

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — The Tropic Lightning Division, in coordination with 196th Infantry Brigade, is conducting a premier, division-wide training exercise, Jan. 31 through Feb. 10. It is Lightning Forge and it will further prepare 25th ID units for future military operations and sustain combat readiness. Air Force C-17 Globemaster III transport aircraft will make multiple landings at Wheeler Army Airfield, Monday — see the Traffic Report, p. A-4. The 196th Inf. Bde. trains and validates all U.S. Army-Pacific assigned units, including Hawaii Army National Guard and the Army Reserve. See more Lightning Forge photos and read the story in next week's "Hawaii Army Weekly.'

Engineers, divers conduct study of historic seaplane ramps

Story and photo by JOSEPH BONFIGLIO

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Honolulu District Public Affairs

KANEOHE BAY — The Army's 7th Dive Detachment just completed a dive survey for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers-Honolulu District in support of a Navy-financed structural study of the historic seaplane ramps at Marine Corps

Divers from the 7th Dive Det., 84th Eng. Bn., 130th Eng. Bde., 8th TSC, exit Kaneohe Bay after a survey for the USACE-HD in support of a structural study of historic seaplane ramps for the Navy

Base Hawaii, here.

The study, being conducted in-house by the District, provided an opportunity for the Corps to partner with the 7th Dive Det., 84th Engineer Battalion, 130th Eng. Brigade, 8th Theater Sustainment Command, which conducted the twoday underwater site survey this week.

The District is conducting the two-phase assessment for MCBH to determine the feasibility

of the ramps to support landing craft use and War II, when forces of the Empire of Japan attraining. The dive survey is part of the first phase, which includes an initial scope validation with a visual site survey, research of as-built documents and recommendations for the second phase, which will be an overall assessment with cost estimates.

The study also provided the certified divers of the 7th Dive with a challenging training opportunity in addition to providing Honolulu District with vital structural information for less money than a commercial dive operation.

"Our divers enjoyed this mission," said Sgt. Thomas Hunnicutt, noncommissioned officer in charge. "They checked the condition of all five ramps and the marine environment around them, collected data and took photos for the report documentation. In addition, this mission provided an outstanding training opportunity for our Soldiers. It has been very good working with the Corps' project manager, Jennifer Eugenio, and Coral Rasmussen (the MCBH Cultural Resources manager)."

According to Rasmussen, the seaplane ramps are a part of the Kaneohe Naval Air Station National Historic Landmark, which means they meet the highest level of national significance and warrant a level of preservation and care commensurate with this designation.

The five seaplane ramps are located on the shore of Kaneohe Bay, south of Hangars 101, 102, 103 and 104. The ramps and Hangar 101

tacked the Navy's PBY Catalina patrol fleet and hangar complex minutes before the main attack on Pearl Harbor, Dec. 7, 1941.

The PBY Catalina (PB standing for Patrol Bomber and the Y for its manufacturer code) is an amphibious aircraft first commissioned by the Navy in the late 1930s. Sometimes called a 'flying boat," it was the most widely used seaplane of World War II.

Catalinas served with every branch of the U.S. armed forces and in the air forces and navies of many other nations. The planes, with their 100foot wingspans and large fuel capacity, were used for long-range patrols, bombing missions, search-and-rescue, convoy escort and cargo transportation.

Kaneohe NAS was home to three patrol squadrons, and 33 PBYs were on the ground or floating just off-shore in Kaneohe Bay at the time of the 1941 attack. Only six survived the bombing, and those six were heavily damaged. Three Kaneohe PBYs were out on patrol during the attack and were the only patrol squadron seaplanes fit for use after the attack.

In 2016, more than 80 years after the first PBY flight, these aircraft continue to fly as water bombers in aerial firefighting operations all over

The Honolulu District is committed to supporting its federal partners and stakeholders, and is honored to support this mission to docubecame famous in the first few minutes of World ment and analyze such a historic military site.

Innovative broadening opportunity develops Pacific's future strategic leaders

Story and photos by MASTER SGT. MARY FERGUSON 8th Theater Sustainment Command **Public Affairs**

HONOLULU — Hawaiian culture says that to earn the title "Alaka'i," a warrior must lead with care and initiative, gain the respect and trust of others, and reflect a desire to shoulder greater responsibility.

Thirty-four top-performing military leaders from 18 organizations across the Pacific theater embraced the meaning and honor associated with this Hawaiian value of leadership as they gathered on Oahu in January to kickoff an instride broadening opportunity designed to prepare them to succeed together as tomorrow's strategic leaders.

The Young Alaka'i leader development program, created and hosted by the 8th Theater Sustainment Command, provides proven midgrade officers, warrant officers and noncommissioned officers with a dynamic and engaging forum to increase their geo-political understanding, foster networking and peer-to-peer relationship building and expose them to executive-level mentorship.

The program was a featured Warrior Corner topic at the 2015 Association of the United States Army symposium in Washington, D.C., and has caught the attention of the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, U.S. Army Pacific Command, and U.S. Pacific Command.

This year's class expanded on the program's successful 2015 pilot by opening the opportunity and welcoming participants from the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard, Republic of Korea Army and Japanese Ground Defense Forces, who benefited from one-on-one interaction with senior military mentors, nongovernmental agency representatives and experts in leadership philosophy and the Asia-Pacific region.

"The cadre, lecturers and mentors challenged these warriors to not only come together and gain a greater, shared situational understanding of the AOR (area of resonsibility), but to also embrace our profession's call to duty — a call that requires us to adapt, innovate and succeed in the emerging operating environment," said Maj. Gen. Edward F. Dorman III, commander, 8th TSC.

The program's packed six-day academic phase emphasized teamwork throughout its interactive sessions and also included engaging discussions about humanitarian assistance/disaster relief operations, a staff ride to historic strategic locations across the island, and a day of instruction and group exercises at the Daniel K. Inouye Asia Pacific Center for Security Studies in Honolulu.

Marine Capt. Paul Harris of Marine Forces Pacific said, "I think the best part about the entire program was the interaction with my fellow service members. We all rely on each other, and as we face the challenges of tomorrow, there's no way we can do it alone. We're much stronger when we work together."

Maj. Jino Jeon of the Republic of Korea Army said, "It was an honor to be invited. The curriculum was so valuable. To understand each other in our international society, building relationships and understanding our cultures are very important, and the high level of leadership that participated was great."

Dorman said, "This week, we all made an extremely important and invaluable investment in the future of our military and the Indo-Asia Pacific region."

He joined the TSC's Command Sgt. Maj. Gregory Binford and Command Chief Warrant Of-

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Members of the FY16 Young Alaka'i leader development program spend the final day of the program's first phase on a staff ride together, Jan. 16, visiting historical locations across Oahu. Stops on the staff ride included the USS Arizona Memorial.

The future leaders discussed the strategic implications and role the island has played, and continues to play, in the region's stability and security.



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DOD changes maternity leave, other benefits

DoD News Defense Media Activity

WASHINGTON — The Defense Department is increasing military maternity leave and instituting other changes in an effort to support military families, improve retention and strengthen the force of the future, said Defense Secretary Ash Carter, Jan. 28.

Women across the joint force can now take 12 weeks of fully paid maternity leave, Carter said.

The 12-week benefit is double the amount of time for paid maternity leave from when he became defense chief nearly a year ago, he noted.

This puts DoD in the top tier of institutions nationwide and will have significant influence on decision-making for our military family members," Carter While being an incentive for attracting and retaining

talent, the benefit also promotes the health and wellness of mothers through facilitating recovery and promoting feeding and bonding with the infant.

"Our calculation is quite simple; we want our people to be able to balance two of the most solemn commitments they can ever make: a commitment to serve their country and a commitment to start and support a family," he said.

The announcement builds on previously announced initiatives on strengthening the force of the future, he said. Those previous reforms, he added, included opening all remaining combat occupations to women.

Parental leave, support for new parents

The maternity leave decision applies to all service

component members serving in a full-time status or on definite active duty recall or mobilization orders in excess of 12 months.

The 12 weeks is less than the Navy's decision last year to institute 18 weeks of fully paid maternity leave, Carter noted. Sailors and Marines who are currently pregnant or who become pregnant within 30 days of the enactment of the policy can still take the full 18 weeks of paid leave, he said.

To better support new mothers when they return to work, Carter said, he is requiring that a mothers' room be made available in every DoD facility with more than 50 women. In addition, the Defense Department is seeking legislation to expand military paternity leave from the current 10-day leave benefit to a 14-day noncontinuous leave benefit, he said.

Increasing hours of military child care

The DoD subsidizes child care on military installations to ensure its affordability, Carter said, adding military families often have to use outside providers because the hours at military child care facilities don't align with the work schedules of service members.

With those challenges in mind, the DoD is increasing child care access to 14 hours of the day across the force, he said

'By providing our troops with child care they can rely on from before reveille until after taps, we provide one more reason for them to stay on board," Carter said. "We show them that supporting a family and serving our country are by no means incompatible goals."

Carter noted that military members might want to stay at their current location for a variety of family-related reasons, such as wanting to remain near relatives, be close to a medical facility that specializes in care needed for a child with a medical condition, or have a child finish out the same high school.

When the needs of the force permit, commanders will be empowered to make reasonable accommodations to allow service members to remain, in exchange for an additional service obligation.

Greater flexibility in family planning

The military asks its men and women to make incomparable sacrifices, Carter said, potentially putting them in situations where they could suffer injuries that would prevent them from having children in the future.

Taking into account the tremendous sacrifices military members make, the Defense Department will cover the cost of freezing sperm or eggs through a pilot program for active duty service members, Carter said.

The department also is looking at how it can provide reproductive technologies, like IVF, to a wider population, he said. Currently, DoD provides reduced-cost treatment at six locations.

These benefits provide the force greater confidence about their future, and they allow greater flexibility for starting a family, Carter said.

The benefits are one more tool, he said, to make the military a family-friendly employer that honors the desires of those who want to commit fully to their careers or serve courageously in combat, while preserving their ability to have children in the future.

Do you know what to do about the Zika virus?

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Eighty percent of patients with Zika virus never develop symptoms. Twenty percent develop fever, rash, muscle aches and joint pain lasting about one week. More serious complications are very rare.

Many fear that Zika infection might be associated with birth defects. More study is needed, but the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that pregnant women consider postponing trips to countries where Zika virus is being locally transmitted, such as Central America and northern and central South

Treatment for Zika virus includes controlling pain and fever, good fluid intake and rest. Other medications, including antibiotics, are not effective and there is no

Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants.

•Stay in places with air conditioning or use window and door screens to keep mosquitoes outside.

•Use Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) registered insect repellents. All EPA- registered insect repellents are evaluated for safety and effectiveness. Always follow the product label instructions Reapply insect repellent every few hours.

•Don't spray repellent on the skin under clothing. If you are also using sunscreen, apply sunscreen before applying insect repellent.

•Don't use insect repellent on babies younger than 2 months of age. Dress your child in clothing that covers arms and legs, or cover crib, stroller and baby carrier with mosquito netting. Do not apply insect repellent onto a child's hands, eyes or mouth, nor cut or irritated skin. Spray insect repellent onto your hands and then apply to a child's face.

•Treat clothing and gear with permethrin or purchase permethrin-treated items. Treated clothing remains protective after multiple washings. See product information to learn how long the protection will last. If treating items yourself, follow the product instructions carefully. Don't use permethrin products directly on skin. They are intended to treat clothing.

•Sleep under a mosquito bed net if you are overseas

Virus Avoidance

The recent outbreak of Zika virus is a genuine concern; however, by taking a few simple precautions, Soldiers and families can protect themselves and reduce their chance of becoming infected with good mosquito protection.

Visit www.cdc.gov/zika/disease-qa.html.

mosquito bites. (Editor's note: Harris works with Regional Health

or outside and are not able to protect yourself from

Command-Atlantic.)

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Photo courtesy of Regional Health Command-Atlantic

Health officials are warning people to be aware of the recent outbreak of the Zika virus. Infection from the virus surged in Brazil in 2015. Medical teams in Texas recently confirmed one case of Zika virus infection that was transmitted by sexual contact.

FINTSTEPS in FAITH

Indiana Jones saw the importance of history

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Plans and Operations U.S. Army Garrison - Hawaii

Indiana Jones, the fictional adventurer/archeologist, searches for valuable artifacts of great historical significance, giving us a glimmer of his character as one who seeks great historical antiquities.

Like the fictional Indiana Jones, Austin Henry Layard has been seen by many historians to be the person who led to the historical discovery of the ancient city of Nimrud in the 1840s.

The story of its discovery was one of great historical significance. It brought to us the reality of connecting the past with the future and what it means for us when we forget our historical roots to past civilizations that are lost to us.

Have you ever misplaced a cell phone? We all have. I can guess what happened: You panicked! You retraced your steps, turned your residence upside down until you found your phone and then you were

But what happens when you lose something and don't find it? What happens when something that you

While surfing near Haleiwa, I was hit by a wave and knocked around. My wedding ring slipped off my finger, fell into the water and slowly disappeared. It was gone! It was gone forever!

A few weeks ago, I was angered at the news of an



ancient church in Iraq that was destroyed. I remember that church. I walked through this ancient place, and many other places of great historical importance, like the ruins of Nimrud, set during the time of Assyrian King (883 to 859 BC).

In times of war and conflict, cultural identity and cultural heritage become very important. Buildings, monuments and

symbols of culture speak of shared roots and values, and they acquire an increased significance to each of us, as we try and understand what faith means in our

So, when these building and monuments are destroyed and become targets of violent and oppressive actions or regimes that seek to destroy the symbols associated with faiths and traditions, it becomes an unbearable tragedy.

For the people that live through conflict on a daily basis, their ability to simply survive is tested. The things we take for granted are hard to come by, and the only thing left is memories of a better time and a better day.

Here is the so what: I am greatly saddened by the loss of my ring. It contains memories of more than 20 years, and it contains my hopes and joys. It has significance that can never be replaced.

Yes, we replaced the ring. It is a reminder of a promise I made to my spouse, but it's still not quite

When Iraq and the world lost significant cultural places this year, we lost more than a building. We lost the significance of what made us who we are. When we lose a historical Christian building, Yezidi Temple, or the ruins of past civilizations, we are much the poorer.

Civilizations and cultures have sought hard to protect and preserve their heritage. The reasons are simple, ranging from education to historical, and to reinforce

Indiana Jones saw the value of history and its significance of meaning for the next generations.

To lose something of value is difficult. We take for granted that our home, that our "things" of value, will always be there. When it's gone, destroyed by a tragic event, what are we left with?

Memories. Our memories can never be taken from us. There is always something that can give us hope and faith. Hope can never be vanquished.

Losing a ring is not the end of the world because there is always hope and faith.

"There is hope that can never be conquered by fear, a peace that the world cannot give, a trust that is steadfast and cannot be moved. Our love may be tested, but we can rest on God's provision and we can rest on thee."

- Excerpt from an old hymn

In recognition of African-American History Month,

"Who is your favorite African-American historical figure and why?"

By Spc. Nikko-Angelo Matos, 311th Signal Command (Theater) Public Affairs



Jr., because against all odds, he was able to expose what was wrong with civil rights and help make it right."

"Martin Luther King

Capt. Jerome R. Adamczyk G2 Assistant Special Security Officer 311th Sig. Cmd.



Washington, first African-American to be invited to the White House in 1901 for dinner and also to provide advice for the

'My choice is Booker

William N. Maxwell Safety Officer 311th Sig. Cmd



Douglass, because he is inspirational to me as he fought for women's rights as well as becoming the first African-American nominated to appear on a presidential ballot in 1872."

Christopher L. Mole G3 Operations 311th Sig. Cmd.



"Rosa Parks, fearless and one of initiate the Civil Rights Movement, which paved the way for minorities to stand up and fight for equal

Spc. Maria N. Perez Executive Administrator 516th Sig. Bde.



X, because I believe it is those who choose to better themselves who will have a better impact on future generations, which is what he believed as well." Staff Sgt. Rodson

'I choose Malcolm

N. Wint Command Senior 311th Sig. Cmd.





Photo by Tech. Sgt. Aaron Oelrich, U.S. Air Force

JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM — 1- Soldiers, from 25th Combat Aviation Brigade at Wheeler Army Airfield, and Airmen from the 535th Airlift Squadron, work together to load three UH-60 Black Hawks into a C-17 Globemaster III, here, Jan. 21. Three helicopters were loaded onto the C-17 as part of recurring training between the Air Force and Army. 2- Soldiers from 25th CAB assist with the loading inside the Globemaster III.

Total force integration comes to 599th Trans. Bde.

DONNA KLAPAKIS

599th Transportation Brigade Public Affairs

WHEELER ARMY AIRFIELD — The 599th Transportation Brigade will soon have a completely revitalized way of doing business.

Leaders from the 1394th Trans. Bde., a U.S. Army Reserve unit headquartered at Camp Pendleton, Calif., met with 599th leaders, here, Jan. 25-27, to make plans to work closely together for terminal operations throughout the Pacific under the total force integration concept.

'The 599th is committed to increasing the readiness posture of strategic transportation terminal throughout the U.S. Pacific Command area of operations," said Col. James Smith, 599th commander. "We are seeking opportunities to integrate our reserve component sister brigade into our operations. In addition to increased readiness for both brigades, the total force integration paradigm strengthens our active and reserve component partnership efforts."

Air Force Maj. Amanda Shumaker, 599th plans chief, explained the total force integration concept.

"This concept has active and reserve units work together to increase the reserve brigade's readiness and enhance both brigades' capabilities," Shumaker said. "The 1394th is officially aligned to us through (the Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command)."

Scott Matthews, 599th deputy director of operations, further explained the concept.

"Under total force integration, active duty and reserves integrate and synchronize their lines of effort. The 1394th is supposed to come in if we deploy forward. In order to do that, they need to be integrated into our day-to-day operations,'

Col. Steven McLaughlin, 1394th commander, said the two brigades made good progress during

"Our goal was to develop a relationship with the 599th to further total force integration opportunities working with the active component, and lay the ground work for future training opportunities," he said. "In that, we did better than expected. We came up with a firm foundation that will develop into something bigger."

"We were able to lay out 2016-2018 missions and augmentation opportunities, as well as capstone training events like Ulchi Freedom Guardian and Key Resolve," Matthews said. "We identified every move we will have, and every mission is an opportunity for them to participate."

Although initial meetings exceeded expectations, the two units are not yet at a point at which they can begin integrated operations.

"Before we can begin working port operations, we have a list of due-outs," said Shumaker. "We worked on a tentative long range calendar. We are not yet sure how much we can accomplish in fiscal year 2016, because the budget has already been planned, but we will figure out a way to do missions together soon."

McLaughlin agreed.

"Now we have to make it a reality," he said. "We just have to make sure we have all the pieces in place, such as funding and logistics. Once we understand how the system works, we can execute."

Matthews said the next phase of planning will begin soon.

"They will let us know what they can support in a couple of weeks," Matthews said. "We also plan to have three 1394th personnel at (exercise) Key Resolve, one in the Joint Movement Control Center and two in the Combined Seaport Coordination Center."

Command Sgt. Maj. George Luedtke, 1394th senior enlisted adviser, said the brigade will be busy getting ready to work with the 599th.

"We have to identify the right Soldiers and units to get out there and provide that support," Luedtke said. "Having real-world missions to focus on will help us do that."

Luedtke said the new partnership will be good for 1394th morale.

"We are a reserve unit, so by law, they are only required to do 14 days of annual training plus one drill a month, but they can volunteer. I know I'm going to have a huge amount of people putting their hands up for this," he said.

"The opportunities for our Soldiers to plan and support your real-world missions will be huge. This shows the relevance of the reserve as an operational force. This one will be a great tool for recruiting and retention," he added. "Soldiers don't come into the Army to not work. Every time Soldiers come back after operating equipment, they are extremely happy. We just have to get them back in the seat.'

Once logistics and funding issues are worked through and Soldiers are identified, the two brigades plan to work into a full partnership slowly.

"We will want to do a proof of principle," Leudtke said. "We plan to begin small with a four-person team, then eight, then 16. Eventually, we plan to send a whole expeditionary terminal operation section of 41 personnel for a large unit move."



Key leaders from the 599th and 1394th transportation brigades pose for a photo in front of 599th headquarters at Wheeler Army Airfield, Jan. 25.

New Year brings 7 changes to Army NCO professional development

In Part One, changes impact promotions, noncommissioned officer evaluation reports

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FORT EUSTIS, Va. — With the New Year came a number of changes in Army noncommissioned officer professional development, and NCOs can expect more changes coming soon, said Command Sgt. Maj. David S. Davenport Sr., U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command's senior enlisted

These changes are part of a larger effort called the NCO 2020 strategy, which, according to Davenport's blog, "represents an analytical, data-driven process for evolving the Noncommissioned Officer Education System of today into the Noncommis-

sioned Officer Professional Development System of tomorrow." Below are some of the recent changes, along with advice from Davenport on how NCOs can prepare and what to expect.

1. The new NCO promotion system

Why it's important: As of Jan. 1, Select, Train, Educate, Promote, or STEP, is how Soldiers will get promoted. Davenport explained it as follows:

S— "Select" means Soldiers who meet Army standards, based on their performance and potential, get the opportunity to compete for promotion.

T — "Train" recognizes the operational domain's responsibility in training Soldiers.

E— "Educate" represents the formal education and training of developing leaders, which is what TRADOC does. Education ultimately leads to "P." **P**— "Promote" means Soldiers who have met all requirements

will earn the rank and be officially promoted by U.S. Army Human Resources Command. What's changed: Unlike STEP, the previous promotion sys-

tem didn't place a value on education, Davenport said.

"We thought that just because you did something over and over, that certified you in that core competency. Knowing the standard from doctrine and knowing the standard from something that has been handed down over time are two different things," he said. "Through formal education, we make sure that noncommissioned officers are certified in their core competencies before being promoted."

Bottom line: NCOs need to know STEP is the standard.

"Beginning Jan. 1, STEP is the manner in which you get promoted in our Army," Davenport said.

He explained that once NCOs become eligible for promotion, they have 18 months to complete their professional military education in order to pin on the next rank.

Davenport said he thinks the force is starting to realize the value of educating its noncommissioned officers because TRADOC has seen an increase in the use of formal school seats.

"Right now, we have a backlog of Soldiers needing school, and they're our priority," Davenport said. "But if we don't get our Soldiers to school on time, and if they're not prepared to go to school, what we're going to have is a promotion backlog, not an education backlog.'

2. The new NCO Evaluation Report

Why it's important: The new Noncommissioned Officer Evaluation Report, or NCOER, took effect Jan. 1, and although the new system is different, Davenport said it was a needed change that will strengthen the backbone of the Army.

What's changed: The new NCOER system incorporates a number of changes, including more narrative-style writing and three different evaluation forms, based on rank: the direct level form for

E-5, the organizational level form for E-6 through E-8, and the strategic form for E-9.

"It's really a complete change in the way we've been doing business," he said. "And of course, when there's change, there's apprehension about the effects ... but Army senior leaders think this is the right direction for the NCO cohort - to truly recognize excellence and those who set themselves apart."

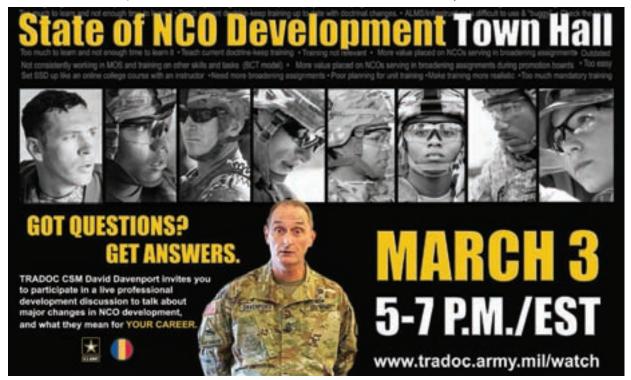
Bottom line: In addition to knowing the standards, NCOs need to know themselves.

"Anytime we talk about a standard, NCOs need to know the standard," Davenport said, recommending Soldiers attend training workshops to understand not only the NCOER process, but also why the Army needed a new NCOER system.

To familiarize themselves with the new NCOER system, Davenport suggests NCOs read ADRP 6-22, as well as two supplements: the U.S. Army Performance Evaluation Guide and the NCOER Performance Measure Supplement.

TRADOC's command sergeant major also advises NCOs to have self-awareness in order to take the initiative to improve or excel in areas that may be lacking on their evaluations.

(Editor's note: In Part Two, learn more about the Basic, Master and Executive Leader courses.)



Vigilance saves 3rd Armored NCO from tax scam

SGT. BRANDON BANZHAF Army News Service

FORT HOOD, Texas — During this time of year, many people dread filing taxes. On the other hand, others look forward to receiving hefty re-

No one, however, looks forward to seeing money snatched from their accounts or for credit accounts being opened unbeknownst to them or for other effects that might result from activities of scammers and identity thieves.

One 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, noncommissioned officer recently managed to nip in the bud a potentially disastrous financial situation.

"I received my first call yesterday morning from that number (scammer) and I missed it," said Sgt. 1st Class Mark Garcia, human resources noncommissioned officer in charge, 3rd ABCT. "I listened to the message today, and the message said it was urgent and to call them back. I called them this morning."

The scammers claimed to be with the IRS, calling to inform Garcia there was an audit that discovered errors in his past filings.

"They said they messed up on a calculation, and now I have to pay for something they messed up on," said Garcia. "I asked if he could tell me what was wrong with it, and he couldn't tell me. He just wanted the money."

The con artists tried to make a reasonable excuse, stating they had tried to contact him by mail, but they only had his address from 2000.

Garcia's suspicions arose when he realized every year he files his taxes. He verifies where he lives, so if these supposed IRS agents were legitimate, they would have had his tax history and contact information.

"I told them that I need to talk to my military legal counsel and will call them back," said Garcia. "They'll ask you to verify your date of birth and social security number, so don't do it."

"If you receive a voicemail or call from someone claiming to be from the IRS, don't call the number they give you to call back," said Sgt. Dwayne Mazone, a paralegal NCO with the 3rd ABCT. "Go to the IRS website and call the official number. From there, you can get true and accurate information."

2016 Tax Center

As of Monday, the Schofield Barracks Tax Center is open, located at Trailer 1, Grimes Street, across from Hamilton Field. To make an appointment, call 655-1040.

For more information on IRS consumer alerts, visit the official Internal Revenue Service website at www.irs.gov/uac/Tax-Scams-Consumer-Alerts.

What's different about state of residence vs. home of record?

CAPT, EMILY MOY Army News Service

A state of residence is a lot more important than most people realize. It determines, for example, liability for state income taxes, eligibility for "in-state" tuition rates, eligibility for voting in state and federal elections, and where wills are

Legal residence can be especially complicated when one is in the armed forces because of the transient lifestyle. When in the armed forces, the military tells you where you will work and live.

Where the military sends a service member for duty is not necessarily the "legal residence" or domicile. The duty is considered temporary, whereas the legal residence is more permanent - where you plan to hang your hat at the end of your service in the military.

A person can change legal residence at almost any time; however, it is important to understand that legal residence is established - not chosen. One cannot simply choose a state that is particularly friendly to military income and decide it is the legal residence; rather, citizens must first meet three requirements.

The three requirements to change your state of legal residence are 1) you must be physically present in the state, 2) you must intend to remain indefinitely in the state, and 3) you must intend to abandon your previous legal residence.

For example, if a Soldier grew up in Maryland, but is stationed in Texas, and finds that he or she likes Texas a lot more than Maryland, legal

residence can be changed from Maryland to nificantly. You used to pay taxes to Maryland, Texas. Note, the Soldier is in Texas because of being stationed there, so he or she meets the first requirement, "physical presence." This physical presence requirement is why it is virtually impossible to change legal residence while stationed overseas, because the person lives in another country.

Intent to remain indefinitely

Now, "intend to remain indefinitely," what does that mean? It means that, in this same scenario, you now consider Texas "home," and that if you got out of the military tomorrow, you would stay in Texas for the indefinite future with no plans to move elsewhere anytime soon. A person can show intent to remain indefinitely by the following actions:

•Registering to vote and actually voting in the new state.

- Obtaining a driver's license in the new state.
- •Registering vehicles in the new state.
- •Updating the most recent last will and testament to reflect the new state of legal residence.
 - •Paying taxes in the new state.
- Purchasing property in the new state.
- •Notifying the former state's relevant department of revenue that legal residence has been

Who checks this? For one, the individual states - or rather, their

tax departments - care about this information sig-

and now you don't.

Maryland may ask, "Why aren't you paying taxes to us anymore?'

How can you respond? Your local Legal Assistance Office can assist in preparing a response. For example, you may respond by showing evidence of the intent to adopt Texas as your new home state: You have a Texas driver's license, you registered your cars in Texas, you registered to vote in Texas (and you have voted in Texas), and you bought property in Texas.

Just as important, you may also include in your response the following: You no longer have a Maryland driver's license, you no longer have vehicles registered in Maryland, you no longer are registered to vote in Maryland, you own no property in Maryland. This information is important because in order to adopt a new state of residence, a person must abandon the previous state of residence, as a person can only have one legal residence at a time.

Changing residence

When changing a state of residence, a person must complete DA Form 2058 and turn it into the personnel office. Pick up a copy of the form from Finance. This form tells the Defense and Accounting Service which state's taxes to withhold from your paycheck.

Filing this form alone, however, does not change state of legal residence. This form is filed to adjust state income tax withholding after a

person has taken necessary steps to meet the requirements to change his or her state of residence.

A person must have a state of residence, at all times, even if you aren't sure where "home" is because you've moved around a lot in the past few years or are now overseas. This applies to everyone, including family members, Department of Defense civilians, contractors, etc. If you are a U.S. citizen, you have a "state of legal residence."

State of residence vs. home of record

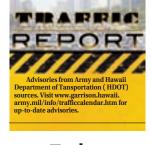
One last thing, "legal residence" is not the same thing as home of record.

Home of record is a military administrative term used to determine specific military entitlements (e.g., calculation of transportation costs when you get out of the Army). It is typically the state where a person joined the military, and can only be changed if it was done incorrectly at the time of enlistment.

Enlisted members may also change home of record at the time they sign a new enlistment contract. Nonetheless, home of record does not mean anything regarding current legal residence.

Legal residence is a complex, but very important issue, especially for service members and their families. For example, there are other laws that may apply, such as the Military Spouse Residency Relief Act.

Anyone with questions about state of residence or state taxes should stop by the Schofield Barracks Legal Assistance Office.



Today

Exercise — The ongoing 25th Infantry Division largescale exercise Lightning Forge continues until Feb. 9. Watch for exercise-related training noise and convoys.

Residents on Wheeler Army Airfield and the surrounding community can expect an increase in noise and installation road closures, Feb. 8, due to the scheduled landings of Air Force C-17 Globemaster IIIs at Wheeler Army Airfield in support of Lightning Forge.

Wheeler's Airdrome and Lauhala roads will be closed temporarily during the C-17s' arrivals and departures. There will be a total of eight road closures, lasting for approximately 5 to 10 minutes each, between the hours of 11 a.m. and

The training is contingent on weather.

8 / Monday

AMR Closure — There will be alternating lane closures along Aliamanu Military Reservations's Bougainville Loop for new utility installation. Bougainville will be restricted to one lane only, weekdays, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., until March 4.

15 / Monday

There will be a road closure plant to the flight simulator on Schofield's Williston Av enue between Cadet Sheridan Road to Reilly Avenue. Parking lots on Williston will still be accessible. Traffic will be detoured around the construction area through Cadet Sheridan, Menoher Road and Reilly Avenue.

Work should be performed weekdays, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., until April 4, with weekend work, only if necessary.

16 / Tuesday

Menoher Road — There will be a road closure at

Schofield's Menoher Road, between Hewitt and Carpenter streets, weekdays, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., until Feb. 23. During this time, work will include installation of a new water line and final paving of the patch on Menoher Road. Traffic will be stopped for pedestrians to walk around the work area.

Ongoing

Airdrome Road — Onelane road closures along Wheeler's Airdrome Road Williston Detour - from the sewage treatment continue to Iune 30, weekday 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m., The extension of this traffic control plan is due to unforeseen conditions with existing water lines.

> Modified Kubo Flow — There are ongoing, intermittent, 24-hour road closures at Shafter's Kubo Street, near Bldg. T-123, through Feb. 19. More road closures will follow, weekdays, 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m., from Feb. 22-May 13.

Kubo and the adjacent parking lot are restricted to contractor equipment.



9 / Tuesdav

AFCEA Luncheon — The next Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association luncheon takes place at Fort Shafter's Hale Ikena, 11 a.m. Rear Adm. Kathleen Creighton, U.S. Pacific Command, will be the guest speaker. Register at www.afcea hawaii.org/.

PFC Cardio — The back half of the cardio room at the Fort Shafter Physical Fitness Center (all treadmills and last row of ellipticals, stepmills and bikes) will be closed, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m., for installation of new equipment.

Also, the schedule of new hours for the PFC is on hold until further notice. The hours will remain as follows:

•Weekdays: 5:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m.

•Saturdays: 7 a.m.-3 p.m. •Sundays/holidays: 9 a.m.-

11 / Thursday

Housing Closed — The Schofield Barracks Housing Services Office will close at noon, today, and will be closed Friday, Feb. 12, for office renovation.

19 / Friday

Black History — Celebrate African-American history with the Tropic Lightning Division and the U.S. Army-Hawaii Team Equal Opportunity/EEO, 1 p.m., in Schofield's Sgt. Smith Theater (north) and Feb. 24 at noon in Tripler's Kyser Auditorium (south). Call 438-4962.

22 / Saturday

MSW - Military Saves Week 2016 begins with promotions, information and financial education to provide support to Soldiers, civilians, and family members.

Build your personal savings and provide for your immediate and long-term financial needs. This ACS Financial

Readiness Program has several events scheduled to support military. Call 655-4227.

March

26 / Saturday

Earth Day — An Earth Day Festival, Family Fun Fest and Leisure Travel Service Fair takes place, 8:45 a.m.-2 p.m., at Weyand Field, Schofield Barracks. Watch this space for updates.

Ongoing

SATO Hours Reminder - The SATO travel offices have changed their start times on Wednesdays. Fort Shafter's office hours are 9 a.m.-4 p.m. every third Wednesday, while Schofield Barracks' SATO office hours are 9 a.m.-4 p.m. ev-

Voting — This is a presidential election year. Make your voice heard by voting. Call the Installation Voting Assistance Officer at 655-.4227.

ery fourth Wednesday.

'Broncos' RTO Academy connects 3rd Brigade

Story and photo by STAFF SGT. ARMANDO R. LIMON 3rd Brigade Combat Team Public Affairs 25th Infantry Division

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — The 29th Brigade Engineer Battalion, 3rd Bde. Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, held a Radio Transmitter Operators (RTO) Academy, here,

The battalion's Charlie Company trained about 60 Soldiers from various occupational specialties throughout the 3rd BCT.

The lead trainer, Staff Sgt. Curt Ault, signal (S-6) noncommissioned officer in charge for Co. C, 29th BEB, explained that the brigade's RTO Academy is designed to teach new RTOs their duties and responsibilities as operators of radio communications: single channel ground and airborne radio systems (SINC-GARS), satellite communications and high frequency (HF) radios.

"We basically teach them the basics of using



Spc. Andrew Williams, medic, Co. C, 325th BSB, programs a radio during a class at the RTO Academy at Schofield Barracks, Jan. 20. Williams was one of the 60 students who learned how to properly setup and use radio equipment during the four-day course held by the 29th BEB, 3rd BCT, 25th ID.

radios," Ault said. "A lot of the Soldiers here are brand new, so they've never seen radios such as these before."

For most of the Soldiers at the academy, it was their first time handling military radios.

"A lot of them didn't know how to talk on the radios, so giving them proper radio etiquette was a big one - what they should say on the radio and how to act," he said.

Sgt. Gregory McElroy, signal support systems specialist, Co. C, 29th BEB, assisting as a trainer further described the training that was provided to the Soldiers.

"We've covered the assembly of OE-254 antenna group setup, as well as QEAM (Quick Erecting Antenna Masts) antennas," McElroy said. "We also covered the SINCGARS radio RT-1523, as well as the embedder. In those radio systems, we taught them how to program SINCGARS single channel plain text, line of sight communications, as well as SINCGARS hopping communications."

One of the hands-on activities taught by the trainers in the cool, misty rain on Jan. 20 was the setup of HF radio systems.

"We showed them the different types of antennas that are used with HF radio, as well as programming the HF radio for line of sight communications," McElroy said.

He stated that the biggest thing the RTO Academy was trying to emphasize is the understanding of the full spectrum of radio communications and how all of the little parts impact communication, what RTOs do and understanding their jobs. In general, understanding their jobs in the communications field is incorporated into the overall mission, McElroy

Spc. Juliana Graber, network systems operator-maintainer, Co. C, 29th BEB, and a student attending the course, found this as her first lesson taught with military

"It's very interesting, because it is the first time I've really seen these radios," Graber said. "Back in (advanced individualized training), I've seen the SINCGARS, but we really didn't get to it that much, so it's kind of cool."

Graber said that she received a good amount of hands-on training during the four-day course.

"I like the hands-on portion of the training, and the lecture, too, knowing the frequencies, she said. "It's nice and awesome."



Members of the FY16 Young Alaka'i leader development program spend the final day of the program's first phase on a staff ride, Jan. 16, visiting historical locations across Oahu, to include USARPAC headquarters, Fort Shafter.

Alaka'i: New tools for job put to work

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ficer, CW5 Daniel Villarreal, in sessions throughout the week and welcomed a list of senior mentors that included retired Sgt. Maj. of the Army Jack L. Tilley, and retired and active flag and field grade officers and senior NCOs from multiple services and commands across the Pacific.

The program's first phase officially ended as families, friends and senior military leaders joined the FY16 Young Alaka'i for a graduation ceremony on the deck of the historic USS Missouri at Ford Island, Jan. 16.

Dorman challenged the graduates to no longer identify themselves as purely Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine or Coast Guard, or as a commissioned officer, warrant officer or NCO, or even American or Korean or Japanese.

"No! Now, as Young Alaka'i, I expect you will identify yourself first as a leader - a leader dedicated to the principles of Young Alaka'i and all that comes with it," he said.

During Phase II, the alumni phase, the graduates will use the tools they've gained and leverage the relationships they've fostered to help develop others, continue their own pro-

fessional development and contribute to the greater strategic goals of the force.

Master Sgt. David Mahatha of the 19th Expeditionary Sustainment Command said he's going to recommend the program to his peers and take the eye-opening lessons he's learned during Phase I back to his unit to share with his troops and leaders.

As Young Alaka'i alumni, the graduates will also be exposed to opportunities to participate in strategic conferences and broadening experiences, and are expected to play an integral part in the future of the Young Alaka'i program itself, just as the members of the FY15 alumni have done over the past year, Dorman

He said it will be the alumni themselves who will lead the way in the expanded validation and application of this innovative leader development program in the future.

Dorman expressed his confidence to the FY16 graduates and said, "I speak for all of the esteemed senior mentors and instructors you've interacted with when I say that our future is in good hands."

Registration opens for the 2016 'All Army' Small Arms Championship

BRENDA ROLIN

U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit

FORT BENNING, Ga. — The U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit (USAMU), in conjunction with the Maneuver Center of Excellence, will host the 2016 U.S. Army Small Arms Championship (All Army), March 13-19.

This match will take place on the USAMU range complex, here.

The All-Army competition is free and open to all Soldiers, including U.S. Military Academy and

experience.

Reserve Officer Training Corps cadets. The competition is conducted to develop combat firing skills at the entry and intermediate levels and recognizes superior skill at the highest level. During the event, Soldiers will compete in separate classes consisting of cadet, novice, open and professional based on previous competition

"Soldiers will have the opportunity to demonstrate their marksmanship capabilities and represent their command during this premier marksmanship contest," said Lt. Col. Bret Tecklenburg, USAMU commander. "Results of this event include Soldiers sharpening their marksmanship skills through the excellent quality of expert instruction that we provide and the dayto-day interactions with the best marksmen the Army has to offer."

Teams will be comprised of four firing mem-

bers and one alternate firing member/coach. Since competitions involve events that require running and other physical activities, participants must be physically fit.

To allow all major Army commands the op-

portunity to field teams for this competition, specific allocations for them are reserved until Feb. 17. Beginning Feb. 18, all remaining slots that have not been filled will be given to individual Soldiers on a first-come, first-served basis.



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Raymond Piper

Soldiers are coached by U.S. Army Marksmanship instructors during the 2015 U.S. Army Small Arms Championship. The 2016 event is scheduled for March 13-19.

The reserved MACOM allocation for the 25th Infantry Division is two teams. (Editor's Note: The Reserve was allocated six teams and the Army National Guard seven teams. A full list of allocated teams can be found at www.HawaiiArmy Week

Fort Benning's Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation will host the final awards ceremony where trophies and industry prizes will be awarded to top-placing competitors.

Registration

All competitors must submit registration forms by Feb. 17 for allocated MACOM teams and all other competitors by Feb. 26.

Teams, coaches or team captains should forward registration forms for each team member, listing all competitors and team

support members. Registration can be sent via mail to Commander, U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit, ATTN: Competitions/S3, 7031 Bills Street,

Fort Benning, GA 31905-3103. For additional information and to regis-







A joint honor guard detail prepares to render honors during the 2016 NFL Pro Bowl as part of the event's pregame show, Sunday, at the Aloha Stadium in Honolulu. More than 200 military volunteers worked together to construct the pregame show stage in support of Rachel Platten's performance of her song "Fight Song."

Service members offer key NFL Pro Bowl support



A member of the joint honor guard detail prepares to render honors during the Pro Bowl pregame show.

AIR FORCE STAFF SGT. CHRIS HUBENTHAL

Defense Media Services-Hawaii

HONOLULU — Military members volunteered their time to support the 2016 NFL Pro Bowl at Aloha Stadium, here, Sunday.

A joint honor guard detail rendered honors as the American flag was displayed across the field, followed by the U.S. Air Force conducting a C-17 Globemaster flyover.

Logistics help

Aside from the military's involvement in the pregame performance, hundreds of military volunteers also worked together behind the scenes to move the pregame show logistics on and off the field in support of Rachel Platten's performance of her song, "Fight Song."

Air Force Staff Sgt. Xenia Dillon, 15th Aerospace Medical Squadron, explained her role as a Pro Bowl volunteer.

"There were 13 or 15 different moving pieces and over 200 volunteers with the military," Dillon said. "We did the pregame first show for the singer that came out to do it, Rachel Platten; we set up her stage and crew. All the big pieces that were coming through the tunnel, that were all lined up, we all had to push them out coordinating together."

Dillon said that the volunteers spent extra time practicing the quick stage set up to be better prepared for game day.

"We did a bunch of practices late at night," Dillon said. "The military all just pulled together. It was really easy, honestly, because everyone said 'OK so, one, two, three, go,' and it was just seamless."

Appreciation

Team Irvin defeated Team Rice 49-27, and once the game was over, NFL players took the time to



Military volunteers work together to set up the 2016 NFL Pro Bowl pregame show stage at the Aloha Stadium, Sunday. More than 200 military volunteers worked together to construct the pregame show stage in support of Rachel Platten's performance of her song "Fight Song." The U.S. military also conducted a C-17 Globemaster flyover and Pacific Command leadership participated in the game's coin toss.

thank the military for their service.

"Thank you so much for everything you all do," said Derek Carr of the Oakland Raiders. "You are all the true heroes. Everyone watches football and looks up to us, but you guys are the true heroes, and we know it, so thank you so much and God

Michael Irvin, former NFL football player for the Dallas Cowboys and former ESPN broadcaster, made a shout out that echoed Carr's statement of what a hero is.

"I am Michael 'The Playmaker' Irvin, three-time Super Bowl champion with the Dallas Cowboys, and I am an NFL Hall of Famer, but I tell you this ... there are no greater Hall of Famers than the troops," he said.

"We appreciate all you do that allows us to live the life and do the things that we do. We get to play a game and have fun because you play the real game and keep us safe," Irvin added.

Army athletes win spirited Pro Bowl Military Challenge



Photo by Sgt. Daniel K. Johnson, 25th Combat Aviation Brigade Public Affairs

Enthusiastic Soldiers lift trophy in front of hundreds of Waikiki beach spectators

SGT. DANIEL K. JOHNSON 25th Combat Aviation Brigade

Public Affairs, 25th Infantry Division

WAIKIKI — Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines gathered on Queen's Beach in Waikiki, Jan. 29, to compete

in the NFL Pro Bowl Military Challenge

The Army walked away with the coveted trophy, beating the other compet-

See Challenge B-4

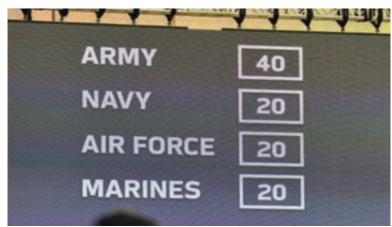


Photo by Staff Sgt. Armando R. Limon, 3rd Brigade Combat Team Public Affairs

Team Army takes an early and strong lead during the 2016 Pro Bowl Military Challenge at Queen's Beach in Waikiki.

worship Services

Additional religious services, children's programs, education-

tion can be found at

FD:

HMR:

MPC:

PH:

SC:

al services and contact informa-

www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil. (Click on "Religious Support Office" under the "Directorates and Support Staff" menu.) AMR: Aliamanu Chapel

Fort DeRussy Chapel

Helemano Chapel

Main Post Chapel,

Schofield Barracks

Pearl Harbor

WAAF: Wheeler Army Airfield

Chapel

•First Sunday, 1 p.m. at FD

•Thursday, 9 a.m. at AMR

- 8:30 a.m. at AMR

-11 a.m. at TAMC

-10:30 a.m. at MPC Annex

•Monday-Friday, 11:45 a.m. at

Soldiers' Chapel and 12 p.m.,

•Fourth Sunday, 1 p.m. at MPC

Buddhist Services

Catholic Mass

TAMC

Gospel Worship

•Sunday, noon, at MPC

•Sunday, 12:30 p.m. at AMR

Islamic Prayers and Study

•Friday, 2:30 p.m., TAMC

•Friday, 1 p.m. at MPC Annex

•Saturday and Sunday, 5:30 a.m.;

6, 7 and 8 p.m. at MPC Annex

Jewish Shabbat (Sabbath)

•Friday, 7 p.m. at Wheeler

Protestant Worship

-9 a.m. at MPC

-10 a.m. at $HMR\,$

-10:30 a.m. at AMR

-11:30 a.m. at WAAF

(Spanish language)

-11 a.m. at SC

Anglican)

(Contemporary)

Liturgical (Lutheran/

•Sunday, 10 a.m. at WAAF

This Week

-9 a.m., at FD, TAMC chapel

•Sunday Services

•Friday, 7:30 p.m. at PH

Pagan (Wicca)

Annex

TAMC: Tripler Army

Soldiers' Chapel,

Schofield Barracks

Medical Center Chapel

Aloha Jewish Chapel,



Command Scramble — Join players at Leilehua Golf Course for the monthly Command Scramble at noon for the shotgun start. Cost is \$50 per player.

Price includes 18-hole green fee, free driving range balls, door prizes, flight prizes, pupu and two mulligans per player. Call 655-4653.

Valentine's Day — Learn how to paint and glaze ceramic heart-shaped boxes as your own gift for your special someone. All supplies are included, and you can complete this project in two hours. Cost is \$18-\$25.

This program runs through Feb. 6 at the SB Arts & Crafts Center, Fridays-Saturdays, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

6 / Saturday

Mardi Gras Night — Come to SB Tropics, 6-9 p.m., for beads and food, Kings Cake, games and brew at Bldg. 589. Call 655-5698.

7 / Sunday

Super Bowl 50 — View the big game at the following FMWR facili-

•SB Kolekole Bar and Grill, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., 655-0664.

- •FS Bowl, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., 438-6733. •SB Tropics Recreation Center, 11
- a.m.-7 p.m., 655-5698. •WAAF Hangar Entertainment

Center, noon-6 p.m., 656-1745.

Sunday Brunch — Savor roasted prime rib with a peppercorn and garlic crust, along with exquisite dishes infused from the Pacific Rim, Asia and Hawaii Nouveau at the FS Hale Ikena. Groups and large parties are welcome.

Meal is served from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., and reservations are recommended. Adults are \$24.95 and children's prices are available. Call 438-1974.

8 / Monday

Hours Change — As of Feb. 1, the FS PFC hours follow:

•Weekdays: 5 a.m.-8:30 p.m. •Saturdays: 7 a.m.-3 p.m.

Call 655-9654.

- •Sundays/holidays: 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Mongolian BBQ Join SB

Kolekole Bar and Grill, Mondays, for Mongolian barbecue, 5-8 p.m. Select

Community

a week prior to publication to

community@hawaiiarmyweekly.com.

Honolulu First Friday — Come

to see the main events between 5 and

9 p.m., and stay for the late night par-

ty at some of the trendiest, most

popular spots in Honolulu every

first Friday of every month.

boutiques, cafes and restau-

rants that feature exciting art exhibits and free entertainment. Visit

www.firstfridayhawaii.com.

due to live-fire training.

6 / Saturday

Kolekole — The walking-hiking

trail is closed this weekend (Feb. 6-7)

Sunset Mele on the Rooftop — Enjoy entertainment for the whole

family at the Hawaii Convention

Center's free, 5-8:30 p.m., monthly

ing live entertainment along with

food and crafts at the Sunset Mele

943-3025 or visit Facebook.com /HawaiiConventionCenter.

entertainment series, Feb. 6., featur-

Market, followed by a special screening of "Minions" at 6:30 p.m. Call

Stop by unique galleries,



SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Join the Hui O Na Wahine for the annual Mock Dining In scheduled for March 12 at the Nehelani Club, here. Tickets are on sale until March 2. Diners are asked to follow several rules during dining, including dressing in costume and using proper protocol for toasts.

your favorite meat and vegetables and have it grilled your way at only 65cents per ounce. Call 655-0660.

9 / Tuesday

Black History Month — Attend SB Sgt. Yano Library for a celebration of Black History Month at 6 p.m. Listen and learn about Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Rosa Parks and others. There will be a special craft to go along with this program. No reservations are required, and this story time is open to all ages. Call 655-8002.

Quilting/Sewing and Pottery Wheel Throwing — The SB Arts & Crafts Center hosts classes, 5-8 p.m., every Tuesday, at 919 Humphreys,. Cost is \$25 for the first class; additional classes are \$6. Call 655-4202.

10 / Wednesday

Have a Heart Craft — To celebrate Valentine's Day, the FS Library, Bldg. 650, will teach, 3:30-4:30 p.m., how to make a woven heart. Appropriate for all ages. This free project is available only while supplies last.

Keiki Night — Every Wednesday Night is Keiki Night at SB Kolekole Bar and Grill. Kids under 10 eat for only \$2.99 from the keiki menu. Call 655-0660.

11 / Thursday

Community Readiness Expo New to Hawaii? The USARHAW Community Readiness Expo is held 9 a.m.-noon, at the SB Nehelani, Learn about Army community resources from service agency representatives at this weekly interactive orientation without briefings. Call ACS at 655-

Tropics — The new SB Tropics Recreation Center officially launches, 5:30 p.m., after an extensive renovation. The high-energy recreation facility offers gaming, state-of-the-art entertainment, food and beverages. Holiday hours follow:

- •Sundays, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.
- •Mondays and Tuesdays, closed.
- •Wednesdays-Thursdays, 11 a.m.-
- •Fridays-Saturdays, 11 a.m.-10
- •Sundays-Tuesdays and holidays, closed.

12 / Friday

Parenting 101 — This ACS class highlights current best practices and provides parents with tips and tools to assist them in reaching their parenting goals, noon-1 p.m., at SB ACS Bldg. 2091, Call 655-4227.

13 / Saturday

Singles Appreciation Day -Tired of making a fuss over Valentine's Day? Come celebrate your freedom at SB Tropics Anti-Valentine's Day Party, 6-8 p.m.

Join the party where hearts, Cupid, the color red and public displays of affection are banned and black clothing is encouraged. Test your knowledge of former celebrity couples and write the worst break-up letter.

Win prizes, eat un-festive snacks and listen to the play lists of the best break-up songs! Call 655-5698.

14 / Sunday

Nehelani Valentine's Dinner — Don't fight the Valentine's Day dine at the SB Nehelani. The Valenspecial someone, 5-8 p.m., Feb. 14. is \$29.95 per person. Call 655-4466.

Infant Massage Class — This sage meets Tuesdays, 6:30-7 p.m. Learn about the power of touch in of massage in circulation, digestion SB ACS, Bldg. 2091. Call 655-4227.

17 / Wednesday

Black History at FS Library -Celebrate Harriet Tubman's role in history, 3:30 p.m., at FS Library. Make a poster that features a famous Tubman phrase. Call 438-9521.

Scream Free Parenting — This three-week series introduces new concepts about parenting, noon-1 p.m., SB ACS, Bldg. 2091. For more in-

•Saturday, 5 p.m. at TAMC, •Sunday services:

rush this year; stay close to home and tine's Day Dinner is for you and your Choose from flavorful seafood dishes, traditional plates and dessert. Dinner

16 / Tuesday

ACS five-week course on infant masbonding with your baby, the benefits and emotional well-being. Located at

18 / Thursday

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

Schofield Barracks'

Sgt. Smith Theater remains closed for Directorate of

> A February reopening

> > scheduled.

Exchange at

Temporarily closed for maintenance

Public Works

maintenance work.

date for movie viewing is tentatively

237-4502/4572.

This Week

Call Schofield

9 / Tuesday

Family Night — Enjoy AMR family gatherings at 5:30 p.m. every Tuesday at the AMR Chanel This broadranging Christian program features fellowship and Bible study from 6:15-7:30 p.m. Child care is provided. Call AMR Chapel at 839-4319. Schofield Family Night is held

Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m.

11 / Thursday

Healthy Eating Commissary Tour — Registered dietitian nutritionists host the tour, 1:30 p.m., Feb. 11 and March 10, at the SB Commissary to identify healthy food choices, product comparisons and shopping tips. Choose to Lose participants earn three "Choose to Lose Bucks" for participating. Call 433-4950.

12 / Friday

Scholarships for Military Children Program — Application deadline is Feb. 12 for eligible students at commissaries worldwide or on the Internet at www.militaryscho lar.org. A total of 700 scholarship grants, each worth \$2,000, will be awarded for the 2016-17 school year.

Applicants must be a dependent, unmarried child, younger than 21 or 23, if enrolled as a full-time student at a college or university - of a service member on active duty, a Reserve or Guard member, retiree or survivor of a military member who died while on active duty, or a survivor of a retiree.

Applications must be hand-delivered or shipped via U.S. Postal Service or other delivery methods to the entbrite.com. commissary where the appli-

cant's family normally shops by close of business Feb. 12. Applications cannot be emailed or faxed.

13 / Saturday

Keiki Great Aloha Run — Entries are being accepted for the Keiki Great Aloha Run. Kids 12 and under, parents and supporters are invited to participate in the 1.5-mile event around the Neal S. Blaisdell Center and McKinley High School on Feb.

The event begins with the opening program at 7:30 a.m.; the run will start at 8:15 a.m.

Cost is \$25 before Feb. 1. Register at kahoomiki.org.

Historic Churches Walking Tour — Historic Hawai'i Foundation will sponsor a walking tour of four historic churches to share architecture, preservation facts and anecdotal history about each, 9-11:30 a.m., Feb. 13. The churches, located in downtown Honolulu, include the Cathedral of Saint Andrew, Saint Peter's Episcopal Church, Cathedral of Our Lady of Peace, and Kawaiaha'o Church. They are listed on the Hawai'i Register of Historic Places.

Tickets for the tour are \$10 for Historic Hawai'i Foundation members and \$15 general admission. Tickets may be purchased online at https://historicchurchwalkingtour.ev

15 / Monday

Great Aloha Run — The 8.15mile, relatively flat course run is Feb. 15th. It starts on Nimitz Highway fronting Aloha Tower, winds its way along the historic harbor, down Nimitz and Kamehameha highways and on to the Aloha Stadium. Register and get fee and entry information at http://greataloharun.com.

19 / Friday

African-American/Black History Month North — 25th ID and Team USARHAW EO sponsor this observance, 1 p.m., Sgt. Smith Theater. Guest Speaker is Col.

> Charles D. Mills, commander, 5th Battlefield Coordination Detachment.

24 / Wednesday

African-American/Black History Month South — TAMC hosts this observance, noon, Kyser Audito-

26 / Friday

Native Hawaiian Concert Se**ries** — Leilehua Golf Course hosts the monthly series, 6 p.m., on the final Friday of the month. This month, Mike Kaawa and Analu Aina perform. Come to "The Grill" at Leilehua Golf Course for this free event, open to the public. Food and drinks are available for purchase.

Calendar abbreviations

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

BCT: Brigade Combat Team BSB: Brigade Support Battalion Co.: Company CYSS: Child, Youth and School Services EFMP: Exceptional Family Member Program

FMWR: Family and Morale, Welfare and

ASYMCA: Armed Services YMCA

FRG: Family Readiness Group FS: Fort Shafter HMR: Helemano Military Reservation IPC: Island Palm Communities PFC: Physical Fitness Center

SB: Schofield Barracks

Recreation

SKIES: Schools of Knowledge, Inspiration, Exploration and Skills TAMC: Tripler Army Medical Center USAG-HI: U.S. Army Garrison-

Hawaii USARPAC: U.S. Army-Pacific WAAF: Wheeler Army Airfield DMMUNITY HAWAII ARMY WEEKLY FEBRUARY 5, 2016 | **B-3**

Volunteers' efforts recognized with 'Na Koa' awards

Story and photos by **CHRISTINE CABALO**Staff Writer

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Volunteers received rounds of applause thanking them for giving back to the community during the "Na Koa Awards" ceremony, held Jan. 27, at the Nebalani hora

The quarterly ceremony honors U.S. Army Hawaii volunteers who were nominated by their organizations with an individualized application for each nominee.

The Volunteer Awards Review Committee considered all submissions. Both adult and youth volunteers, as young as 10 years old, who are registered within the Volunteer Management Information System were considered for honors.



Volunteers who give a minimum of 300 or 500 hours of service are recognized for their efforts at a Na Koa Awards ceremony, held Jan. 27, at the Schofield Barracks Nehelani.

Na Koa Awards Recipients

Congratulations to the following

awardees in January:

Na Koa Lapel Pin

Kate Disney
Ashlyn Edwards
Monique McDwyer
Janice Nakagawara
Aimee Stoddard
Sarah Urquhart

Na Koa Bronze Award

Anya Freude Tiffany Macmanus Mary Kay McGlothlin

Maj. Gen. Charles Flynn, senior commander, USARHAW, spoke at the ceremony and officially presented each award.

Volunteers were recognized with either a Na Koa Lapel Pin for a minimum of 300 hours of service or the Na Koa Bronze award for a minimum of 500 hours. The hours had been totaled since the awards first began in 2014, but Flynn said the awards represent much more – about 14,029 hours in the last quarter of 2015 of volunteer work that would have otherwise cost more than \$345,977.

"The Na Koa Award for Volunteer Service is a prestigious award given by the U.S. Army Hawaii senior commander, Maj. Gen. Flynn, to our community's stellar volunteers," said Erin Paulus, Army Volunteer Corps coordinator with Army Community Service. "It does an im-



Maj. Gen. Charles Flynn (left), commander USARHAW, and Sgt. Maj. Scott A. Brzak, command sergeant major, 25th ID, pose with Tiffany Macmanus who was one of several Na Koa Award recipients during a ceremony held Jan. 27 at the Nehelani. Awards were bestowed on volunteers who completed a minimum of 300 or 500 hours of volunteer service.

portant job of recognizing volunteers for all they do. We encourage organizations to take advantage of the opportunity to nominate their qualified volunteers for the USARHAW Na Koa Award."

Flynn applauded how the hundreds of volunteers who may not have been at the ceremony are keeping the community's many programs and services running. He also encouraged people to consider volunteering and said how he appreciated having these awards to recognize excellent service.

"I cannot underscore enough how younger members of the community need the work everyone here is doing and how important it is for them," Flynn said. "(Volunteerism) does need an ember, and with your help we can make it a brush fire."



Sgt. Maj. Scott A. Brzak (left), command sergeant major, 25th Infantry Division, smiles and talks with civilian public school administrators and community partners during the Army Education Luncheon held at Wahiawa Middle School, Jan. 28. The luncheon allowed civilian and Army officials to discuss education concerns in person.

Army, school partnership thrives

Story and photos by
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WAHIAWA — U.S. Army Hawaii personnel and public school officials shared lunch and traded stories at the Army Education Luncheon held at Wahiawa Middle School Library, here, Jan. 25.

The luncheon was a forum for all community groups to talk about concerns that impact schools with Army family members.

School partnerships

In between the ringing of the school's bell, the civilian officials discussed partnership projects with Army personnel.

Maj. Gen. Charles Flynn, senior commander, USARHAW, headed the group of visiting Army

officials. Senior level public school administrators, including several complex area superintendents, also presented reports about their campuses.

"The best thing about events like this is the positive relations they generate between the Army, school staff and the community," said Cherise Imai, military liaison for the Hawaii Department of Education. "Getting everyone sitting at a table to talk story about how things are going is great. It's better than conversation through email or seeing each other in passing."

Flynn, in what would probably be his last education luncheon before he changes command, spoke about his experiences getting to know the community. He said he appreciated how school

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Photos by Staff Sgt. Armando R. Limon, 3rd Brigade Combat Team Public Affairs, 25th Infantry Division

Sgt. Marcus Sheppard (top left, center) easily catches a football during the 2016 Pro Bowl Military Challenge at Queen's Beach in Waikiki, Jan. 29. Sheppard, an infantryman assigned to 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, won the Fair Catch event for Team Army Soldiers from the 25th ID and 8th Theater Sustainment Command who combined to claim victory and the trophy this year (right photo).

Challenge: Soldiers put on an impressive talent display at Pro Bowl event

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ing branches.

Each branch selected a team to represent them in the challenge. Multiple competitions were held, including sprints, a volleyball tournament and various football

"It was a great opportunity for the team to come together and really represent the Army and the 25th Infantry Division," said 1st Lt. Gray Slother, a competitor representing 25th Combat Aviation Brigade.

Hundreds of spectators watched the events on the beach of Waikiki. The NFL and USAA partnered to provide DJs, concessions and the NFL cheerleaders.

"I didn't think I would be doing something like this when I joined the Army," said Spc. Marco Salas, a competitor representing the 130th Engineer Brigade, 8th Theater Sustainment Command. "I didn't think I was going to get picked, but I did."

The team only had a short time to prepare for the challenge. Each unit conducted its own tryouts and then sent their selections to the Army team for a final cut.

"Each brigade held competitions to select the team,

"I didn't think I would be doing something like this when I joined the Army." Spc. Marco Salas

and we practiced for about a week for this challenge," said Slother.

"I'm blown away. I'm in shock with the athleticism of the Soldiers we pulled out of this division to compete," said Lt. Col. Stephen Caruso, captain of the U.S. Army Team. "We met on Monday and we won on Friday."

The competition wrapped up with the awarding of the Pro Bowl Military Challenge Trophy to the U.S. Army team along with some parting gifts of footballs and memorabilia. The teams also had the chance to pose for pictures with the NFL cheerleaders.

The Pro Bowl Military Challenge was part of the fanfare leading up to the 2016 NFL Pro Bowl that was held the following Sunday, Jan. 31.



Photo by Sgt. Daniel K. Johnson, 25th Combat Aviation Brigade Public Affairs

The U.S. Army 2016 Pro Bowl Military Challenge team poses with NFL cheerleaders after winning the 2016 Military Challenge at Queen's Beach, Jan. 29.

PRO BOWL WEEK





Photos by Sgt. Kimberly Menzies, 94th Army Air and Missile Defense Command Public Affairs



- 1- WHEELER ARMY AIRFIELD -Atlanta Falcons wide receiver Julio Jones autographs a jersey for a fan, during the 2016 Pro Bowl Draft show, here, Jan. 27.
- 2- WHEELER ARMY AIRFIELD Sgt. Aaron Weier with 25th Combat Aviation Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, describes to members of the NFL 2016 Pro Bowl teams how crew members communicate while wearing aviation helmets.
- 3- WHEELER ARMY AIRFIELD New York Giants quarterback Eli Manning tosses a football to a family member of a Soldier during the 2016 Pro Bowl Draft,

SCHOOLS: Army, schools strengthen ties at session

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officials have rallied together to answer challenges facing military children and their support of veterans for the Hiring Our Heroes program. He also spoke about how proud he was of the Wahiawa residents who came out to support Army personnel when the Department of Defense held discussions about re-

"There may be other adjustments made later, depending on how things go," he said. "However, in the numerous phone calls I've received, everyone has breathed a sigh of relief."

Flynn said the Army would continue to support public schools in any way it can. He and other civilian officials also stressed the importance of families filling out their Federal Survey Cards to ensure their children are counted and their



Kathryn Matayoshi, superintendent for the Hawaii DOE speaks with Dr. Albert Saito from TAMC during the education gathering, while Col. Richard Fromm (left), commander, U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii, engages in another conversation.

schools receive federal funds for their education.

Local residents also shared with Army guests and school administrators about how multiple community partnerships directly touch their lives. Ricky Oshiro spoke to the audience about how his grandson had behavior difficulties, but his grandson is now a junior golfer and in jazz band after taking advantage of counseling help from community partners.

The Ike Pilialoha Program, a partnership with Queens Medical Center, Tripler Army Medical Center and the Hawaii DoE, offers behavioral health services. The assembled officials toured Wahiawa Middle School's Ike Pilialoha Center, speaking with staff about behavioral health care.

During the event several complex area superintendents gave a progress update about each of the schools in their area and how the Army was assisting students.

Updates from the Campbell-Kapolei Complex included letting personnel know Army personnel are mentoring students building underwater robotics for the SeaPerch program. Campbell High School also announced its first West Point candidate

'Students want to come to school, be a part of this group," said Heidi Armstrong, the Campbell-Kapolei complex area superintendent.

Imai said, since they've held the luncheons for more than five years, everyone involved believes they're a positive experience and will continue to make time for them.

"Each partner can't do it alone," Imai said. "It takes an entire community to help educate a child. Every school needs helping

The group is scheduled to meet again in May.

Students, families encouraged to 'Walk This Way'

News Release

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Bikers, walkers and children in strollers made their way en masse to Solomon Elementary School in January to kickoff

the "Walk This Way" campaign. Led by the Directorate of Emergency Services, Island Palm Communities and Solomon Elementary School, the campaign seeks to enhance awareness and safety surrounding pedestrians, to reduce traffic congestion during peak hours, to encourage physical activity by youth and to reduce our carbon

"It was great to see everyone working together to help alleviate traffic congestion, but more importantly, it was good to see the community working together to create a safe walking environment for students and others who are out walking to school and work," said Tom Adams, project director of

Monthly events

"Walk This Way" events are scheduled to take place each month through May 2016, and Lt. Col. Omar Lomas from DES encourages everyone to

"Walk This Way is important to our department and our partners - IPC and Solomon Elementary School - to protect our most precious resource on our installations, our families," said Lomas. "We want to educate drivers about being cautious and attentive, especially during the morning rush hour."

Military Police and Department of the Army civilian police will escort groups of participating students and families to school each month to help spread the message of safety.

"It's a win-win for us because it's also an opportunity to build trust between our families and law enforcement professionals while we help ensure they make it safely to school," explained Lomas.

"Our school is excited about the program, and we'll be waving, encouraging and thanking the parents and the students for their participation on each event day," said Sally Omalza, principal, Solomon Elementary School.

Students and parents are encouraged to join the walks that will be held on the 11th day of each month. While only select locations will have escorts, everyone still is encouraged to safely walk or bike to school with friends and family.

To participate, simply meet up at one of the fol-

•Thursday, Feb. 11

7:35 a.m., at the corner of Waianae Uka Avenue and Hewitt Street.

Friday, March 11

7:30 a.m., at the corner of Parrish and Moyer

7:30 a.m., at the corner of Hendrickson Loop and Ailana Place.

• Wednesday, May 11

7:35 a.m., at the corner of Moriyama Street and Kaena Avenue.



Photo courtesy of Island Palm Communities LLC

Military and Army civilian police pose with students for a photo during the January 2016 "Walk This Way" event held at Solomon Elementary School. The event will be held monthly through May, encouraging people to walk rather than drive during high traffic times.



Statistics



During January to December 2015, do you

know what was happening at Tripler?

•In 2015 more than 4,100 medication order/prescriptions were processed and filled, daily, between Tripler Army Medical Center, U.S Army Health Clinic-Schofield Barracks and the

Warrior Ohana Medical Home in Kapolei.

•The average wait time for a prescription was less than six minutes,

which surpassed Medical Command's goals every month in 2015.

- •A total of 2,580 baby deliveries were performed at TAMC.
- •Radiology recorded 146,786 procedures in 2015.
- •TAMC performed 12,641 surgeries in 2015.
- •Visits to TAMC based on 39,972 surveys scored TAMC 95 percent in patient satisfaction.
- Call the appointment line at (808) 433-2778 to schedule your visit at TAMC today and be part of next year's statistics.