help.

The proclamation states in part that Commander Navy Region Hawaii and Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam join with sister services across the island to support the efforts of the Department of Defense, local programs, state coalitions and other national organizations to increase public awareness about the importance of training to help prevention and risk factors associated with suicide.

Navy Rear Adm. Brian Fort, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, said, "If you have had responsibility of having to deal with a suicide in your command or in your home, you know how bad that hurts. I think back to the first time I had to deal with this. A young student took his life, and I had to send one of my chief petty officers to go identify him.

"Although we talked about it and we prepared for it, I couldn't prepare that chief for what he was about to do and what he was about to see. When he came back, he was never quite the same because it doesn't just impact the individual and his family, it impacts all of us," Fort said.

Walker, who admitted that in his darkest moments he used to play Russian Roulette



Army Lt. Col. John Hill, executive officer, U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii, signs a suicide prevention awareness proclamation, Sept. 6, at the Missing Man Memorial on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

with a loaded pistol, said that sometimes it's very hard to ask for help, but awareness of the support that is available may lead people to the assistance they need.

"The hardest thing is the criticism you think you're going to get from others," he said. "People think that you're going to look down on them. The thing I try to let them know is that you're not here by yourself. There are so many people that have their dark moments, but they need to understand that they can overcome those moments."

Navy Capt. Jeff Bernard, commander of JBPHH, said that if anyone finds they are in need of help, they should realize that help can be just around the corner.

"Certainly, we have the military family support center to which anybody can call day or night to talk to a person," Bernard said. "We try to instill throughout our leadership, throughout our chain of command, the need to talk to our Sailors or Airmen to make sure that, hopefully, we can identify the problem before it becomes a real problem.

"That's why I talk about hope," Bernard continued. "What can we do to get to the point where we're steering people down the right path? A positive attitude around the people we work with and around the people we care about can go a long way toward changing somebody's outlook."

While military personnel will always have the support of their leaders, Bernard said that it also helps to have high-profile people like Walker to come out and send a message that somebody cares.

"On a personal level, it's phenomenal to have a guy like Herschel Walker come and talk to you about anything," Bernard said. "If there is still in our day and age some stigma associated with it, let's eliminate it. Having people like Herschel Walker come out and talk about his own journey and how he got through that, hopefully, will send a positive message to people in a similar situation, or certainly their leadership, peers, friends, family to know when someone is asking for help, it's our responsibility to help them."

Diary of Hawaii Soldier on display at Army museum

U.S. ARMY MUSEUM OF HAWAII
News Release

FORT DERUSSY — The U.S. Army Museum of Hawaii recently accepted a donation associated with Staff Sgt. James S. Nishi, a Soldier from Hawaii who served during the Korean War.

Of particular interest is the diary he kept while deployed to Korea.

The entries span over a year of service from Sept. 10, 1950 – just days before Gen. Douglas MacArthur led the landing at Inchon – through Nov. 15, 1951, the Soldier's "long awaited day of rotation" out of Korea.

Nishi, an engineer supply specialist, was assigned to the Engineer Section of the X Corps Headquarters. He became the noncommissioned officer in charge of the S-1 section and was eventually tasked with establishing several engineer supply dumps.

Although brief, Nishi highlighted important events of the "forgotten war."

One entry is dated Sept. 15, 1950, the beginning of Operation Chromite. With the intent of capturing Inchon and liberating Seoul, the newly formed X Corps, which was activated a few short weeks before the planned landing, comprised a severely understrength 7th U.S. Infantry Division and a newly assembled 1st U.S. Marine Division force, together numbering nearly 70,000 men.

The entry reads, "Reached Korea – start of history making invasion of Korea – night in bay outside Inchon."

Nishi clearly understood the importance of this "magnificent gamble" of an operation; yet, he did choose not to elaborate on what that might mean for him as a deployed Soldier.

Nishi also experienced one of the greatest sea evacuations in history. By December, the X Corps found itself in the bitter cold northeastern mountains, resisting the advancing Communist forces.

Sometimes compared to the World War II evacuation of allied troops at Dunkirk, the evacuation at Hungnam required the repositioning of troops under the threat of overwhelming enemy forces. In addition to



Photo courtesy of U.S. Army Museum of Hawaii
Staff Sgt. James S. Nishi (center) poses for the camera with his fellow Soldiers.

the relocation of 105,000 troops and 91,000 Korean refugees, the seaborne evacuation called for the removal of all equipment and supplies.

Nishi, not too sad to be leaving Hungnam, focused much of his attention on that elusive luxury that every Soldier yearns for – a good night's sleep.

Plunging winter temperatures are a common theme in the diary. A November 1950 entry states, "Our room is like a refrigerator. Think I'll have to sleep with an ice pick tonight so that I can pick my way out from my sleeping bag. ... The North Pole must be around here somewhere."

By Jan. 21, the temperatures had not improved.

"This is supposed to be the coldest day in Korea – in my opinion it is. ... The wind is icy and goes right to your bones," Nishi said, and then by March he wrote, "I practically froze during the night."

Nishi's thoughts also turned to his home in Hawaii. On July 22, 1951, he wrote, "Home ought to look mighty nice after all this," and on Nov. 11, 1951, "... We checked

our so-called 'locator card.' It's nothing but your name, rank, serial number, and that if you are eligible to be rotated to the states. Naturally, everybody said, 'yes,' except me. I want to go back to Hawaii."

The last full diary entry, dated Nov. 15, 1951, provides a satisfying conclusion. Referring to his time at the 532 Replacement Company, he took stock of his surroundings, fully appreciating the finer things in life.

"We have regular GI bunks with mattress, pillow and three blankets. The chow is excellent."

More Online

The museum is located at 2131 Kalia Road, Fort DeRussy, in Waikiki.

It's free and open to the public, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Tuesdays through Saturdays; it's closed Sundays and Mondays.

Call (808) 438-2821 or visit <https://www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil/armymuseum/visit.htm>.



Voices of Ohana

Because September is National Hispanic Heritage Month, we wondered,

Who is your favorite Hispanic author, artist, entertainer or athlete?

By U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii Public Affairs



"Jennifer Lopez. She came from a hard life and proves to women that you can do anything you set out to do."

Melissa Espe
Sgt. Yano Library Employee



"Oscar De La Hoya. He has the hands. He's a really good fighter and athlete."

Trevon Hinkle
Schofield Barracks Family Fitness Center Employee



"Antonio Banderas. He's slick; he's smooth. I liked him in 'Once Upon a Time in Mexico.'"

Pfc. Brett Julson
2nd Bn., 35th Inf. Regt., 3rd BCT, 25th ID Infantryman



"Gabriel 'Fluffy' Iglesias. His jokes are funny, and he seems down to earth."

SpC. Bikram Khadka
2nd Bn., 25th Avn. Regt., 25th CAB, 25th ID Water treatment specialist



"I loved Selena. I loved her music, her fashion, the way she danced."

LaShonda Williams
Army spouse

8th TSC’s Teeter named top transportation officer

MAJ. LINDSEY ELDER
8th Theater Sustainment Command
Public Affairs

FORT SHAFTER — A famous motto in the U.S. Army is “Nothing happens until something moves.”

Movement of military personnel, equipment and supplies to the right place at the right time takes a lot of skillful planning, analysis and intuition.

Demonstrating those qualities for the transportation challenges in the vast Pacific region are the reason Capt. Frederick Teeter was named the Transportation Corps Army Officer of the Year.

Currently serving as the planner for the 8th Theater Sustainment Command G5, here, the 2008 University of Wisconsin-Whitewater alumni and father of four joined the Army in 2003.

When he was growing up, Teeter envisioned being a policeman or a firefighter, admitting military service wasn’t on his radar. That is, it wasn’t on his radar until the 9/11 attacks motivated him to enlist on his 17th birthday.

“On 9/11, I was in high school. I saw that, and that’s why I started talking to a recruiter. I found out another good friend had joined, and he kind of talked me into it. It was the whole deal, growing up on a farm, a way to pay for college, but it felt like a sense of a duty after the attacks.

“I was a combat engineer when I was enlisted, and I wanted to be an engineer while I was in college, but at the time, the Army had a deal where you could guarantee either duty station or job if you traded extra years.”

Teeter explained, “I took the guaranteed first duty station, which was Germany, and just kind of rolled the dice with the job. They picked Transportation Corps.”

And how did the nation’s top transporter feel about that decision then? Not good. But sometimes things happen for a reason.



Courtesy photo
U.S. Army Chief of Transportation Brig. Gen. Jeffrey W. Drushal (left) presents Capt. Frederick Teeter (center) his award for his selection as the Transportation Corps Army Officer of the Year, July 12, at Fort Lee, Virginia.

“I was very disappointed at the time, but when I was given an opportunity to switch branches later, I had started to like it, so I did not change (careers).”

Movement can encompass transportation across the state, country and world. Before Teeter proved himself a master mover over rail, road, sea and sky, he was a self-described “quasi-nerdy” farm kid.

“I grew up in a very rural area and I enjoyed that. That’s why cities are foreign to me,” he said.

A 2004 graduate of Edgerton High School, he grew up with a deep affection for movies and always took his education seriously. Had he not enlisted, he thinks he would have leaned toward starting a business.

“In high school, I enjoyed management and that’s where I started taking all the

business classes, gravitating me towards that focus,” Teeter recalled.

Once in college, he joined Army ROTC as a Simultaneous Membership Program (SMP) Cadet with B Company, 397th Combat Engineer Battalion of Dodgeville, Wisconsin, and continued to foster his passion for business.

Teeter commissioned into the Transportation Corps and earned a degree in Business Management from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater in 2008.

Almost 10 years later, Teeter was presented the Regimental Transportation Officer of the Year Award by the Army Chief of Transportation, Brig. Gen. Jeffrey W. Drushal during a ceremony in July at Fort Lee, Virginia.

Seeing his achievements formally

recognized at this level was a family affair. He was accompanied by his wife and children, and his mother traveled from Wisconsin to see him receive the award.

Teeter said one of his favorite parts of being a transportation officer is that every job is different.

“My first job was managing petroleum, oil, lubricants (POL) trucks,” he said. “It was a fuel distribution company. Then I went to a line-haul distribution company, where it sounds very similar, but the problems are completely different. Then I transitioned into something like this where you’re planning for theater-wide distribution.”

(See more at www.hawaiiarmyweekly.com/2017/09/12/8th-tscs-teeter-named-top-transportation-officer-in-army/.)

311th Signal supports Eighth Army during 2017 UFG

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FORT SHAFTER – The Republic of Korea and the U.S. Combined Forces Command conducted the annual Ulchi Freedom Guardian exercise, Aug. 21-31.

Personnel from the 311th Signal Command (Theater) participated in the exercise as augmentees for the Eighth Army G6 Contingency Command Post at Camp Walker, South Korea.

The Eighth Army G6 CCP Team monitored exercise-related activity and reported significant events to the Main Command Post at Camp Humphreys, South Korea.

The augmentees filled different positions to help sustain the exercise, such as two battle captains, some help desk positions and positions attached to the Command Post Node (CPN) team. They manned two shifts, day and night, that rotated in and out. Together, the team provided 24-hour contingency communications throughout the exercise.

“This was my first exercise, and it was a rewarding experience as a battle captain. While we were operating under an exercise environment, there were simultaneous real-world events happening in North Korea,” said Nisha Chawla, 311th SC (T) G335 assistant plans and exercises officer.

“I am definitely going to push to go on more exercises like this in the future.”

UFG is designed to enhance readiness, protect the region and maintain stability on the Korean peninsula. Approximately 17,500 total U.S. service members participated this year, with approximately 3,000 arriving from off-peninsula.

U.S. forces joined ROK military forces representing all services, as well as ROK government participants.

Nine United Nations countries also participated in UFG 2017, including Australia, Canada, Colombia, Denmark, France, Italy, the Philippines, the United Kingdom and New Zealand.

“This is my third UFG this tour, and (I) have participated in UFGs and variations of it, to include its predecessor Ulchi Focus Lens (UFL), in previous Korea tours dating back to the mid-90s,” said Chief Warrant Officer 4 Billy Schultze, senior Information Services technician, Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, Eighth Army G6.

“UFG is a constantly evolving exercise as the mission set in Korea adapts to the current threat. From a Signal point of view, the technology since the ’90s, and especially in the last four years, has greatly improved to enable coalition commanders decisive capabilities.



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Kevin Bell, U.S. Army-Pacific Public Affairs
Eighth Army receives a brief in the Critical Operations Intelligence Center at CP Oscar, located on Camp Walker.

This includes the training and quality of trained Soldiers and civilians operating and maintaining this technology.”

Training exercises like UFG are carried out in the spirit of the Oct. 1, 1953, ROK-U.S. Mutual Defense Treaty, and in accordance with the Armistice for the Restoration of the South Korean State (1953).

tion of the South Korean State (1953).

These exercises also highlight the longstanding military partnership, commitment and enduring friendship between the two nations. They help to ensure peace and security on the peninsula, and reaffirm U.S. commitment to the Alliance.

94th AAMDC sharpens skills during Ulchi Freedom Guardian

MAJ. JOEL SEPPALA
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OSAN AIR BASE, South Korea — “This is only a test.”

One by one, the words broadcasted from the Big Voice echoed in the surrounding hills, here, as security forces personnel checked their public address equipment.

Amid that sound, Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and Airmen of Allied nations entered the Korean Air and Space Operations Center to begin the 2017 Ulchi Freedom Guardian exercise, often called UFG.

Among the rows and columns of hats and phones from participants of nations present inside the secure facility were the patrol caps of Sea Dragon warriors – Soldiers of the 94th Army Air and Missile Defense Command.

fense Command.

The Sea Dragons’ purpose on the Korean peninsula upon arrival was to establish effective command and control of integrated air and missile defense resources that defend identified critical assets against air and missile threats.

Command Sgt. Maj. John Foley, the senior enlisted adviser of the 94th AAMDC, stressed the importance of Soldiers knowing their jobs and roles in the missile defense fight. Whether missile defenders, signal Soldiers, intelligence professionals or sustainers, it is critical that each person knows how to do his or her job, and how to advise the commander from the standpoint of his or her functional area.

“We have common objectives,” said Foley referring to the American and Korean partners.

rean partners.

He remarked that mutual understanding of the culture and experience of multilateral counterparts was “most important” to facilitate accomplishment of shared goals.

Fortunately for the Sea Dragon team, U.S. Army Capt. Hana Lee, the assistant chief of war plans (current) with the 94th AAMDC, provided a critical linguistic bridge between the Americans and Koreans who sat side by side in the Combined Air and Missile Defense Operations Coordination Center (CAMDOCC).

“My Korean language skills definitely helped me do well as a battle captain

during UFG 17,” said Lee.” The ability to speak to our Republic of Korea (ROK) counterparts in their native language also allowed us to talk about things outside of the military, like our families and cultures, which enhanced camaraderie in the CAMDOCC.”

A Department of Defense news release described UFG as a “computer-simulated defensive exercise designed to enhance readiness, protect the region and maintain stability on the Korean peninsula.

(For the rest of this story, visit www.hawaiiarmyweekly.com/2017/09/13/94th-aamdc-sharpens-skills-builds-ties-during-ufg/.)

JOINT MOUT IN GUAM



ANDERSON SOUTH AIR FORCE BASE, Guam — Above, 1st Lt. Liam R. Moffett talks through a radio while briefing Soldiers during joint military operations in urbanized terrain, or MOUT training, here, Sept. 2.

Moffet is a platoon commander with India Company, Battalion Landing Team, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines.

At left, Sgt. Kenneth R. Mullins patrols alongside Soldiers during the MOUT training. Mullins is a squad leader with India Co., BLT, 3rd Bn., 5th Marines.

The Soldiers are with 58th Military Police Co., 728th MP Bn., 8th MP Brigade, 8th Theater Sustainment Command.

Marines with BLT 3/5 train regularly in different environments to maintain their readiness as the Ground Combat Element of the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit.

U.S. Marine Corps photos by Cpl. Amaia Unanue

RHC-P provides forward surgical team SMEE to Malaysia

REGIONAL HEALTH
COMMAND-PACIFIC
Public Affairs

MENTAKAB, MALAYSIA — Regional Health Command-Pacific (RHC-P) continues to build relationships and strengthen security in the U.S. Pacific Command (USPACOM) area of responsibility through global health engagements.

RHC-P, in coordination with the 25th Infantry Division, sent a team of medical personnel to Malaysia, recently, to perform a bilateral military-to-military subject matter expert exchange (SMEE).

The SMEE team was a total force effort.

Personnel from RHC-P, Bassett Army Community Hospital and a U.S. Army Reserve unit, the 848th Forward Surgical Team (FST), provided lectures as well as hands-on demonstrations with scenario-based practical exercises to the Malaysian Armed Forces (MAF).

All of this was done in order to assist in the development of forward surgical capabilities.

The RHC-P team also assisted the MAF in setting priorities for follow-on activities, training and exchanges, which will strengthen the advances MAF has made in developing and sustaining medical ca-

pabilities to support combat scenarios, global peacekeeping and disaster relief efforts.

The subject matter experts presented an overview of Army operational medicine and health systems support, FST deployment criteria and operational set-up/patient flow, FST dependencies, damage control surgery, anesthesia, shock and infection control, airway management and the role of the medical noncommissioned officer.

The Malaysian team also presented lectures on their current field hospital and FST capabilities.

In the end, this was another successful Pacific region global health engagement.

The MAF leadership welcomed the exchange of information and looks forward to future SMEEs.

“This opportunity reinforced that inclusion of high-end medical engagements in tactical exercises is an effective way to conduct global health engagements,” stated Lt. Col. Scott Baird, chief, RHC-P Reserve Affairs.

“The region looks forward to future opportunities to engage with the Malaysian Armed Forces in the global health arena,” Baird added.

8th TSC keeps forces connected during Pacific Pathways

8TH THEATER SUSTAINMENT
COMMAND

FORT SHAFTER — Pacific Pathways is not a single event, but a sequenced execution of multiple exercises at the Joint Chiefs of Staff, geographic combatant command, and Army service component command levels.

The exercises are carried out through three expeditionary deployments. Each deployment links several exercises, resulting in unit deployments that are five to seven months long.

These exercises provide regional familiarization and sustained multinational engagement with allies and partner nations. They also provide U.S. Pacific Command with a continuous land force presence west of the international dateline without requiring additional bases.

Pacific Pathways contributes to the joint force by encouraging interoperability in reception, staging and onward movement (RSO) operations, and by requiring planners to communicate, synchronize, leverage and pool resources for efficiency.

A challenging region

The 8th Theater Sustainment Command is tasked with synchronizing and integrating U.S. regional and multinational sustainment operations in the Pacific.

Pacific Pathways deployments provide the 8th TSC with opportunities to conduct challenging RSO operations in 36 nations.

The Pacific region presents logisticians with a complex and unique operational



Photo by Staff Sgt. John Garver, 8th Theater Sustainment Command Public Affairs

FORD ISLAND — Soldiers from 325th Brigade Support Battalion, 3rd Bde. Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, load cargo and military vehicles on board the 8th TSC’s Logistics Support Vessel-2, the U.S. Army Vessel CW3 Harold A. Clinger, here, Aug. 10, in preparation for Pacific Pathways 16.3.

environment. Logisticians must work through 16 time zones with limited infrastructure, reduced access, cross-border security, extended lines of communication, low-capacity transportation networks, and language and interoperability challenges, all while operating in the most natural-disaster-prone area of the world.

In the dynamic geopolitical environment of U.S. Army Pacific’s area of responsibility, the strategic complexities of executing RSO cannot be understated. Relationships in the Indo-Asia-Pacific region are varied and fluid, sometimes turning from warm to cold seemingly overnight.

For example, during a 2017 Pacific Pathways deployment, the 8th TSC was days away from uploading unit equipment destined for exercise Angkor Sentinel, an exercise the United States co-hosts with the Kingdom of Cambodia, when an announcement was made that Cambodia was postponing all combined military exercises for 2017 and 2018.

Around the same time, the Republic of the Philippines announced a significant reduction in the scope of Balikatan, its annual military exercises with the United States.

Details of the reduction were not final-

ized until the U.S. Army had completed a large portion of the planned exercises of Pacific Pathways 17-1, including Cobra Gold in the Kingdom of Thailand and Foal Eagle in the Republic of Korea.

Each separate exercise of Pacific Pathways is planned with its own unique joint exercise life cycle. The 8th TSC uses the life cycle to coordinate the concept of support with participating units.

Executing combined joint RSO for multiple exercises in multiple countries requires the 8th TSC to synchronize the exercise linkages that create the “pathway” across the region and to ensure unity of the sustainment efforts.

No two Pacific Pathways deployments are alike. Each requires a tailored mix of strategic lift, Army watercraft systems (AWSs), and strategic and operational concepts of sustainment.

Pacific Pathways is an excellent way to practice expeditionary operations and to test the Department of Defense’s global infrastructure in locations that challenge both strategic planners and tactical operators.

Movements

There is nothing routine about RSO in the Pacific. U.S. Army forces cannot cross any land borders within the USARPAC area of responsibility, making every intra-theater movement strategic.

Pacific Pathways enables RSO planning and training at a level not frequently seen outside of a contingency operation.

(Read this story at www.hawaiiarmyweekly.com/2017/09/12/pacific-pathways-maintains-freedom-of-maneuver/.)

Transition Summit scheduled Oct. 10-12 at SB

TRANSITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
Directorate of Human Resources
U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — The 2017 Hawaii Transition Summit will be hosted, here, Oct. 10 thru 12.

Service members, veterans and military spouses can join the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Hiring our Heroes Foundation for this free hiring fair and transition summit that’s designed just for them.

This summit features key federal and state agencies, influential military leaders, innovators in the business and employer communities, and local community leaders.

Highly decorated Marine Corps combat veteran Sgt. Dakota Meyer will be a keynote speaker. Meyer received the Medal of Honor for heroic actions during the Battle of Ganjgal in September 2009 while in Afghanistan. Today he works with



Toyota and Hiring Our Heroes, a program of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation, to help his fellow veterans make the transition from military to civilian life.

In addition to keynote speeches, this three-day transition summit will feature interactive and informative panel discussions, recruiter training and facilitated

Courtesy photo
At left, service members, veterans and spouses attend a previous year’s Transition Summit.

discussions focused on improving competitive employment for service members, veterans and military spouses.

The summit will also include a networking reception for employers, military leaders and job seekers, and it will culminate in a hiring fair on the third day.

Over 150 employers and service providers are expected to attend.

Registration
To register, visit the Chamber of Commerce at <https://www.uschamberfoundation.org/event/hawaii-transition-summit-0>.

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

15 / Friday
Identity Theft — Millions of Americans have been impacted by the recent Equifax data breach. Whether or not your personal information has been stolen, there are steps you can take to protect yourself and your credit. Visit <https://www.consumerfinance.gov>.

18 / Monday
F4EO — Schofield will host a “Fight For Each Other” talk about suicide on Monday, Sept. 18, from 1-2:30 p.m. Attend this prevention program at Sgt. Smith Theater. Large groups should call 655-9105 to reserve seating.

21 / Thursday
F4EO — Fort Shafter will host its “Fight For Each Other” talk about suicide on Thursday, Sept. 21, from 1-2:30 p.m. Attend this prevention program at Richardson Theater. Large groups should call 655-9105 to reserve seating.

22 / Friday
Signal B — Ticket sales are open. Signaleers and friends of the Army Signal community, tickets are available for the 2017 Pacific Signal Regimental Ball at the Hilton Hawaiian Village in Waikiki, Friday, Sept. 22, at 5 p.m. The social hour is 6-11 p.m. with dinner and dancing. Purchase tickets at <https://2017signalball.eventbrite.com>.

If you would like to sponsor young Signaleers, donations are being collected for Soldiers and spouses who cannot afford tickets. To sponsor a Soldier, contact the following:

- Pfc. Willis at 787-3895, in global.
 - Master Sgt. Erickson at 787-3345, in global.
- Note, hotel rooms are going fast. Call 949-4321 and mention SRP Code “ATG.”

October

10 / Tuesday
Transition Summit — U.S. Army Hawaii will host a three-day Transition Summit, Oct. 10-12, at various locations on Schofield Barracks. All service members, veterans and spouses are invited to attend. (This event is mandatory for Soldiers within 12 months of transition.) All attendees must register at <https://www.uschamberfoundation.org/event/hawaii-transition-summit-0>.

Ongoing

Abandoned Vehicles — Listen to Hawaii Public Radio to get the latest facts on abandoned vehicles. Go to <http://hpr2.org/post/>

POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY
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NATIONAL POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY
SEPTEMBER 15, 2017

Courtesy graphic

We honor our missing service members and their families, and highlight our government’s commitment to account for them on National POW/MIA Recognition Day.

Support for these missing Americans and their families is deeply felt. America’s POW/MIAs should be honored and recognized, rather than memorialized, with the focus on our continuing commitment to account for them.

Visit <http://www.pow-miafamilies.org/recognition-day.html>. #POWMIA

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DCCA — As part of its outreach to protect consumers across the state of Hawaii, the Hawaii Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs has produced a guide for members of the military and their families.

The guide is tailored to assist with a transition to Hawaii and provides relevant information such as navigating state laws, getting insurance, spotting scams or fraud, purchasing vehicles and homes, and lots more.

Physical copies of the guide will be available at Army Community Service soon. A soft copy of the guide is available at <http://cca.hawaii.gov/military-consumer/>.

Clean Water — U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii’s Directorate of Public Works, Environmental Branch, Clean Water Program helps protect Hawaii’s waters.

Its 2017 Storm Water Trash Reduction Plan has been posted for public review and comment. The Trash Reduction Plan will be available for 30 days – through Sept. 26. Visit <https://www.garrison-hawaii.army.mil/sustainability/CleanWater.aspx>.

SHARP — An app is now available for SHARP – the Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention Program – at <http://teamapp.mobi/usarhawsharp692>.

The app currently works on Android phones and Smartphones, and can be downloaded from the website above or from Google Play. An app will be available for download from iTunes, too, within the next couple of weeks.

ing due to the hurricanes and encourages taxpayers to seek out recognized charitable groups for their donations.

While there have been an enormous wave of support across the country for the victims of hurricanes, people should be aware of criminals who look to take advantage of this generosity by impersonating charities to get money or private information from well-meaning taxpayers.

Fraudulent schemes like these may involve contact by telephone, social media, email or in-person solicitations. More information about tax scams and schemes may be found at IRS.gov using the keywords “scams and schemes.” Details on available relief can be found on the disaster relief page on IRS.gov.

CRGs — The Army’s Community Resource Guide for Soldiers, civilians, family members and retirees. Visit <https://www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil>, <https://crg.amedd.army.mil> and <https://www.army.mil/article/181188/> for more details.

Filipino Veterans — The Filipino Veterans Recognition and Education Project is currently helping to register Filipino veterans who honorably served in the U.S. military from July 26, 1941, to Dec. 31, 1946.

If you or someone you know served during this time, click at <https://www.filvetrep.org/> application to apply.

Traffic & Outages

Advisories from Army and Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT) sources. Provides traffic, construction and outage information.

Ongoing

Flagler Road — Lane closures will occur at Flagler Road between Kolekole Avenue and Lyman Road for pavement repairs. The road closures will be in effect until Sept. 15, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

Flagmen will direct two-way traffic through a single lane on Flagler when possible. Traffic detours will occur on Aleshire and Waianae avenues from Foote, Kolekole & Lyman roads.

Wright Avenue — Modified traffic flow will be in effect at Wright Avenue between Kunia and Elleman roads for pavement repairs. Road closures will occur through Sept. 20 from 6 p.m.-2 a.m. Expect single lane traffic and traffic detours on Wright Avenue to allow gate access.

Lauhala Road — This Wheeler Army Airfield road will have lane closures on Lauhala Road North of Sargent Street for utility installation.

The road will be restricted to one lane access from Sept. 5-19. Phase II will occupy the west side of the road through Sept. 19.

Traffic on the north end of Sargent Street needing to exit onto Lauhala must access Lauhala from the south end of Sargent Street. Work will be performed between 7 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Revised Traffic Codes — The Military Police have begun enforcing newly revised and approved U.S. Army-Hawaii Regulation 190-5 traffic codes.

The most significant change is the expansion of traffic offenses that incur monetary fines. Offenses such as seat belt violations, illegal parking and cellphone usage/texting while driving, now have a prescribed fine associated with the offense in addition to a potential prohibition to driving on the installation or a suspension of driving privileges.

The revised traffic codes apply to all Soldiers, civilians, family members, contractors and other personnel who work on, reside on or visit any U.S. Army installation. To review the new Traffic Code, go to the Garrison Policies tab on the U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii website at www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil.

Threats on social media highlight need for strategy

NATHAN VAN SCHAIK
U.S. Army Garrison Grafenwoehr

GRAFENWOEHR, Germany — Soldiers and family members are facing the growing need to protect themselves from cyber threats on social media, according to top leadership, here.

A Soldier within the U.S. Army Garrison Bavaria footprint recently received messages on a private Facebook page deemed by investigators as malicious and aggressive.

“Potential foreign adversaries are using social media to make threats toward service members,” said Adam Troxel, lead special agent with the 66th Military Intelligence Brigade.

The threatening messages on Facebook underscore the need to grow awareness about social media as part of the cyberspace domain – potentially exploitable by online predators and adversaries.

The U.S. Army Operating Concept – which presents a vision of how future Army forces will operate in an unknowable and constantly changing environment – acknowledges that state and non-state actors have used social media to influence perceptions and provide cover for large-scale military operations. The concept also explains that “social media amplifies and accelerates interaction between people, governments, militaries and threats.”

But, to date, social media remains largely outside the scope of Army doctrine. That leaves the responsibility on social media users – 83 percent of Ameri-



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Soldiers and family members are facing the growing need to protect themselves from cyberthreats on social media, according to top Army leadership. Tools such as the U.S. Army Social Media Handbook can help Soldiers and their families navigate the complex world of cybersecurity.

cans have a social media account, according to the U.S. Army Social Media Handbook – to protect themselves within the cyber domain.

Leaders here are now calling on service members, DOD employees and families to take a more strategic and proactive role in social media.

“The future operational environment is not only unknown, but unknowable and constantly changing,” said Brig. Gen. Tony Aguto, commander of 7th Army Training Command. “It’s time we acknowledge social media as an extension

of cyberspace within our complex world.”

As social media continues to evolve, so too has the number of online predators. While only a few years ago cyber security implied protecting personal information online, today cyber security translates into a more proactive role.

“As members of the U.S. military deployed overseas, we need to approach social media in the cyber domain the way we might approach any dangerous and unfamiliar territory: Be smart and keep a low profile,” said USAG Bavaria Garrison Commander Col. Lance Varney.

Now more than ever, Soldiers and their families need to step up their game in protecting their online identities – from tightening security settings on Facebook to ensuring nametags are not in view in photographs shared online.

“Question legitimacy of unsolicited online traffic and don’t leave your personal details open to unfamiliar eyes,” Aguto said. “Open source intel collection is real, and as U.S. personnel, we shouldn’t make it easy for adversaries to target, collect or intimidate.

“Together we can increase Army readiness overseas and on the battlefield through social media vigilance,” Aguto continued. “Soldiers, families and civilians all play a role in our cyber mission force readiness.”

Points of Contact

If you or someone you know is in receipt of threatening or malicious social media messages, you can submit an online report at iSalute (<https://www.inscom.army.mil/isalute/>).

If you live on U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii, contact Counterintelligence at 787-6937 or the CID at 655-1989.

To learn more about how to protect you and your family on social media, visit the Army’s Social Media Handbook at www.army.mil/socialmedia or the Army Cyber Command’s cyber security awareness fact sheets at <http://arcyber.army.mil/Pages/FactSheets.aspx>.

MONUMENT: Project seeks donations

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built across the nation. Twenty-one Gold Star Family Memorial Monuments have already been dedicated in 36 states.

Each monument is made of black granite with one side bearing the words, “Gold Star Families Memorial Monument, a tribute to Gold Star Mothers, Fathers, and Relatives who have sacrificed a Loved One for our Freedom.”

The other side features four panels that reflect on the following themes: Homeland, Family, Patriot and Sacrifice. At the center of the monument is a cutout of a service member who represents all those who gave their life in service to this country.

The monuments are supported by the Hershel Woody Williams Medal of Honor Foundation, a charitable nonprofit that also provides scholarships to eligible Gold Star Family members. Williams is the sole surviving Marine from World War II to wear the Medal of Honor. He received the medal for displaying “valiant devotion to duty” and service above self as he “enabled his company to reach its objective” during the Battle of Iwo Jima.



Chaplain Wendell Davis of the Mid-Pacific Institute blesses the groundbreaking site of a Gold Star Families Memorial Monument, Monday, at Hawaiian Memorial Park Cemetery.

Design Contest

The Gold Star Families Memorial Monument Committee is hosting a contest to design the “Homeland” panel of the monument. The contest is open to the public and divided into four categories: Students sixth grade and under, students in 7th to 12th grade, college students, and general public.

All designs must be the original work of the artist. The winners of each of the four categories will receive a \$50 gift card and a certificate of recognition. Second and third place winners of each category will receive \$10 gift cards and a certificate of recognition.

If the winning design is used on the monument, the artist will receive a \$100 gift card and have their name attached to the design. All entries must be submitted by Oct. 1.

For more details, including contest rules and entry form, visit goldstarmonumenthawaii.org.



Taliah Dancil prepares ingredients for her mother for lunch at their home on Helemano Military Reservation, Sept. 2.

Photos by Kristen Wong, Oahu Publications

Soldier’s daughter wins big on Food Network

KRISTEN WONG
Contributing Writer

HELEMANO MILITARY RESERVATION — How many teenagers can say they successfully cooked insects for actor David Arquette?

Taliah Dancil, the daughter of Staff Sgt. Dontavis Dancil, A Company, 325th Brigade Support Battalion, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, and her food-blogger mother Jamiah, did just that last year.

The 13 year old was the grand-prize winner of \$10,000 on Season 4, Episode 2 of the Food Network’s “Chopped Junior,” last year, entitled “Bug Bites,” as well as the \$20,000 grand-prize winner on Season 14, Episode 2 of the Food Network’s “Guy’s Grocery Games,” entitled “Guy’s Grocery Games Juniors” last month.

While watching TV, Dancil saw “Chopped Junior” and asked her mother if she could be on the show.

“I want to be on TV,” she said. “Little kids dream to be on TV.”

After applying and undergoing interviews, Taliah was on the show.

“Boss Frog”

The budding chef, who calls herself “Chef Grande Grenouille,” or “Boss Frog,” learned to cook from her mother and grandmother.

Taliah has offered to help in the kitchen since she was 4. By the time she was 7, she had learned to make simple foods such as toast or eggs. Sometimes, it was not uncommon for Jamiah to see her daughter experimenting in the kitchen.

“Chopped Junior” features young chefs in a cooking competition. Dancil, then 11 years old, competed against three other children, preparing an appetizer, entrée and dessert.

“Chopped Junior” was kind of stressful for me, since it was my first time ever doing any competitive cooking show,” Taliah said. “But it was also fun because I got to meet



Courtesy of Jamiah Dancil

Taliah Dancil poses in front of shopping carts on the set of “Guy’s Grocery Games.”

other kids and explore the world of what it’s like of being on a TV cooking show. Ted Allen (host of “Chopped Junior”) was nice; he offered to help us open jars and things like pick up the Kitchen Aid if we needed help carrying it, cause it was heavy.”

Competitors were given half an hour to prepare each dish, using surprise ingredients from a basket provided. Taliah worked with ingredients such as fairy bread, bug kebabs and aloe marmalade.

The chefs worked to impress three judges: Arquette; Scott Conant, a chef and restaurateur; and Jake Smolett, an actor and food blogger.

Taliah’s first dish was a critter-crusted chorizo wrap with sofrito zucchini.

“I do love that Taliah ground (the insects) up and put them around



Photo courtesy of Food Network

Taliah Dancil cooks Mofongo, a Puerto Rican dish for judges, during “Guy’s Grocery Games.”

the chorizo,” said Arquette, who was less than thrilled to eat insects. “I think she disguised it the best.”

Dancil’s entrée, a cereal-crusted branzino with aloe marmalade sauce was given a favorable review by Smolett.

Kudos and invites

“Taliah’s presentation was outstanding; it was definitely five-star restaurant,” Smolett said.

In addition to the \$10,000, Taliah also received a chef’s jacket.

“My thought was ‘Yes! Oh my god she did it! She rocked it!’” said mother Jamiah, who watched the show from a separate room with the other competitors’ parents.

The Food Network contacted Mrs. Dancil to ask if Taliah could compete on “Guy’s Grocery Games.”

During this show, Taliah again competed with three other chefs close to her age. During each of two rounds, competitors were given half an hour to grab ingredients from the show’s makeshift grocery store, cook and plate a dish.

In the first round, the chefs made a “school lunch remake,” choosing either string cheese or chicken nuggets to complement their dish. In the second round, the chefs were asked to cook an international dish with only 7 pounds worth of ingredients.

“I had to give back the powdered garlic,” Taliah said, as her ingredients exceeded 7 pounds. “It was so terrible.”

Competitors cooked for judges cookbook author

Kenji Lopez-Alt, food reporter Brandi Milloy and Food Network host Damaris Phillips.

During the international dish round, Taliah chose to prepare a shrimp Mofongo, a Puerto Rican dish, with a tomato-based sauce.

“It is absolutely delicious and the amount of seafood flavor that you actually got into your sauce in that amount of time is incredible,” Phillips commented.

At the end of the show, Taliah sped through the makeshift grocery store, picking up five items worth \$4,000 each, in order to win the grand prize of \$20,000. Each item had a clue, such as a “long, thin pasta with a heavenly sounding name” (angel hair pasta).

“It’s amazing and it definitely makes me proud ... seeing your kid going out doing what you do and performing very well, and knowing you taught them and they were listening,” Jamiah said.

When she is not cooking, Taliah also enjoys arts and crafts, sewing, making jewelry and collecting rocks. As for her future, Taliah is still deciding. She is considering becoming a geologist or having her own TV show. She also thinks about studying film and media at Yale University.



Photo courtesy of Food Network

Guy Fieri, host of “Guy’s Grocery Games,” gives Taliah Dancil a hand with her dish.



Photo courtesy of Food Network

Taliah Dancil cracks open an ostrich egg during an episode of “Chopped Junior” entitled “Bug Bites.” The competitors were asked to make a dessert out of an ostrich egg, fairy bread, sesame seed candy and muscat grapes.



Briefs

15 / Friday

It takes Two (For Couples) — Enhance your relationship by learning skills to improve communication at SB ACS from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Learn about expectations, problem solving techniques, forgiveness and the importance of fun and friendship. Call 655-4227.

Acing the Interview — Prepare to answer the tough interview questions and practice with a mock interview at SB ACS from 10-11 a.m. Call 655-4227.

Smoke House Day — Enjoy ribs, barbecue chicken, smoked pork sliders and beef brisket, plus corn bread, baked beans and plenty of coleslaw at FS Hale Ikena. Call 438-1974.

16 / Saturday

Day for Kids — Free Child & Youth event held at SB School Age Center from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Enjoy games, food and prizes. Call 655-8380.

Stand-Up Paddleboarding for Beginners — Learn to paddleboard with SB Outdoor Recreation Center from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. for \$59 per person. Transportation, equipment and instructions are provided. Minimum age is 10. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Call 655-0143.

New Parents/Daddy Boot Camp — Class for first-time/expecting parents at SB ACS from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Allows questions while learning practical skills for taking care of the new baby. Call 655-4227.

18 / Monday

PPP-S Federal Applications for Military Spouses — ACS hosts for military spouses seeking civil service DOD careers, 10-11 a.m. Learn all you need to know about PPP-S and the do’s and the don’ts. Learn step-by-step instructions on preparing your package. Call 655-4227.

19 / Tuesday

Toon Time Matinee — Join SB ACS from 10 a.m.-noon for a free movie, fun and social interaction. Event is for caregivers and their children 0-3. Call 655-4227.

Anger & Conflict Solutions — Prevention program for individuals teaches the basics of anger awareness from noon-1p.m. at SB ACS. The class will help participants identify their own personal

TAMC patrons urged to be good neighbors

Story and photo by
LEANNE THOMAS

Tripler Army Medical Center Public Affairs

HONOLULU — The Tripler Good Neighbor Program is currently underway at Tripler Army Medical Center, here, a familiar landmark on the island of Oahu and the largest military treatment facility in the Pacific basin.

With over 4,000 staff members and several thousand more visitors traveling to the hospital daily, the Tripler Good Neighbor Program is a way to ensure those traveling to the hospital uphold a high-regard for the civilian residential areas neighboring the facility.

TAMC’s most senior enlisted adviser, Command Sgt. Maj. Timothy S. Sloan, kicked-off the campaign in early July of this year sending a mass message to all employees.

“Please extend our tremendous ‘ohana (family) feel and attitude to those with whom we share this beautiful mountain,” said Sloan. “Jarrett White Road can be very dangerous. We ask that you reduce your speed, buckle-up and turn down your tunes.”



Motorists and beneficiaries are encouraged to be “good neighbors” when traveling the roads throughout the Tripler area.

Sloan described the concept of being a good neighbor as “nothing new” and added, “As you travel the surrounding neighborhoods, we urge you to be cognizant of how your behaviors

affect those who call these areas their home. Many of the roads are narrow, so following posted speed limits and

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anger cues and ways to de-escalate conflict situations. Call 655-4227.

EFMP SPEDucation Blitz — Behavior Plans class held at SB Outdoor Recreation Center from 10-11:30 a.m. Call 655-4227.

Million Dollar Soldier Refresher — This training provides Soldiers with valuable financial tools at SB ACS from 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. Topics include saving, credit, investing and big purchases. Call 655-4227 to register.

Stability Support During Critical Incidents Training — Training that identifies how FRGs can support Soldiers and families impacted by critical incidents at SB Nehelani from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Call 655-4227.

21 / Thursday

Basic Investing & TSP — Learn the basics of the Thrift Savings Plan and other investment options, including stocks, bonds and mutual funds at SB ACS from 10-11:30 a.m. Call 655-4227.

Your Credit Report and Score — Held at SB ACS from 10-11:30 a.m. Learn how to increase your credit score and understand what lenders are looking for. A copy of your credit report is required. Call 655-4227.

1-2-3 Magic — Three-week series on parenting held at SB ACS from noon-1:30 p.m. Series breaks down parenting into three straightforward jobs. Call 655-4227.

22 / Friday

Using LinkedIn and Social Media to Net a Job — Build your network by utilizing social media and develop your LinkedIn profile at SB ACS from 10-11 a.m. Call 655-4227.

Paint and Sip — Paint a picture on canvas at SB Tropics from 7-9 p.m. while sipping your beverage of choice for \$35. Class includes all painting supplies and instruction. Preregistration is required. Call 655-5698.

Parenting 101 — Take your parenting to the next level. Discover current “best practices” and learn tips and tools to assist you in reaching your parenting goals at the SB ACS from noon-1 p.m. Call 655-4227 to register.

23 / Saturday

FRG Key Contact Training — Designed to provide training in key contact duties, communicating with family members, dispelling rumors, handling crisis calls, etc.

It also shows key contacts how they fit into a successful FRG. From 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at SB ACS. Call 655-4227.

7th Annual Drags & Drifts — Annual car, truck and motorcycle show offers displays at SB Tropics Recreation from noon-6 p.m. Participants can enter in six categories: car, truck, jeep, SUV, motorcycle, auto, audio (one entry per vehicle).

Preregistration is \$20 per vehicle; late registration is \$40 per vehicle. Additional

activities include live band, DJ, games, prizes and food. Judging is from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Call 655-5698.

Level 1 Kayaking — Entry-level course for \$59 with SB Outdoor Recreation from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The course will cover paddling equipment, kayak types and parts, stroke techniques and other helpful tips.

Transportation, equipment and instructions are provided. Minimum age is 10. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Call 655-0143.

24 / Sunday

Gold Star Mothers and Family Day — Ceremony to honor Gold Star mothers and families and remember fallen heroes at the National Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl at 1 p.m. Call 655-6432.

25 / Monday

Stress Solutions — Held from noon-1 p.m. Identifies the causes of stress and how it affects our lives. Shares techniques such as positive self-talk and how to not take things personally, as well as a variety of relaxation techniques. Call SB ACS at 655-4227.

Employment Orientation — New to the island and looking for employment? This class at the SB ACS from 10-11:30 a.m. will orientate you to employment opportunities on Oahu.

Learn about Spousal Preference and the Priority Placement Program for Spouses (PPP-S) seeking federal employment. Call 655-4227 to register.

community Calendar

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

15 / Friday

Back-to-School Sale — Service members and military families at Hickam and SB can save on educational essentials during a special back-to-school event at the Exchange, Sept. 15-17.

The event, which coincides with the Defense Commissary Agency’s Back-to-School Sidewalk Sale, will feature a host of offers, attractions and activities, including games, food and giveaways.

Kokua for Houston’s Keiki — YMCA of Honolulu seeks donations of new sports and outdoor equipment, toys, books, games, craft supplies, Lego and building kits and nonperishable snacks for the Houston area YMCAs.

Drop off items at the Nu’uanu YMCA, 1441 Pali Hwy., 7 a.m.-7 p.m., Friday, and 7 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday. Items ship on Monday, Sept. 18. Visit YMCAhonolulu.org for a list of specific items to donate.

ASYMCA — The Armed Services YMCA of WAAF needs your help. Would you donate non-expired food to its pantry. It’s located at 1262 Santos Dumont Ave. on Wheeler. Call 624-5645 for more details. Visit www.asymcahi.org.

16 / Saturday

SB Kolekole Walking-Hiking Trail — The trail is open to DOD ID cardholders and their guests for hiking this weekend from 5:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Mokuleia — Help cleanup this Army beach on Saturday, Sept. 16, from 8 to 10 a.m. Meet in the parking lot across from Dillingham Airfield. Volunteers should bring sunscreen and water.

17 / Sunday

Beach Worship Service & Picnic — You’re invited to attend this event, hosted by IMPACT Chapel at HMR. It’s on Sunday, Sept. 17, at 10:30 a.m., at Haleiwa Ali’i Beach Park. The special guest speaker is Brandon Moore. Just bring a chair and/or blanket.

Richard Marx — Singer performs at the Neal Blaisdell Center Concert Hall, 7 p.m.

19 / Tuesday

FS Thrift Shop — Clothes, kitchenware and more offered Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., at Bldg. 342, Pierce Street, on FS. Visit www.huispirit.com.

23 / Saturday

Pacific Aviation Living History Day — From 9 a.m.-3 p.m., in partnership with Smithsonian Magazine’s Museum Day Live! four visitors presenting a Museum Day Live! ticket will receive free admission to Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor.

Event will feature student-created exhibits, special presentations and World War II-themed activities. Download free tickets at www.smithsonianmag.com/museumday/museum-day-live-2017.

Aloha Festivals Ho’olaulea/Street Fest — Aloha Week Hawaii event expected to have 15,000+ participants, 5:30-11 p.m., along Kalakaua Avenue in Waikiki. Visit www.alohafestivals.com.

24 / Sunday

Honolulu Century Ride 2017 — Bike ride starts at 6:15 a.m. at Kapiolani Park near the bandstand on Kalakaua Avenue. Regular registration deadline

is Aug. 31, after which fee will increase. Visit www.hbl.org/honolulucenturyride/.

30 / Saturday

National Public Lands Day — Care for the native forest on NPLD, the nation’s largest single-day volunteer event on public lands from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Join the Oahu Army Natural Resources Program on a 2.5 hour (round trip) hike in the northern Wai’anae mountains while learning about the unique natural history of the area.

For the service portion of the day, volunteers will help control invasive weeds and collect from native plants for future restoration efforts. The day will also include a tour of the program’s rare plant nursery and beautiful vistas of remote valleys, steep ridgelines and the ocean.

Volunteers must be 14 and older, accompanied by an adult or guardian.

RSVP with your application by Sept. 18. Call 656-7741 or email outreach@oanrp.com.

Aloha Festivals Floral Parade — Spectacular annual event features 2,000 participants, 40 vehicles, 10 bands and 15 floats. It will start at Ala Moana Park, go to Kalakaua Ave. and end at Waikiki Shell. Visit www.alohafestivals.com.

This Week at the MOVIES Sgt. Smith Theater



The Hitman’s Bodyguard (R)

Friday, Sept. 15, 7 p.m.

The Nut Job 2: Nutty by Nature (PG)

Saturday, Sept. 16, 4 p.m.



Annabelle: Creation (R)

Saturday, Sept. 16, 7 p.m.

Wind River (R)

Sunday, Sept. 17, 4 p.m.

Closed Monday through Thursday.

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

ASYMCA: Armed Services YMCA
BCT: Brigade Combat Team
CDC: Child Development Center
CYSS: Child, Youth and School Services
EFMP: Exceptional Family Member Program
FCC: Family Child Care
FMWR: Family and Morale, Welfare

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

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

Schofield’s Inouye Elementary team recognized

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
State of Hawaii

HONOLULU — The Hawaii State Department of Education has named its 2017 Employee and Team of the Year award winners, recognizing employees for their special and continued contributions to education and the students of Hawaii.

“Each of our awardees is motivated by a profound dedication to our students and they have performed outstanding work at our schools,” said Dr. Christina Kishimoto, HIDOE Superintendent. “Our student successes are founded upon the hard work of our employees and these awards recognize only a small fraction of our collective efforts.”

Schofield team honored

The Daniel K. Inouye Elementary School Custodial Team was named HIDOE’s 2017 Team of the Year. This all-purpose team is ready with tools to perform building repairs, gardening, cleaning and all manner of maintenance needs.

Showing great initiative, the team has conducted campus visits to other schools to learn different techniques and share knowledge with other



The Hawaii State Department of Education named the Daniel K. Inouye Elementary School’s custodial team its 2017 Employee Team of the Year for their special and continued contributions to education and the students of Hawaii.

custodial teams. Its efficiency and ingenuity has helped to reduce future cleaning time and replacement costs.

The team has seven members:

- Schuyler Castellano,
- Moises Lopez,
- Randall Naki,
- Terence Omori,
- Jose Senas and
- Maria Villanueva.

Along with the 2017 Employee of the Year, the Daniel K. Inouye Elementary School Custodial Team will represent HIDOE in the upcoming annual Governor’s Awards ceremony for Distinguished State Service.

Officer blends passion for soccer with Army career

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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — What would you give to serve your country? Would you turn down an opportunity to play a professional sport? Though soccer has always been a large part of 1st Lt. Anthony Uriarte’s life, he declined multiple professional soccer contracts to follow his calling of being an officer in the U.S. Army.

Now a medical service officer with the 25th Sustainment Brigade, the 26-year-old Uriarte has led an interesting life due to his talent on the soccer field.

Taking to the game

Uriarte, an Orlando, Florida, native, started his sports career off at a young age playing baseball until he became bored with the pastime at around 9 years old.

“I didn’t feel there was enough competition,” said Uriarte. “I told my dad I wanted to play another sport that was more active.”

His dad told him that he was not going to play football and suggested he play soccer.

“They threw me in to play goalie, but now we are back at square one of my problem – standing around,” said Uriarte, laughing. “I told my coach, ‘I joined soccer so that I could run around and get rid of all this energy,’ and that is when he started playing me on the field.”

Now, finally getting to play a more active role on the field, Uriarte took to playing the defender position. He explained how versatile he could be by not only defending, but by assisting his

team with scoring.

“I just love the fact that as a defender ... I can take the ball away and crush dreams,” said Uriarte with a laugh. “I just loved knowing that I had full accountability for my actions. If I lost the ball, there is no one behind me to keep the other team from my goalie.”

International experience

When Uriarte was around 14 years old, he was invited to play in The World Friendship Games, a soccer competition in the Netherlands. While playing in this competition, which hosted teams from around the world, he had a realization.

“The passion that I saw... it was so intense,” exclaimed Uriarte. “These kids were out there fighting for youth contracts, in hopes of one day turning pro.”

No one at the competition played any sport other than soccer. Uriarte explained that if you did not play soccer in these countries, you were almost considered an outsider.

“When I saw this, I knew I was hooked,” said Uriarte.

After the Netherlands competition, Uriarte returned home and had made the decision that he only wanted to play soccer. At the age of 15, he was selected to play on a team that would represent the United States on a tour.

A year after the tour, he traveled to the Dominican Republic with his grandma to visit his uncle, where he unknowingly was about to be offered the chance of a lifetime.

World choices

While visiting his uncle, Uriarte selected, via tryout, to play for the

Dominican Republic National Soccer team. He practiced with the team, but was not allowed to play any official matches until he had an official passport from the Dominican Republic. At the age of 16 he was the youngest player at the time to be selected for the national team.

“I knew that being in the military was something I had always wanted to do, so I did not want to take out that second passport and make it harder to join later on,” said Uriarte.

After playing a pick-up game at a local park in the Dominican Republic, Uriarte was approached by a Club Atletico River Plate scout who begged him to join Centro de Entrenamiento para Futbolistas de Alto Rendimiento (CEFAR), owned by Futbol Club Barcelona, Spain, their youth soccer club in Argentina. The intent behind the club was to train young players to eventually play for Barcelona or other professional teams.

“I told my mom about it when I got back to Orlando,” said Uriarte, “so she disenrolled me from physical school, so I could do all my school online, and then I moved to Argentina to play soccer full time.”

After playing more than a year with CEFAR, Uriarte, now 17 years old, was offered multiple professional contracts, and a college scholarship. Faced with

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1st Lt. Anthony Uriarte, a medical service officer with the 25th Sustainment Bde., 25th ID, is a two-time member of the All-Army Soccer team.



The skin and bones of home décor means picking your battles

At some point in a marriage, a military spouse faces a delicate dilemma: how to incorporate her partner’s military awards, sword, deer head, bowling trophy, stereo speakers, bar lamp or autographed sporting equipment into the home décor.

In nearly 24 years of marriage to my husband, Francis, I’ve learned that solving this domestic quandary involves compromise, diplomacy and, sometimes, trickery.

After each of our 11 moves, I set about making each new house our home. The vast majority of the unpacking and home decorating was left to my discretion as the work-from-home spouse, and I always made a sincere effort to find spots for the treasured belongings that would make each member of our family feel comfortable.

Sometimes, however, I had to prioritize. After our move from Germany to Florida a few years ago, I was unpacking a box labeled “master bedroom” and came upon an interesting item.

Despite the fact that Francis is squeamish about blood, has never hunted and is afraid of my kitchen cutlery, he bought himself a full-sized reindeer pelt one night at a German Christmas festival. He was not quite sure why he made the purchase, and he admitted that it may have been motivated by the half-dozen mugs of mulled wine he consumed that winter evening.

But, he insisted, he must’ve had a perfectly good reason at the time.

After finding the pelt in the moving box along with our prissy floral bed linens, I wondered how it would fit into our

new bedroom’s décor.

On one hand, I thought displaying the enormous hide might add the Nordic charm of an igloo. All we would need was an ice machine and a dog sled to give our bedroom a real Tundra vibe. On the other hand, I knew Francis might take the Eskimo theme a bit too far – turning the thermostat below 50, sleeping in a parka and offering to massage me with whale blubber oil.

I shuddered at the thought and stuffed the reindeer pelt under our bed.

A few days later, I found the hide spread out in the middle of our bedroom floor like a fresh kill. The dog took a few sniffs and stayed away from the strange flat beast in case it might suddenly attack.

Several times, I hid the pelt from Francis in hopes that he wouldn’t notice, but he always did, and he would put the wild animal skin right back in the middle of our bedroom floor. If I tried to reason with him, he would declare, quite simply, “I like it,” and wouldn’t discuss the matter further.

Picking battles

While there have been many battles worth fighting in our marriage, I knew that this was not one of them. In his 28 years with the Navy, he brought home countless souvenirs and memorabilia. Some items were special enough to become a permanent part of our dé-



The author’s home features a full-size reindeer pelt acquired during a German Christmas festival.

cor. Others had a short time on display, before being relegated to a cardboard box in the garage.

There was the airplane propeller, the English cricket bat, the Yemeni sword, the German beer stein, the Middle Eastern vase, the Korean chess set, dozens of Navy plaques and framed certificates and scores of African items from his yearlong deployment to Djibouti – wildebeest horns, warthog tusks, woven baskets, tribal warrior figures, Masai clubs, fertility masks, bongos and carved wooden animals.

Perspective

For husbands like mine, these items were more than just clunky, dust-gathering souvenirs. The items represented experience, virility and adventure. De-

spite the fact that Francis had no sober memory of its purchase, I knew the reindeer pelt was his manhood splayed out on our bedroom floor for the whole world to see.

The hide stayed put for a few months before Francis conceded that it clashed with our décor and agreed to store it for a future man cave. Three moves later, the pelt is still in a box.

In the meantime, I won’t sneak the hide into the trash or slip it into a Goodwill donation. I’d never throw-away Francis’ manhood just because it doesn’t match the bedspread. Besides, the reindeer pelt is a little reminder of my husband: It doesn’t say much, it lays around a lot and it sheds.

(For more of Molinari’s insights, visit www.themeatandpotatoesoflife.com.)



Two-time All-Army Soccer veteran 1st Lt. Anthony Uriarte, a medical service officer with the 25th Sustainment Bde., 25th ID, laces his soccer cleats, Aug. 28, before he begins his private practice. Utilizing his experience in youth and college soccer, Uriarte has been selected two years in a row to compete as a member of the All-Army Soccer team.

SOCCER: World is at his feet

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this crossroad, he decided to focus on his education and eventually found his way to Towson University in Maryland to play in a Division One league.

“I was taking a physical education course, and I remember this girl walking in, in an Army Combat Uniform one day,” said Uriarte. “At the time, I didn’t know anything about the military, but I found it so interesting that you could be a student and be in the Army. She always came in on time and acted very professional. I admired her for that.”

Recalling the female in ACUs during his physical education class, Uriarte decided to research the ROTC. After looking at his options, Uriarte applied and was accepted into The Citadel, the military college of South Carolina.

After graduating in 2015 with a bachelor’s in political science with an emphasis on pre-law, Uriarte chose his Army commission.

“One of my big things is figuring out what I can do to help other people,”

said Uriarte, “so when I found out that I could commission as a medical service officer, I thought, ‘That’s perfect.’”

To Schofield

After being commissioned and doing a year of gold-bar recruiting, Uriarte was stationed at Schofield Barracks with the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, in 2016. While with the Bronco Brigade, he played on an Armed Forces Soccer team where a fellow player, who had played in All-Army Soccer before, suggested he try out for the team.

Despite Uriarte’s soccer resume, the tryout process was not for the faint of heart. According to Army Morale, Welfare and Recreation, the selection process starts with the application packet, and players are ranked based on their past experience. Once players take the field, the selection process becomes even more cutthroat.

“The first year I tried out, the team only needed about five new players. There were more than 45 of us trying out,” stated Uriarte. “You never knew if it was going to be your last day or not. The coaches would just walk up to you during practice and tell you that you don’t have what it takes; then you were gone.”

Uriarte was approached by a coach

one day during the tryouts and was told that he needed to change his playing style to fit in with the team. His original style of play focused more on finesse, but he had to switch to a more aggressive and straightforward form of soccer.

“I did some studying on the formations and style of playing the coaches wanted me to play, and ended being one of the few guys they accepted as new players,” said Uriarte.

After being selected for the All-Army soccer team, Uriarte and his fellow players traveled to Fort Benning, Georgia, to compete in the Armed Forces Soccer tournament against the other branches of the military.

With 2017 came a new assignment in the form of an inter-post transfer to the 25th Sustainment Brigade and another year of All-Army Soccer. Tryouts were also different for Uriarte due to his selection the year prior, giving him an almost guaranteed position on the team.

2017 All Army soccer

This year, instead of an Armed Forces Tournament, the All-Army soccer team traveled the United States playing high-level college teams. The All-Army team was also afforded the opportunity to play against the Georgia Revolution, a professional team in the National Premier Soccer League. This match was particularly intense due to the large crowd and giant stadium they played in.

“No matter what you tell yourself, no matter how much you prepare, when the referee blows that whistle ... you’ll think to yourself, ‘Oh crap this is really happening!’” said Uriarte, again laughing.

Since returning from the All-Army Team this year, Uriarte has begun coaching soccer for Hawaii Rush Youth Soccer for boys around the age of 15 years old. Coaching is something that Uriarte says he is becoming increasingly passionate about. He has even spoken with officials from Moanalua High School about becoming a coach for their soccer team.

“As unfortunate as it sounds, we all have to get older,” said Uriarte. “Hopefully, when my playing days are over, I will be able to step into a coaching position for All-Army. Even if I am not on the field playing, I can continue contributing in some way.”



Additional religious services, children’s programs, educational services and contact information can be found at <https://www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil/rso/USARHAW%20Chapel%20Services.pdf>.

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

Buddhist Services

- First Sunday, 1 p.m. at FD
- Last Wednesday, 6 p.m. at MPC

Catholic Mass

- Monday-Wednesday, 11:45 a.m. at Soldiers Chapel
- Thursday, 11:45 a.m. at AMR
- Wednesday, 5 p.m. at MPC
- Saturday, 5 p.m. at TAMC
- Sunday services:
 - 8:30 a.m. at AMR
 - 10:30 a.m. at MPC
 - 11 a.m. at TAMC

Gospel Worship

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

Islamic

- Friday, 12:30 p.m. at AMR (Call 477-7647)

Jewish Shabbat (Sabbath)

- Friday, 7:30 p.m. at PH (Call 473-3971)

Protestant Worship

- Sunday Services
 - 9 a.m. at MPC (Contemporary)
 - 9 a.m. at FD
 - 9 a.m. at TAMC
 - 10 a.m. at HMR (Contemporary)
 - 10:30 a.m. at AMR (Contemporary)
 - 11 a.m. at WAAF (Contemporary)

USAHC-SB takes the initiative on women’s health

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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Women’s health is getting needed attention based on a partnership between the U.S. Army Health Clinic, here, Tripler Army Medical Center and the U.S. Air Force’s 15th Medical Group.

The goal is to bring these services to Schofield Barracks, too, to make it easier to access care.

Services

The new services include mammography, “Centering Pregnancy” and lactation consultation.

Mammography, which hasn’t been offered at USAHC-SB since July 2016, has been brought back with the addition of a new mammography technician from the U.S. Air Force’s 15th Medical Group.

“Since we lost our mammography technician, we have had to send female beneficiaries to Tripler for their mammograms,” said Col. Deydre Teyhen, commander of USAHC-SB. “We are now proud to say that we offer mammograms conveniently within our Radiology Department up here at Schofield Barracks.”

Centering Pregnancy is designed to revolutionize the care and education of pregnant women.

“Centering Pregnancy allows women within similar delivery dates to build a network that can support each other while receiving extraordinary care from our providers,” Teyhen stated.

How it works

The program is open to both military and dependent females who have routine, low-risk pregnancies. Each



Yoga is a great way to stay in shape. Not just physically, but mentally and spiritually as well.

session lasts two hours with the health care provider guiding the session.

We would like women to enroll in the program as early as possible. Most women enroll prior to 24 weeks.

Although the Centering Pregnancy sessions help build a group of cohesive women that will all deliver

around the same time, each patient still maintains private time with their provider up to the birth.

“Patients overwhelmingly express they are glad they opted for centering, saying that this model is more personal than traditional care,” said Christine Host, a registered nurse and Centering Pregnancy coordinator.


“When you are on an island, with family far away, developing a support network is important,” Host added.

“We are finding these ladies stay in touch and support each other even after delivery of their newborn babies.”


The third service that is being brought to USHAC-SB is lactation consultation. The breastfeeding educational classes occur every third Monday of the month in building ZZ from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Patients can make an appointment by calling the central appointment line, or by walking into the new Women’s Health Clinic (Building G on the first floor) and talking with the receptionist.

Point of Contact

To book a mammography appointment at Schofield Barracks, call (808) 433-8355.




Quality of Care



“Quality means excellence,” said Joel Jenkins, Tripler Army Medical Center’s chief of Executive Services

“It’s not just excellence in the care; I think it’s excellence in our staff, the excellence in the care we provide, the quality of customer service, the excellence in our training.

“All of this feeds into the readiness of not only our staff, but the people we care for as well. It covers all areas of the TAMC hibiscus model, because without doing all of these things well, we would lose the quality of it all.”



Jenkins

Good Neighbor: Adhere to speed limits posted

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noise reduction ordinances demonstrates our commitment to safety and how respectful we are of our neighbor’s quality of life.”

Following the attacks of Pearl Harbor in 1941, plans were drafted to expand the original 450-bed Tripler Hospital, then located at Fort Shafter’s historic Palm Circle, to construct a medical treatment facility with the capacity for 1,000 beds. This construction took place from 1942-1948 atop the Moanalua Ridge.

According to historic committee reports from the Moanalua Gardens Community Association, neighboring communities developed near Tripler in the late 1950s. The Moanalua ahupua’a (land from the mountains to the sea) developed into residential areas, and the Moanalua Gardens Community subdivision established land on each side of Tripler, the Salt Lake area and land areas mauka (towards the mountain) of the Moanalua Highway.

Although the jurisdiction of Tripler is governed by U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii, Col. Andrew M. Barr, commander of TAMC, and Sloan, are devoting time and resources to promote the Tripler Good Neighbor Program and urge all TAMC patrons to be good neighbors while traveling to and from the hospital.

The TAMC Public Affairs Office and Visual Information personnel serve as the conduits for the internal information campaign; they are broadcasting TV ads and public service announcements, designing and displaying campaign posters, and developing effective communication strategies.

The TAMC Director of Communications and Chief of Public Affairs, James B. Guzior, helps to ensure staff members remain appraised of any significant community matters.

“Many staff and patients are traveling from Fort Shafter and through the local neighborhoods to access TAMC. We want to ensure our staff and patients are reminded to adhere to the speed limits, be mindful of the noise and respectful of the local community as they drive through,” explained Guzior.

Concerning traffic conditions, the deputy provost marshal at Tripler, James A. Ingebredsten, also commented, reporting, on average, 7,000 cars enter the Tripler gate daily.

With more than 7,000 vehicles entering the installation daily, instances of speeding or loud noise can quickly become a major issue. The command team at Tripler wants to remind visitors and staff members to be aware of how their actions outside the facility can negatively impact the community and urges them to embrace the “aloha spirit.”

“The Tripler ‘ohana is well known for a strong sense of community values and a commitment to excellence,” said Sloan. “Let’s continue to perpetuate this incredible reputation.”