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# Petraeus, Holbrooke describe Afghanistan strategy

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WASHINGTON — The new U.S. strategy in Afghanistan will include unprecedented integration of military and civilian activities in the effort, said two key leaders, Monday.

Gen. David H. Petraeus, commander of U.S. Central Command, and Ambassador Richard Holbrooke, special envoy to Afghanistan and Pakistan, spoke with host John King on the CNN program "State of the Union."

Holbrooke said that in the wake of a full review of Afghanistan policy ordered by President Barack Obama, he and Petraeus plan to meet soon to work on details for the way forward.

"Dave Petraeus and I are now going to sit down and plot the most serious integration of civilian and military activities we have had in our time," he said. "We're going to integrate the policy like it's never been done before."

On the civilian side of the equation, Holbrooke said, deliberations during the

review focused on Afghanistan's agricultural sector and creating jobs.

Militarily, about 30,000 more U.S. forces will deploy to Afghanistan, doubling the number of Americans on the ground in the country, according to Petraeus.

"They'll all be on the ground by the end of the summer and the early fall," he said.

Holbrooke noted that the enemy in Afghanistan and contemporaries operating from the federally administered tribal areas in Pakistan present a danger to America.

"The people we are fighting in Afghanistan and the people they are sheltering in western Pakistan pose a direct threat [to the United States]," Holbrooke said. "Those are the men of 9/11, the people who killed [former Pakistani Prime Minister] Benazir Bhutto. And



Petraeus



Holbrooke

you can be sure that, as we sit here today, they are planning further attacks on the United States and our allies."

The effort in Afghanistan and Pakistan is comprehensive, Petraeus said, employing all elements of government to deal with the Afghans and Pakistanis. Much of this effort is building trust and cooperation between the two nations, he said.

Asked by King whether sending more troops into Afghanistan is like sending the fire department there while the fires are in Pakistan, Petraeus said the troops are needed in Afghanistan and that Pakistani officials are working on matters on their side of the border.

"Let me just say that it's very important that the fire department address the fires that have sprung up in the eastern and southern parts of Afghanistan with-

out question," the general said. "And then it's critically important that the fire department, if you will, in Pakistan, do the same thing in the federally administered tribal areas."

The Pakistanis have been working on their side of the border to eliminate the safe havens — most notably with offensives in Bajour and Mohmand. But they have to control all areas and establish government control throughout the country, Petraeus added.

"We've had ups and downs between our countries over the years," he acknowledged. "We've now got to get on an up and stay on an up with them."

In his March 27 speech announcing the plan, Obama said Pakistan must demonstrate "its commitment to rooting out al-Qaida and the violent extremists within its borders. And we will insist that action be taken, one way or another, when we have intelligence about high-level terrorist targets."

Petraeus said that doesn't mean U.S. ground forces would operate in Pakistan.



Courtesy Photo

Contractors work to build the new school age services center on Schofield Barracks.

## Education Front

# After school services center to open early next year

**SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICE**  
*News Release*

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — If you have recently passed by the corner of Hewitt Street and Lyman Road, here, you may have noticed a considerable amount of construction going on.

The sign says, "A new child development center (CDC) is going up here," but it will actually be the site of the School Age Services (SAS) after-school program, currently located at Bennett Youth Center on McMahon Road. The move to the new site takes place early next year.

The 195- to 225-person capacity facility will serve kindergarten through fifth grade students — from Solomon, Hale Kula and Wheeler elementary schools — whose parents choose SAS for their before- and after-school care needs.

The SAS program also provides full-day care during state holidays, school vacations, teacher in-service days and the eight weeks during the summer break. The facility is expected to meet the future needs of school-age child care on Schofield Barracks.

Officially called a CDC for children ages 6-10, the new center is an Army standard design facility. Standard design means

that, in keeping with other school-age facilities on Army installations, the building's design will complement and support the program's objectives and provide safe, secure and age-appropriate indoor and outdoor activity space.

Ensuring availability and predictability of programs and services is a key component of the Army's Child, Youth & School Services mission. The new center will house an administrative space, a technology lab, a homework center, six activity rooms, a large multipurpose room, a commercial kitchen, and a demonstration kitchen area where children can learn to prepare and sample foods as part of life-skill building activities.

The outdoor space will include a playground, a basketball court, a soccer/sports field and parking for 53 cars.

Once the SAS program moves to its new location, the Bennett Youth Center will be renovated and become the new home of the middle school and teen program, currently located at Kaala Community Center.

Teens who attend Wheeler Middle School and Leilehua High School will then have a youth-friendly facility designed to accommodate the wide variety of programming required for that age group.

## Army leadership requires devotion to duty, commanders, subordinates, units, families

**CHAPLAIN (MAJ.) L. SCOTT FLUEGEL**  
*Fort Shafter, Family Life Chaplain*

Leadership in the Army is often broken down into the maxims of core values. However, true leaders are devoted to service — serving their commanding officers and serving those who depend on them for direction.

**Loyalty.** Bear true faith and allegiance to the U.S. Constitution.

"Endure hardship with us like a good Soldier of Christ Jesus. No one serving as a Soldier gets enveloped in civilian affairs — the Soldier wants to please their commanding officer" (2 Timothy 2:3, 4).

Serving as a Soldier requires that we remain loyal to our country, the Army, our units and our families. God has called each of us to serve our country through serving our commanding officers.

As a Soldier in the Army and of Christ, I must remain focused on the mission. Our focus in the Army is to defend our country. Our focus as a people of faith is to bring the light of God to those around us.

**Duty.** Fulfill your obligations. "Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man" (Ecclesiastes 12:13). As a Soldier in the Army, we are told to obey the orders of our superiors.

Every Soldier has the duty to uphold the Constitution of the United States. Duty is also a part of who I am as a Christian. It is not only duty to my country; it is a duty to my commanding officer, my family and, most importantly, my duty to my God. It is our duty to come to God in order to know him personally.

**Respect.** Treat people as they should be treated. "Respect everyone and show special love for God's people. Honor God and respect the president" (1 Peter 2:17).

As Christians, it is our obligation to respect and honor, everyone. Respect is the recognition of the value of each person in his or her own place as a creature of God. In the military respect is shown through saluting and the return of a salute, regardless of rank. Peter states that we must have special respect for brothers and sisters in Christ.

**Selfless service.** Put the welfare of the nation, the Army, your subordinates and your family before your own. "For you were called to free-



Fluegel

dom, brethren; only do not turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another," (Galatians 5:13).

We live in a country that has provided us many freedoms. One is to worship our God freely without worry of punishment. As Soldiers, we are called to march the extra mile in serving our "battle buddies" and to serve our families.

It is not out of duty that we serve, but from an attitude of placing others before ourselves.

**Honor.** Live up to all the Army values. "This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts is far away from me" (Matthew 15:8).

When we joined the Army we made an oath to uphold the U.S. Constitution and to honor and defend the USA. This oath was spoken with your own

lips.

In the years to follow, as we serve our country and families, we will have the opportunity to live these promises out. We may be called into battle in some distant country. Yet, even before this happens, we need to bring honor to the uniform we wear. We need to honor our families on the homefront.

**Integrity.** Do what is right, legally and morally. "He who walks securely, but he who perverts his way will be found out" (Proverbs 10:19).

Integrity is found in the person who strives to live his or her life doing right, even when it will cost him or her. As professional Soldiers, we are called upon to act right, legally and morally. When we act without integrity, somebody will find out, even if it is God in heaven.

**Personal courage.** Face fear, danger or adversity (physical and moral). "But you be strong and do not lose courage, for there is reward for your work" (Chronicles 15:7).

Remember back to those days of basic training. It seemed as if you were never going to graduate, but you could not give up or lose hope. The reward was graduation from basic training and then advanced individual training.

You faced the fear and danger of physical harm during the combat confidence course and the combat obstacle course. Use that personal courage to face the obstacles that face you now and in the future.

# Voices of Ohana

"Understand and appreciate people's background."

**Tyson Allen**  
Lear Sigler Services  
Helicopter Electrician

"Appreciating everybody's views."

**Likeke Avilla**  
Lear Sigler Services  
Technical Inspector

"It's different cultures and different peoples."

**Pfc. Estaban Ayala**  
HHC, 3-25th  
Aviation  
Unit Supply  
Specialist

"Celebrating the different cultures and heritages that make up the U.S. armed forces."

**Sgt. Jason Hall**  
D Troop, 2-6th  
Cav. Regt.  
Aircraft Mechanic

"Having an open mind and accepting different cultures."

**Sgt. Cain Hennings**  
HSC, 209th ASB  
Black Hawk  
Mechanic

April is Celebrate Diversity Month. What does that mean to you?



# Engineers construct housing ‘from the ground up’

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Story and Photo by  
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643rd Engineer Company

MOSUL, Iraq – A recent “surge” of troops in the Mosul region of Iraq has helped to reduce violence in the area. However, the influx of troops to combat terrorism created a housing shortage.

Luckily, the 1st Platoon, 643rd Engineer Company, 84th Engineer Battalion (Construction Effects), is currently deployed in the heart of Mosul, where, in the past four months, it has improved the living conditions for coalition forces and used its vertical construction expertise to make the Mosul area a safer place for the local populace.

The current mission for the “From the Ground Up” engineers directly supports a unit in desperate need of a place to rest and refit between missions.

1st Platoon’s mission is to construct seven Southeast Asia (SEA) huts measuring 30-by-60 feet at Logistical Support Area (LSA) Diamondback. These huts will provide adequate living space for the Soldiers of the 2nd Bn., 82nd Field Artillery (FA) Regiment.

The Soldiers of the 2-82nd FA are currently tightly packed into small rooms. In some cases, eight Soldiers are crammed into quarters that were designed for only two to four Soldiers. The quality of life for the 2-82nd FA Soldiers will significantly improve when the seven SEA huts are complete.

The Soldiers, living within feet of the project site, were very excited when they saw the first two SEA huts being built. As part of a collective team effort, they provide security on the jobsite during



(Left To right) Staff Sgt. Aldegundo Nevarez, Spc. Patrick Nathan-Marsh and Spc. Shawn Rattenni prepare to erect interior partition walls for the Southeast Asia huts.

nonworking hours to ensure that the materials and the project site itself are not tampered with.

The first two SEA huts were built from the ground up to the roof in just nine days. The platoon will continue to construct the SEA huts in pairs until all seven are completed.

Each SEA hut is designed to provide 10 rooms measuring 12-by-15 feet, to be used as living

quarters for Soldiers. During the construction, 1st Platoon Soldiers will sharpen their carpentry and electrical skills as they learn tricks of the trade from noncommissioned officers (NCOs) and the platoon’s technical expert.

The NCOs’ experience allows the Soldiers to maximize efficiency while using materials of lower quality than they are accustomed to. The materials used for the construction of the SEA huts are purchased from local vendors in an effort to help bolster the economy, which is a key task in improving the stabilization of Iraq.

The engineers worked extensively to find the materials necessary to build the seven SEA huts because they are at the end of a long supply line. They are far north in the country, and the struggle to find a large quantity of adequate materials illustrates the need for increased economic progress in the region, but reflects favorably upon coalition forces’ acquisition capabilities.

The end state of the project will be seven SEA huts that will provide the 210, 2-82nd FA Soldiers with more comfortable living spaces than their current accommodations. This project also creates a more experienced vertical engineer platoon.

The whole project has been a rewarding experience for the 643rd Eng. Co.

“All of the Soldiers are proud to be a part of a project because they know it makes life better for their fellow Soldiers in the 2-82nd,” said Sgt 1st Class Alex Archilla.

*(Editor’s Note: Chief Warrant Officer 2 Jesse Taitague is a utility operations and maintenance technician with 643rd Engineer Company.)*

# Peaceful climate around Samarra prompts removal of concrete barriers

“T-Walls” around peaceful marketplace given to Iraqi army for security

Story and Photo by  
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3rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team Public Affairs

FORWARD OPERATING BASE BRASSFIELD-MORA, Samarra, Iraq – Scores of Samarra citizens joined provincial and community leaders March 23 to attend a concrete barrier removal ceremony reminiscent of the opening of the Berlin wall.

The concrete barriers, commonly known as “T-walls,” surround several government and military buildings throughout Samarra to provide a layer of protection against insurgent attacks.

While T-walls have become a familiar site in Iraq, they are a sign of more dangerous times, and most citizens agree it’s time for them to go.

Samarra’s mayor, Mahmood Khalaf Ahmed, joined Lt. Col. Sam Whitehurst,

commander, 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, and citizens from all over the city of Samarra to witness the first step in a citywide barrier removal project.

“Samarra has become very peaceful,” said Omar Khaled, a local produce shop owner. “The barriers remind us of bad times, but it is time to look toward the future and enjoy our peace. It is time to reopen Samarra.”

To the sound of cheering and clapping, a young Iraqi man dressed in sweatpants and sandals strapped hooked chains onto the lifting points of the barriers. Ten individual barriers were lifted, removed and placed on a flatbed truck.

Both Ahmed and Whitehurst spoke with Iraqi media, echoing Khaled’s sentiment.

“The people of Samarra have a sense of security now,” said Ahmed, “a security they have not known in many years.”



“Many exciting events have transpired in Samarra over our last five months here,” said Whitehurst. “Today is, without a doubt, the most exciting of those events.”

Whitehurst concluded by saying “the progress and security that has come to Samarra is a direct result of the cooper-

Several children jump onto a flatbed truck and celebrate as a crane removes several concrete barriers from Samarra March.

ation and partnership of the Samarran people. None of this would be possible without your help.”

The site selected for the initial barrier removal is in a section of Samarra that was once used for public executions in darker days. Today it is a peaceful marketplace.

The removed barriers will be provided to the Iraqi army and used for security around military compounds.



Spc. Jazz Burney | 31BCT Public Affairs, 25th Inf. Div.

## General re-enlistment

CONTINGENCY OPERATING BASE SPEICHER, TIKRIT, Iraq – Lt. Gen. Lloyd Austin, Multinational Corps-Iraq commanding general, administers the oath of enlistment to Staff Sgt. Clarence Charatain, platoon sergeant, Co. B, 325th Brigade Support Battalion, 3rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, during his visit to the Bronco Brigade, March 25.

## 728th: Unit re-establishes mission

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conflict, and why our Army is considered the best in the world,” he added.

Lt. Col. Brian R. Bisacre, commander, 728th MP Bn. and Stegemeier took time following the ceremony to speak with Soldiers of the battalion and give them some quick “under the oak tree” counseling.

Regaining command and control of all the

MP companies on Oahu is a major step in re-establishing 728th MP Bn.’s dedication to the police mission outside of a deployed environment, according to Bisacre. The knowledge that leaders in the battalion received during their deployment will greatly assist in training units assigned to the battalion in their future deployments, as well as providing world-class law enforcement support to Soldiers, civilians and family members.

# Soldiers instill pride, patriotism at Webling Elementary School

Story and Photo by  
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8th Theater Sustainment Command Public Affairs

FORT SHAFTER – Soldiers from the 8th Special Troops Battalion (STB) brought pride and patriotism to the students of Webling Elementary School by providing the campus and classroom with American flags, March 19.

Gustav H. Webling Elementary School, which is in the process of renovations, is receiving tender loving care through ongoing improvements to the school grounds. Many of the improvements are being accomplished by Soldiers who, in partnership with the school, are enhancing the appearance of the facility.

“We come to this school every month and noticed their flags were showing a lot of wear and tear, so we wanted to come over and replace them for the kids,” said Maj. Brian Courter, battalion operations officer, 8th STB.

During an early morning assembly, the Soldiers passed out flags and talked with the children before moving on to the task at hand – the U.S. flag on the flagpole.

“For a Soldier, the U.S. flag is a symbol. It’s what we fight for,” said Command Sgt. Maj. Maria Wilkes, 8th STB. “We share a partnership with this school, so we wanted to make sure they have a good flag to welcome them to school each morning.”

A team of five Soldiers marched up to the flagpole to take down the old flags before raising the new U.S. and Hawaiian flags over the school amidst a loud applause and salutes from all in attendance.

“Our old flags were getting messed up from the weather, and we needed new ones,” said Coletton Sunada, a sixth-grader at Webling Elementary. “We’re excited to have these new flags.”

“Thank you from all of us here,” said Principal Sherrylyn Yamada. “These new flags bring a nice touch to the school and to have (them) presented to us by our military partners makes them very special indeed.”



Maj. Brian Courter, battalion operations officer, 8th Special Troops Battalion (STB), and Command Sgt. Maj. Maria Wilkes, 8th STB, salute the flags at Gustav H. Webling Elementary School.

Following the flag raising, the Soldiers went on a quick tour of the school and distributed individual flags to classrooms before returning to Fort Shafter.

“Today showed we cared,” Wilkes said. “The kids and staff were grateful and happy for what we did for them. We’re going to continue helping them as much as we can.”

The next project for the Soldiers of the 8th STB will be renovating a garden on the school grounds. They are also planning to assist with numerous individual renovations to the school and classrooms.



# Warriors sign wall of fame, ‘graduate’ from Warrior Transition Clinic

Soldiers take their boots but leave their soles behind at WTU

Story and Photo by  
**MOLLY HAYDEN**  
Staff Writer

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — As patients walk into the Warrior Transition Clinic (WTC), health care posters, numerous handouts and fire escape plans hang on the wall — all information patients would expect in a health clinic. However, something unusual sticks out.

Lining each mint green wall, as far as the eye can see, are pairs of small bootprints approximately 6 inches in height — 392 pairs of bootprints to be exact.

Above a few select pairs are names and dates. The people at the clinic call the bootprints the “graduating wall.”

“We have so many Soldiers come through here,” said head nurse Connie McCarty, WTC. “When they leave, they have usually overcome a great physical, emotional or mental battle.”

McCarty said, the wall is WTC’s way of acknowledging the Soldiers’ battles.

As Soldiers graduate from the clinic, they sign their name to a pair of bootprints, leaving their legacy behind.

Sgt. 1st Class Gabriel Camacho arrived at the



Staff Sgt. Tomee Phetsisouk, Warrior Transition Unit, signs his name to the graduate wall at the Warrior Transition Clinic. Hundreds of boots line the walls of the clinic awaiting a Soldier’s story of triumph and healing.

clinic in October 2008 after being diagnosed with a form of skin cancer. After two short months, Camacho ended his treatment. He was then offered a job and assigned to the Warrior Transition Unit (WTU).

“I’ve been here; I’ve been through much of what the Soldiers here are going through,” said Camacho. “As (a noncommissioned officer), it’s my

job to take care of Soldiers. Having been on both sides, it’s easier for me to help them.”

Camacho’s signature was the first to grace the wall in November 2008. To date, only a handful of Soldiers have signed the wall, but signatures appear each day.

“To me, signing this wall was a huge accomplishment,” said Camacho. “In the Army, you are taught to be goal driven. Cancer was just another obstacle I needed to overcome.”

Camacho looked down at his signature above the ink-splattered bootprints.

“This signature is validation that my mission was completed,” said Camacho.

For Staff Sgt. Tomee Phetsisouk, WTU, leaving a legacy has provided him the inspiration to help other Soldiers.

“This boot will always be here,” said Phetsisouk. “With it comes the story of how I made it. It’s a lesson for Soldiers to follow.”

More than a 100 Soldiers have passed through the Warrior Transition Clinic since the clinic opened its doors in March 2008. As the Soldiers leave the clinic, a part of them is left behind in their memory shaped like the bottom of an Army boot.

Each footprint tells a different story of success and triumph.

“Each boot is unique and a little bit different,” said McCarty, “just like my Soldiers.”

# Soldiers and veterans share combat experiences, healing over coffee

Story and Photo by  
**MOLLY HAYDEN**  
Staff Writer

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Soldiers, generations apart, discussed the realities of combat during “Java with Joe,” at the Tropics, here, Wednesday.

Army veterans of the Vietnam conflict, Abilino Bagayas and Ben Acohido, sat across from two who Soldiers recently returned from Iraq.

The Soldiers sat in uniform, and the veterans wore vests displaying their ribbons, medals and other accolades. Over cups of coffee, their eyes met, and the four men began to share stories of battle. Generations lingered between them.

“We are here to exchange stories,” said Acohido, “to share and help each other along the way.”

Acohido explained the causes and effects of war and shared his experi-

ences downrange. He then engaged the Soldiers in conversation, asking questions about their current service and recent deployment.

“There is healing in talking,” said Maj. Adelaido Godinez, rear detachment commander, 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team (SBCT). “When you are allowed to talk openly about the experiences downrange, it is easier to accept them.”

Godinez said the life of a Soldier can be difficult and very trying at times. He explained that often Soldiers are responsible for the lives and deaths of others.

“This helps Soldiers know that what they are feeling or dealing with is normal,” said Godinez. “We can help our Soldiers and solve potential problems through this community outreach.”

The day brought more than 20 Sol-



Army Veteran Ben Acohido talks with Soldiers during “Java with Joe,” Wednesday at the Tropics. The casual meeting over coffee brings past and present Soldiers together to share stories and experiences surrounding combat.

diers, who all listened to stories of the past and shared stories of their own.

“It’s a way to learn about history while gaining a different perspective on war,” said Sgt. Jackie Smith, 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment. “They’ve been through it too.”

For Sgt. Brent Townsend, 225th Brigade Support Battalion, sharing a common mission with the veterans

“Java with Joe” takes place every Wednesday from 9-11 a.m. at the Tropics, Schofield Barracks.

For more information, contact Leticia Rivera at 655-8134.

held a strong bond.

“It opens your eyes to the fact that we are not the only ones going through this,” said Townsend, “that Iraq and Afghanistan are not the only wars this country has experienced.

“There are differences of course,” Townsend continued, “but in the end the mission has always been the same. In the end, we are all Soldiers.”

The Coffee with Joe session is primarily for redeploying 2nd SBCT Soldiers; however, spouses of redeployed Soldiers are also encouraged to attend.

# OANRP restores Makua Valley, protects endangered species

KIM WELCH

Oahu Army Natural Resource Program

MAKUA VALLEY — The rough crunching sounds of spiked hiking shoes mixed with morning bird calls, as a crew of field technicians from the Oahu Army Natural Resource Program (OANRP) made their way into the native forest at the back of Makua Valley, recently.

The crew walked at a brisk pace, anxious to get in position to receive a delivery of precious air cargo that had taken years to prepare. Twenty-nine endangered Cyanea superba plants were being reintroduced to the forest of their origin.

Since 1998, when less than 10 wild Cyanea superba remained on the planet, OANRP staff have taken proactive measures to improve the plant's chances for survival.

The remaining wild plants are closely monitored, year after year. Although they were producing flowers and fruit, the lack of new seedlings on the forest floor did not bode well for the future of wild Cyanea superba in Hawaii. Recognizing this sure

path to extinction, OANRP intervened.

Fences were built to keep pigs and goats from damaging the Cyanea's fragile roots and seedlings. Invasive weeds were kept in check. Slug deterrents were put in place to keep these nonnative plant predators from nibbling up precious Cyanea seedlings.

Rat traps and rat bait stations were put in place to keep rodents from decimating the Cyanea fruit. And if the OANRP staff could get there before the rats, they would collect fruit and bring the seeds back to the seed lab.

Precious seeds were placed in petri dishes and grown in incubators. From there, seedlings were moved into nurseries where they were nurtured and monitored until they reached a full meter in height, a process that normally takes up to three years.

As OANRP invested 10 years of intensive management of Cyanea seedlings in its nurseries, the last remaining Cyanea superba went extinct in the wild. Since OANRP had anticipated what would eventually happen, the Cyanea seedlings would soon fill the void in the native forest of Makua.

With a current staff of 53, the OANRP works to protect and preserve 73 endangered species (one bird, nine tree snails, and 63 plants) on seven Army installations throughout the island of Oahu.

Roughly 80% of the endangered species on Oahu can be found on Army land.

With a whopping 317 threatened and endangered species, Hawaii is often referred to as the "endangered species capital of the world." More endangered species per square mile are located on Hawaiian islands than any other place on the planet.

On Oahu, 80 percent of endangered plants and animals can be found on Army land.

To date, more than 250 Cyanea superba plants have been grown and returned to Makua by OANRP staff.

The endangered Cyanea were loaded into a

plant box designed for air transport and flown by helicopter to field crew members waiting in Makua forest. The crew members unloaded each plant and packed them on their backs into shady gulches for planting.

When asked why this particular reintroduction of Cyanea superba was unique, Matt Keir, OANRP rare plant manager, could barely contain his enthusiasm.

Just this month, a researcher in the forests of Makua noticed seedlings beneath a handful of reintroduced Cyanea, according to Keir.

"We found seedlings for the first time, really ever," said Keir. "That's exactly what we're trying to do. We're trying to plant little seed-making machines. We grow them up, so they'll survive well. ...We hope that they just dump seeds on the ground for the next 25 years."

OANRP staff are hopeful that this reintroduction of Cyanea superba will be a significant boost to seed-making potential.

"If we can protect the forest around them, then hopefully we can just step back and let it happen," said Keir.

## News Briefs

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

### 6 / Monday

**Spouse Information Meeting** — The next Spouse Information Meeting (SIM) will be held April 6, 9 a.m., at the Nehe-lani, Schofield Barracks.

**Road Closure** — Foote Road, Schofield Barracks, will be closed April 6-May 21 for repaving.

**Road Work** — Portions of Pierce Street, Fort Shafter, will be temporarily converted to one lane April 6-24 during road construction. Motorists are advised to be cautious and expect delays.

### 8 / Wednesday

**Post Exchange Meeting** — All Fort Shafter community members are invited to attend the next Fort Shafter Post Exchange/Market meeting for the Oahu South community, April 8, 10-11 a.m., at the Religious Activity Center, Building 344, 263 Montgomery Dr. Call Rosey Stone at 438-6147 for details.

### 9 / Thursday

**Gate Closure** — Schofield

Barracks' McNair Gate is closed now through April 9, and Schofield Barracks' Macomb Gate will be closed April 9-23, in order 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.

### 14 / Tuesday

**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, Building 650, Schofield Barracks, April 14, 10-11:30 a.m. Seating is limited.

To reserve your seat, contact Battalion Chief David Jimenez at 471-3303, ext. 632.

### 14 / Saturday

**Limited Service at Veterinarian Clinic** — The Schofield Barracks Veterinary Treatment Facility will be closed April 14. Additionally, the clinic is unable to accept walk-ins, April 21, due to limited staffing.

Patrons should call 433-8531/8532 to make an appointment. Walk-ins are regularly accepted each Tuesday and will resume, April 28.

Business hours are Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., and 11 a.m.-7 p.m., the third Wednesday of every month. The clinic is closed the last working day of every month.

## Women: Speakers share successes

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contributions of women.

U.S. Army-Pacific Command Sgt. Maj. Joseph Zettlemyer, who attended the event with his wife Tina, also remarked on the importance of the observance.

"There are thousands of women that have contributed to the success of our Army. There are thousands of female Soldiers serving today in combat in Iraq and Afghanistan, doing an outstanding job every day, and I appreciate the fact that the service of which I am a member of recognizes that contribution," he said.

Barger discussed the progress of women in the scientific community, particularly engineering. She showcased several of the current USACE projects of the Honolulu District, focusing on restoration projects, protecting coral reefs, and watershed planning.

"Everyone has to change their habits, not just the public departments," she said.

Barger offered a number of ways that individuals can help their environment, particularly an April 11 event, entitled "Mauka to Makai" at the Honolulu Aquarium, offering activities for children, as well as various clean-up activities during April.



For more information about Women's History Month, visit [www.womenshistorymonth.gov](http://www.womenshistorymonth.gov).

For more information on environmental activities, visit the City and County of Honolulu Web site, [www.honolulu.gov/main/government](http://www.honolulu.gov/main/government).

The other key speaker, Munter, Ambassador for the National Wildlife Federation, may be better known to the world as the fourth woman in history to race in the Indy Pro Series, the developmental league of Indy Racing League. Munter spoke of the struggles she endured entering a male-dominated sport, while championing environmental causes.

"It's safe to say that it was difficult for some old-school NASCAR boys to accept a vegetarian female driver as their competitor, but it was about to get a lot worse," she said. "In 2006, I added a section to my Web site dedicated to environmental news, and in 2007, I announced my commitment to adopt and protect an acre of rain forest to offset my

carbon footprint."

Munter described very strong reactions both for and against her causes, but emphasized how she stood up for what she believed in, and due to this persistence, she is now recognized for her efforts towards recycling and clean renewable resources.

"In the last year, I have made four trips to Capitol Hill to speak to members of Congress about environmental issues," said Munter. "I want them to know that a race car driver, someone whose career is based around an internal combustion engine, can see the importance of energy independence and the towards clean renewable energy from the sun and the wind and the ocean."

At the end of the presentation, Lynn thanked the speakers for their appearances and gave both a gift as a token of appreciation from the 311th Signal Command.

"So many great (female) leaders have come before, and here are two great leaders who have done so much for their field," said Lynn. "We have plenty of senior women that are great mentors too, such as Gen. Anne Dunwoody, Maj. Gen. Susan Lawrence and my predecessor, Maj. Gen. Donna Dacier. I see some leaders in the room that are growing and becoming mentors."



# Returning Soldiers, families find support to grow stronger

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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — “We’ve been separated for 15 months. In that time, we’ve each established new routines, assumed new responsibilities and endured new stresses,” said Lisa McCaffrey, wife of Col. Todd McCaffrey, commander, 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team (SBCT) and its 4,000 Soldiers who returned home last month from Iraq.

“Now we need to reintegrate our lives, our routines and responsibilities,” Lisa McCaffrey said.

Last November, to help prepare for the surge of homecomings, Lisa McCaffrey and some key leaders of the 2nd SBCT’s rear detachment, family readiness groups, Army family services, health care providers and community leaders began to meet, informally, to plan a series of workshops to help spouses and children prepare for the return of their Soldiers.

The group put together nine different workshops and classes, billed as the “Family Strong Series.” The classes, led

by Schofield Barracks Health Clinic, Tripler Army Medical Center (TAMC), and family support service providers, were conducted during eight days in December, January and February.

More than a hundred spouses and children attended the classes. Attendees learned practical tips and insights on coping, building social networks and getting to know the Soldier, spouse and parent in their lives.



For more information, visit [www.familystronghawaii.com](http://www.familystronghawaii.com)

Other courses focused on common post-combat reactions, health concerns, stress reduction, spiritual resiliency and changes in finances and jobs.

The program organizers continue to meet weekly at the Schofield Barracks Health Clinic, to share information and to coordinate other activities to support families.

“I know of no other installation in the

Army, where community service providers and key leaders in the Army family community have come together in such a way to share information and work together to improve how we serve Soldiers and their families,” said Col. Michael Brumage, commander, Schofield Barracks Health Clinic.

As the nation continues to mobilize its Reserve and National Guard units to fight the global war on terrorism, fences that once separated local communities from active Army communities have begun to disappear.

Two key volunteers in this Family Strong coalition have been Ed Kubo, U.S. Attorney for Hawaii, and his wife, Tammy. Kubo’s son, a reservist with the 100th Battalion, 442nd Infantry, is on his first deployment to the Middle East.

The Kubos are actively involved in the battalion’s family readiness group and in sending care packages to deployed Hawaii reservists.

Kubo has also been concerned about Schofield Soldiers and helped

establish a wounded warrior support program. While doing so, he found himself working with spouses and parents of active Army Soldiers.

“Having been an Army family member for more than 20 years of my life, I know how extended deployments to a war zone affect Soldiers and their families,” said Kubo, whose father served during the Korean War and Vietnam Conflict.

“Our son is doing his duty for our country, and we are so very proud of him,” said Tammy Kubo. “We feel so much a part of the Army family that we will do all we can to support and assist our Soldiers and Army families, by helping this valuable Family Strong Hawaii program.”

The Kubos recently set up a model Web site, [www.familystronghawaii.com](http://www.familystronghawaii.com), for announcements and weblinks to diverse programs and events now being offered to all Soldiers and family members, active duty and reservists, all together on a single site.

“The Army offers a wealth of services to Soldiers and family members, but they are sponsored by different Army organizations, which operate pretty much independently of the others,” Kubo said.

“We’d like the Web site to be like a local marketplace, where people can easily learn about all these wonderful activities and events, so they can take advantage of them. We invite people to submit information about their programs,” Kubo continued.

“The Family Strong series was formed to link a variety of existing and newly tailored programs to serve Army families and Soldiers,” said McCaffrey. “We are focusing on building support packages for leaders of small units to meet their Soldiers’ unique needs.”

The group has continued to solidify and has named itself “Pohai Pulama,” while taking other steps to establish more formal ties with other Army organizations. Its name, Pohai Pulama, means a caring circle of people.

# Assault: Participants taught variety of I. A.M. Strong principles

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A.M. Strong,” sexual assault prevention campaign.

The program asks Soldiers to have the personal courage to Intervene (I), Act (A) and Motivate (M) others to stop sexual harassment, assaults, sexually offensive language, innuendos and gestures that can create an environment friendly to abuse.

According to Poppa, combating what is called the “bystander effect” starts with education.

“Sexual harassment is a precursor to sexual assault,” she said.

According to a 2006 Woman’s Responsibility survey, almost 33 percent of victims said their perpetrator had harassed them prior to the assault.

The bell rang again and Poppa continued explaining the current sexual assault statistics to the group.

One in six women and one in 33 men are victims of attempted or completed rape in their lifetime, she stated.

According to recent statistics, the picture of a sexual assault offender may not be so easily recognizable. Seventy-three percent of sexual assaults are perpetrated by a non-stranger; 38 percent by a friend or acquaintance, 28 percent by a former or present partner and seven percent by a relative.



“What would you do?” asks Pvt. Ashley Fortier, 65th Engineer Battalion, after presenting a scenario during a Sexual Assault Prevention and Response brief, March 25.

“Every two minutes, someone in the U.S. is sexually assaulted,” she said and as if on cue, the bell rang again — its meaning now unpleasantly apparent. Sexual assault is the most underreported crime in the U.S. and possibly the most underreported crime in the military.

Drugs and alcohol increases a person’s risk to either become a victim or be an offender. Criminal Investigative Command (CID) data from 2008 revealed that 53-66 percent of all sexual assault cases involved alcohol.

Poppa showed a quick video clip of drinks being served at a busy bar and asked the group, “Can you spot when and who places a drug into the drink?” During the replay, in slow motion, everyone spots the slight of hand.

She asked the group to consider what their role, as a bystander, would be in a situation such as this.

“(The information) changes everyone’s actions, and I think it opens your eyes,” said Pvt. Andrea Washington, 65th Engineer Battalion. “The interaction with other Soldiers during the brief gives you

more insight into what other people are thinking regarding the subject.”

“We all assess situations differently; we all have different reactions ... leading to different levels of intervention,” said Brenda Huntsinger, U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii (USAG-HI) sexual assault response coordinator, about the types of discussions the scenarios initiate.

During the next five years, the I. A.M. Strong program will work to establish an Army culture that intervenes to stop sexual assault, and these conversations are just the beginning, Huntsinger said.

The bell rang again.

This time, Poppa asked a Soldier who had been keeping count, how many times the bell rang during the brief.

“Twenty-seven,” he replied. Each ring representing statistically the number of people who may have been sexually assaulted during in the brief.

The SAPR briefs are an annual training requirement conducted by request through the USAG-HI SAPR office.

*(Editors Note: Next week’s article will focus on sexual assault victim response, assistance and reporting options.)*

# Green: New initiatives bring electric vehicles to Army Hawaii

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The two-passenger vehicles, which are basically “suped-up” golf carts, are powered by eight rechargeable batteries that fit neatly under a bench-style front seat.

The back seat has been replaced by a 3 by 4 foot flatbed with removable metal side gates. The NEV’s batteries can be charged using a standard 110-volt electrical outlet.

Though the vehicles can only travel about 30 miles following an eight-hour charge, Lt. Col. Ann von Recum, director, DOL, said they are perfect for day-to-day repairs around post. The initial hurdle will be changing people’s mindset, she said.

“Just because you’re going to Schofield doesn’t mean you have to take a gas-powered vehicle,” von Recum said.

Jefferson agreed, and said, although travel might seem like an inconvenience at first, once people are

exposed to NEVs, they’ll come around.

## Hydrogen power

In addition to NEVs, the Army in Hawaii is also leading the way toward a sustainable transportation future with hydrogen vehicles.

IMCOM-Pacific is currently testing two Ford Escape SUVs with hydrogen internal combustion engines, through a partnership with federal and state officials, local businesses and representatives at the Hawaii Center for Advanced Transportation Technologies (HCATT).

“For all practical purposes, it’s the same (Ford Escape) you’d drive off the (car) lot,” said Col. Howard Killian, deputy director, IMCOM-Pacific Region.

Unlike NEVs, hydrogen vehicles can achieve highway speeds and have a range of about 100-120 miles per tank. The vehicles are refueled on Hickam Air Force Base where a hydrogen fuel station splits water into hydrogen and oxygen.

Although energy is required to produce hydro-



The control panel of the neighborhood electric vehicle is easy to navigate.

gen, the ultimate goal is to use sustainable sources like the sun and wind to produce that energy, which would essentially make it a clean process the whole way through, Killian said.

In other words, the sun and wind could be used to produce hydrogen, and the engine could make water when it burned hydrogen. That type of “fu-

sion cell” technology is about 10 years away, Killian said.

In addition to these types of fusion cells, IMCOM-Pacific is working with the Hawaiian Electric Company to develop a smart grid to power these new systems during periods of low demand.

Both hydrogen and electric vehicles are still in the experimental phase and are scheduled to replace nontactical, light duty vehicles, such as sedans and light trucks.

For heavy duty, tactical vehicles like busses and trucks, the Army is experimenting with biodiesel fuels grown in Hawaii versus those shipped from the mainland.

Overall, Killian stressed the importance of developing complimentary systems, including a mix of hydrogen, electric and biodiesel, to avoid relying on any one system of power generation.

As with any new idea, the toughest challenge is getting people to see the big picture.



A couple looks inside the Fox reconnaissance vehicle at the military section of the First Hawaiian International Auto Show at the Hawaii Convention Center, March 26-29.



## Military vehicles delight crowd at Hawaii Auto Show

Story and Photos by  
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HONOLULU — Sgt. Justin Mahoney of the 82nd Engineer Company had never been to a car show.

In his military occupation, he spends so much time dealing with explosives and maintenance on his vehicle, “the Buffalo,” that leisure activities such as a car show were out of the question — until this past weekend.

Mahoney was one of 15 Soldiers selected from the 8th Theater Sustainment Command (TSC) to take part in this year’s First Hawaiian International Auto Show held at the Hawaii Convention Center, March 26-29.

The Soldiers didn’t bring in any ordinary transportation, but two of the largest vehicles in the Army for the show.

The Buffalo, which combats roadside bombs in Iraq, sat alongside the M93A1 Fox reconnaissance vehicle, highlighting the 8th TSC’s vehicle capabilities to the public.

“We had kids come up to us saying, ‘It’s the Transformer’s car!’ and then I have to tell them it doesn’t transform, but it does save countless lives on the road,” Mahoney said. “It’s been really popular out here with the kids and adults.”

More than 350 new cars, trucks, sport/utility vehicles and crossovers packed the event floor from 25 different manufacturers. Attendees sat behind wheels, inspected engines and learned about fuel-saving automotive technologies.

“This year’s show is so much different than last year’s event,” said David Rolf, executive director, Hawaiian Auto Association. “We have everything from cars, trucks, sports/utility vehicles ... and this mine sweeper here today.”

“We knew the military vehicles would generate crowds, so we placed them with the high-end classic cars,” Rolf continued. “We’re delighted to have people in uniform come and be a part of our show.”

From Mustangs to Porsches, many things stood out in the show but at 42-tons, and 27-feet long, the Buffalo and its partner, the Fox, were some of the biggest eye-catchers in the show, according to many visiting veterans.

“If it has camouflage on it, I’ll be there,” said retired Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Tom Tallion. “The public needs to know what the military can do for their troops, and these vehicles show us just that.”

Tallion, a tourist who is visiting family on the island, was among the many who climbed inside the Fox and Buffalo and listened to Soldiers recite the capabilities of the vehicles and exchange war stories with some of the veterans visiting the event.

“It’s been a good time here,” said 2nd Lt. Stephen Wolfe, 71st Chemical Company. “Lots of people came in and commented on the Fox and Buffalo, and the Soldiers were able to show off what they know about them. For us, that was the best part ... when someone looks at a complex, heavy-duty vehicle, and you can look them in the eye and say, ‘this is what I do for a living.’”

Children and adults climb aboard the M93A1 Fox reconnaissance vehicle during the First Hawaiian International Auto Show.



Right — Sgt. Justin Mahoney, 82nd Engineer Company, helps a child down the back of a large humvee called the Buffalo.



Crowds gather about the 8th Theater Sustainment Command’s vehicles.

## Holy Week and Easter services schedule

All Soldiers and family members are invited to attend various Easter celebrations now through April 12.

Preregistration is required for child care at the Aliamanu Military Reservation (AMR) and Schofield chapels. Call 655-8682.

### Fridays, Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday during Lent at 5:30 p.m., at AMR and Wheeler chapels. Enjoy soup and fellowship following each service.

### April 5, Palm Sunday

All denominations meet at regular times and locations.

### April 9, Maundy Thursday

- Protestant Holy Thursday Service w/Communion, AMR Chapel, noon.
- Protestant Maundy Thursday, Fort DeRussy Chapel, 5 p.m.
- Protestant Maundy Thursday Seder, Main Post Chapel (MPC), 6 p.m.
- Catholic Mass for Holy Thursday, AMR Chapel, 5 p.m., Wheeler Chapel, 5:30 p.m. and Fort DeRussy Chapel, 7:15 p.m.

### April 10, Good Friday

- Ecumenical, “Living Stations of the Cross,” MPC, noon.
- Catholic Good Friday Service, Fort DeRussy Chapel, noon, MPC, 3 p.m. and AMR Chapel, 3 p.m.
- Protestant Good Friday Service, Fort DeRussy Chapel, 5 p.m.
- Protestant Service of Darkness, MPC, 7 p.m.

### April 11, Holy Saturday

- Catholic Holy Saturday Easter Vigil, AMR Chapel, 4:30 p.m., MPC, 7 p.m. and Fort DeRussy, 7:30 p.m.

### April 12, Easter Sunrise Services

- April 12, 6:30 a.m., aboard the USS Missouri. An entrance fee applies.
- April 12, 6 a.m., at Stoneman Field, Schofield Barracks, located between McNair and Macomb gates.

### April 12, Easter Sunday

- Catholic Mass, AMR Chapel, 8:30 a.m.
- Protestant Easter Worship, MPC, 9 a.m.
- Catholic Mass, MPC, 10:30 a.m.

## Family member wins international environmental art contest

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HONOLULU — The color blue often equates to the ocean. Different shades of this simple color can stimulate thoughts of different times of the day.

Aqua blue appears as the morning sun reflects off the water; then pale blue emerges as the sun slips beyond the horizon, while midnight blue settles within the depth of the underwater world.

For 10-year-old family member Jessica Hibler, however, blue is more than her favorite color. This color ignites a compassion within her to express her devotion to keeping the oceans clean.

“It is a home to many underwater creatures, and people should not throw trash in there,” said Hibler.

She kept the colors of the underwater world in mind when creating her recent submittal to the Aozora Environmental Picture Book Competition.

Aozora, Japanese for “blue skies,” invited children from around the world to

tell a story about the Earth’s natural treasures in both words and pictures, through its fourth international picture book competition.

Hibler’s art was selected out of nearly 500 entries from several different countries. The four-page mini book will be published and 100,000 copies distributed, mostly in Japan.

In her book, entitled “What Colour is This?” Hibler uses illustrations along with rhythmic word patterns to convey the message of caring for Mother Earth and her concerns about the environment and its living creatures.

The first page focuses on the color green. Across this page, animals of the forest hop along, and plants and trees grow from the crayon-colored page. Simple words, written in both Japan-



Hibler



ese and English, grace the right side of the book, explaining the importance of green and what it represents.

The following page shows different shades of brown, reflecting the color of the ground, displaying animals that live

beneath the earth.

Turning the page leads to an underwater world filled with dolphins, reef, coral, turtles and numerous fish, all within various shades of blue.

On the final page, an explosion of color takes place, with numerous flow-

ers filling every inch of the space.

“Hopefully, other kids will see this book, and when they grow up, they will help save the world too,” said Hibler. “(We want to) keep the world clean and happy.”

Hibler is versed in both American and Japanese cultures and attends Rainbow Japanese School at Kaimuki Middle School.

“It’s important to us to teach her both sides of her heritage,” said her father, Robin Hibler, energy conservation manager, U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii, Directorate of Public Works, Sustainability, of himself and wife Naoko. “She’s talented in art and created a great learning tool for other children.”

Hibler’s older brother, Jarrell, 11, received third place in the competition, marking the first time siblings placed in the contest.

“We are proud of them both,” said Robin.

ANA Airways sponsored the competition.





### 3 / Today

**Waikiki Party Bus** – The Army bus rides again, today, 9 p.m.-4 a.m., and the tickets are now free. The bus will pick up riders on Schofield Barracks and Fort Shafter and take them down to party in Waikiki, worry-free.

Riders can hang out and play all night long and then get picked up and brought back home at the end of the evening.

The free tickets are available at the Information, Ticketing and Registration (ITR) offices, and riders must have a ticket to board the party bus.

The bus is also scheduled to run, April 17; May 1, 15 and 29; June 12 and 26; and July 17 and 31. Call 655-9971/438-1985.

**Family Fun Fridays** – Family Fun Friday is back at the Tropics, Schofield Barracks, today, 6 p.m., with free Papa John's pizza, games and contests the whole family will enjoy.

Check out Nintendo Wii, PS3 and Xbox 360 games, or play a game of pool, darts, air hockey, table tennis, beach volleyball and much more. Call 655-5698.

### 4 / Saturday

**Psychedelic Egg Painting** – Celebrate "Back to the '60s Pop Art Month" with Schofield Barracks Arts and Crafts Center psychedelic egg painting, April 4, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Cost is \$10 and preregistration is required. Call 655-4202.

### 6 / Monday

**Active Parenting Class** – Learn parenting skills to enrich the parenting experience, gain knowledge about how to recognize developmental milestones, and understand how to respond to difficult behavior in children, April 6, 9-11a.m., Army Community Service, Schofield Barracks. Call 655-0596.

### 7 / Tuesday

**PT in the Park** – Celebrate the Month of the Military Child by joining Mickey and Friends in a physical training (PT) Mousercise aerobic routine, April 7, 6:30-7:30 a.m., at Bennett Youth Center Field, Schofield Barracks.

The work out will be followed by a continental breakfast. Photographs will be available for Blue Star Card holders and their children. Call 655-6465.

**Spring Break Youth Art Camp** – Creative minds will bloom during the Spring Break Youth Art Camp, April 7-



Courtesy photo

## Fountains of fun

FORT SHAFTER — Four-year-old Pierce Dalton spends a sunny afternoon enjoying the new spray park that opened at the 1st Lt. Jonathan Brostrom Community Center aquatics facility last week. A 25-meter lap pool and children's sand pool are among the facility's amenities. The pool is open to all Army Hawaii Family Housing residents during spring break and summer from 11 a.m.-7 p.m., Tuesday-Sunday. The pool is closed Mondays. A pass is required for entry and can be obtained at the center.

10, at the Schofield Barracks Arts and Crafts Center. The camp will meet 10-11:30 a.m. each day and costs \$50 for the first child, \$40 for each additional sibling. Call 655-4202.

### 8 / Wednesday

**AFTB Level 1** – Army Community Service, Schofield Barracks, will offer a Military Spouse 101 class, April 8, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. This Army Family Team Building (AFTB) class covers topics such as Army family life, traditions, values, military resources and much, much more.

This resource is a great course for both new and seasoned spouses and Soldiers. Call 655-4227.

### 11 / Saturday

**Disney Character Breakfast** – Children ages 2-12 are invited to have breakfast with the whole cast of Disney characters, April 11, 8-9:30 a.m. at Sills Field, Schofield Barracks.

Children are encouraged to dress up as their favorite character. Appearances will be made by Belle, Tinkerbell, Mr. and Mrs. Incredible, Peter Pan, Aladdin, Jasmine and the Genie, Lilo & Stitch, Woody and Buzz Lightyear, Pocahontas and many more.

Tickets cost \$10 for adults and \$5 for children and must be purchased in advance at Information, Ticketing and Registration (ITR) offices. Tickets will not be available at the event. Call 655-9971 or 438-1985.

**Fun Fest Carnival** – The 15th Annual Fun Fest and Information, Ticketing and Registration (ITR) Travel Fair will be, April 11, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Sills Field, Schofield Barracks.

Enjoy a family-friendly carnival with games, inflatable bouncers, activity booths, Easter bunny pictures, rides and great prize giveaways, including a trip for two to Las Vegas. Call 655-0111/2.

**Blue Star Card Benefit** – Blue Star Card (BSC) holders must register at [www.bluestarcardhawaii.com](http://www.bluestarcardhawaii.com) by April 10, 9 a.m., to receive free wristbands to access carnival rides at the 15th Annual Fun Fest and ITR Travel Fair, April 11, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Limit one offer per BSC family member.

Wristbands can be picked up with a valid BSC at the deployment information table at the Fun Fest. (Wristbands are not valid for pony rides, petting zoo, or family readiness group game booths.)

For information on special BSC offers, call 656-3325/3327. For information on the Fun Fest Event, call 655-0111/0112.

### 12 / Sunday

**Easter Sunday Brunch** – Enjoy Easter Sunday Brunch, April 12, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., at the Nehelani, Schofield Barracks, or the Hale Ikena, Fort Shafter. Menus include popular breakfast items, carving station, desserts and much more.

The last seating begins at 1 p.m. For reservations call 655-4466 (Schofield Bar-

racks) or 438-6712 (Fort Shafter.)

### 14 / Tuesday

**Library Fun Fest** – Help celebrate National Library Week at the Fort Shafter Library, April 14; the Sgt. Yano Library, Schofield Barracks, April 15; and the Aliamanu Military Reservation Library, April 16, 3-4:30 p.m. Enjoy face painting, balloon animals, games and crafts. Call 655-8002.

### 17 / Friday

**Bunco Time** – An ultimate bunco tournament will be held during Family Fun Fridays, April 17, 6 p.m., at the Tropics, Schofield Barracks. Gift cards and other great prizes will be awarded to top players.

Everyone can enjoy free pizza from Papa John's, and Blue Star Card holders will receive special treats. Register early and win a prize. Visit [www.mwrarmy-hawaii.com](http://www.mwrarmy-hawaii.com) or call 655-5698.

**Army Community Service (ACS) Job Fair** – Are you looking for employment? Make connections with federal hiring agencies as well as local and national companies at the ACS Job Fair, April 17, 9 a.m.-noon, at ACS, Schofield Barracks.

More than 20 employers will be on-site accepting resumes/applications and conducting job interviews. Bring your resume and dress for success. Call 655-4227.

A second display will educate visitors about Malamaika Aina (taking care of the land), April 21-26.

A general admission fee to the valley applies. Kamaaina and military rates are available with valid ID. For more information, visit [www.waimeavalley.net](http://www.waimeavalley.net) or call 638-7766.

### 19 / Sunday

**Honolulu Mystery Tour** – Discover Honolulu's Chinatown area while searching for world-famous detective Charlie Chan during a 2-mile walking tour, April 19, 1 p.m.

This tour takes participants past sites of former police stations, coffee shops, gambling houses, movie theaters, and the residence of the Number One Son.

Cost is \$35 per person or \$20 for military with a valid ID. Reservations are required. Call 395-0674.

## May

### 15 / Friday

**MICA Scholarships** – The Military Intelligence Corps Association (MICA) Scholarship Program provides scholarships for individuals pursuing undergraduate degrees or technical certifications. Scholarships may be used for attendance at regionally accredited colleges, universities or state-approved vocational schools/technical institutions.

Applicants must be a current individual member of MICA or a family member of such and pursuing a first undergraduate (associate's or bachelor's) degree or a technical certification.

Applicants already possessing an undergraduate degree or seeking a graduate degree are not eligible. Previous MICA Scholarship recipients may compete for subsequent scholarships.

Instructions and application forms are located at [www.micorps.org](http://www.micorps.org). Applications must be postmarked no later than May 15. Late or incomplete applications will be returned to the applicant without consideration.

For details, call Sgt. Maj. Steven Kroll at 520-533-1174.

### 14 / Tuesday

**Waimea Valley Earth Day Events** – Waimea Valley will be celebrating the Merrie Monarch Hula Festival and Earth Day during the month of April. Learn about the history of hula in Hawaii at an informative display, April 14-19.



Send announcements to [community@hawaiiarmyweekly.com](mailto:community@hawaiiarmyweekly.com).

### 4 / Saturday

**Island Travel Fair** – Find out how to experience more of Hawaii at an island activity and travel fair, April 4, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., at the Makapu Mall Courtyard, Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay.

The fair will showcase Hawaii's diverse leisure and cultural activities. Free drawings will be held for interisland airfare, resort accommodations and more.

This event is free. Call 254-7563.

**Waikiki Aquarium Egg Hunt** – Families are invited to hop on over to the Waikiki Aquarium for the annual Easter Sea Hunt, April 4, 8:30 a.m.-noon. Children ages 2-8 can enjoy an egg hunt, fishpond game, craft activities, visits with the Easter Bunny and tasty treats.

The Sea Hunt costs \$10 per child and includes access to all the aquarium exhibits and galleries. Fishpond tickets are \$2 per child.

Preregistration is required. Visit [www.waquarium.org](http://www.waquarium.org).

### 6 / Monday

**Grade School Testing** – Hawaii State Assessment (HSA) tests will be administered to students in grades 3-8 and 10 at Hale Kula, Solomon, Wheeler and Shafter elementary schools; Wheeler Middle School; and Leilehua High School, April 6-24.

Attendance is a crucial factor for success. Parents are asked to schedule student dental or medical appointments after school hours to minimize long absences during the HSA testing period.

### 8 / Wednesday

**ROTC Information Fair** – Represent-

tatives from all service branches of the military (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Coast Guard) will be available to answer questions during an information Fair sponsored by the Punahou School Junior ROTC Department, April 8, 6 to 8 p.m., at the Wo International Center, Punahou School.

Students and parents can learn more about the admissions process to Military Academies and ROTC Scholarships.

This event is free. Call 944-5723.

**Drug Free Walk** – To help raise alcohol and drug awareness, the Wheeler Middle School (WMS) Peer Awareness Club will be sponsoring the 2nd Annual Drug Free Walk, April 8, 8 a.m.-noon, at WMS. Parent permission is required to participate.

For more information contact Cathy Summer 622-6525.

**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, April 8, 7-8:30 p.m., at the Rehabilitation Hospital of the Pacific.

The group meets the second Wednesday of every month. Call 791-6942 or visit [www.rehabhospital.org](http://www.rehabhospital.org).

### 9 / Thursday

**"The King and I" Performance** – The Punahou Theatre Department and the Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) present the musical production, "The King and I," April 9, 7 p.m., at Dillingham Hall, Punahou School.

Tickets are free, but limited. Contact [rsvp.protocol@schofield.army.mil](mailto:rsvp.protocol@schofield.army.mil) or 655-5644/4908.

### 11 / Saturday

**Egg-cellent Easter Adventure** – The Easter Bunny and friends are coming to the Mililani Shopping Center, April 11, noon-2 p.m. Hop on over for a fun-

filled day and a chance to win a basketful of prizes.

**Yard Sale Mania** – Great bargains and one-of-a-kind treasures can be found at Army Hawaii Family Housing's (AHFH) community-wide yard sale, April 11, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Stroll through AHFH communities at Aliamanu Military Reservation, Fort Shafter, Helemano Military Reservation, Red Hill, Tripler Army Medical Center, Schofield Barracks and Wheeler Army Airfield and enjoy fantastic finds for kids, teens and adults.

**Waikiki Aquarium Earth Day Expo**

– To celebrate Earth Day, the Waikiki Aquarium will host the 2nd Annual Mauka to Makai Environmental Expo, April 11, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. The event will showcase the efforts of state and federal agencies to preserve and protect Hawaii's environment.

The free event will feature fun eco-educational activities, games, a recycling competition for school-age children and the release of hatchery-raised Pacific threadfin (moi).

Free parking is available at Waikiki Elementary School. Visit [www.waquarium.org](http://www.waquarium.org)

### 12 / Sunday

**Easter Sunrise Services** – An Easter Sunrise Service will be held at Stoneman Field, Schofield Barracks, April 12, at 6 a.m. Stoneman Field is located between McNair and Macomb gates.

The USS Missouri, located at Pearl Harbor, is also hosting an Easter Sunrise Service, April 12 at 6:30 a.m. An entrance fee will apply.

### 14 / Tuesday

**Waimea Valley Earth Day Events** – Waimea Valley will be celebrating the Merrie Monarch Hula Festival and Earth Day during the month of April. Learn about the history of hula in Hawaii at an informative display, April 14-19.



**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, 10 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



Call 624-2585 for movie listings or go to [aaefes.com](http://aaefes.com) under reeltime movie listing.



### Fired Up

(PG)  
Friday, 7 p.m.

### Confessions of a Shopaholic

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



### The International

(R)  
Saturday, 7 p.m.  
Wednesday, 7 p.m.

### The Tale of Depereaux

(G)  
Sunday, 2 p.m.

No shows on Mondays or Tuesdays.





Send sports announcements to [community@hawaiiarmyweekly.com](mailto:community@hawaiiarmyweekly.com).

**4 / Saturday**  
**Hike Oahu** — Join the Hawaiian Trail & Mountain Club on a 5-mile intermediate hike around the Malaekahana Loop, April 4. The hike is a good workout, but stay alert as numerous twists and turns comprise the route. The group meets at 8:30 a.m. at the Laie community soccer fields. Call Laura Owens, 388-5373.

Save the dates for these hike, too:  
•April 19, a 12-mile advanced hike up to the Koolau summit and back. Call Arnold Fujioka, 551-0227.  
•April 25, a 3-mile novice hike to Hamama Falls. Call Dayle and Jacque Turner, 384-4821 or [turner@hawaii.edu](mailto:turner@hawaii.edu).  
A \$2 donation is requested of non-members. An adult must accompany children under 18. Hikers typically meet at Iolani Palace, mountainside. Visit [www.htmclub.org](http://www.htmclub.org).

**19 / Sunday**  
**Sprint Distance Triathlon** — The 8th Annual Lanikai race kicks off another year of quality triathlon racing for island athletes to enjoy, April 19, 6:15 a.m. The Lanikai course is great for first-time triathletes. The race includes a 500-meters swim, 20K bike and 5K run through Kailua.



**4 / Saturday**  
**Adventure Kayaking** — Come along on a half-day of adventurous kayaking from various beaches around the island of Oahu, April 4, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. This level two activity requires moderate skills. Cost is \$25 per person and includes equipment and round-trip transportation from Schofield Barracks. Call 655-0143.

**6 / Monday**  
**Racquetball Tournament Deadline** — The deadline to enter the 2009 In-



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## Golden opportunity

HONOLULU — Military children of all ages race to find one golden egg during Operation Homefront-Hawaii's Easter egg hunt at the Oahu Veterans Center, March 29. With the support of island community businesses and volunteers, the annual event allows the nonprofit organization to provide more than 150 Easter baskets to military families in need.

Entry fee is \$90 for individuals and military, \$100 for teams. Register online at [www.bocahawaii.com](http://www.bocahawaii.com) or call 591-9839.

**25 / Saturday**  
**Sand Volleyball Tournament** — Beach volleyball players are invited to participate in an open 2-on-2 sand volleyball tournament, April 25, 8:30 a.m., at the Tropics, Schofield Barracks. All military and civilian personnel are eligible. Cost is \$10 entry per player. For more information or to register,

call Michael Smyrychynski at 438-1152. Additional tournament dates are scheduled for May 30, June 27, July 25, Aug. 29 and Sept. 26.

**26 / Sunday**  
**North Shore Century Ride** — The Hawaii Bicycling League is hosting the John B. Kelley Haleiwa Metric Century Ride, April 26, 7:30 a.m. The route starts at Kaiaka Bay Beach Park, Haleiwa, and follows a route along the North Shore passing world-famous surfing locales (Sunset Beach, Pipeline,

Waimea Bay) before ending at Swanzy Beach Park.

Riders can choose a 25K, 50K or 100K route. All riders must wear a helmet and will receive full mechanical and aid station support. Online registration closes April 23 and costs \$40. Children under 14 years old must be accompanied by an adult. Visit [www.hbl.org](http://www.hbl.org).

**Tackle Football Registration** — The Wahiawa Youth Sports League will conduct Youth Tackle Football registration

for children ages 9-13 at the Wahiawa District Park, April 26, 4-6 p.m. Bring your child's birth certificate and current medical card. Children will be fitted for game jerseys on registration day. Registration costs \$275. Forms can be downloaded at [www.leaguelineup.com/wahiawa](http://www.leaguelineup.com/wahiawa). E-mail [wysl\\_football@yahoo.com](mailto:wysl_football@yahoo.com).

## Ongoing

**Hawaii Youth Triathlon Club** — Children, ages 7-19, are invited to join the Hawaii Youth Triathlon Club, an organized sports club run by athletes. Membership is \$50 and includes an annual membership with USA Triathlon, insurance during training, club certificate, swim cap, review clinics and newsletter. Visit [www.hawaiiyouthtri.com](http://www.hawaiiyouthtri.com).

**Bike Hawaii** — Join Bike Hawaii's professional nature guides and explore Oahu from the rainforest to the reef. Packages include downhill biking, sailing off Waikiki and more. Meals are included. To schedule adventures, visit [www.bikehawaii.com](http://www.bikehawaii.com) or call 734-4214.

**Jazzercise** — Combine elements of dance, resistance training, Pilates, yoga, kickboxing and more in exciting programs for all fitness levels at Jazzercise Waikale. Classes are held Mondays and Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m., at the Waikale Elementary School cafeteria. Call 674-1083.

path, suitable for all ages. Strollers are welcome. Limited free transportation is available from Schofield Barracks. Call 655-0111/2.

## Ongoing

**100-Mile Run/Walk & 50-Mile Swim Clubs** — Record each mile you run, walk or swim and win incentive prizes. Stop by any Army Physical Fitness Center or swimming pool to pick up a log sheet. Call 655-9914.

**New Pool Slide** — A new 145-foot pool slide is making a splash at Richardson Pool, Schofield Barracks. The slide is now open during the pool's regularly scheduled business hours. Call 655-4804.

**11 / Saturday**  
**Surfing Lessons** — Learn to surf like a professional, or at least look the part, with Outdoor Recreation, April 11, 7-10 a.m. Lessons are \$35 each and include equipment and round-trip transportation from Schofield Barracks. Call 655-0143.

**16 / Thursday**  
**Stand Up Paddle Board Trip** — Outdoor Recreation is offering stand up paddle board sessions at a 10-percent discount for Blue Star Card holders, April 16, 9 a.m.-noon, or 1:30-4 p.m. Space is limited. To reserve a board, call 655-0143.

**17 / Friday**  
**Sprinter's Challenge** — The deadline

to enter the Sprinter's Challenge is April 17, 4 p.m. All entries must be submitted to the Sports, Fitness and Aquatics Office, Building 556, Kaala Community Activity Center. Call 655-0856.

**18 / Saturday**  
**Shoreline Fishing** — Spend an evening fishing Hawaiian style from a popular shore area with Outdoor Recreation, April 18, 5:30 p.m-3 a.m. Cost is \$25 and includes round-trip transportation from Schofield Barracks. Call 655-0143.

**21 / Tuesday**  
**Walk Off the Wait** — Blue Star Card holders are invited to join the latest hike on the Makapuu Lighthouse Trail, April 21, 8 a.m.-11:30 a.m. The hike is a paved

tramural Racquetball Tournament is April 6, 4 p.m. The tournament will be held April 13-17.

This program is open to all active duty Soldiers, National Guardsmen, Army reservists and retired military. Entries must be submitted to the Sports, Fitness and Aquatics Office, Building 556, Kaala Community Activity Center, or fax your entry to 438-2470. Call 655-0856/438-1152.

**8 / Wednesday**  
**Discover Scuba** — Find out if scuba diving is the right sport for you at a free introductory class, April 8, 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.