

MPs, IPs work together to make Iraqi streets safe

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BAGHDAD – The heat of the day is rising as military policemen of the 463rd Military Police (MP) Company, 93rd MP Battalion, 8th MP Brigade, along with their Iraqi Police (IP) counterparts, move through a market in the Amariyah neighborhood here, April 29.

They move through an intersection that looks just like the others they have encountered during the day, but this one has significance, according to Staff Sgt. Preston O’Neal, a squad leader assigned to the 463rd MP Co.

“You see this intersection here? There used to be a lot of [improvised explosive devices] at this intersection,” the native of Dixon, Mo., said. “Now people let us know if they see somebody placing something.”

This peaceful intersection is indicative of the security progress made in Amariyah, said O’Neal, who attributes it to the increased competence of the Iraqi Police (IP).

“One thing a lot of the people wanted to know today was the phone number to the police station, so they could call them in the future if something bad happens,” he said.



Staff Sgt. Preston O’Neal (left), a squad leader assigned to 463rd Military Police (MP) Company, 93rd MP Battalion, 8th MP Brigade, hands a flier to a local in the Amariyah neighborhood, April 29.

The patrol through a market in Amariyah was not just about keeping the bad guys at bay, O’Neal explained. It was also about letting the IPs take the lead to establish a presence in the com-

munity and to be involved with the concerns of the local populace. The IPs, along with the 463rd MPs, stopped by several shops to talk with shop owners.

“We just asked them, you know, how business is and how things are going in the community,” said O’Neal. “It helps show the people that we care and that we’re concerned with their well-being.”

When children would walk past, the IPs would hand them gifts: boxes of colored pencils and other things, to cultivate goodwill. “We bought some things from one of the local stores to help the economy and then let the IPs hand it out to kids,” O’Neal said. But gifts were not all that were handed out. Part of the mission involved distributing flyers against the RKG-3 antitank grenade. “It has a picture of an RKG-3 on it, (tells) what to do if a local sees one lying around, and (shows) how to identify if somebody is carrying one around,” O’Neal explained. “That way they can notify the [Iraq Security Forces] and, hopefully, we can get it before it’s deployed.” At the end of the mission, the IPs and MPs travelled back to the Amariyah Station and conducted an after-action review. After discussing the strengths and weaknesses of the day’s mission, the two units, differing in culture but united in purpose, parted ways. The 463rd MPs returned to Victory Base Complex, confident that their operation had contributed to the continued security of Iraq.

Tropic Lightning bands entertain American, Iraqi troops to celebrate partnership

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FORWARD OPERATING BASE DAGGER, Iraq – The 25th Infantry Division’s rock and jazz bands, Sandstorm and Jazz for Joe, turned Partnership Day into a festival here, recently. The bands played for U.S. and Iraqi Soldiers who were celebrating six years of working together to bring security and stability to Iraq. The troops spent the day facing off in soccer matches, games of three-on-three basketball, volleyball and long-hit golf over the Tigris River. For lunch, Soldiers sat underneath palm trees, eating barbecue and listening to Sgt. Jennifer Winston’s soulful rendition of “Summertime” from the American folk opera Porgy and Bess. The

setting was enough to make onlookers think they were in a small southern town in America; composer George Gershwin would have been proud. “It’s a very good feeling when a song you’re singing makes someone smile, when it’s that moving to them,” said Winston, adding that band members work to please their audience. “It’s great for us to be able to do what we love.” Partnership Day is the brainchild of Maj. Gen. Salahadeen, division commander, 4th Iraqi Army, and Military Integration Team commander Col. Gary David. They wanted to do something to honor the work their troops are doing and a celebration seemed to sum it up best. Salahadeen said the day exemplifies the true partnership that exists between Iraqi and Amer-

ican forces. He and David served on opposite sides of the Persian Gulf War, and now their troops are co-located at Forward Operating Base Dagger in northern Iraq. “It’s truly one team and that’s our goal,” said Salahadeen. “We don’t have two separate headquarters. We meet together in each other’s gyms, eat together in each other’s chow halls, play sports together and go out on missions together. That’s how it is everyday.” David agreed. “We have our business side, of course, but we have our personal side as well.” Later, as Sandstorm began warming up, whatever dividing lines were left disappeared, and Soldiers from the two countries gathered in close. Sgt. Ben Hoshko belted out “Play That Funky

Music,” and when the son of an Iraqi interpreter joined him on stage, Hoshko picked him up and kept on going. The audience jumped up and clapped their hands to the beat. Sgt. Donald Scales, on keyboard, said he started out the session just doing his usual performance, but as he saw the crowd get into the music, he had a change of heart. “When I saw everyone clapping, I thought, given the history of this country, this is really cool!” He continued, “I think not only are we are having a positive impact on the Iraqis, but they’re having a positive impact on us. And then, when the kid got up there ... that was it for me.” (Editor’s Note: The writer, Staff Sgt. Claudia K. Bullard, is a member of the Oklahoma Army National Guard.)

71st Chemical Company acquires, trains on new equipment

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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS – Pvt. Craig is the newest member of the 71st Chemical Company. However, Craig isn't a person, or an animal, nor is he capable of breathing – but boy, can he can move.

Pvt. Craig is a Chemical Biological Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) Unmanned Ground Reconnaissance Vehicle (CUGV) robot – a new piece of equipment at the 71st Chemical Company, 45th Sustainment Brigade.

Soldiers of the company conducted training on the equipment April 27-May 1 to learn how to operate the two-part system, which consists of the robot and a control box.

"The ultimate goal of the system is to take the warfighter out of harm's way," said Mark Disbrow, a CBRN program engineer with Concurrent Technologies Corporation and one of the CUGV trainers.

The robot, which is waterproof and able to move up and down stairs, can function up to 850 meters away from the main control unit and is able to test for hazardous materials such as chemical warfare agents, chlorine, low oxygen levels, and radiological contamination.

One of the biggest challenges for Soldiers is learning to move the robot by



Soldiers from the 71st Chemical, 45th Sustainment Brigade, look on as Pvt. Craig, a Chemical Biological Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) Unmanned Ground Reconnaissance Vehicle (CUGV) robot, is moved using a control panel. In addition to simply moving the CUGV, Soldiers draw a map of what they see in the room based on the monitor images recorded by the robot. The level of hazardous materials detected is also recorded by the Soldiers

relying solely on the monitor, which displays the CUGV's four different cameras.

The Soldiers agreed that moving the robot was the most difficult part of the training.

"You know what you need the robot to do, but getting there is the hardest part," said Staff Sgt. Travis Johnson, a platoon sergeant with 71st Chemical Co.

Soldiers also learned how to pick up

various objects with the arm, another important aspect of using the CUGV.

"They are called 'snatch and grabs' in the [Chemical Biological Radiological Nuclear and Explosives] field," said Disbrow. "If you see an object that may have intelligence value, the robot can pick it up."

The final phase of training consisted of moving the robot inside and throughout an unseen building, and then testing the air at low, medium

and high altitudes due to different levels of chemical dispersion.

If performed properly, Soldiers then led the robot to a make-shift "chemical laboratory," set up by the trainers. The "laboratories" emitted chemicals, such as acetone, for the Soldiers to find.

"The last phase of training helps the Soldiers understand how to put everything [they learned] together," said Disbrow.

"I think [using the CUGV] is better," said 1st Lt. Pearle Surface, a platoon leader with 71st Chemical. "If there's a dangerous situation, it prevents us from being at risk for a casualty."

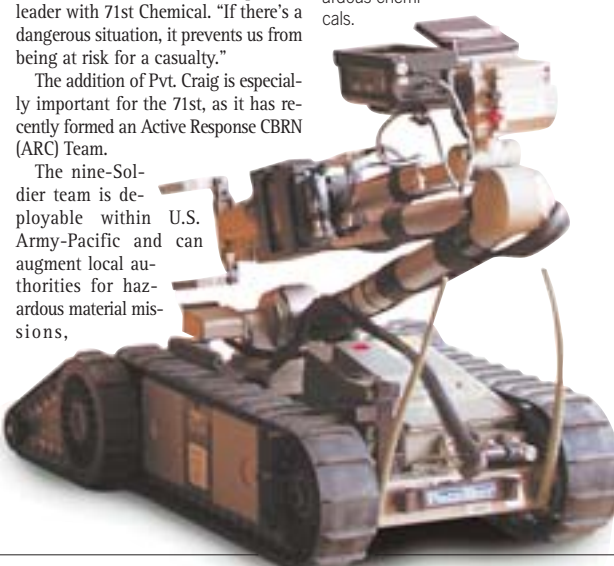
The addition of Pvt. Craig is especially important for the 71st, as it has recently formed an Active Response CBRN (ARC) Team.

The nine-Soldier team is deployable within U.S. Army-Pacific and can augment local authorities for hazardous material missions,

said 1st Sgt. Thomas Hendon, 71st Chemical Co.

Pvt. Craig is scheduled to be promoted to private second class after the training is completed.

Below — Pvt. Craig, a CUGV robot with 71st Chemical Company, locates a make-shift "chemical laboratory" with the help of a controller, April 30. The robot can function up to 850 meters away from its main control panel, allowing Soldiers to safely search for hazardous chemicals.



45th Soldiers share capabilities with Singapore army visitors

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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS – Members of the Singapore army visited Soldiers of the 71st Chemical Company, 45th Sustainment Brigade, April 28, here, to see equipment capabilities.

A five-Soldier team from Singapore spent the day viewing a decontamination training demonstration of the M903A1 Fox vehicles and sat in on Chemical Biological Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) Unmanned Ground Reconnaissance Vehicle (CUGV) robot training.

The CUGV is a new piece of equipment for the 71st. Both pieces of equipment are designed to keep Soldiers safe while testing a given area for hazardous materials.

While the CUGV equipment may be new for Soldiers of the 71st, the Singapore army owns and operates the equipment already, using it for explosive ordnance detonation capabilities. U.S. Soldiers use the CUGV for hazardous material sensing missions.

"This is a chance for [the Singapore soldiers] to see a piece of equipment they're familiar with used in a different role in our country," said Lt. Col. John Riley, the Chemical Radiological Biological Nuclear and Explosives Division chief with U.S. Army-Pacific (USARPAC).

The exchange of information was another benefit of the visit.

"The most important aspect (of the Singapore army's visit) is the opportunity for (USARPAC) to learn the capabilities they have, and we have a lot we can share with them as well," said Riley. "As a regional partner, we should know about Singapore's capabilities."

In addition to the demonstration, Soldiers of the 71st explained the capabilities of the "Fox" and gave the Singapore soldiers a chance to ride in the machine.

The troops from Singapore were as excited about the chance to view the decontamination training of the "Fox" as the Soldiers who conducted the demonstration.

"I thought (the decontamination demonstration) was great," said Col. Heok Chye Lee, commander of the Chemical Biological Radiological Nuclear and Explosive Defense Group in the Singapore army.



Pfc. Justin Bolek (Left), a chemical operations specialist with the 71st Chemical Company, answers questions from a Soldier in the Singapore Army during an M903A1 Fox vehicle demonstration. During the visit, Singapore Soldiers learned about the vehicle and rode in them as well.

Although the Fox vehicle is too big for their terrain, Lee said his army is interested in acquiring something similar for Singapore's use.

"It was an honor for them to ask (the 71st) to be a part of this," said 1st Sgt. Thomas Hendon, 71st Chemical Co.

Currently, plans are in the works for a continuing relationship between the armies. Singapore has invited USARPAC Soldiers to Taiwan in December for an international CBRN conference, and members of the Singapore army have plans to come back to Hawaii in August to participate in an explosive ordnance disposal training exercise.

"This is the first time we have worked with USARPAC, and we have a long way to go. We can't bring everything here, so it would be nice for U.S. Soldiers to visit us as well," said Lee. "We always look forward to professional exchanges."



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Serving up recognition

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Command Sgt. Maj. George D. Duncan (Left), 8th Theater Sustainment Command (TSC), gives remarks during an awards ceremony at the 8th TSC Dining Facility, April 29. The awards are given to the Soldiers and civilians that were identified by the facility management as their "stars" of the quarter.



94th AAMDC competition weeds out top NCO, Soldier of Year

Three-day event filled with gruelling Soldier tasks to find best of best

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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS – The 94th Army Air and Missile Defense Command (AAMDC), based out of Fort Shafter, conducted a Noncommissioned Officer (NCO) and Soldier of the Year competition here, April 26-29, to determine who among the ranks deserved to be recognized as the best and as the most qualified to represent the command in further competitions.

Sgt. Raymundo De Los Santos, combat medic, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 1st Air Defense Artillery (ADA) Regiment, and Spc. Jason A. Soberon, intelligence analyst, 94th AAMDC, prevailed over their peers during the grueling three-day competition and were recognized as the NCO and Soldier of the Year for the 94th AAMDC.

The competition included 11 participants from the 94th AAMDC, 5th



The 94th Army Air and Missile Defense Command's NCO of the Year, Sgt. Raymundo De Los Santos, a combat medic with Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 1st Air Defense Artillery Regiment, prepares to perform reflexive fire.

Battlefield Coordination Detachment, and 1-1 ADA.

"I think just the opportunity to compete was an honor. With the number of people in our unit, only 11 people



The 94th Army Air and Missile Defense Command's (AAMDC) Soldier of the Year, Spc. Jason A. Soberon, intelligence analyst, 94th AAMDC, studies his target before beginning a weapon qualification in the kneeling position during the competition.

competed, and that in itself shows that you are above the average Soldier and above the average NCO," said Soberon.

"You get a great sense of pride out of participating in the competition, especially if you win, knowing that you are among the best in your unit."

The participants were chosen to compete based on their board performances in the months prior to the competition. Most of them had won NCO or Soldier of the Quarter, which qualified them to participate.

"I felt my purpose for competing was to set a good example. I wanted to prove that we can go above and beyond what is asked of us and still be able to perform all of our duties," said De Los Santos. "I also wanted to represent my unit and my section."

The competitors participated in several events during the competition and received points in each event based on how well they performed. The graded events included an Army physical fitness (PT) test, day and night land navigation, a written exam and essay, weapons qualification, warrior task training, a mystery event, and the board.

"The most challenging part of the competition was the mental part, telling yourself to keep going on and pushing yourself to do it all, especial-

ly when you're tired," said De Los Santos.

The main intent of the competition was not only to name the NCO/Soldier of the Year for the 94th AAMDC but also to prepare the Soldiers for the U.S. Army- Pacific (USARPAC) and Department of the Army (DA) competitions, said Sgt 1st Class Michael Herbst, noncommissioned officer in charge of the competition, 94th AAMDC.

"While planning the competition, our main objectives were to ensure that what we did ... mirrors, plus some, with the USARPAC competition and DA level competition, because we have full intention that our Soldiers from the 94th will make it all the way to the DA level competition," said Herbst.

The winners received the Army Commendation Medal, a coin, a \$500 cash prize, and a plaque.

"I feel a great sense of accomplishment for winning the competition; I also look forward to competing in the USARPAC competition in June," said Soberon. "I hope to make my unit proud by winning the competition and going on to the Department of the Army competition in September."

News Briefs

Send news announcements for Soldiers and civilian employees to community@hawaiiarmy-weekly.com.

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Bone Marrow Donor Briefing – U.S. Army Garrison-Oahu North is hosting a Bone Marrow Drive unit representative briefing, May 8, 1-2 p.m., at the Sgt. Smith Theater, Schofield Barracks. Eligible attendees include company/battery/troop

representatives, Department of Defense civilians, contractors and agency representatives.

For more information, contact the Oahu North community director's office at 655-0497.

Martinez PFC Renovations

– The following sections of the Martinez Physical Fitness Center (PFC), Schofield Barracks, will be closed for renovations, May 6-July 6.

- The gymnasium will be closed now through July 6 to replace the hardwood floors.

- The men's sauna and locker room facilities will be closed, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., May 11-June 15, for renova-

tions.

- The women's sauna and locker room facilities will be closed, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., May 13-June 15, for renovations.

- Cardio Room number two will be closed, May 14-22, to replace the flooring. For more information about the upcoming closures, call the Martinez PFC at 655-0900/4804.

During the closures, shower facilities are available at the Richardson swimming pool, Schofield Barracks, Monday-Friday, 6-9 a.m., and 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

The Schofield Barracks Health and Fitness Center, Building 582, is open Monday-Friday, 6 a.m.-

7:30 p.m., and Saturday, 7 a.m.-noon. The facility is closed Sundays and holidays.

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Newcomers Brief for Soldiers – The next monthly newcomers briefing for Soldiers is May 12, 4-5 p.m., at the Soldier Support Center, Building 750, Schofield Barracks.

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Lyman Gate Closure – Lyman Gate will be closed to vehicle and pedestrian traffic May 13-29, starting at 9 a.m., for

security upgrades.

The Lyman Gate visitor control center will be relocated to the Stoneman Field parking lot. All traffic currently required to enter Lyman Gate for visitor passes should use McNair Gate.

McNair Gate will be open to inbound traffic only starting May 13 and remain open 24 hours a day.

Vehicles can exit the installation via Foote and Macomb Gates.

Funston Gate (located between McNair and Macomb Gates) will be open from 7:30-

8:30 a.m. and 3:30-4:30 p.m. to expedite traffic during peak hours. However, drivers will only be allowed to make a right turn on to Wilikina Drive due to safety considerations. For more information contact Master Sgt. West at 656-6751.

25 / Monday

Tennis Court Closure – The tennis courts across from Sgt. Smith Theater, Schofield Barracks, will be closed for resurfacing, through May 25. The courts

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Upcoming command changes posted

The Army Hawaii community is invited to attend change of command ceremonies taking place this spring. The change of command ceremony is a time-honored tradition that formally symbolizes the continuity of authority when a command is passed from one commander to another. Local ceremonies are generally preceded by an awards ceremony, 15 minutes prior to the change of command. The following ceremonies will take place at Sills Field, Schofield Barracks, unless otherwise noted.

- May 14, 2:30 p.m., 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team (2SBCT) will con-

duct a change of responsibility ceremony for Command Sgt. Maj. Karl Morgan to Command Sgt. Maj. William Hain.

- June 2, 9 a.m., 30th Signal Battalion. Lt. Col. Joseph J. Dworaczuk passes command to Lt. Col. Frank J. Snyder.
- June 2, 1 p.m., 2nd Bn., 11th Field Artillery Regiment, 2SBCT. Lt. Col. Joseph P. Gleichenhaus passes command to Lt. Col. Andrew D. Preston.
- June 3, 9 a.m., 1-21st Infantry Battalion, 2SBCT. Lt. Col. Mario A. Diaz passes command to Lt. Col. Robert J. Molinari.
- June 3, 2 p.m., 1-27th Inf. Bn.,

2SBCT, Lt. Col. Richard A. Wilson passes command to Lt. Col. Donald M. Brown.

- June 4, 9 a.m., 1-14th Inf. Bn., 2SBCT. Lt. Col. Thomas D. Boccardi passes command to Lt. Col. Andrew C. Ulrich.
- June 4, 2 p.m., 225th Brigade Support Bn., 2SBCT. Lt. Col. Mark D. Collins passes command to Lt. Col. Jeffrey S. Murray.
- June 8, 9 a.m., 2-14th Cavalry Regt., 2SBCT. Lt. Col. Thomas H. Mackey passes command to Lt. Col. James P. Isenhower III.
- June 16, 11 a.m., U.S. Army

Garrison-Oahu. Col. Mark C. Boussy passes command to Lt. Col. Richard J. Gledhill at the Palm Circle Gazebo, Fort Shafter. Primary parking will be available at the Hale Ikena.

- June 26, 10 a.m., 205th Military Intelligence Bn. Lt. Col. Leland A. Liebe passes command to Lt. Col. Timothy J. Parker at Palm Circle, Fort Shafter. Parking is limited. The point of contact is 1st Lt. Hope Woods at 438-4341.

(Editor's Note: Information listed is subject to change due to inclement weather. Times listed are the start times for the changes of command ceremonies.)

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adjacent to the Martinez Physical Fitness Center and the Tropics will remain open. For more information, contact Peter Burke or Bruce Irvine at 655-9914.

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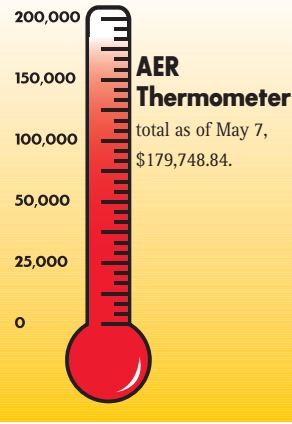
Oahu North Town Hall – The next Oahu North Town Hall meeting, for residents of Schofield Barracks, Wheeler Army Airfield and Helemano Military Reservation, is May 26, 6:30 p.m. at the Sgt. Smith Theater, Schofield Barracks. For more information, call Monica Anguay at 655-0497.

June

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Spouse Information Meeting – The next Spouse Information Meeting (SIM) is June 1, 9 a.m., at the Nehelani, Schofield Barracks.

Schofield Advisory Council Meeting – The next Schofield Barracks



PX/Commissary/Nehelani Advisory Council Meeting is June 1, 10:15 a.m., at the Nehelani, Schofield Barracks, following the Spouse Information Meeting. This quarterly forum of representatives allows the council and patrons to exchange ideas and information. Contact Monica Anguay at 655-0497.

3 / Wednesday

Oahu South Town Hall – The next Oahu South Town Hall meeting for the Oahu South community will be held at the Aliamanu Military Reservation Chapel, June 3, 6:30 p.m. Call 438-6996 for more information.

Ongoing

Found Property – The Provost Marshal Office has recovered personal property items belonging to Soldiers or their family members on both Schofield Barracks and Fort Shafter. The found items include unregistered bicycles. Call 655-8255.

Foot Road Closed – Foot Road, Schofield

Barracks, is closed until May 21 for road repaving. Exact dates and portions vary throughout the construction phase. Call 656-4661.

View traffic updates online at www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil (click on "Post Updates").

Road Closure – Portions of Williston and Wright-Smith avenues, Schofield Barracks, will be closed for roadway construction work through Nov. 7. Drivers should avoid the area. Additionally, Bragg Street will be temporarily converted to two-way traffic serving the residents of Betsy Ross and Patrick Henry courts now through June 12. Call 624-2338 for more information.

IR Hotline – U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii employees, (civilian, military and contractor) can report instances of fraud, waste or mismanagement to the Internal Review Office (IRO) "IR Hotline" by tele-

phone, e-mail, fax or online. The IRO will refer reports to management or initiate an investigation.

Call the IR Hotline at 655-8121. Forms are available online at www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil (Click "Directorates and Support Staff"). Fax reports to 655-0791, or e-mail InternalReview@hawaii.army.mil. Please provide the required information on the hotline report.

Phonebook Recycling – Not sure what to do with old phonebooks? Old telephone books are currently accepted at the Recycling Center, located at Building 1087-B, McMahon Rd., Schofield Barracks. The Recycling Center also provides pick-up service. To schedule a pick-up appointment on the Intranet visit <https://dpw.hawaii.army.mil/pickup/> or call the Recycling Center at 655-0011.

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

Army Approved Helmet Pads – Headquarters, Department of Army, G4 (logistics) reminds Soldiers that the only authorized source for Army approved advanced combat helmet (ACH) pads is the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA.) Helmet pads obtained through sources other than DLA have not been subjected to Army testing and evaluation processes, and, if used, may diminish the protective capabilities of the ACH.

Soldiers are not authorized to requisition, issue or use ACH pads from sources other than DLA. Authorized pads may be obtained by submitting a properly funded requisition through normal Army supply systems.

Footsteps: Priorities help create a purpose

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our being." God created us human beings – not human doings or human knowings.

The Army has a three-fold approach to leadership: be, know, do, according to Field Manual 6-22 or FM 22-100.

We do great at recognizing competency (know) and measuring execution (do), but it is hard to measure being.

The Army Values take a stab at understanding our being; however, we have a tendency to memorize the LDRSHIP acronym and move out. We have made a god out of being busy (do) and don't know how to be still (be).

Being busy is measurable by others looking at us, which elevates our ego. Being still and worshipping God is godly, but it is not measurable by us. Therefore, many don't hang as much value on being.

I recently heard a man who has no arms or legs. He'd learned to not blame God for his life situation. In fact, he was thanking God that, with his physical limitations, he was able to concentrate on his spiritual assets. As a result, this man understood being and was not letting it limit his doing. However, what he chose to do was influenced by who he was and ... whose he was.

This man used this acronym for BUSY: being under satan's yoke.

Some people spend so much time doing they have no time to reflect on who they are. That is wrong. You cannot prioritize your life if you are just doing without direction.

It is like the spaceship run by idiots: "We don't know where we are going, but we are making good time." That is being busy without a purpose.

Do these things describe you? Stop and evaluate what you have become. Do you like what you see? Take steps to let go of things that are unnecessary in your life and your job, and set some priorities for what it is you want to be.

Begin to pray, reflect, meditate. I like the Army's old music jingle and slogan, "Be all that you can be." Pretty tough to be all you can be if all you are is a doing machine. Realize you are a human being and do a little less.

Spend time thinking about who you are. It will make your hours of doing more productive and fulfilling.

Hawaii’s JROTC Cadets honored by governor at Fort Shafter

Recognition makes the hard work worth it for student leadership

Story and Photos by
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FORT SHAFTER — Approximately 800 Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) cadets from 26 high schools were honored during the 27th Annual Governor’s JROTC Review and Awards Ceremony on historic Palm Circle, here, April 30.

Top cadets from each high school earned the JROTC Kina’ole Award from Hawaii Lt. Governor James R. “Duke” Aiona Jr. and were congratulated by the ceremony’s host, Lt. Gen. Benjamin R. Mixon, commanding general, U.S. Army-Pacific (USARPAC).

“This is a tremendous privilege for me to be a part of the Kina’ole Award ceremony, which recognizes and honors the achievements of these outstanding cadets who I would describe as the best of the best,” Aiona said. “I would like to take the time to acknowledge and thank all of you who are part of (JROTC). You have not only provided these young men and women with one of the best character and leadership programs in Hawaii, but you have modeled through your words and actions the essence of what I call principled leadership.”

According to Title 10, Section 2031 of the U.S. Code, the purpose of JROTC is “to instill in students in United States secondary educational institutions the values of citizenship, service to the United States, and personal responsi-



Army Cadet Col. Mary Coronado of Kaimuki High School leads her staff as the commander of troops during the 27th Annual Governor’s JROTC Review and Awards Ceremony at historic Palm Circle, Fort Shafter, April 30.



bility and a sense of accomplishment.” “Cadets on the field, you have been provided valuable skills that will serve

Left — Command Sgt. Maj. George Duncan, command sergeant major, 8th Theater Sustainment Command, presents Campbell High School with the Best Marching Unit trophy during the ceremony.

world, Junior ROTC is a great place to become ingrained with the qualities that lead to success, teamwork, discipline and service. “We want to have good, dedicated citizens, and that is certainly what this program typifies and instills from the various members of the cadre who are involved in the development of these great, young Americans,” Mixon concluded. According to the Kina’ole Foundation, “the concept of Kina’ole can be

best described as ‘flawlessness,’ and this award as befitting one who has done the right thing, in the right way, at the right time, in the right place, to the right person, for the right reason, with the right feeling, the first time.” “I think the biggest thing I learned during JROTC was how important communication is,” said Cadet Lt. Col. Mikael Torres, senior at Waipahu High School. “It’s most definitely something I will use when I graduate.” “I know how much JROTC has meant to him over the last four years, and this is quite an accomplishment,” said Mikael’s mother, Staff Sgt. Jean Torres, USARPAC. “I am so proud of him.” Also, during the ceremony, each high school had a chance to demonstrate its drill and ceremony skills during a “pass in review” in honor of their distinguished guests. While marching to the music of the Pacific Fleet Band, units were judged by members of the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club to determine the best marching unit. Command Sgt. Maj. George Duncan, command sergeant major, 8th Theater Sustainment Command, presented Campbell High School with the Best Marching Unit trophy. Kalaheo and McKinley high schools rounded out the top three. “The best part of this ceremony was meeting the general and the lieutenant governor,” said Cadet Lt. Col. Trey Livingston, senior at Konawaena High School. “I think this award is a great accomplishment because I worked hard for the last four years, and this proves that it was worth it.”

ROTC: Enlisted Soldiers become officers with help of Army

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complete a baccalaureate degree and are commissioned as an Army officer upon receiving their degree. For many Soldiers, leaving the Army to finish their education is not an option. Losing pay and benefits are among their top concerns. The ADO meets these concerns as Soldiers continue to receive their current pay and allowances while in the program. “This program was the best fit for me,” said Fulgencio. The Green to Gold program allows cadets a chance to understand and develop their leadership style in practical and real-world terms, according to Lt. Col. Rod Laszlo, professor of Military Science, Army ROTC. “It is an extremely competitive program,” said Laszlo. “Over 400 Soldiers apply for 200 slots yearly, so having above a 3.0 GPA in college, a score of 270+ on the Army physical fitness test and excelling



Cadet Robert Freyou negotiates an obstacle at the Ranger Challenge Competition at Oregon.

in leader activities are all important in the process of selection.” Laszlo stated the program gives Soldiers an education that will help them succeed in the Army. For Cadet Sgt. Stanley Tochiki, the education he received in and out of the classroom was equally important. “There are several opportunities for cadets to



learn and refine their leadership skills, which include positions ranging from squad leader to company commander,” said Tochiki, “so we learn a broad spectrum.” Tochiki, a student at Hawaii Pacific University, will graduate May 13 with a Bachelor of Science degree in diplomacy and military studies.

Left — Cadet Lynette Yi shouts orders during a patrol lane. “I am currently serving as the Battalion S1,” said Tochiki, “so right now I am getting to do exactly what I will be doing when I get to my first unit.” Tochiki will receive his commission on May 17 and serve as a second lieutenant in the Adjutant General Corps. Currently, eight Soldiers in Hawaii will graduate this year and begin their careers as officers. “Many are surprised by the challenges (of the Green to Gold program) but all have risen to the challenge and generally excelled in the program,” said Laszlo. Fulgencio is looking forward to the challenges and experiences as an officer in the U.S. Army. “I hope to gain more knowledge and leadership experience needed for me to be more confident in making the difference in the welfare of Soldiers,” said Fulgencio.

HMAM: Military’s accomplishments appreciated

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“As a governor, there’s no greater privilege than to be able to work with our armed forces,” she said. “I appreciate every opportunity I have to express my gratitude to the service men and women on behalf of the people of Hawaii.”

Lingle reflected on the evening’s festivities with a look back at the accomplishments of service members of the past who have served the country.

This year marks the 50th anniversary of Hawaii’s statehood, Lingle said, adding, “It’s significant that we are gathered here before the enduring symbol of bravery, the USS battleship Missouri, as a reminder of how Hawaii and the military’s history are intertwined.”

The Missouri fought in battles from World War II to the 1991 Gulf War in missions carried out by uniformed men and women of the armed forces.

“All of you here are perpetuating their tradition as guardians of the military legacy for America, and Hawaii is



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Service members post the colors during the Hawaii Military Appreciation Month opening ceremony on the USS Missouri.

honored to serve as a gathering place for troops from across the Pacific and the United States,” Lingle said.

“Being here and taking the time to come here is insignificant compared to what the men and women of the

American military do for the people of Hawaii, America, and the entire world,” she continued. “You uphold our way of

life and bring stability to troubled parts of the world and give hope to people who are hopeless. ... You contribute to who we are as a state and as a nation.”

During the ceremony, Lt. Gen. Douglas M. Fraser, deputy commander, U.S. Pacific Command, took the stage to thank those attending the ceremony.

“My wife and I first experienced the aloha spirit when stationed here 10 years ago,” Fraser said. “We fondly remember Military Appreciation Month from that time.

“Upon returning to Hawaii, we found one thing changed – the United States is engaged in two wars that directly impact military communities,” he said. “One thing that hasn’t changed is Hawaii’s aloha spirit.

Fraser added, “This spirit has only grown stronger through the years, and I have to say, no matter where our men and women are deployed around the world, it’s always good to come back to Hawaii and the aloha spirit.”

Awards: IMCOM lauded for excellence

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central team,” said Calvin Acosta, maintenance mechanic supervisor, DPW, who accepted the award for the team. “We were just the key players ... they deserve recognition for the work they did to help us get this award.”

Never mind that the team was responsible for repairing and renovating facilities so the 25th Infantry Division could meet its mission or that the team responded quickly to repair flood damage done during the last December’s storm.

True to DPW form, David Mesiona, maintenance mechanic leader, DPW, who was named Employee of the Year-Trades and Crafts, also recognized his team as the driving force behind being named Employee of the Year.

“Really the guys did all the work and earned the award ... all I did was give them a little guidance and direction,” Mesiona said.

He joked that he wouldn’t mind half of the \$7.2 million he saved the garrison by finishing a 12-month project of preventative maintenance repairs to 5,217 barracks rooms and six dining facilities, in six months.

Other awardees cited their desire for service as their motivation.

The awardee for Exceptional Community Service was one such person.

“I am thankful for the honor, but I would do the service I do whether or not I am recognized,” said Catherine Henderson, housing specialist, Residential Communities Initiative Housing Division, Housing Services Offices, DPW. “I love to do it because I know I’m making a difference in other people’s lives. I love seeing the faces of gratitude in the people I help.”

John Beatty, engineering technician, DPW, who was named Employee of the Year-Professional, Administrative and Technical, IMCOM-Pacific, ensured that the Army’s mission is funded by getting the right information to the right people at the right time. He said, “What is really important to me as a retired Soldier is that I am helping improve the lives of Soldiers currently serving in the Army.”

Awardees

- Employer of Choice: U.S. Army Installation Management Command, Pacific Region
- Leader of the Year: Gregory Kuhr
- Mentor of the Year: Alan Goo, deputy director, Directorate of Public Works (DPW)
- Supervisor/Manager of the Year: Rod Oshiro, engineering division chief, DPW
- Team Excellence: Individual Job Order Team, DPW (Calvin Acosta, Wendell Akagi, John Barros, Reynante Ben, Terry Dacosta, Dennis Kaio, Stephen Maloy, Vic Pereira, Edward Rick, Kevin Rost, Lydia Sato, Roland Thompson, Gerald Wade, and Art Yamilao)
- Employee of the Year-Trades and Crafts: David Mesiona, maintenance mechanic leader, DPW
- Employee of the Year-Professional, Administrative and Technical: John Beatty, engineering technician, DPW
- Employee of the Year-Clerical and Assistant: Rosemarie Jimenez, administrative specialist, DPW
- Exceptional Community Service: Catherine Henderson, housing specialist, Residential Communities Initiative Housing Division, Housing Services Offices, DPW

As a “servant leader,” Alan Goo, deputy director, DPW, was proud to be named Mentor of the Year, IMCOM-Pacific. He is a respected mentor and coach dedicated to “growing leaders” and “building the bench”:

He said he loves “moving folks towards excellence.”

Rosemarie Jimenez, administrative specialist, DPW, Employee of the Year-Clerical and Assistant, IMCOM-Pacific, loves the family of DPW, says what drives her toward excellence is the diversity of tasks and challenges she faces every day.

“Every day is different; every day brings a different challenge,” Jimenez said.

“On behalf of everyone within the garrison, I want to congratulate the awardees on the individual as well as team efforts,” said Col. Matthew Margotta, commander, U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii. “These people represent the very best of the garrison. These are employees with a focus on taking care of people and the

customer and who believe excellence is the standard they should strive for.

“Congratulations on a job well done,” Margotta said.

IMCOM-Pacific, the garrison’s higher headquarters, was named an Employer of Choice by the FEB due in large part to improved communication with its employees through quarterly town hall meetings, shared Web site folders, and a blog site to dialogue with the director.

IMCOM-Pacific has also made workforce development and training the clear priority for the entire organization.

Named as Leader of the Year, IMCOM-Pacific’s chief of staff, Gregory Kuhr, suggested the people who need to be honored are his employees.

“I serve as chief of staff, but it is really the 120 employees who perform excellent work all year-round who deserve this award,” Kuhr said. “I am humbled to be the chief of staff to all these great employees.”

Gallery: Heroes’ legacy will live on at Fort DeRussy

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Family members of the inductees unveiled display plaques of their loved ones during the ceremony. The plaques highlighted the Soldiers’ stories of courage and bravery. The awards they received for their actions will be exhibited in the Gallery.

“In every case, these warriors disregarded their own personal welfare to secure the safety of their comrades and ensure the success of the mission,” said Maj. Gen. Raymond V. Mason, commander, 8th Theater Sustainment Command, and guest speaker for the ceremony. “They put that fear behind them and truly went above and beyond the call of duty giving the last full measure.”

The Gallery of Heroes was conceived in 1980 by retired U.S. Army Maj. Gen. Herbert E. Wolff. His vision was to create a place for honoring Hawaii’s citizens who served the nation valiantly.

The Gallery’s focus is to recognize the recipients of the nation’s two highest awards of valor, the Medal of Honor and the Distinguished Service Cross, or their equivalents, the Navy Cross and the Air Force Cross.

Victoria Olson, executive director of the Gallery of Heroes, said the hardest part is finding the family members of the inductees.

“It is hard to find the families or the next of kin because, in a lot of cases, the families have changed names or their relatives have passed,” she said.

Olson said family members of some of the inductees called after an article with the names of the inductees appeared in a local state newspaper.

“One of the inductee’s (Factora) sons (Patrick Viela) saw his father’s name in the paper,” Olsen said. “He came in (the museum), Tuesday, with tears in his eyes.”

“I got goose bumps and watery eyes,” Viela said. “I go to his grave at Punchbowl a lot. I always talk to him and pray to him. He is my dad and I love him.”



Keiki learn bike safety

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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Brody Christensen, 11, adjusted his helmet and climbed on his bicycle studying the obstacle course in front of him. With a picture of a tricycle emblazoned on his blue T-shirt and the words, "chicks dig my ride" written underneath, Christensen was ready for the bike rodeo.

Bicyclists of all ages gathered at the Porter Community Center, Saturday, for an opportunity to test their abilities through an array of obstacle courses and learn about safe cycling.

Christensen maneuvered through the orange cones with ease and rested his bike at the end of the course.

"I ride my bike a lot, so this course wasn't too hard," said Christensen. "But, I still have a lot to learn about bikes and bike safety."

The participants started off the day by registering their bicycles with the Military Police (MP).

"It's important to register your property to ensure a safe return if we retrieve the lost or stolen item," said Miles Sharrock, deputy provost marshal, Schofield Barracks.

Soldiers from the 13th MP Battalion performed a safety check on all bicycles and accompanying gear, adjusting petals, airing tires and properly fitting helmets.

Riding techniques and responsibilities, including the proper way to cross an intersection and riding with traffic, were also offered.

"This gives the children a sense of responsibility," said Sgt. Jessed Kurtz, 19th MP Bn. "They learn about safety and hopefully will spread what they have learned to other kids in the neighborhood."

Obstacle courses were set up to test agility and balance. Keiki rode their bikes through the obstacles, narrowly missing orange cones to complete the course. After completion,



McGruff, the Crime Dog, engages children in a sing-along at the bike rodeo, Saturday. McGruff sang songs of safety from his latest album and taught kids the importance of living a drug-free lifestyle.

To register bicycles, call the Military Police, Schofield Barracks at 655-9657.

each child received a ribbon of achievement.

"Bike riding is new to him," said family member Josephine Maltzberger of son Aidan, 3. "He is learning basic rules today and can look up to authoritative figures for help."

"He's learning a lot at an age where it will sink in and stick with him," added Maltzberger.

The Federal Fire Department, Honolulu Police Department, and members of the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) program were also on hand to quiz young riders on the rules of the road and safety.

Courtney East spun the "wheel of safety" stopping on the question "Who do you call in case of an emergency?"

The 10-year-old wrinkled her forehead and promptly answered, "Dial 9 11."

A round of applause surrounded East as she was awarded a prize for the correct answer.

"It's important for young kids to be exposed to safety precautions and

have a basic understanding of how to handle situations," said Sharrock. "Learning how to keep out of harm's way now will aid them in the future."

"If we do even one thing today to keep a child safe, then it is all worthwhile," said Sharrock.

Other games, including a three-legged race and an inflatable bounce house, kept family members entertained throughout the day.

A special appearance by McGruff, the Crime Dog, was a crowd favorite. Little ones danced along as McGruff sang songs of safety, including his most popular tune, "Don't do Drugs."

"I've been waiting all day to see him," whispered 4-year-old Madison Wong.

The Directorate of Emergency Services and the 13th MP Bn. supported the bike rodeo.

Right — Brody Christensen, 11, nears the finish line of the obstacle course during the bike rodeo at Porter Community Center, Saturday. The rodeo welcomed family members of all ages to learn about bike safety and strengthen their skills as riders.



8 / Today

Spouse Appreciation Day – Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation (FMWR) will host an Arabian Experience military spouse appreciation event, today, 5-7 p.m., at the Nehelani, Schofield Barracks. Spouses can enjoy massages, food and prizes, all in an Arabian atmosphere.

Indulge and enjoy a unique experience while FMWR says, “thanks for being you.” This event repeats, May 27, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., at the Hale Ikena, Fort Shafter.

Child care is available for both dates. Registration is required, visit www.mwrarmy.hawaii.com to register. Call 655-0111/2.

Care Response Team – Learn to be part of the Care Response Team (CRT), a group of caring and trained volunteers that can immediately “be there” for a spouse and family after notification of a death or serious injury.

Basic CRT training is scheduled, today, noon-4:30 p.m., and May 21, 9 a.m.-1p.m., at Army Community Service (ACS), Schofield Barracks.

A CRT Refresher Course is scheduled, May 16, 9 a.m.-noon, at ACS Schofield Barracks. Call 655-4227 or contact robin.l.alexander1@us.army.mil.

10 / Sunday

Mother’s Day Brunch – Enjoy a Mother’s Day Brunch, May 10, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., at the Nehelani, Schofield Barracks. Last seating begins at 1 p.m. This brunch costs \$25 per person (ages 11 and up), \$18 (ages 6-11) and \$12 (ages 3-5). For reservations, call 655-4466.

11 / Monday

Newborn Care II – Taking care of a newborn for the first time can be scary. From holding, to diapering and bathing, come learn the basics of newborn care to make the early months special for you and your baby at Newborn Care II, May 11, 9-11 a.m., at Sgt. Yano Library, and May 12, 9-11 a.m., at Aliamanu Military Reservation community center. Call 655-4227.

Parenting Class – Be a successful parent with the help of the Family Advocacy Prevention team. Participate in the 1-2-3 Magic Parenting class, May 11, 9-11 a.m., at Aliamanu Military Reservation community center.

Learn new ways to effectively deal with a child’s behavior, improve communication and build self esteem. To reg-



Send announcements to community@hawaiiarmyweekly.com.

10 / Sunday

Manoa Valley Walking Tour – Malama O Manoa presents a 1-mile walking tour through the Puu Pueo (Owl’s Hill) neighborhood of Manoa Valley, May 10, 8:30 a.m.-noon. See more than 20 significant homes, six of which are on the Hawaii State Register of Historic Places. Tour guides will be on hand to share architectural descriptions, historical facts and other anecdotes.

The mission of Malama O Manoa is to promote community, celebrate diversity and preserve, protect and enhance the historic Manoa Valley. The tour costs \$25 per person.

Call Linda LeGrande at 947-7400 or e-mail mohalaway@hawaii.rr.com.

15 / Friday

Case Lot Sales – Commissary Case Lot sales are scheduled to take place islandwide in May. Stock up and save at these locations: Schofield Barracks, May 15-16; Hickam Air Force Base, May 15-17; Pearl Harbor, May 22-23; and Barber’s Point (Kalaeloa), May 29-30.

Check local store information for hours of operation at www.commissaries.com.

16 / Saturday

Lantern Dedications – Learn about the history and impact of the Japanese Lantern Floating Ceremony and make personal dedications to loved ones, May 16, 1:30-3:30 p.m. at the Sgt. Yano Library, Schofield Barracks, and May 17, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., at the Fort Shafter Library. Dedications will be placed on community lanterns that will be cast afloat at the official ceremony, May 25, at Ala Moana Beach Park. No registration is required. Call 655-0143.



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Doo-ing escape

Aiden Suhre, 2, makes his escape from Scooby Doo, as his father, Willie Suhre, a Sailor who works at Kunia, tries to encourage him to take a keepsake photo with Doo during Military Appreciation Day at Bishop Museum, Saturday. Bishop Museum invited all military and their families to discover Hawaiian culture and get behind-the-scenes tours of cultural collections, free of charge, during its “salute to troops.” The daylong celebration included hula demonstrations and lessons; games and activities for keiki; Hawaiian artisans and crafters; live entertainment; and more. Discounted military rates are offered year-round. Visit www.bishopmuseum.org or call 847-3511 for more details.

ister, call 655-0596.

12 / Tuesday

Lei Making Demo – Join an interactive workshop on Hawaiian lei making, May 12, 5:30-7 p.m., at Sgt.Yano Library, presented by the Kapolei Hawaiian Civic Club, a nonprofit, Native Hawaiian organization dedicated to the perpetuation of the Hawaiian culture.

Participants will learn about the variety, art and techniques of making leis along with local lei giving traditions. Call 655-8002.

13 / Wednesday

Autism Support Group – The Army Community Service (ACS) Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) will hold an Autism Support Group meeting, May 13, at the Schofield Barracks Main Chapel. Dinner begins at 5:30 p.m., presentations and discussions begin at 6 p.m. On-site child care is available, registration and sign up are required.

The Autism Support Group is a partnership between ACS EFMP, the community chaplains, and the Children’s Community Council. Contact ACS EFMP at 655-4791 or 655-1551 for details.

Create a Mascot – Teens are invited to make a fun felt mascot, May 13, 3:30-

5 p.m., at Sgt. Yano Library, Schofield Barracks. A variety of animal and character patterns will be provided for free, or bring one of your own. Call 655-8002.

15 / Friday

Children of Eden – Tickets are available for the Army Community Theatre musical production “Children of Eden” May 15, 16, 22 and 23 at the Richardson Theatre, Fort Shafter.

Freely based on the story of Genesis, “Children of Eden” is a frank, heartfelt and humorous examination of the age-old conflict between parents and children. Adult ticket prices begin at \$15, and children’s tickets are available for \$12. Visit www.armytheatre.com for more information or to purchase tickets. Call 438-4480.

Waikiki Party Bus – The Army bus rides again, May 15, 9 p.m.-4 a.m. The bus will pick up riders on Schofield Barracks and Fort Shafter and take them down to party in Waikiki, worry-free.

Free tickets are available at Information, Ticketing and Registration offices, and riders must have a ticket to board the party bus.

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

ity admission is \$10 adults; \$5, children. Call 441-1000 for more information. Visit www.PacificAviationMuseum.org.

Lantern Floating Ceremony – The 10th Annual Lantern Floating Ceremony is May 25, 6:30 p.m., at Ala Moana Beach Park. Held each year on Memorial Day, the event brings together nearly 40,000 residents and visitors from various cultural and religious backgrounds, who cast afloat lanterns from the park’s shore at sunset in remembrance of loved ones who have passed, or as a symbolic prayer for a harmonious and peaceful future.

Free event parking is available at the Hawaii Convention Center (HCC) and shuttle from the HCC to Magic Island begins at 4 p.m. Lanterns are free and registry begins at 1 p.m., May 25, on a first-come-first served basis. Memories or messages for loved ones can be submitted at www.lanternfloatinghawaii.com.

FMWR Lantern Floating Trip – Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation is offering free round-trip transportation to the Lantern Floating Hawaii ceremony, May 25, at Ala Moana Beach Park. Pick up will be at 10 a.m. from Sgt. Smith Theater, Schofield Barracks, and 11 a.m. from Richardson Theatre, Fort Shafter.

Enjoy a relaxing day at the beach and then take in the cultural sites and sounds of the ceremony in the evening. The return trip will pick up at Magic Island at 8:30 p.m. Transportation is free but registration is required. Visit www.mwrarmy.hawaii.com. Call 655-0143.

June

5 / Friday

Pan-Pacific Festival – The 30th Annual Pan-Pacific Festival sponsored by the Hawaii Tourism Authority will take place, June 5-7 in and around areas of Waikiki. The festival is one of the oldest intercultural events promoting relationships between Hawaii and the Pan-

Bunco Tournament – The last ultimate bunco tournament will be held during Family Fun Fridays, May 15, 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. Special prizes awarded for early registration. Visit www.mwrarmy.hawaii.com or call 655-5698.

16 / Saturday

Wooden Bowl Making – Learn bowl turning basics from one of Hawaii’s master craftsmen, May 16, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m., at the Fort Shafter Arts and Crafts Center. Complete your own handmade wooden bowl in just one day.

Cost is \$75, and includes wood and supplies. Call 438-1315.

No Kidding Social Group – Join the “No Kidding” social group for a hike through the Waimea Valley Botanical Gardens, May 16, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., on Oahu’s North Shore. Admission to the park is \$6 with a military ID or Hawaii state driver’s license. Bottled water and limited round-trip transportation from Schofield Barracks is provided. Registration required, call 655-0111/2.

Pacific region.

•June 5, 7-10 p.m., enjoy a street festival along Kalakaua Avenue featuring seven stages filled with cultural performances including hula, traditional Japanese dance and Taiko drummers.

•June 6, 7 p.m., Hawaiian island concert at the Sunset on the Beach stage, Waikiki.

•June 7, 5 p.m., an eclectic mix of performers, dancers and colorful floats will be featured during a sunset parade. The parade route follows Kalakaua Avenue through the heart of Waikiki ending at Kapiolani Park. The weekend festival will also feature a Performing Arts Showcase with traditional performances from Japan and Hawaiian at two locations:

•Royal Hawaiian Center, Royal Grove: June 5, 1-5 p.m.; June 6, 1-7 p.m.; and June 7, noon-3 p.m.

•Ala Moana Center’s Center Stage: June 5, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; June 6, 4-9 p.m.; and June 7, noon-6 p.m.

12 / Friday

“Elmo Makes Music” – The Blaisdell Concert Hall presents a musical event for the whole family, Sesame Street Live “Elmo Makes Music,” June 12-21.

Tickets can be purchased online at www.ticketmaster.com. Ticket prices start at \$12. Visit www.sesamestreetlive.com for more information.

Ongoing

Waikiki Aquarium Volunteers – Residents are invited to join the Waikiki Aquarium’s volunteer team. During weekly two-hour shifts, volunteers explain different habitats and species within the exhibits, share information about Hawaii’s marine life and provide the opportunity for visitors to learn about the importance of conservation. Volunteers receive extensive, hands-on training from the expert staff, as well as continuous education about Hawaiian marine life. Call 440-9020.



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

Holemano (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



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Friday, 7 p.m.
Thursday, 7 p.m.

Monsters vs. Aliens

(G)
Saturday, 4 p.m.
Come join the Monster vs. Aliens party from 2:30 p.m. to 3:20 p.m. for the first 50 ticket purchase holders.

Sunday, 2 p.m.



Coraline

(PG)
Saturday, 7 p.m.

Adventureland

(R)
Wednesday, 7 p.m.

No shows on Mondays or Tuesdays.

Military spouses share their stories of strength and service

MOLLY HAYDEN

Staff Writer

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Today is a day for appreciation. Today we reflect on the heroes that dedicate their lives to the well-being of Soldiers and our nation.

These heroes are our military spouses.

"I think the job of an Army spouse is one that is not easily understood in our society," said family member Amy Schardt, who participates in the family readiness group, or FRG, at B Company, 1st Battalion, 14th Infantry Regiment. "The Army lifestyle definitely forces you to grow up ... but with all this responsibility comes great reward and opportunity."

As an Army wife, Schardt has shared life's greatest joys, disappointments and sorrows with complete strangers. She has explored numerous parts of the country and world, and she has developed strong



Bogus



Cook



Schardt

bonds and lifelong friendships.

Schardt feels pride for our brave Soldiers, strong families and nation.

"Feelings like that cannot be obtained without

sacrifice and challenge," said Schardt. "Standing in that room among that group of family members who endured the same struggles is what makes me proud to call myself an Army wife."

Living the life as an Army wife can be bittersweet, according to family member Michelle Bogus, whose husband, Chris, is a Soldier with the 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team.

"You marry the man and take on his duties, but in reality you have married the Soldier and the military is now your life," said Bogus.

She went on to account the many struggles military families face day-to-day, including, "long days and sleepless nights, the uncertainty of what your future may hold, deployments, moving, settling, friends who come and go, and starting all over again."

It is a struggle, but Bogus and her children face these challenges head-on with open hearts and open minds.

The Bogus family is constantly keeping busy.

SEE SPOUSES, B-4

Hawaii honors all military & family members throughout May

The Military Affairs Council of the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii, community members and businesses in Hawaii celebrate the military's presence in the Hawaiian Islands throughout May.

All service members and their families are invited to take part in the activities offered during the 24th Annual Hawaii Military Appreciation Month (HMAM).

Pacific Fleet Band Performances

— The Pearlridge Shopping Mall honors the military this month with several special performances of the Pacific Fleet bands at the Pearlridge Mall Uptown Center:

- The Dixie Express will perform, May 23, 1-2 p.m.

- The Pacific Fleet rock band "Hang Ten" will perform, May 30, 1-2 p.m.

Concerts are open to the public, and admission is free.

Saturday, May 16

Living History Day — The U.S. Army Museum of Hawaii will host a Living History Day to commemorate Armed Forces Day, May 16, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., on the lawn area of the museum at Fort DeRussy.

The event will include static exhibits of modern military Soldiers and equipment, military memorabilia, restored military vehicles, re-enactors in period uniforms and hands-on displays of nongovernment military artifacts. Call 438-2825.

Military Band Concert

— The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii presents the 24th Annual Combined Military Band Concert, May 16, 7 p.m., at Hawaii Theatre. Top musicians from the U.S. Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard and Hawaii National Guard join forces for this

concert featuring Broadway musicals, marches, classics and pops.

Tickets are free and available by calling the Hawaii Theatre Box Office, 528-0506.

Thursday, May 21

Military Recognition Luncheon

— The Annual Military Recognition Luncheon is scheduled, May 21, noon-1:30 p.m., at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Hotel. Guest speaker will be Lt. Gen. Keith Stalder, commanding general, Marine Forces Pacific.

This event is the public's opportunity to welcome home returning heroes and recognize military community service awardees. To purchase tickets, e-mail Kyle Okamura at kokamura@cochawaii.org or call 545-4300, ext. 317.

Saturday, May 23

HMAM Street Festival

— The members of the Honolulu Arts District Merchant's Association and the Honolulu Culture and Arts District invite service members, retirees, reservists and their families to a special street festival, May 23, 5-10 p.m. at Nuuanu and Hotel Streets.

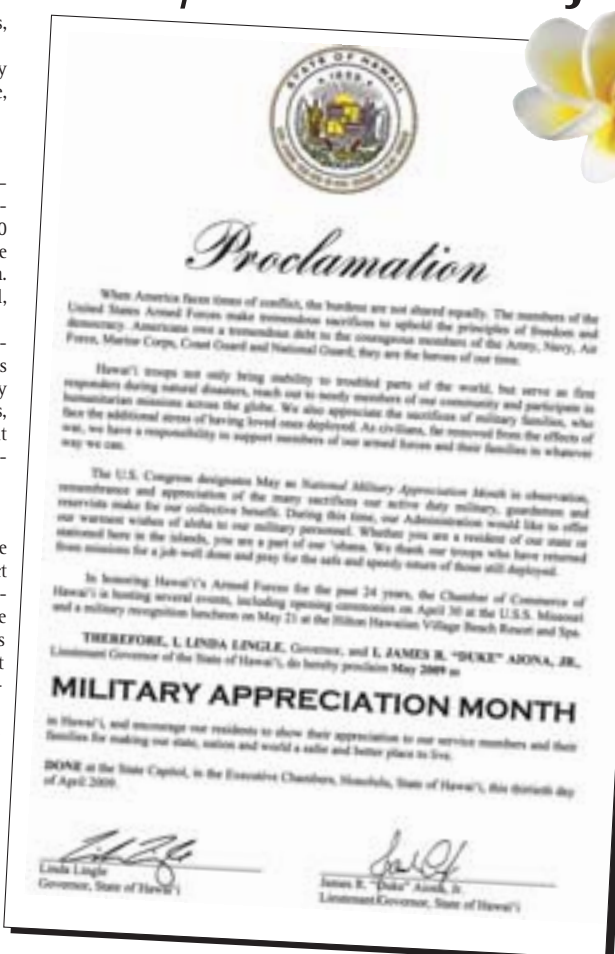
Enjoy entertainment, food, movies and games for all ages. The event is open to the public.

Saturday, June 6

Honolulu Zoo HMAM Day

— Military families (retired, active duty and reserve military members and their families with ID) will be treated to free admission, lunch and entertainment at the Honolulu Zoo, June 6, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Free bus service is being provided from Schofield Barracks, Hickam Air Force Base, Pearl Harbor, and Marine Corps Base Hawaii. This event is sponsored by the USO and the City and



County of Honolulu.

Discounts at Local Theatres

Manoa Valley Theatre — Military members receive \$5 off a regular ticket price to see "Duck Hunter Shoots

Angel," May 13-31, at the Moana Valley Theatre. Tickets are available online at www.manoavalleytheatre.com. Call 988-6131.

Diamond Head Theatre — Active

duty military will receive \$5 off tickets in sections A and B for performances of "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels," May 15-31, at Diamond Head Theatre. For tickets, call 733-0274 or visit www.diamondheadtheatre.com.

Honolulu Theatre for Youth

— The Honolulu Theatre for Youth presents the musical "Goodnight Moon" now through May 23. Military members can buy one adult ticket at \$16 and receive a child admission free (an \$8 value). Tickets are available online at www.hty-web.org or call 457-4254.

Ongoing

Mission Houses Museum

— Mission Houses Museum is now showing "Alphabet Soup: Literacy, Language & Learning," through Sept. 12. Admission is free for active duty, retired and reserve military members and families with valid military ID during the month of May. Call 531-0481.

Contemporary Museum Celebration

— The Contemporary Museum is offering free entry for retired, active duty and reserve military members and their families with ID. Regular museum hours are Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., and Sunday noon-4 p.m. Call 526-1322.

Manoa Heritage Center

— Manoa Heritage Center offers tours to members of the military for a reduced rate of \$4 each. Reservations are required. Call 988-1287.

Honolulu Academy of Arts

— The first Wednesday of every month is free for military personnel and their families. Regular admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for military. Call 532-8700 or visit www.honoluluacademy.org

FFD and Baskin-Robbins support National Junior Firefighter Program

U.S. ARMY GARRISON-HAWAII
News Release

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS – The Federal Fire Department (FFD) partnered with Baskin-Robbins Corporation, at the main post exchange, here, in support of the National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) National Junior Firefighter Program, April 29.

Firefighters helped serve ice cream at 31 cents a scoop, and in turn Baskin-Robbins donated \$100,000 towards the junior firefighter program.

More than 2,000 people turned out to see the fire truck displays and meet Sparky the Fire Dog. As an added treat, recording artist and firefighter, Kalani Whitford, entertained the crowd.

The event was a success for both customers and the community.

“We served about 1,300 scoops of ice cream tonight,” said Lori Maggard, Army and Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) food court manager. “With ice cream offered at 31 cents a scoop



Photo Courtesy of the Federal Fire Department

The Federal Fire Department (FFD) showcases engine 115 from the Schofield Barracks Fire Station during the Baskin-Robbins/FFD ice cream social event, April 29.

During the event, community members were given an opportunity to learn valuable fire prevention information.

“Most fires start at home,” said Angela Sanders, an inspector with the FFD and an FFD program coordinator.

Senior leaders salute military spouses

Senior leaders reflect on sacrifices, support of military spouses throughout history

THE HONORABLE PETER GEREN
Secretary of the Army

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Sergeant Major of the Army

In the 19th century, the Army protected settlers moving west. Army spouses braved the journey and life on the frontier to be with their Soldiers.

When relocating, they rode ox or horse-drawn carts and wagons and, sometimes, even walked. They confronted harsh climate, disease, and attack while coping with military life.

While times have changed, today’s Army spouses still confront many challenges.

In the 21st Century the Army has a global presence in eighty countries. Today, Army spouses confront multiple deployments, relocations, and separations while gracefully coping with military life.

In 2007 the Army instituted the Army Family Covenant and the Army Community Covenant, in part to recognize the commitment and increasing sacrifices that our families make every day and to acknowledge that the strength of our Soldiers comes from the strength of their families.

Our spouses are community leaders, careerists, mothers, fathers, and Soldiers. Our spouses routinely put the welfare of their Soldier, family, and nation above their own.

After almost eight years at war and multiple deployments, our active, reserve, and national guard spouses continue to support America’s Army unconditionally.

In 2009 the Army continues to be humbled by your sacrifices and remain committed to providing you the quality of life commensurate with your service.

Also, as we celebrate “the year of the non-commissioned officer,” (NCO) in 2009, we are reminded that the NCO Corps is the backbone of the American Army, just as our spouses are the backbone of the American Army family.

Today, May 8, Military Spouse Appreciation Day, we salute you.

Army families, Army strong!

Spouses: Military families face unique challenges with strength

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with family activities, school and sports programs, fundraising, family readiness group functions, and numerous community service projects.

“The countless support we receive from family and friends, other military families and the community helps to alleviate some of our families’ day-to-day stress,” said Bogus. “Words cannot express the gratitude we have for them.”

The numerous benefits received as an Army spouse is the bright side family member Mary Cook holds on to.

Between the Blue Star Card, shopping privileges, health care, exotic travel and hobnobbing with higher officials, Cook believes she is being taken care of.

“Soldiers and families certainly pay for these (benefits) through all of their sacrifices, but I think we still get a pretty good deal,” said Cook, the wife of the command sergeant major at 2nd Squadron, 14th Cavalry Regiment. “Sometimes folks just need a little perspective, especially with the economy the way it is these days.”

Since 1984, the Armed Forces have set aside a special day to acknowledge the significant contri-

butions of Army spouses. This year, May 8 has been designated Military Spouse Appreciation Day.

The life of a military family is one of unique challenges. Spouses continue to meet these challenges with grace and strength.

“I have found this life to be a humbling experience, and I have taken solace within my family,” said Bogus. “It has taught me to appreciate the selfless and self-sacrificing life of the Soldier.”

“You marry the man and take on his duties, but in reality you have married the Soldier and the military is now your life.”

Michelle Bogus, Army spouse

She continued, “As my husband took an oath to serve, defend and protect the United States of America and her people, so have we, the families of the Soldier. We proudly stand in support of all that he stands for and all that he does.

“Our Soldier is a vital part of our family and our nation,” Bogus added. “It is our honor, privilege and duty to serve alongside of him.”

Bunco rolls ‘big time’ at the Tropics during Family Fun Fridays

Final ultimate Bunco tournament is May 15

Story and Photos by
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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS – More than 50 Soldiers and family members were ready to roll the dice as they gathered at the Tropics, here, for an exciting game of “Bunco.”

Family member Criztina Jean sat at a table for four holding three dice in her hand. After casually shaking the dice, she let them roll across the table.

Frowning slightly with no points to document, Jean passed the dice to opposing player Elizabeth Terry.

The game of Bunco has been popping up at Army installations all over and continues to grow in popularity.

Jean holds weekly games in her home on Schofield Barracks.

“Spouses are always getting together for various games and book clubs,” said Jean. “Bunco is another way to come together, talk and have a little



(Left to right) Criztina Jean, Elizabeth Terry, Jeni Epolito and Melizza Hart gather at the head table to start playing “Bunco.” Numerous family members have been participating in the popular dice game at the Tropics, Schofield Barracks.

fun.”

As it is played today, Bunco is a social dice game involving luck and no skill.

“It’s all luck,” said Jean, “just a roll of the dice.”

The object of the game is to accumulate points by rolling certain combinations of a target number.

A turn consists of rolling three dice aiming to obtain the target number. Players earn one point for each target

number rolled. If the player gets three-of-a-kind, or a Bunco, he or she earns 21 points. The round stops when a player at the head table obtains 21 points.

The game continues for six rounds. Whoever wins the most rounds is the overall winner of the game and receives a token prize.

Shouts and cheers rang from the team tables as players continued to build points with the hopes of moving into the number one spot.

Family member Melody Martel yelled, “Bunco” indicating she had rolled three-of-a-kind of the target number and a large pink fuzzy die flew through the air in her direction. Martel caught the stuffed die and laid it next to her, only to give it up a few moments later to another lucky roller.

“The die is sort of like a trophy,” said McKenna Elder, recreation specialist, Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation. “It shows who is the last to roll a Bunco, which isn’t easy to

get.”

“It’s a fun game,” continued Elder. “Everyone is constantly moving tables and playing with and against different people. It’s a great way to meet new people and interact with ones you already know.”



The last ultimate Bunco tournament will be held during Family Fun Fridays, May 15, 6 p.m., at the Tropics. Visit www.mwrarmyhawaii.com or call 655-5698.

The game continued for several hours and participants took home prizes, including T-shirts, Bunco bags and stickers.

“Even if you don’t know what you’re doing, you’ll have fun playing,” said Jean.



9 / Saturday

Adventure Hiking – Enjoy a day hike to various locations around the island, May 9, 7 a.m.-2 p.m. This level two program provides a moderate level of difficulty.

Round-trip transportation from Schofield Barracks and water is provided. Registration is required, and costs \$10. Hikers may register and pay by phone. Call 655-0143.

10 / Sunday

Adventure Kite Flying – Learn more about kite flying while enjoying a morning of relaxation, excitement and education with Outdoor Recreation, Schofield Barracks, May 10, 7 a.m.-1 p.m.

Bring your own kite; cost is \$10. Participants may register and pay by phone. Call 655-0143.

13 / Wednesday

Big Game Fishing – Summer is here and it’s fishing time. Calling all blue water fishermen, to join a new interest group starting May 13, 6-8 p.m., at Outdoor Recreation, Schofield Barracks. Share experiences, knowledge and skills about big game fishing. Call 655-0143.

16 / Saturday

Summer Ocean Splash – Don’t miss an opportunity to learn up to four water sports all in one day, May 16, 7 a.m.-4 p.m., with Outdoor Recreation, Schofield Barracks.

Summer Ocean Splash participants will enjoy lessons in stand-up paddle boarding, surfing, kayaking and outrigger canoeing.

The course costs \$60 per person. Registration is required and is now accepted by phone. Call 655-0143.

20 / Wednesday

Hiking Enthusiast Meeting – Hikers are invited to come together to share trip ideas and organize activities around the island, May 20, 6-8 p.m. at Outdoor Recreation, Schofield Barracks. Call 655-0143.

22 / Friday

Shoreline Fishing – Spend an evening fishing Hawaiian style from a favorite shore fishing area, May 22, 5:30 p.m.-3 a.m., with Outdoor Recreation, Schofield Barracks.

Cost is \$25 per person and includes round-trip transportation from Schofield Barracks. Registration now accepted by phone. Call 655-0143.

27 / Wednesday

Intramural Volleyball Entry Deadline – The deadline to enter the 2009 intramural volleyball league is May 27. This program is open to all active duty Soldiers, National Guardsmen, Army reservists and retired military.

League play takes place June 8-Aug. 14. Entries must be submitted to the Sports, Fitness and Aquatics Office, Stop 112, Building 556, Kaala Community Activity Center. Call 655-0856.

Ongoing

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.

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 special is not available during holidays.Call 438-9587.



Send sports announcements to community@hawaiiarmyweekly.com.

9 / Saturday

Hike Oahu – Join the Hawaiian Trail & Mountain Club on a 3-mile novice hike along the Aiea Loop May 9. Part of the trail bisects the guava, cook pine forests of the Aiea Loop Trail. Call coordinator Phil Booth, 382-4709.

A \$2 donation is requested of nonmembers. An adult must accompany children under 18. Hikers typically meet at Iolani Palace, mountainside, 8 a.m. Visit www.htmclub.org.

Waimea Valley Hiking Series – Join a series of hikes in the Waimea Valley throughout the month of May. The hikes will take participants off the beaten path to see a wide variety of native and introduced plants, archaeological sites and spectacular panoramic views of the Valley.

Children must be at least 7 years old and accompanied by an adult unless otherwise noted.

- May 9, 2-mile ridge/valley hike, Ala Ki trail.
- May 16, 2-mile ridge/valley hike, Kala-hee trail.
- May 23, 2-mile ridge/valley hike,Ala Ki trail.
- May 30, 6-mile ridge/stream hike on the South Ridge Loop trail (youth must be at least12 years old).

Groups meet at Waimea Valley (59-864 Kamehameha Hwy., across from Waimea Bay), 9 a.m. Hikes cost \$5 per person, plus Waimea Valley admission fee. For reservations and hike descriptions, call 638-7766. Visit www.waimeavalley.net.

June

6 / Saturday

Soccer Try Outs – Tryouts for the Kaoi Soccer Club for boys and girls ages 6-18 are scheduled June 6 and 7 at the Waiua District Park, (98-1650 Kaahumanu St., Pearl City). Boys will meet

from 10 a.m.-noon, and girls from 1-3 p.m.

Teams play every weekend in various locations around Honolulu. No club fees are required. Call 626-2986 for more information.

7 / Sunday

North Shore Triathlon – The Bike Factory North Shore Triathlon is scheduled, June 7, 6 a.m., at Mokuleia Beach Park. The race consists of a 400-meter swim, 10-mile bike ride and a 3-mile run. The swim begins and ends at Mokuleia Beach Park. For more information or to register, contact Chris Gardner, 372-8885.

13 / Saturday

10-Mile Race Around Wheeler – Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation is accepting entries for the 2009 10-Mile Race Around Wheeler, scheduled June 13, 6:45 a.m.

The race is the qualifying event for active duty Soldiers wishing to represent Team Army Hawaii at the Army 10-Miler.

The race is open to active duty Soldiers, retirees, National Guardsmen, Army Reservists and their adult family members, Department of Defense, and Department of the Army civilians working on an Army installation.

The fastest times for the first four male and first two female active duty Soldiers will represent Team Army Hawaii. Soldiers are required to submit their commander’s authorization to be considered for the team. Entries must be received by June 5, 4 p.m. Contact Jim Perry at 655-9650 or e-mail adrosor.perry@us.army.mil

14 / Sunday

Hibiscus Half-Marathon – The 3rd annual Hibiscus Half-Marathon (13.1-miles) is scheduled, June 14, 6 a.m. beginning and ending at Kapiolani Park at the Diamond Head end of Waikiki. An optional 15k distance is offered for walkers with a 17-minute mile or slower pace. Awards will be given to the top three males and females in 16 divisions. All participants registered by May 31 will receive a T-shirt. Strollers are welcome. To register online go to www.active.com or call 534-1222.