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16 days since last fatal accident

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Motorcycle safety is everyone’s responsibility

Accountability for ensuring safety on the roads is shared by individuals and leaders

MAJ. GEN. RAYMOND V. MASON
Senior Commander, U.S. Army-Hawaii

Our recent fatal motorcycle accident in Hawaii saddened the entire Army community. This tragic death brings to light a more systemic issue, as it marks a disturbing trend.

Collectively, we must do everything in our power to prevent similar unnecessary and heartbreaking fatalities by ensuring all our Soldiers, civilians and family members adhere to published and directed standards for motorcycle operators.

The first and most important message I want the entire Army Hawaii community to communicate, far and wide, is that motorcycle riders must take personal

responsibility for their actions, before, during and after their rides.

Individual riders must make sound and common-sense-based decisions that take into account personal skill level, weather and traffic conditions. It should go without saying, but we continue to see this happen too often – never, ever, drink and drive.

Ultimately, your personal decisions dictate what happens each time you ride, and it is imperative you take responsibility for your personal safety and for the safety of those sharing the road with you: your battle buddies, friends and family members are counting on you.

In each fatal case this year, somewhere in the chain of events was a broken line of

communication where the operator failed to listen, a leader failed to inform the Soldier, or the chain of command failed to inspect.

This is unacceptable, and I charge every officer and noncommissioned officer in our ranks to review your weekly procedures when it comes to inspecting our most precious and safeguarded resource – American Soldiers ... our warriors.

We are a nation at war and in a persistent conflict; we must preserve the force by taking care of one another.

“Leave no comrade behind” is as applicable in garrison as it is on the battlefield. This entails executing checks and balances, but at the end of the day, leaders must be able to sleep well at night knowing they did everything possible to protect their Soldiers.

I want to make sure everyone on this “team of teams” understands my non-negotiable imperative: Leaders are responsible for safeguarding our Soldiers by keep-



Mason



Approximately 45 noncommissioned officers (NCO) recite the “Creed of the Noncommissioned Officer” during the passing of a Hawaii State House of Representatives resolution naming 2009 as the “Year of the NCO,” Feb. 25.

State identifies ‘09 as ‘Year of the NCO’

Story & Photo by
SGT. 1ST CLASS JASON SHEPHERD
U.S. Army-Pacific Public Affairs

HONOLULU – With a chorus of “ayes,” both houses of the Hawaii State Legislature officially proclaimed 2009 as the “Year of the Noncommissioned Officer” (NCO) in a ceremony held in the State Capitol, Feb. 25.

In separate hearings, the State Senate passed Resolution 28 and the State House of Representatives passed Resolution 71, making Hawaii the first state to recognize 2009 as the Year of the NCO.

“Here in Hawaii, we have a strong connection with our military,” said State Senator Will

Espero, chairman of the Military Affairs Committee. “They play an important role, not only in our neighborhoods and communities, but (in) our state, as well.”

Lt. Gen. Benjamin Mixon, commanding general, U.S. Army-Pacific (USARPAC); Brig. Gen. Gary Ishikawa, deputy adjutant general, Hawaii; and USARPAC’s Command Sgt. Maj. Joseph Zettlemoyer, among others, served as witnesses to the event and received the signed, framed proclamations after they were passed.

“We are honored that the state legislators of Hawaii have put forward resolutions to proclaim 2009 as the Year of the Noncommissioned Officer Corps of the U.S. Army,” said Mixon. “The United States Army’s

noncommissioned officer corps has distinguished itself as the world’s most accomplished group of military professionals.”

“The year of the noncommissioned officer was designated by the secretary of the Army, chief of staff of the Army, and sergeant major of the Army for 2009 to represent the contributions made by noncommissioned officers throughout the Army,” Zettlemoyer said. “Not just now, but for the last eight years and since the dawn of our Army in 1775.”

In the state capitol’s rotunda, 45 USARPAC NCOs witnessed the event. During the House of Representatives session, NCOs joined in to

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Family picture becomes complete with reintegration

CHAPLAIN (CAPT.) JOHN HILL
307th Integrated Theater Signal Battalion Chaplain

Emotional excitement and anxiety fills the air as reunion preparations are underway at some homes, and reunion operations are taking place in others.

Many Soldiers stationed here will be home within the month. The day families have dreamed of for so long is finally within reach.

I recall that day very well. How wonderful the moment is when our eyes meet those of our loved ones’, and, after a few long minutes, we melt into a sea of happy tears and deafening shouts of joy.

These are the illustrations at reunions, but how about the process of reintegrating? What will it be like at your home as you joyfully struggle to complete your family picture once again?

Consider, for a moment, a jigsaw puzzle. It takes time and energy to put all the pieces of the puzzle together, and frustration sets in when we discover one piece is missing and we cannot complete the picture.

During this deployment, your family has been functioning without the “whole picture” complete. Some families may have deliber-

ately left this “hole” in the family picture alone, while others have found “stuff” to fill it.

We will all discover the reality that everyone has changed, and things will not be as they were. The piece does not fit into the family picture the same way it once did. However, we want to fit into the picture, so we must do some negotiation, compromise and gentle nudging before the reintegration is complete.

The process of reunion will be as smooth or rough as you choose to make it. Now is the time to begin reversing the mental and emotional process of “dealing with deployment” as your loved one, the missing piece, comes home.

There are many “tips” for homecoming and reintegration out there. Take advantage of the wisdom of others. Please do not try to do it all yourself. You are not the first person to deal with deployment separation, and you are not the only person dealing with reunion. You do not have to “reinvent the wheel.”

Attend the redeployment briefings offered.



Hill

You will gain invaluable insight into what will take place in the coming days, weeks or months. Please do not gamble with this “high stakes” time of reunion and ignore the advice of those who have “been there, done that.”

I close this article with two questions you should keep in the forefront of your minds during this time of reunion excitement. An honest, well-thought answer to these questions, every time you ask them, will help ensure a smooth transition as we seek to take our place in the family picture again.

“What is the most important thing in my relationship?” This perspective change makes all the difference. It keeps our values intact and allows for growth.

“Is what I am about to do going to help or hinder this relationship?” Remember the pearl is a result of irritation over time. Your patience will yield a priceless treasure as your family becomes whole again.

As the Scriptures state, “Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore, do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own” (Matthew 6:33-34).

ing them informed, educated and mentored on motorcycle safety.

Like all good first-line supervisors, we must go back and spot check to ensure the standard is being met. If not, we must take proactive corrective action prior to that Soldier being allowed on the road again.

Never let a mistake or shortcoming go uncorrected; this is irresponsible and unacceptable. Also, each motorcycle operator has an absolute responsibility to drive safely. By doing so, you not only safeguard your own life, but keep those around you safe, as well.

Finally, I want the entire Army Hawaii team to know that I think the world of each and everyone of you, and value your commitment and service to our great nation. Keep yourself and all our riders safe, and please ensure you are doing your full part to prevent injury or loss of life.

Aloha and mahalo.

Outcomes of drugs and alcohol stressed at standdown

MOLLY HAYDEN
Staff Writer

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS – It was a casual sunny Saturday afternoon in 2006 when a commissioned officer visited his neighbor for a beer and barbecue outing.

Little did the Soldier know, the outcome of that day would forever change his life.

The officer stood in front of a small group of Soldiers from Tripler Army Medical Center, (TAMC) here, Saturday, and shared his story during the Schofield Barracks Health Clinic safety standdown.

“My military career was ruined by my actions,” said the officer, “but hopefully I can save one of you by sharing this story.”

The officer explained that after the neighborly gathering, he was talked into traveling south to Waikiki for the evening, against his better judgment.

As the night ended, the officer searched for a cab, with no luck. He quickly moved to Plan B, slowing pulling the keys out of his pocket.

“I had a feeling something was going to go wrong,” said the officer, “but in my mind, I was okay.”

On the drive back to Schofield Barracks, he was pulled over for an unlit taillight.

The police officer questioned him about his whereabouts that evening and asked to perform a breathalyzer test.

“I said sure. I thought I had nothing to hide,” said the Soldier. “But when I blew into it, 13 years of my military career went down the drain.”

Soldiers listened to the officer as he explained the details and outcome of the driving under the influence (DUI) ticket he received that night. They asked questions and gained information on the repercussions of such actions.

The group then moved to the next briefing, and a new group of Soldiers stepped in to listen to the story.

A few yards away, Karen Powell, prevention education instructor for the local Army Substance Abuse Program (ASAP), spoke of

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Voices of Ohana

“How do you stay fit and trim?”



“Take exercise classes, work out and stay active.”

Annette Backmann
Family Member



“PT (physical training) and protein.”

Pvt. Richard Hummel
185th MI Co.
Signal Intelligence



“Exercising and eating a low-carb diet.”

Staff Sgt. John Leon
2-14th Cav. Regt.
Intelligence Analyst



“Count my calories.”

Amy Turvey
Family Member



“I workout six times a week and do a lot of cardio.”

Spc. Joseph Watts
1-14th Inf. Bn.
Military Intelligence

8th TSC Soldiers set the stage for Camp Zama exercise

Story and Photos by

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CAMP ZAMA, Japan — Long before the main body of flights containing hundreds of 8th Theater Sustainment Command (TSC) Soldiers arrived at Narita Airport in Tokyo, Sgt. Kensley Bell was shopping for supplies, stocking toiletries and setting up cots.

“It was actually harder to get set up here than it was in Iraq,” Bell said. “In Iraq, we had an established FOB (forward operating base), and here it was like starting from scratch.”

Bell, a supply sergeant, and eight other officers, non-commissioned officers and Soldiers from the 8th TSC Special Troops Battalion and Headquarters staff arrived at Camp Zama more than a week before the main body of troops. They picked up Soldiers from the airport and set up billeting arrangements at Camp Zama for more than 150 Soldiers and civilians taking part in the command post exercise (CPX).

“Our priorities were focused on taking care of our Soldiers,” said Lt. Col. Edward Burke, commander, 8th Special Troops Battalion (STB). “U.S. Army Garrison-Japan was very capable, and they helped us out tremendously.”

The 8th TSC is responsible for logistics sustainment in the Pacific theater, providing beans, bullets, military police and engineer support across 11 time zones.



2nd Lt. Joseph Macchiararella (left), 8th Special Troops Battalion (STB) adjutant, briefs Lt. Col. Edward Burke (right), 8th STB commander, on the current personnel status of 8th TSC Soldiers, Tuesday, at the forward command post on Camp Zama, Japan.

The CPX at Camp Zama is one of a series of validation exercises that test the capabilities of the 8th TSC’s main command post, located at Fort Shafter, and the forward command post at Camp Zama.

A large group



A late winter snowfall blankets the parking lot area outside of the 8th Theater Sustainment Command billeting at Camp Zama, Japan, Tuesday.

of Soldiers arrived from Hawaii, Tuesday, and were welcomed by a late winter snowfall in Tokyo. Preparing Camp Zama for the influx of Soldiers was not an easy task, but was one for which Bell and the 8th STB Soldiers were well trained.

“We got our mission and we made it happen,” Bell said. “Most of all it was teamwork that made it successful.”

Burke added that his Soldiers will continue to monitor personnel and life support issues, ensuring that all Soldiers are taken care of through the end of the exercise, which is scheduled to wrap up March 20.

“We’ll make sure that we get everyone back to the airport, then we’ll step off and close a successful chapter in the history of the 8th Theater Sustainment Command,” Burke said.

Nigerian’s dream to pursue life of opportunity comes true

JStory and Photo by
AMY L. BUGALA
Staff Writer

HONOLULU — Approximately 50 foreign citizens took the Oath of Allegiance during a naturalization ceremony here, Feb. 23; among them was U.S. Soldier and Nigerian, Spc. Oluseyi Olajire.

For Olajire, 35, a petroleum supply specialist, 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment, one word summed up his life-changing experience that morning — opportunity, for himself and his family.

“Becoming a U.S. citizen means freedom and an opportunity to be a part of history,” he said.

Olajire explained how learning about American history influenced him while growing up in Lagos, Nigeria.

“I didn’t know any Americans when I was young, but I learned about some extraordinary African-Americans while in school, like Martin Luther King Jr., Martin Garvey, Jesse Jackson,” he said.

Olajire said becoming an American citizen has been his dream for many years. He said as soon as he was able to appreciate the benefits and opportunities he could have as a citizen, he pursued becoming naturalized.

He enlisted in the Army in 2008 and willingly took the oath and responsibility “to support and defend the Constitution of the United States” as an immigrant Soldier. After enlisting, he started the naturalization process as soon as possible and then deployed to Iraq. For him, protecting and defending the U.S. is akin to protecting his own dreams.

“When you have a dream of making good in life, and when given the opportunity to prove yourself, you are ready to defend that opportunity,” he explained.

Having met the qualifications and honorably served in the military for more than a year, Olajire

was ready to take the Oath of Allegiance down-range when an injury to his hand sent him back to Hawaii. With the help of his rear detachment commander, Capt. Charles Romero, his application was expedited here, and his wife, Adenike, and mother, Modupeola, were able to witness the event.

“I am very happy. This is a dream come true,” said Adenike, smiling continuously. “I am glad I was able to be a part of the whole process.”

As soon as she is qualified, she will apply for citizenship, as well.

Despite his injuries, Olajire believes the ceremony was an incredible opportunity to be able to share with his family, and he appreciates the efforts Romero took to make it happen.

Before receiving his certificate of naturalization, Olajire recited the Pledge of Allegiance, its words not only evidence of his new duty as a citizen of the U.S., but his duty as a Soldier, as well.

Charlotte Gee, supervisory adjudication officer, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), Honolulu, reminded Olajire of the benefits and responsibilities of being an American: “To protect the U.S. government if called upon, to vote, to run for office, to attend jury duty, to participate in your communities,” she said.

Citizenship is one of the most coveted gifts the U.S. government can bestow, and the most important immigration benefit that can be granted, according to the USCIS.

Since 2004, changes in immigration law and procedures have made it easier for U.S. military personnel to naturalize. In 2008, 7,815 immigrant Soldiers became naturalized citizens.

In a few weeks, Olajire will return to Iraq a changed man — a U.S. Soldier and citizen ready to live the American dream.



With his right hand raised, Spc. Oluseyi Olajire, 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment, takes the Oath of Allegiance during a naturalization ceremony, Feb. 23.

News Briefs

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

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Gate Closure — Schofield Barracks' McNair Gate will be closed through March 18 to install additional force protection measures. All other gates at Schofield Barracks will maintain their current operational times.

For more information, call the Directorate of Public Works at 656-2435

Change in Dental Appointments — New appointments at the Na Koa and Schofield Barracks dental clinics will be limited through March 20 due to division redeployment activities.

Dental emergencies will be seen Monday-Friday, 7:15-7:45 a.m. and 12:15-12:45 p.m.

For more information, call the Na Koa (433-8900) or Schofield Barracks Clinic (433-8901).

FEMA Claims — If your home, rental property or business was damaged by the Dec. 10-16, 2008, severe storms and flooding, you may be eligible for assistance.

Individuals and businesses have until 6 p.m. Hawaii Standard Time (HST), today, to register with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for disaster recovery assistance.

Call toll-free 1-800-621-FEMA (3326), 8 a.m.-6 p.m., daily, HST, for assistance, or visit www.disasterassistance.gov.

Online registration will be available until midnight, HST, today.

7 / Saturday

Road Closure — Beginning March 7 and ending Nov. 7, portions of Williston and Wright-Smith Avenues, Schofield Barracks, will be closed for roadway construction work. Drivers should avoid the area.

Also, beginning March 7 and ending June 12, Bragg Street will be temporarily converted to two-way traffic serving the residents of Betsy Ross and Patrick Henry Courts only.

Call 624-2338.

9 / Monday

Civilian Classes — The Civilian Personnel Advisory Center (CPAC) will offer the following classes for civilians:

- March 9-13, The Supervisor's Role in Human Resources Management.
- March 10 and 11, Dealing with Difficult People.
- March 12, Interpersonal Communication Skills.

For questions regarding the courses, contact Val Nomura, at valetta.nomura@navy.mil or 474-0025, ext. 301.

Visit www.donhr.navy.mil.

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Newcomers Brief for Soldiers — The next monthly newcomers briefing for Soldiers will be held March 10, 4-5 p.m., at the Soldier Support Center, Building 750, Schofield Barracks.

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Redeployment Ceremony — The 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team will hold a redeployment ceremony March 12, 10 a.m., at Sills Field, Schofield Barracks.

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Orientation for New Civilain Employees — Are you new to the U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii team? Attend the next Orientation for New Employees course March 19, 8 a.m.-4 p.m, Installation Training Center, Schofield Barracks. To enroll call Valerie Makaneole 655-8379.

Fire Warden Training — Army regulation mandates every unit must have an assigned fire warden.

Fire warden training will be held for unit representatives at the Sgt. Yano Library Conference Room, , Schofield Barracks, and at the Federal Fire Department Headquarters, Pearl Harbor.

Upcoming training dates are March 19 and April 14. Classes will be held from 10-11:30 a.m., and seating is limited.

To reserve your seat, contact Battalion Chief David Jimenez at david.djimenez@navy.mil or 471-3303, ext. 632.



Sgt. Mike Alberts | 25th Combat Aviation Brigade Public Affairs

A pilot's investment

WHEELER ARMY AIRFIELD — Bryce Devoss, a sixth-grade student at Wheeler Middle School, tries on Chief Warrant Officer 2 Kenneth Bochat's flight gear during the school's 2009 Career Day, here, Feb. 25. Bochat, a CH-47 Chinook pilot assigned to 3rd Battalion, 25th Aviation Regiment, 25th Combat Aviation Brigade, volunteered at the event to give students insight into the academic and training preparation for his career, as well as the working conditions and personal satisfaction of being a helicopter pilot.

NCO: HI first state to recognize NCOs

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recite the NCO Creed, amazing all who were present. For most, this was the first opportunity to see the state Senate and House of Representatives in session.

"This event is very special to me," said brand new NCO, Cpl. Steven Dunn, light-wheeled vehicle mechanic, 205th Military Intelligence Battalion. "The Year of the NCO means a lot ... and for the state of Hawaii to recognize us and what we do in the Army."

"Any time we are able to recognize the outstanding and distinguished services and worth of our military, and especially of the U.S. Army, that is something that we want to do," Espero added.

"Here in our state capitol, we are happy and honored that there is a large contingency of U.S. Army personnel to celebrate with us this 2009 Year of the Noncommissioned Officer."

According to the proclamation, the U.S. Army's professional non-commissioned officer corps has a proud history and has distinguished itself throughout the world as the backbone of the Army by leading the way with two tasks in mind: obeying the orders of superior officers to accomplish the mission and looking out for the welfare of Soldiers.

The proclamation also stated that NCOs and their families have made daily sacrifices and exemplified courage

and a deep sense of patriotism in their commitment to provide continual and invaluable service in accomplishing and contributing to the state and to this great nation. Further, NCOs have demonstrated their dedication and willingness to sacrifice on behalf of their fellow Americans, it said.

"An NCO is not just being a leader and taking care of Soldiers," said Master Sgt. Barbara Rubio, chief paralegal, US-ARPAC. "It's the person that's working hand-in-hand with the commander getting the orders out and making sure everything comes together."

The co-resolution will now move forward to Gov. Linda Lingle's office for her signature.

Health: DUIs can ruin careers, personal lives

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statistics on drug and alcohol abuse. She said 54 Army Hawaii Soldiers were ticketed with DUIs in the month of January.

Additionally, Powell stated more than 4,300 tickets for DUIs were issued islandwide in 2008.

"If that doesn't scare you, it should," she said.

Powell provided information for organizations and to assist Soldiers and family members overcome a drug or alcohol problem.

A representative from the Family Advocacy Program (FAP) discussed family concerns regarding drug and alcohol abuse, and a Judge Advocate General (JAG) representative discussed the ramifications of drinking and driving.

At one point, the briefings were interrupted by the sound of a siren. Two military police officers pulled over a truck in the adjacent parking lot.

In the driver's seat of the truck sat "Soldier at Risk" Sgt. Troy Wollan, TAMC, who agreed to participate in the demonstration by consuming alcoholic beverages throughout the morning.

Wollan consumed in a controlled environment, and he did not operate the vehicle, although the investigation continued as if he were the driver.

Sgt. Melody Peace, 558th Military Police (MP) Company, and Pfc. Rene Cordero, 39th MP Detachment, showcased the steps taken to determine if a driver is DUI, by conducting the Standardized Field Sobriety Test on the Soldier.

Testing includes the horizontal gaze nystagmus test (eye test), the walk-and-turn test, the one-leg stand, and a Breathalyzer test. Each procedure was explained to the Soldiers.

The testing concluded Wollan was intoxicated and legally unfit to operate a vehicle.

"This is not fun," mumbled Wollan as he sat in handcuffs.

The round-robin standdown event armed Soldiers with needed information to live safely and make healthy decisions.

"We aim to provide information and provide new innovative ways to change Soldiers' behaviors," said Command Sgt. Major David Vrleeland, TAMC. "We want to reward good behavior and mitigate bad behavior."

The safety standdown was mandatory for all TAMC Soldiers in C Co.

Monitoring ensures quality water

**DIRECTORATE OF PUBLIC WORKS
ENVIRONMENTAL DIVISION**
News Release

FORT SHAFTER — The Environmental Division of the Directorate of Public Works (DPW) routinely monitors the Fort Shafter water system for the quality of your drinking water. We are very lucky to enjoy some of the highest quality drinking water on Oahu.

Recently, routine tests were performed for the presence of drinking water contaminants. In January, 12 samples were collected and tested for the presence of coliform bacteria. Of these 12 samples, three showed the presence of total coliform bacteria.

Coliforms are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment. Their presence is an indicator that other, potentially harmful, bacteria may be present.

Coliforms were found in more samples than allowed in January, which was a warning of potential problems. However, coliform bacteria are generally not harmful themselves.

An Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) standard, called the “total coliform rule,” is that no more than one sample per month may

For more information concerning water quality, contact Rhonda Suzuki at 656-5301 or the USAG-HI Directorate of Public Works, Environmental Division (IMPC-HI-PWE), 947 Wright Avenue Wheeler Army Airfield, Schofield Barracks, HI 96857-5013.

contain total coliform bacteria. Because three samples showed the presence of total coliform bacteria in January, the Fort Shafter water system exceeded the rule.

This finding is not an emergency or something you should be alarmed at. However, as DPW customers, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what DPW is doing to correct this situation. Again, this finding is not an emergency. Your drinking water is safe.

Whenever DPW detects coliform bacteria in any sample, we do follow-up testing to see if E.coli bacteria, which is of greater concern, are present. DPW did not find E. coli bacteria in samples collected in January.

Additional samples were collected after the first set of repeat samples. The additional samples did not contain total coliform bacteria; therefore, this problem has been resolved. DPW has flushed the water system and does not anticipate any further positive total coliform bacteria samples.

You do not need to take any corrective actions such as boiling your water. Our water is safe to drink; however, if you have specific health concerns, as always, consult your doctor.

Individuals with severely compromised immune systems, infants and some elderly may be at increased risk. People in the aforementioned categories should seek advice from their health care providers about drinking water.

General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from EPA’s Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

Please share this information with other people who drink Fort Shafter water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly. You can provide information by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

Energy: DoD and local community benefit from public-private partnerships

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Imperative,” demonstrated how sustainability is central to three major crises we are experiencing today: economic, energy (security) and climate.

Attendees didn’t have to look far to see how military installations are leading the way in energy efficiency. All branches of military service on the islands, in partnership with public and private sector organizations, are pursuing major renewable energy projects.

Locally, Army Hawaii Family Housing (AHFH) has partnered with Concurrent Technologies Corporation (CTC) to lead a zero

energy housing (ZEH) pilot designed to maximize a resident’s well-being while minimizing energy requirements and combining energy-efficient technologies and construction techniques with renewable energy systems (for example, photovoltaics and wind turbines).

Representatives from other installations in Hawaii also presented renewable energyand waste-to-energy projects they are pursuing. The Sustainable Installations Information Exchange served as a great example of how the DoD and the greater community can benefit from public-private partnerships.

Culinary: Team cooks way to ‘gold’

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from its second-place finish in the Field Cooking category last year, to first place in this year's competition, he said.

Field cooking tests a four-person team on the preparation of a plated, three-course meal for 60 people using a containerized kitchen.

“This is still a young team, due to deployment, with only three returning members,” said Francis.

During training, special emphasis was placed on learning how to compete, in addition to food presentation, composition, preparation and serving, he explained.

Soldier-chefs began training even before the final team selections were made. They honed their culinary prowess under local certified executive chefs and civilian advisors such as Alan Tsuchiyama, culinary arts instructor at Kapiolani Community College, Executive Chef Ernesto Limcaco, Y. Hata Executive Chefs program, and Executive Pastry Chef Isaac Tamada.

“Leadership, beyond the question, is the strength of this team, along with their cohesiveness,” said Limcaco, team coach. “It is a team to be reckoned with this year.”

Sgt. Monique Sorrell, U.S. Army-Pacific Special Troops Battalion, is one of three returning members and team captain. She said the secret to winning will be “timing, confidence and great food.”

Sorrell, who is competing for Individual Junior Chef of the Year, said her early culinary influences were Julia Childs and Emeril Lagasse. Ultimately, she became a military chef because “eating makes people smile,” she said.

“Soldiers deserve more than just a hot meal when they finish their day, and being a chef allows me to provide just that,”she explained.

Sorrell said she spent a lot of time putting together the team's menus. Without revealing the actual menu selections, she hinted at the variety of possibilities under a New Orleans theme.

First-year competitor and Atlantic Culinary Arts Academy graduate Spc. Christopher Bates, Headquarters Support Company, 209th Aviation Support Battalion, believes the key to winning a specific event is the menu, “but it ultimately comes down to the flavor and the plating.” Bates has a penchant for French



Courtesy Photo

Spc. Christopher Bates, Headquarters Support Company, 209th Aviation Support Battalion, quickly plates an entrée during the preliminary culinary arts competition, recently. Twelve Soldiers, including Bates, are representing Hawaii at the 34th Annual Culinary Arts Competition at Fort Lee, Va.

cooking and hopes to become a restaurant owner someday.

Building skills for the competition, as well as for life after the military, was stressed during training by the team's coaches, including Limcaco.

“The food industry is a big industry with so many avenues and opportunities to make a decent income,” Limcaco said. “Training is ongoing and it doesn't end here.”

The two-week event tests the skills of ap-

proximately 200 military chefs across the Department of Defense in a variety of individual and team categories such as Chef and Junior Chef of the Year, Pastry, Field Cooking, Nutritional Hot Food Challenge, Ice Carving, Showpieces, Team Buffet, and a Culinary Knowledge Bowl.

The 2009 winners will be selected March 13.

Awards: Sustainable solutions earn recognition

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The wastewater treatment plant at Schofield Barracks became one of the first plants under the U.S. Department of Defense Privatization Program and is the largest privately owned R-1 facility in Hawaii.

The R-1 upgrade was an economically efficient way to improve the quality of wastewater treatment while simultaneously creating a sustainable benefit to our island home.

At KMC

Kilauea Military Camp sits at the summit of Kilauea Volcano. At 4,000 feet in elevation, 20 miles from the nearest county resources, and overlooking some of Hawaii's most unforgiving, yet environmentally sensitive lands, the KMC staff understands sustainability.

Providing daily support to more than 100 cottages, a 110-bed dormitory, food and beverage operations, two laundries and a fire station, KMC depends on renewable natural resources. The 2008 Sustainability Team Award recognized KMC for its success across multiple initiatives:

•**Water catchment.** With a consumption of more than nine million gallons of water annually and a \$738 thousand price tag for hauling water, KMC has transformed more than six acres of rooftops, and otherwise unused overhead space, into a water catchment system that pipes clean, purified water throughout KMC.

The innovative, gravity-fed system saves an average of \$162 thousand annually and greatly re-

duces the need to draw valuable drinking water from local communities.

•**Photovoltaic projects.** KMC furthers its efforts in the three-E's (energy, environment and the economy) with plans to develop rooftop catchment using thin-film photovoltaic panels in 2009.

Initial installation will save more than \$35 thousand in annual energy costs. Future panels in 2010 will see a more robust initiative in photovoltaic projects while providing six acres of rain-shed catchment.

•**Indigenous plant restoration.** Working with the National Park Services, KMC constructed a greenhouse committed to indigenous plant restoration. This direction not only addresses the annual need to replenish the park's landscaping, but also puts the Army in good stead with the local population.

•**Hydrogen fuel.** Working in cooperation with the State of Hawaii, the U.S. Department of Energy (DoE), the National Park Service and local industry, KMC is looking forward to the construction of facilities to produce hydrogen fuel as a renewable energy source.

Through a DoE grant, KMC will acquire five hydrogen-powered passenger vehicles. The use of these vehicles will reduce fossil fuel consumption on the island of Hawaii by 10,000 gallons per year and eliminate the toxic carbon emissions of current vehicles.

This effort demonstrates an awareness and direct action by USAG-HI to protect the Big Island's sensitive ecosystem.

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“When work is finished!”

FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2009

Daren Kimura, Jamie Rolfsmeyer, Sgt. Thomas Johnson and Renee Garcia Hartenstein share the stage in a musical number for the Army community during “Curtains” at Richardson Theatre.



Story and Photos by
MOLLY HAYDEN
Staff Writer

FORT SHAFTER — It was 30 minutes before show time on opening night, Feb. 26, at Richardson Theatre, here, and the clocked seemed to tick slower and slower.

Sgt. Thomas Johnson, Trial and Defense Service, 8th Special Troops Battalion, stood dressed in a tuxedo, with his hair slicked neatly back, make-up on, and ready for the show to begin.

Straightening his jacket and checking the time once again, Johnson said, “I’m ready. Let’s get the show started.”

2009 has been designated as the Year of the NCO. Sgt. Thomas Johnson, who exemplifies the versatility of an NCO, uses his deployed experiences to bolster his performances onstage.

Yet, seconds passed like minutes.

“I just want to get up there,” said Johnson, nodding toward the stage. “We’ve been working all week for this day.”

Johnson, along with an array of community members, practiced for weeks for the debut performance of the Broadway musical “Curtains.”

The cast will bring song and dance to the stage in a total of seven performances.

Johnson is no stranger to the stage, recently performing in Diamond Head Theatre’s production of “Les Miserables.” He stated he has performed in more than 30 plays, mostly musicals, to showcase his singing and acting talents, including “Guys and Dolls,” “The Magic Flute,” “Die Fledermaus” and “The Merry Widow.”

The performer got his start at the age of 21 and fell in love with the stage.

“I learn to adapt myself to the characters,” said Johnson. “I really enjoy being on stage and performing for everyone.”

The clock finally gave in, moving closer to show time, and Johnson disappeared behind the red curtain, preparing for his cue.

Simultaneously, the doors of the theater opened, and more than 300 family and communi-



The cast of “Curtains” entertains a crowd of more than 300 at Richardson Theatre during opening night of the musical, Feb. 26.

Take a guess at “whodunit” at Richardson Theatre during “Curtains,” Friday and Saturday nights through March 14.

For more information, call 438-4480 or visit www.armytheatre.com.

ty members poured in for the opening night performance of the famed musical.

“Curtains” is a parody of 1950s “whodunit” mystery theater. In “Curtains,” a murder takes place at the Boston Colonial Theater in 1959. The leading lady dies during her curtain call, and the performance suddenly turns into a musical within a musical. And with every good musical comes a love story — in this case, two.

Johnson, who plays the show’s heartbroken composer, Aaron Fox, enters the stage during Scene 3 and joins his cast members in a gleeful musical number, “What Kind of Man.” Over the next three hours, the plot unfolds as Johnson continues to sing and dance his way across the stage.

“I like being the person in the Army that opens people’s eyes to this art form, this kind of music and performance,” said Johnson.

The show keeps the audience guessing until the last minute. During opening night, laughter could be heard at all the right moments.

“We are a community theater, and it is about the community,” said Vanita Rae Smith, chief of Army entertainment and producer of Army Community Theatre. “It’s great to see the Soldiers and veterans together in the audience with people from all over the island.”

Johnson agreed.

“Being able to perform like this is one of the reasons I defend my country,” he said. “We have so many opportunities to express ourselves through music and performance, and a lot of other countries don’t.

“We are lucky,” added Johnson.

When asked if any opening night jitters crept in before the performance, Johnson smirked and replied, “I’m in the Army. I’ve been downrange ... this is nothing.”

Army Community Theatre performs another ‘first’ with latest debut

MOLLY HAYDEN
Staff Writer

FORT SHAFTER — The musical shows “Cabaret” and “Chicago” have lit up the stage and screen, both brilliant collaborations by composers John Kander and Fred Ebb. Now the third in a trilogy of “Cs” comes to local theater — the Tony-award winning show “Curtains.”

“Curtains” closed on Broadway last summer, opening amateur rights to community theaters.

The Army Community Theatre, here, has spearheaded several “first” amateur productions at Richardson Theatre, most recently receiving the rights to debut “Curtains.”

Along with production rights for the show came Andrew Rainbow, director of music and publication for Theatre Rights Worldwide.

After working with the show on Broadway, he came to Hawaii to collaborate with Army Community Theatre director and producer Vanita Rae Smith for the first community theater showing of the award-winning musical.

“With every show you see something different,” said Rainbow. “The cast has captured the moments of this play beautifully and kept what the presentation is about, but made it their own.

“It’s not a carbon copy,” he continued, “but it is has the flavor.”

Rainbow worked with Smith and the cast, as well as the orchestra the week prior to opening night.

“There has been a real sense of family working with this group,” he said. “Everyone supports each other, and you know they are here for the love of the theater and the love of the script.”

The written word of “Curtains” came to life as military and community members performed opening night, singing and dancing across the stage in a nearly flawless performance.

Rainbow sat in the audience the duration of the performance with a proud grin across his face.

“They did a wonderful job,” said Rainbow. “They have worked so hard to get here.”

“Curtains” was directed by Smith with choreography by Grace Bell Humerickhouse and musical direction by Peter Rucci.

Army Wife Talk Radio show celebrates military moms with essay contest

Quaker Oats and radio show looks for exceptional military moms to honor in time for Mother’s Day

TARA CROOKS
Army Wife Talk Radio

ST. LOUIS — Brag on your military mom this year; that’s what Quaker Oats and Army Wife Talk Radio invite you to do for the military mom in your life.

The Celebrating Military Moms Essay Contest with Quaker True Delights allows military personnel and family members to recognize their military mom for the responsibilities she juggles and the delights she brings to their lives.

Contestants must explain, in 150 words or more, what makes their military mom so special. Moms will be proud and overjoyed when they discover they were entered for a chance to win one of six \$100 Spa Finder gift certificates or a grand prize \$500 Tiffany

& Company gift certificate for a well-earned splurge.

If she wins, her honor will be celebrated Mother’s Day weekend at the local commissary where she shops. She will be showered with gifts by Quaker Oats and the Defense Commissary Agency.

In addition, all winning essays will be featured in military media, so everyone knows just how special the winning mom is. Get complete details at www.LovingASoldier.com.

All entries must be postmarked by April 15, 2009.

Army Wife Talk Radio is the original Internet talk radio program for and by Army wives. Learn more about the show by visiting www.ArmyWifeTalkRadio.com.

•Also, every Monday, 3-5 p.m. (Hawaii time), listeners can be a part of the live show at www.BlogTalkRadio.com/awtr.



6/Today

Poker Tournament — Win the Army 2009 title and take home an ultimate home theater system by competing in the Texas Hold 'Em tournament, March 6, at 6 p.m., at the Tropics, Schofield Barracks. The top local winner will receive a \$500 gift card and seat at the online national finals. Call 655-5698.

"Curtains" at Theater — Army Community Theater (ACT) presents the musical comedy whodunit "Curtains," at 7:30 p.m., today, at Richardson Theatre, Fort Shafter. Additional performances are scheduled for March 7, 13 and 14. Tickets cost \$15-28 at the ACT Box Office. Visit www.armytheatre.com. or call 438-4480.

7/Saturday

Teen Photo Contest — Submit your photos now through March 7 for the Teen Tech Week photo contest sponsored by Army Libraries Hawaii. Applicants may interpret the theme, "Press Play@Your library," in any way they want. Awards will be given in two categories: Judges' Pick and Teens' Pick. For Teens' Pick, vote online March 8-14 at <http://armylibraryya.photo2009.sgizmo.com>. Winners in each category will win \$30 gift cards for Amazon.com. Call 655-8002.

9/Monday

Family Team Building — Come to Army Community Service, Schofield Barracks, for Army Family Team Building Level II, March 9-12, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. AFTB Level II will help you develop the skills you need to get more involved in your community or unit and cover topics such as customs, courtesies and protocol, the volunteer experience, family readiness groups, the deployment cycle and introduction to leadership. Call 655-4227.

Musical Auditions — Army Community Theater will hold open auditions for the musical "Children of Eden," March 9-11, 7 p.m., at Richardson Theatre, Fort Shafter. Roles for children and adults are available in this musical based on the first nine chapters of Genesis. Performances will run May 7-23. Call 438-4480.

Newborn Care I — How come they don't come with instruction manuals? Taking care of a newborn for the first time can be scary. From holding to diaper-



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Window shopping

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — The Daily Grind Bagel Company offers drive-thru and walk-up breakfast and lunch service. Located in the Burger King and Popeye's parking lot, here, the coffee and bagel shop is open Monday-Friday, 5:30 a.m.-4 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday, 7 a.m.-2 p.m.

ing, to bathing, come and learn the basics of newborn care to make the early months special for parents and baby, March 9, 9-11 a.m., at Sgt. Yano Library, Schofield Barracks, or March 10, 9-11a.m., at Aliamanu Military Reservation community center.

Continue learning as your baby grows at Newborn Care II, March 16, 9-11 a.m., at Sgt. Yano Library, Schofield Barracks and March 17, 9-11 a.m., Aliamanu Military Reservation community center. Call 655-4227.

11/Wednesday

Autism Support Group — Army Community Service (ACS) Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) will hold an Autism Support Group meeting, March 11, at the Main Chapel, Schofield Barracks, from 5:30-8 p.m. The meeting will focus on organizing and creating a portfolio for your child and will feature guests from Schofield's Parent-to-Parent through the Military Child Education Coalition. On-site child care is available, but registration and sign-up are required. Contact ACS EFMP at 655-4791 or 655-1551 for details or child care reservations.

Baby Massage II — Learn how to better understand your baby's moods, needs, desires and expressions through baby massage, March 11, 2-4 p.m., Aliamanu Military Reservation community center or March 12, 9-11a.m., Army Community Service, Schofield Barracks.

This three-part series is limited to 10 parents with their babies. Babies should be between 4 and 8 months old. Call 655-0596.

12/Thursday

Stryke Back Bash — Come help welcome back the 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, March 12, 5-9 p.m., at the Nehelani, Schofield Barracks. Food courtesy of Just Tacos will be available 5-7 p.m. Local unit bands and radio personalities will keep the party going strong. Blue Star Card holders, bring your expired blue stripe card to enter to win a prize. You must be present to win. For Blue Star Card information, call 656-3325/7. For Stryke Back Bash event information, call 655-0111/2.

13/Friday

Bracelet Beading — Learn the art of beading and make your own bracelet at the Arts & Crafts Center, Schofield Barracks, bracelet beading class, March 13, 10 a.m.-noon. Class costs just \$35 and includes supplies. Call 655-4202.

Teen Dance Off —A Dance, Dance Revolution contest will be held March 13, 6-8 p.m., at Sgt. Yano Library, Schofield Barracks. Bring out your dancing shoes and enter to win a \$30 gift certificate. This program is for teens, grades 6-12. Call 655-8002.

Cooking & Coping — Army Community Service will host a six-week support group series beginning March 9, 9 a.m.-noon, at the Kalakaua Community Center, Schofield Barracks, for spouses of deployed Soldiers. Child care will be provided. Call Bernadette Wong at 655-1670 for more information.

11/Wednesday

Spouse Information Meeting — The next Spouse Information Meeting (SIM) is scheduled March 11, 10 a.m., at the 1st Lt. Jon Brostrom Community Center, Fort Shafter.

Brain Injury Support Group — Are you caring for someone with brain injury?

Persons who have sustained a brain injury, and their family, friends and caregivers, are invited to attend the next Brain Injury Support Group meeting, March 11, 7-8:30 p.m., at the Rehabilitation Hospital of the Pacific.

The group meets the second Wednesday of every month. For more information call 791-6942 or visit www.rehabhospital.org.

12/Thursday

Redeployment Ceremony — The 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team will hold a redeployment ceremony March 12, 10 a.m., at Sills Field, Schofield Barracks.

13/Friday

Asian-Pacific Cultural Festival — The 15th Annual Honolulu Festival will take place March 13-15 and will feature free music, art and cultural performances in and around Waikiki. The event concludes with a grand parade along Kalakaua Avenue at 4:30 p.m. Visit www.honolulu festival.com for an event schedule.

Behavioral Interviewing —Army Community Service will hold a workshop designed to provide participants with winning interviewing skills, March 13, 9-11 a.m. at ACS, Schofield Barracks. Learn strategies to help transfer yourself from a job applicant status to a hired employee.

14/Saturday

Make and Take Acrylic Painting — Paint your own masterpiece March 14, 10 a.m., at the Arts & Crafts Center, Schofield Barracks. Class costs \$20 and includes supplies. Call 655-4202.

16/Monday

Army Family Action Plan (AFAP) — AFAP is the ultimate opportunity for you to get your voice heard. The 2009 Installation AFAP Conference will be held March 16-18, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., at the Nehelani, Schofield Barracks. Join us for our 25th Anniversary Celebration of AFAP, March 18, 10-11 a.m. For more information call Tracey Clark at 655-1696 or tracey.clark@us.army.mil.

18/Wednesday

Big R: Margarita Madness — Learn how to create your own "Margarita Madness" masterpiece while celebrating another month of deployment complete with your Blue Star Card friends, March 18, 6-8 p.m., at the Nehelani, Schofield Barracks. A talented designer will be on hand to give step-by-step instruction. Canvas, paint, brushes and pupus will be provided as well as free child care. Space is limited, reserve today. Call 656-3327 or e-mail Sarah.Chadwick@us.army.mil.

19/Thursday

Luncheon — The next Hui O Na Wahine (all ranks spouses club) luncheon is scheduled March 19, 10 a.m., at the Nehelani, Schofield Barracks. The club is now accepting nominations for the 2009-10 elected board positions. For more information contact Abbie at 599-0541 or e-mail huivahinepres@yahoo.com.

20/Friday

Employment Orientation — Prepare for the job you want. Attend an Army Community Service (ACS) Employment Orientation and get information on employment with federal, state, private sector and staffing agencies. Resources will be available for use. Orientations will be held at Schofield Barracks, ACS, March 20, 9-10:30 a.m. Register online at www.acsclasses.com. Call ACS at 655-4227.

Ongoing

Twitter — Do you Twitter? Follow the garrison at www.twitter.com/usaghi. For more information, call 656-3153.

Slick Deals for Soldiers — The Hawaii Super Ferry will offer a buy-one-get-one free round-trip offer to military members and their family members through March 31. Tickets must be purchased through Information, Ticketing and Registration offices. Call 438-1985 (Fort Shafter) or 655-9971 (Schofield Barracks).

Tax Center Open — The Schofield Tax Center, Building 648 at the corner of Foote Avenue and Lewis Street, is open. Hours of operation are 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday, and no appointments are necessary. Everyone is served on a walk-in basis. Service is provided free for active duty service members, their dependents and retirees. Call 655-1040.



Aliamanu (AMR) Chapel

836-4599

- Catholic Sunday, 8:30 a.m. — Mass Sunday, 9:45 a.m. — Religious Edu.
- Gospel Sunday, 11 a.m. — Sunday School (Sept.-June only) Sunday, 12:30 p.m. — Worship service
- Protestant Sundays, 9:45 a.m. — Worship Service Sunday, 11 a.m. — Sunday School (Sept. — June only)

Fort DeRussy Chapel

836-4599

- Catholic Saturday, 5 p.m. — Mass in Chapel (May-Aug.) Saturday, 6 p.m. — Mass on Beach
- Protestant Sunday, 9 a.m. — Worship Service
- Buddhist 1st Sunday, 1 p.m.

Fort Shafter Chapel

836-4599

- Contemporary Protestant Sunday, 9 a.m.—"The Wave" Worship

Helemano (HMR) Chapel

653-0703

- Contemporary Protestant Sunday, 9 a.m. — Bible Study Sunday, 9 a.m. — Worship Service & Children's Church

Main Post Chapel

655-9307

- Catholic Sunday, 9 a.m. — CCD & RCIA Sunday, 10:30 a.m. — Mass
- Collective Protestant Sunday, 9 a.m. — Worship Sunday, 10:30 a.m. — Sunday School
- Gospel Sunday, 10:30 a.m. — Sunday School Sunday, noon — Worship Service

MPC Annex, Building 791

- Chalice Circle Tuesday, 7 p.m.
- Islamic Prayers and Study Friday, 1 p.m.
- Buddhist 4th Sunday, 1 p.m.

Soldiers Chapel

- Catholic Friday-Saturday, noon — Adoration
- Liturgical Sunday, 9:30 a.m.— Worship

Tripler AMC Chapel

433-5727

- Catholic Sunday, 11 a.m. — Mass Monday-Friday, 12 p.m. — Mass Saturday, 5 p.m. — Mass
- Protestant Sunday, 9 a.m. — Worship Service

Wheeler Chapel

656-4481

- Catholic Saturday, 5 p.m. — Mass
- Collective Protestant Sunday, 9 a.m. — Worship Sunday, 9 a.m. — Sunday School



Send announcements to community@hawaiiarmyweekly.com.

6/Today

Lenten Services — Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday during Lent at 5:30 p.m., at Aliamanu (836-4599) and Wheeler (656-4481) Chapels. Enjoy soup and fellowship following each service.

Gate Closure — Schofield Barracks' McNair Gate will be closed through March 18 to install additional force protection measures. All other gates at Schofield Barracks will maintain their current operational times. For more information, call the Directorate of Public Works at 656-2435.

Medical Assistant Training — The Schofield Barracks American Red Cross Service Center will be accepting applications for spring enrollment in the Volunteer Medical Assistance Program (VMAP), now through March 13.

VMAP is a volunteer program that provides training and experience in the medical assistant field. Students will complete 500 hours in various clinical environments. Eligible candidates must be at least 18 years old and have at least one year remaining on island. For more information call 655-4927 or contact Becky LaPolice at becky.lapolcemurphy@schofield.army.mil.

Film Festival — The 3rd Annual Honolulu International Film Festival will take place today through March 8 at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Beach Resort. Film tickets and passes can be purchased online:

- An individual film ticket is \$8.
- A five-film mini pass is \$25 and provides priority admittance to any five films at the festival.
- An all-day film pass is \$50 and provides

priority admittance to all films in a single day.

- A VIP all access pass is \$100 and provides priority admittance to all films, parties and events throughout the festival. Visit www.honolulu film festival.com.

7/Saturday

Spring Fling Carnival — The Hale Kula Elementary School is celebrating its 50th birthday and will host a Spring Fling Carnival at the school, March 7, 3-6 p.m. Students, parents and community members are invited to attend.

Road Closure — Beginning March 7 and ending Nov. 7, portions of Williston and Wright-Smith avenues, Schofield Barracks, will be closed for roadway construction work. Drivers should avoid the area. Also beginning March 7 and ending June 12, Bragg Street will be temporarily converted to two-way traffic serving the residents of Betsy Ross and Patrick Henry courts only. Call 624-2338 for more information.

9/Monday

Power Outage — The Directorate of Public Works will replace electrical power lines in the Santa Fe neighborhood of Schofield Barracks through May.

In order to replace these lines, electrical power will have to be turned off, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., March 9 and 12.

The housing areas that will be affected include the following: Pitts Street, Womack Court, Cutinha Court, Hendrickson Loop, Ailana Place, Aloala Place, Aloala Street, Aloala Way, Kiela Place, Mohala Place, Melekule Street, Awapuhi Place, Mokihana Loop and Laniuma Place.

Army Hawaii Family Housing recommends residents refrain from opening refrigerators during these periods to prevent food spoilage. Unplug all sensitive electronic equipment such as computers, televisions and stereo equipment to prevent possible damage from surges when power is restored, and turn off and unplug all air conditioners. Once power is restored, residents will be able to use these items again. Call 656-2435 for more information.



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



Ink Heart

(PG)
Friday, 7 p.m.

Hotel For Dogs

(PG)
Saturday, 4 p.m.
Thursday, 7 p.m.

The Curious Case of Benjamin Button

(PG-13)
Saturday, 7 p.m.



Marley and Me

(PG)
Sunday, 2 p.m.

Last Chance Harvey

(PG-13)
Wednesday, 7 p.m.

No shows on Mondays or Tuesdays.

Army Hawaii Soldiers honored as Athletes of the Year

MOLLY HAYDEN
Staff Writer

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS – Two Army Hawaii military intelligence officers were recently named 2008 Army Athletes of the Year at the Association of the United States Army Winter Symposium.

First Lt. Kelly Calway, 500th Military Intelligence (MI) Brigade, and Capt. Shawn Dodge, 732nd MI Battalion, received their awards in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., last week.

1st Lt. Kelly Calway

Calway started running soon after she learned to walk and never stopped.

More than 20 years later, Calway’s dedication to the sport has earned her the 2008 Army Female Athlete of the Year award.

“I have a passion for running,” said Calway. “I’ve always loved it.”

Calway credits the Army for inspiration and success in the sport.

“It is so motivating running around post, seeing other Soldiers pass by,” said Calway. “It’s the inspiration I need to push myself harder, faster.”

The veteran runner has received numerous accolades during her career, including first place Active Duty Military Female in the recent Great Aloha Run, with a time of 54 minutes, 16 seconds.

Her athletic resume includes first place awards in the 2008 Schofield Barracks Fourth of July 5K, 2008 Wheeler Army Airfield 10-Mile Run and the 2008 Marine Corps Marathon.

Calway was also named fastest Non-World Class Athlete Program Army Female in the 2008 Army Ten Miler, among numerous other awards.

Calway has made her mark as an elite distance runner for the Army. Her athletic accomplishments in 2008 are a testament to her dedication to the sport of running.

“Distance running is more mental,” said Calway. “It’s a chance to free your mind and work on yourself.”

In addition to constant training to improve her skills, Calway volunteers to spread information and the love of running at every opportunity. She con-



Calway



Dodge

sistently reaches out to the community to instill the values of hard work and physical fitness.

Currently, Calway is mentoring girls at Mililani and Leilehua high schools to help them achieve their running, fitness and educational goals. In addition, she’s encouraging local elementary school children who are interested in running to help them establish healthy exercise habits and commit to lifelong fitness.

Calway developed and led running workshops for Soldiers that focused on the fundamentals of running, including correct form, stretching and proper footwear. Additionally, she helped establish the 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team Family Readiness Group Marathon Team to help spouses of deployed

Soldiers achieve lifelong marathon dreams.

Calway’s success is compounded by the fact that she is a mother of a 1-year-old daughter, Hazel, who accompanies her on many long, hard training runs in the jogging stroller.

Capt. Shawn Dodge

For Dodge, 2008 Army Male Athlete of the Year, becoming an elite runner came much later in his life.

“I picked it up while in the Army about five years ago and found I really enjoyed it,” said Dodge. “There are a lot of opportunities within the Army to run and improve your skills.”

Although Dodge stated his goal of running was lifelong fitness, he has received numerous awards for his

outstanding times and endurance. He was humbled by the Athlete of the Year award.

“I put a lot of time and effort into improving myself as a runner,” said Dodge, “but I was still shocked when named Athlete of the Year.”

In the past year, Dodge has received first place awards in races such as the 10-mile Time Trial, Hawaii; the Schofield Fourth of July 5K; the Hickam Air Force Base Marathon; the Wheeler Army Airfield Trail Run; and the Honolulu Race for the Cure 5K.

Dodge is known for his dedication and said he does not back down from a challenge.

His charisma and ability to train Soldiers is a large reason why he was selected to command an active duty company as an active Guard Reserve officer.

Dodge commands his company with distinction, representing the Army in several local, state, national and international running competitions, and shares his knowledge of running and fitness with others.

He leads from the front, which is why he is selected to coach teams, as well as lead them to victory. Recently, he coached Hawaii’s Army coed team to a first place finish in the 2008 Army Ten Miler.

Additionally, Dodge spent numerous hours volunteering with after-school programs at a local grade school in Honolulu. He hopes to take over some of the track coaching responsibilities in the spring.

He also works closely with Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation (FMWR) to create effective sports programs to ensure the overall goal of lifelong fitness is met.

“Running is an individual event,” said Dodge. “If you are improving your own level of fitness and well-being, that is success.”

The two athletes said they plan to continue to excel in the sport and represent the Army community in a positive way.

“When you run with Army written across your chest, you are representing all Soldiers, not just yourself,” said Calway. “You can see the pride, and it helps motivate you.”

“You are representing something so much bigger than yourself,” added Calway. “And it’s an honor.”



7 / Saturday

Shark Tours – Information, Ticketing, and Registration (ITR) will offer another shark tour, March 7, 10 a.m. Tickets are \$85 a person and space is limited. Call 655-9971 or 438-1985.

11 / Wednesday

Discover Scuba – Find out if scuba diving is the right sport for you at a free introductory class, March 11, 6-8 p.m., at Richardson Pool, Schofield Barracks. This program will teach you what to expect before you pay for a full scuba diving instruction class. Call 853-4673.

16 / Monday

Learn to Swim – Summer learn to swim programs are getting underway at Army pools. Classes begin March 16 at Richardson Pool, Schofield Barracks, with sessions through September. Classes for all skill levels and adult beginners are available. For full schedule and costs, visit www.mwrarmyhawaii.com. Call 655-9698.

Intramural Tennis Tournament Deadline – The deadline to enter the 2009 intramural tennis tournament is March 16. Entries must be sent to the USAG-HI Sports, Fitness and Aquatics Office, building 556, Kaala Recreation Center, Schofield Barracks.

The competition will take place March 23-27 at the Schofield Barracks tennis courts. Call 655-9914.

Ongoing

Cardio Kickboxing Classes – Brand-new cardio kickboxing classes are now

available at the Fort Shafter Physical Fitness Center five days a week.

Classes are offered on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 11:30-12:30 p.m. and 5:15-6:15 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays, 8:30-9:30 a.m.

The class is free for active duty Soldiers and family members and costs \$4 per class for all other authorized patrons.

Monthly pass cards are also available for \$25. Call 438-1152.

Bowling Parties – Wheeler Bowling Center’s eight lanes are available for private parties on Saturdays and Sundays for \$120 per hour. A three-hour minimum and \$2 shoe rental apply. Call 656-1745.

Twilight Golf – Pay half the green fee and enjoy the afternoon at Nagorski Golf Course, Fort Shafter. Twilight golf begins at 11:05 a.m., Mondays-Fridays. The twilight price is not available during holidays. Call 438-9587.

Golf ‘Til You Drop – Catch this all-you-can-golf special every Thursday at Nagorski Golf Course, Fort Shafter. Pay one fee and play as many holes as you want. Call 438-9587.

Little Ninja – Classes are being offered at Aliamanu Military Reservation’s (AMR) Youth Gym, Saturdays, 9-9:45 a.m., for children ages 3-5. The cost is \$35 per month. Call the AMR Child and Youth Service’s Registration Office at 833-5393.

Karate Classes – Children ages 5 and older can learn Do Shudokan karate at these physical fitness centers: Aliamanu, Fort Shafter, Helemano or Schofield’s Bennett Youth Center.

All youth students must be registered at CYS; cost is \$35 per month. A discount is offered for two or more family members.

Also, adults 18 and older can learn Do Shudokan karate at the Aliamanu Physical Fitness Center, Mondays and Wednesdays, 7-8:30 p.m. Cost is \$40 per month.

Call instructor Joseph Bunch at 488-6372 or 265-5476.



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Hike Oahu – Join the Hawaiian Trail & Mountain Club on a 14-mile advanced hike through Waimano, March 8.

The trail is the club’s longest official hike. The footing is good, the grade is easy, the miles go by quick, and before you know it, you’re at the top.

An additional \$5 fee per person for the center is required. Call coordinator Karen Liliker, 349-8336.

Save the date for these hikes, too:

- March 14, a 6-mile intermediate hike in Ridge/St. Louis Heights.
- March 15, a 6-mile intermediate hike along the Tantalus trails.
- March 22, a 10-mile intermediate hike into Moanalua Valley.

Hikes begin at 8 a.m., and a \$2 donation is requested of nonmembers. An adult must accompany children under 18. Hikers typically meet at Iolani Palace, mountainside.

Bring lunch and water on all hikes; wear sturdy shoes, as extra caution may be required on some trails. Hikers must keep all trails and lunch sites clear of clutter, as well as treat trees and plants with care and respect. Visit www.htmclub.org.

Football League – The Hawaii Athletic League of Scholars (HALOS) is signing up youth players for its upcoming spring football season. HALOS, a no-weight limit, tackle football league for ages 9-14, and is a nonprofit group that aspires to provide a high-quality experience for kids.

Visit www.myhalos.com, or call 620-8523.

Youth Soccer Club – The Hawaii Rush Soccer Club is seeking players for their boys under 14 developmental and competitive teams for the spring season.

Rush Soccer is a prestigious national club with more than 22 affiliates across the U.S. and offers a professional coaching staff, outstanding training programs and unique opportunities for select team placement.

The team practices at Mililani’s 16 Acres Park on Wednesdays and Fridays. Interested players can contact Dan Wilson, team manager, at 626-7758 for more details. Visit www.hawaiirushsoccer.com.

Ongoing

Waikale Wrestlers – The Waikale Athletic Club holds wrestling classes for children and adults. Cost is \$45 per student. Call 671-7169.

Outdoor Excursions for Veterans – Outward Bound, an international nonprofit outdoor education program, will

offer fully funded outdoor adventure excursions to all Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom (OIF/OEF) veterans.

Anyone who has deployed in support of OIF/OEF combat operations is eligible to apply.

The five-day excursions offer adventure activities in Maine, Texas, Colorado, California and Minnesota. All expedition costs for lodging, equipment, food and instruction are completely funded by a multimillion dollar Sierra Club grant, including the participants’ round-trip transportation between home and the wilderness site.

To sign up for a prescheduled course, send an e-mail to obvets@outward-bound.org or call Doug Hayward at 1-866-669-2362, ext. 8387.

Waikale Wrestlers – The Waikale Athletic Club holds wrestling classes for children and adults. Cost is \$45 per student. Call 671-7169.

Outdoor Excursions for Veterans – Outward Bound, an international nonprofit outdoor education program, will

drumming, offers classes year-round to the general public for all ages and skill levels.

Students also learn aspects of Japanese culture, etiquette and language while developing skills in rhythm and movement. Beginning, intermediate and advanced classes are available for youth, adults and families.

No experience is necessary and weekly one-hour classes are held on Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at various times at Kapiolani Community College.

Cost is \$78 for youth and teens and \$88 for adults. For more details, call 737-7236, visit www.taikoarts.com, or e-mail info@taikoarts.com.

Escrima Classes – Pedoy’s School of Escrima, the Filipino art of self-defense, holds classes every Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday at its training center in Waipio. Sessions cover hand-to-hand fighting, weapons, grappling, boxing and kicking. Call 678-2438 or 216-3211.

Escrima classes for men, women and children of all ages are also held at Mililani Elementary School. Classes are Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m., and Saturdays, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Call 398-0119 for details.

Ballet for Beginners – Learn the art of ballet at W Performing Arts Center, 823 Olive Ave., Wahiawa, Wednesdays, 4:30-6 p.m. Cost is \$60 per month. Call 779-8709.

Wrestlers Wanted – Hawaiian Championship Wrestling seeks new members. Applicants should be at least 6-feet tall, weigh 250 pounds, or have an above average muscular build. Sports background is preferred. Call 676-8107.

Shafter Bowling – Unit PT (physical training) bowling is held Monday-Friday, 6-8 a.m. Cost is \$1 per Soldier and includes all games and free shoe rental. Call 438-6733 for more information.