



Soldiers from the 599th Trans. Bde. hold guylines to keep a 25th ID Black Hawk steady as the ship's crane lifts it out of the hold and onto the pier at Pearl Harbor, July 10, during port operations on the USNS Fisher.

Teamwork speeds 599th’s 25th ID equipment offload

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PEARL HARBOR — The 599th Transportation Brigade and its

partners offloaded 25th Infantry Division cargo and equipment, here, July 9-12, from the USNS Fisher as it returned from the Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Polk, Louisiana.

In addition to 599th headquarters personnel, the Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command (SDDC) personnel were a deployment and distribution management team (DDMT) from the 836th Trans. Battalion out of Yokohama North Dock, Japan; the Guam Detachment; personnel from 25th ID, Fleet Logistics Center (FLC) Pearl Harbor, Military Sealift Command (MSC); Navy cargo handling battalions; and the 302nd Trans. Bn. to complete the discharge team.

“This operation went well because of good teamwork on all sides,” said traffic management specialist Frank Viray, 599th headquarters operations chief for the offload. “The only slight glitch was that we had an initial problem with having enough palletized load system drivers, but the 25th ID got right on it, and the cargo and equipment was moving fast by the night shift.”

Maj. Shannon Johnson, executive officer, 836th Trans. Bn., was the team lead for the DDMT.

“This is one of the best joint operations I’ve seen. Everyone was all about working together and with us to get the equipment off that ship,” Johnson said.

Johnson had particularly high praise for the FLC Pearl Harbor terminals crew.

“The whole FLC Pearl Harbor crew is great to get along with,” Johnson said. “We come in, and they have our work spaces set up. They have welcomed our capabilities that we are able to provide them during these missions.

“Everything went very well, with good synchronization,” Johnson added. “The (rehearsal of concept) drill before the mission was wonderful. It involved SDDC, FLC-PH and 25th ID, MSC and Navy cargo handling battalion personnel all in the same room.

Sgt. Maj. Bradley Waters, 836th Trans. Bn. senior enlisted adviser, agreed.

“The concept of operations briefing we had with all of the players really made a difference,” said Waters. “Everyone knows what their own job is during a move, but it’s crucial that all the players get together to know what the others are doing and how to

communicate.”

Johnson commended Navy cargo handling battalion personnel. “Whenever there was an issue or setback of any kind, they were very innovative. They were safe, productive, and they got the equipment off that ship,” she said.

Navy cargo handling battalion personnel acted as the actual stevedores for the move. They began unlash the cargo as soon as the ship pulled into port July 9.

“We arrived July 7, two days before the offload began,” said Johnson. “All of our IT equipment was new across the board, so it was very important that everyone get together early to make sure everything was working.”

Nicholas Rosse, IT specialist at the 599th, worked the day shift during the offload.

“We had some problems with the new equipment, but we were able to develop workarounds,” he said.

“Of the new equipment, the new D-GATES (Deployable Global Air Transportation Execution System) is a real positive. This new system takes less than half the time to configure when you take the system offline to use it for the mission,” Rosse said.

Johnson said teamwork with 25th ID personnel also kept the offload flowing.

“(The) 25th ID cooperation was wonderful. We had constant interaction with the Defense Transportation Office and their reps, specifically with the mobility officers that were present. All were engaged.

“As the chains were being broken, the maintenance teams checked to make sure the vehicles worked. That way they could fix them before they needed to roll off. This drastically reduced the down time we had with deadlined equipment,” Rosse added.

Waters said the move was finished earlier than predicted.

“We had projected four days for the move, but we finished in three,” said Waters. “I put that down to the great teamwork.

“Within the first 24 hours, we were about a third of the way finished. Then, on our second day shift and the second night shift, they really picked it up. They did two-thirds in the next 24 hours, versus one-third in the first,” he added.

Everything was off the ship by July 11 at 2 p.m., said Viray.



USNS Fisher

The large, medium-speed, roll-on, roll-off ship USNS Fisher was christened in 1997. Although LMSRs usually bear the full name of the person for whom they are named, Zachary Fisher, the founder of the Fisher House, requested that the ship be called only Fisher to honor his entire family.

EOD troops compete in ‘Team of the Year’ competition

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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Four U.S. Army-Pacific Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) teams gathered, here, to compete in the EOD Team of the Year (TOY) competition, July 13-17.

The USARPAC-level EOD TOY competition is conducted each year in order select the premier team that will compete in the Army-wide EOD TOY later this year.

This year the 303rd EOD Battalion hosted the competition in which the Army’s best EOD teams were represented from 8th Theater Sustainment Command, U.S. Army-Alaska and U.S. Forces Korea.

The weeklong competition tested and assessed the four teams on an array of events ranging from basic Soldier common tasks to

EOD skill level knowledge and proficiency.

“It definitely forces you to the next step in the problem-solving process,” said Sgt. Ryan Essenmacher, team leader, 706th EOD Company, 303rd EOD Bn. “It challenges you to work adaptively, efficiently and to delegate appropriately in order to achieve the mission, all while under extreme time and resource constraints.”

While this was his third time competing, it was his first time to do so as a team leader, Essenmacher said.

“I wanted to do it as a personal challenge and to validate to myself that I know what I am doing and that I am ready to take on the responsibilities of a team leader,” said Essenmacher.

In addition to testing the teams’ technical and tactical skills, the EOD team competition is also an event that helps to foster and develop leaders.

“This builds stronger leaders because the team leader that is in charge has to be a strong leader; he has to control his team and the scene,” said Master Sgt. Chad Vervae, operations noncommissioned officer in charge, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 303rd EOD Bn.

“He is controlling everything around him.”

Vervae added, “This is just a test of that leadership.”

The teams were put through many challenges testing their technical and tactical skills. Events ranged from the Army Physical Fitness Test, to marksmanship with five different weapons, ordnance identification, unexploded ordnance procedures, improvised explosive device procedures, a written test and information brief.

“We wanted the scenarios to be as realistic as possible,” said Command Sgt. Maj. Brant Shyrigh, senior enlisted adviser, 303rd EOD Bn. “Some of the scenarios were even based on real-world situations.”

In one event, a UH-60M Black Hawk flew each team onto the scene. Shyrigh said the teams really had to dig deeper and to continue to drive on each day.

“It really puts you in situations, that unless you’ve been deployed, you really don’t get to do,” said Staff Sgt. Dustin Bussard, team leader, 74th EOD Co. “You get pushed to the edge and find out what you really are made of.”

The competition was grueling and fiercely competitive with each team running neck to neck. In the end, it was 74th EOD Co. that took first place and will continue on to represent USARPAC at the Department of Army level EOD TOY later this year.

Shyrigh said it was a tight race and praised the other teams for their hard work.

“This year may not have been your year, just keep training and come back next year,” Shyrigh said.





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Police Call

Parents are responsible for child supervision

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The Directorate of Emergency Services has seen a number of incidents involving unattended children on post.

According to Section 8(r) of Policy Memo Installation 1 (Discipline, Law, and Order), parents are respon-

sible for controlling and supervising their children at all times. This includes ensuring children obey all applicable traffic laws and practice common sense safety precautions.

Children should not play in the middle of the street where they may potentially be involved in a traffic accident. Additionally, DES reminds readers that, according to Hawaii state law, all children under the age of 16 are required to wear a properly fitted and fastened helmet when riding a bicycle.

The USAG-HI Child Supervision Policy is effective year-round. Children under the age of 10 must be supervised at all times by a parent or a certified baby-sitter, even in their residence.

USAG-HI policy requires baby-sitters to be at least 12 years old and to undergo baby-sitting training at Child, Youth and School Services.

No child under the age of 16 may be left unsupervised from 1-5 a.m. However, juveniles 10-16 years old may be left alone for several hours, so long as they have ready access to adult supervision: four hours for 10-11 year-olds, six hours for 12-13 year-olds, and eight hours for 14-15 year-olds. Juveniles over the age

of 16 may be left unsupervised for up to 48 hours. Service members who fail to control and supervise their children are also subject to punitive actions under the Uniform Code of Military Justice. We all have the responsibility to ensure that the safety and well-being of our children are a top priority.

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If you have concerns regarding children on our installations, please speak to the Military Police desk. Call 655-7114 at Schofield Barracks or 438-7114 at Fort Shafter.

For specific details on the Child Supervision Policy and guidance on certified baby-sitters, please refer to USAG-HI Policy Memo #34, available on the USAG-HI Garrison website.

Visit www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil/commmand/documents.htm.

For more information on the services and the personnel who support this community, visit www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil/des/default.htm.



Miller



Photos courtesy Army News Service

Female drill sergeants have worn the hat with the raised brim since 1972; the survey asks Soldiers if the campaign hat should be the same for both genders.

Soldiers weigh-in on Army uniform changes

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WASHINGTON — Soldiers should check their emails in the coming weeks for the chance to provide input on possible revisions to aspects of the Army uniform and wear policy.

Senior Army leaders, including Sgt. Maj. of the Army Daniel A. Dailey and Army Chief of Staff Gen. Ray Odierno, have authorized an online survey across all major commands to receive feedback on several uniform topics.

“The Soldiers are the ones who actually wear these uniforms. The senior leaders like to be informed by as many Soldiers in the field as possible (on uniform changes,)” said Sgt. Maj. James H. Thomson of the Institute for Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development.

Survey questions include opinions on gender-spe-

cific headgear for drill sergeants. Since 1972, female drill sergeant campaign hats have featured a raised brim and, as of 1983, a deeper green color. The survey, designed to crosscut a large section of Soldiers, will ask if there should be a single campaign hat for both male and female drill sergeants.

Consideration of a gender-neutral aesthetic is not limited to drill sergeant attire. The service cap is also being considered for conversion to a gender-neutral version. Today, the male service cap features a wide bill, while its female counterpart has a raised brim on either side. The survey asks Soldiers whether or not they see merit in continuing the distinction.

The survey additionally seeks input on prescribing the service cap as required headgear for senior non-commissioned officers and above, in lieu of the black beret, when wearing the Army Service Uniform.

Dailey has suggested an optional “Eisenhower jack-

et” to be added as a more appropriate indoor alternative to the black windbreaker jacket. Named for President Dwight D. Eisenhower and designed in the late-1930s, the jacket is waist-cropped, includes additional pockets and does not require many adornments. The last modification of the shortened, British-inspired jacket was seen in 1965. The survey asks Soldiers’ opinion of a version of it for all ranks.

Outside of formal dress, the survey also asks for Soldiers’ thoughts on black socks with the physical training, or PT, uniform. The suggestion came up at several town hall meetings Dailey conducted, and is now being sent out across various commands for evaluation.

“We’re hearing from the force, and we want to hear a little bit more,” Thompson said.

The results of the survey will provide Army senior leaders valuable information on what uniform changes should be considered.

FOOTSTEPS in FAITH

Weaker bodies can lead to weaker character

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“The harsh fact of the matter is that there is also an increasingly large number of young Americans who are neglecting their bodies - whose physical fitness is not what it should be - who are getting soft. And such softness on the part of individual citizens can help to strip and destroy the vitality of a nation.”

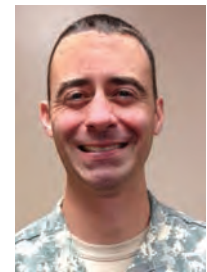
— President John F. Kennedy

Kennedy was worried that with more automation in our daily lives, Americans would stop pushing themselves physically. He believed there was a link between physical health, mental acuity and creativity.

Based on our current levels of fitness, I wonder what he would think of our nation’s vitality and mental health.

In 1962, JFK threw down the gauntlet to the Commandant of the Marine Corps to see if his officers were as fit as those in the early 1900s. He had found an executive order from President Theodore Roosevelt who

challenged the Marines in his day to complete a 50-mile hike in under 20 hours. And so was born a challenge to many Americans in the 1960s to complete a 50-mile hike. It was a popular fad ... for a while.



Rice

Robert Kennedy took the challenge and completed it, despite very poor weather. There are even stories of children pushing themselves and finishing the distance in less than 20 hours. But eventually the enthusiasm waned. Fewer people tried it, and this test of one’s endurance and stamina for the most part became ... well, history.

I wonder if it would do us all some good to try to push ourselves beyond what we think we can do. For example, suffering can produce better character. It can positively affect your character when you accomplish something physically that you

have never done before.

In some ways, we all know that the opposite of this is true. Many of us feel grumpy and act differently when we have not followed our normal workout routine. And though physically tired from a good run or hot yoga session, inside we usually feel better.

Sure, we can explain this away by talking about endorphin levels, but I think there is more going on.

Paul writes in Romans, “We know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope” (5:3-4). Taken in context, Paul is talking about the early Christians being persecuted for their faith and how God can use that suffering in order to build their character and increase their hope.

I think the principle stated there is generally true; suffering can be used to help build stronger character. A stronger body can lead to strong character.

When you push yourself physically, it can help you become a better person.

Let’s do something new, get fit and improve our character.

Voices of Ohana

In support of National Parks and Recreation Month
What is your favorite outdoor activity?
By 94th AAMDC



“Running and enjoying the wonderful Hawaii weather while burning calories — it’s the ultimate stress reliever.”

Master Sgt. Ira Davis
G6 Operations
NCOIC
94th AAMDC



“Bike riding! It’s an excellent cardio work out as you take in the amazing views that Hawaii has to offer.”

Sgt. 1st Class Jermaine S. Gooden
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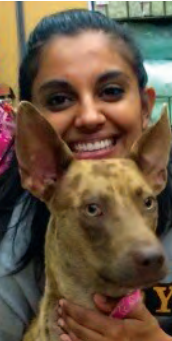
“Taking my daughter and my dog to the beach on Hickam. It’s a chance for them to bond relaxing together at the beach.”

Sgt. Monica Perales
Human Resource
NCOIC
94th AAMDC



“Canoeing at Rainbow Day Marina is an amazing workout and great motivation.”

Master Sgt. Charmaine L. Reyna
Information systems chief
94th AAMDC



“I really enjoy hiking the trails with my dog Cinnamon. It’s the best thing ever.”

2nd Lt. Gabrielle Tally
Human Resources officer
94th AAMDC

USAG-HI welcomes its new deputy commander

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WHEELER ARMY AIRFIELD — U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii welcomed its newest top civilian official to the island earlier this month, but Deputy Garrison Commander Leonard Housley is no stranger to Hawaii.

He served as the director of USAG-HI’s Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization, and Security for four years before leaving to take on other roles, including his most recent position as deputy garrison commander for Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

Housley returned during a time of shrinking resources for the Army, which recently announced it would be phasing out the 25th Infantry Division’s 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, among other possible reductions to troop and support levels in Hawaii.

Housley spoke to the “Hawaii Army Weekly” about these and other challenges facing USAG-HI, as well as what he hopes to accomplish during his tenure here.

Q: You were director, Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization, and Security (DPTMS) for USAG-HI from January 2007 until September 2010. How does it feel to be back in Hawaii?

A: It’s great to be back in Hawaii and see familiar faces and friends. A lot of the people who I have worked with before are still here, and that’s always good for relationships.

Q: Have you noticed any significant changes in the short time since you’ve been back?

A: The senior commander role has seemed to come full circle. The last time I was here, it was the 25th (Infantry Division), then the 8th (Theater Sustainment Command) and then U.S. Army-Pacific, and now it’s back with the 25th, so it seems to be settled now, which is always good for the garrison. It’s great to work with Tropic Lightning again.

Q: What is the most rewarding part of being a deputy garrison commander?

A: Being able to help the staff, being able to coach, teach and watch the people in the organization flourish and take personal pride in what they do. Watching them grow and reach their maximum potential.

Q: What is the toughest part?

A: One of the things I try to do is take burdensome processes and act as a filter for the organizations, so that they can focus on doing their missions. At the garrison, you kind of work for everybody and different organizations have competing requirements. That’s tough to manage.

The other challenge for us is management expectation. We have to reduce some of our capabilities just based on reductions to budgets, and all too often that doesn’t get translated in the correct way to the people we support. It can appear we’re not providing quality support when that’s really not the case. We have to pick and choose what we can do because we just don’t have the resources that we used to.

Q: What would you like to accomplish here?

A: I want to work on workforce development and do some things for the civilian staff. As we’ve been taking cuts, the staff has been overworked. We’ve got a lot of missions with decreasing resources.

I want to really focus on the human capital piece of our organization. Our people are our greatest strength, and I want to focus on that and building the bench.

In most organizations, we have an older workforce, and being able to build our own, build the bench and promote the younger workers into available positions, I think, is very important.

Q: You’ve come here just as the Army announced its plans to downsize, including reducing the number of Soldiers and civilian employees here due to budgetary issues (sequestration). What types of challenges will this present for you in your position?

A: I was here when we transferred 2nd (Stryker Brigade Combat Team) from an IBCT (infantry brigade combat team) to the Strykers, so I’m familiar with the support requirements before, and what those were after the transfer (to a Stryker brigade). We’ve always had issues with supporting training for Stryker units and adding Stryker vehicles.

We’ve had lots of litigation and working through that is a long process, so ... as far as supporting the commanders and supporting the troops, this might work to our benefit.



Leonard Housley, former USAG-HI DPMTS director, is back as the USAG-HI deputy garrison commander.

Contest invites USARHAW youth to ‘Take A Stand!’

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Beginning today, elementary through high school-aged youth have an opportunity to develop their own “Take A Stand!” campaign to address hot-button issues that directly impact their segment of the community.

To roll out the new campaign, the U.S. Army-Hawaii Community Health Promotion Council is hosting a poster and public service announcement contest.

USARHAW youth have the opportunity to display their creative talent and add their own flavor to the existing “Take A Stand!” campaign.

In partnership with the Schofield Barracks

Teen Center, members of the “Youth Take A Stand!” planning team will participate in the “2015 End of Summer Bash,” today, 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m., at the Teen Center, to publicize the contest and provide information on the campaign.

This celebration of the end of summer and beginning of the new school year is open to grades 6-12 and will include free food, fun activities, live music, games and prizes. Youth can enjoy hot dogs and cotton candy, maneuver through an obstacle course, put on a Sumo suit and “wrestle” an opponent, splash

down a 30-foot water slide, compete in a basketball tournament, and much, much more.

Youth participants and their parents are encouraged to sign up for the “Youth Take A Stand” poster and public service announcement contest at the bash, and speak with representatives from the planning team about the campaign.

The contest will run until Sept. 10 and is open to youth in grades kindergarten to high school senior.

The fun doesn’t end with the contest; it continues with opportunities for youth to participate in fun, interactive classes and activities that focus on building resilience in order to empower them to stand up for themselves and others when challenged by issues that may have a negative impact.

Community agencies and service providers are pooling their resources to develop classes and activities based on existing and emerging themes from the poster and PSA contests that may include topics such as taking a stand against bullying, smoking and drug use.

Providers will facilitate these resiliency-based activities, beginning in October, with topics varying from month to month. Class and activity participation will require parental approval.



Youth Contest

Winners in each category of the “Youth Take a Stand!” contest will be announced, Sept. 19, at the Boys & Girls Club of America “Day for Kids” event hosted by Child Youth & School Services:

- Poster Contest;
- Elementary School, Middle School, High School and Public Service Announcement Contest; and
- Middle School and High School.

Winners will also be recognized by U.S. Army Hawaii senior leaders at an upcoming Community Health Promotion Council Meeting.

Interested youth and their parents are invited to contact the USARHAW Health Promotion Operations office for more information on the campaign’s activities or for contest registration forms. Call 655-4772.

Driving while ‘intoxicated’ is costly

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U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii Public Affairs

Maybe you’ve taken evasive action because another driver was more interested in thumbing away on his phone than the road.

Maybe you’ve been in a vehicle where the driver kept his eyes more on his mobile device than the 18-wheeler slamming on its brakes just ahead.

Or, maybe you’re the culprit — too busy selecting the perfect emoticon after texting “OMG, YOLO, LOL,” instead of reacting to the keiki chasing a ball into the street.

The state and the U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii agree that texting is banned, period, when operating a motor vehicle. Furthermore, any use of mobile devices is banned for drivers less than 18 years old. Getting caught while texting yields a hefty fine.

Changes to the law were enacted about a year ago, and the fines for being caught driving

while “intoxicated” are steep.

As incidents of distracted drivers have grown, the state has levied fines of at least \$100 to not more than \$200, with heavier fines between \$300-500 for repeat offenses.

According to the Hawaii Police Department’s Traffic Services Section, the fine increased to \$297, July 1, 2014.

As parents and children look to the new school year, beginning Wednesday, and the Department of Transportation works to improve the highways and byways, drivers should be aware of an extra \$10 tacked on to the fine if caught texting in a school or construction zone.

The Army Safety Program (AR 385-10) clarifies that texting, as well as other uses of hand-held devices, is prohibited. U.S. Army-Hawaii Regulation 190-5 echoes this, but doesn’t specifically reference texting. It does list degrees of penalties of operating a cell phone while driving for the first offense and repeat offenses, ranging from a 30-day suspension of on-post driving privileges to a year.

“Nationally, texting and driving is an acknowledged problem, but it is not in the National Accident database, as there was no data field to collect the data,” said Bill Maxwell, safety officer, 311th Signal Command (Theater). “Unless it’s recorded in the accident narrative, it never happened. The National Highway Transportation Safety Agency is working this and will create new means to collect the data.”

In addition to texting, state law goes further to include games, cameras, computers and more that are strictly verboten when driving. A vehicle’s GPS guidance system, CD player and radio pretty much sum up what is permitted.

Maxwell notes the Europeans have been working the distracted driver issue for years.

“It’s illegal to open a bottle of water while behind the wheel in many countries. Drivers’ actions are limited to controlling the vehicle and operating the radio,” said Maxwell. “That’s why there are no cup holders in many European-spec vehicles.”

Army Regulation 385-10, Hand-Held Device Use

Vehicle operators on DOD installations and operators of Government-owned vehicles, on or off the installation, will not use cellular phones or other hand-held electronic devices unless the vehicle is safely parked or they are using a hands-free device.

This prohibition includes text messaging using hand-held devices.

Government-supplied electronic equipment that may be used for text messaging or other hand-held uses is prohibited for use by DOD personnel while driving any vehicle, whether or not on official Government business.

The only exceptions to this prohibition are emergency responders (such as military police, ambulance, fire emergency, EOD and HAZMAT responders) while in the performance of their official duties.

Are you a ‘Make a Difference’ or a ‘Selfish and Distracting’ Soldier?

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Army News Service

There are two distinct types of Soldiers who serve: those who are here to make a difference (MAD) and those who are selfish and distracting (SAD).

Each of us was equipped to be MAD, once we graduated basic combat training and our various military occupational specialty schools. We had the basic skills in our tool kits to be successful Soldiers.

We all should have been ready to take on any challenge placed before us, but this just isn’t true for all of us.

It doesn’t take long to recall Soldiers who didn’t even make it to their first duty station before displaying a selfish behavior, letting the rest of us know they were SAD Soldiers. Unfortunately, SAD Soldiers can be found at every duty station and at any stage of our Army careers.

SAD Soldiers distract us from our daily Army mission. They distract us from taking care of the MAD Soldiers and their families. They diminish our resources and steal our joy.

As a staff sergeant with more than 10 years on active duty, I’ve sat through the same briefs a dozen different times, because of SAD

Soldiers. I always tell junior MAD Soldiers, if we are being told not to do something, it means somebody has already done it. Whether it is a small infraction, like being late to formation, or something much worse involving law enforcement, the SAD Soldiers cause the rest of us to stay late or hear the same thing for what seems like the hundredth time.

What makes great Soldiers become SAD?

For different reasons, SAD Soldiers lose sight of the reason why they joined the Army. They lose that great sense of pride, belonging and accomplishment they had when they walked across the graduation stage. Their lapse in judgment causes them to forget they are Soldiers, at all times, and not just during duty hours.

Yes, most of them can recite the core values without hesitation, but the importance of these values do not resonate enough for them to uphold Army standards.

We look at leaders as the root cause of SAD Soldiers. However, just as each of us independently raised our hand as we recited our oath of enlistment, we must take personal responsibility for our own actions.

What’s a MAD Soldier look like?

MAD Soldiers took an oath to protect and defend our American freedom and agreed to live by a set of military rules and standards. They’re part of a great kinship that has stood the test of time, such as Lt. Col. Florence Blanchfield, the first woman in Army history to hold this permanent military rank, or Sgt. Audie Murphy, for which an entire members only club dedicated to leadership is named, or to Pvt. William “Willie” Johnston, drummer boy, the youngest Medal of Honor recipient.

MAD Soldiers embody our core values and live by our Soldier’s Creed. They have respect for authority, themselves and others, at all times. MAD Soldiers fully embrace our higher standards 24/7 and 365 days a year.

MAD Soldiers understand that being a team member is more than a cliché. MAD Soldiers do not accept the minimum. MAD Soldiers are always looking for ways to improve themselves, their families, friendships, squads and local communities.

MAD Soldiers choose to be MAD Soldiers at all times.

So I ask you, “Are you MAD or SAD?”

(Editor’s note: This is an adaptation from an article written by Air Force Master Sgt. Henry Strozier, 92nd Security Forces Squadron, Fairchild Air Force Base, Washington, which was published May 29, 2015.)



Above left, Capt. Nathan Platz, deputy supply and services officer, I Corps, listens to a briefing about the operations from the past 24 hours; above right, Sgt. Maj. Lawrence Sheppard, materiel readiness division senior enlisted adviser, I Corps, tracks battlefield resources for the I Corps command portion of Exercise Talisman Sabre 15 at Gallipoli Barracks, Australia, July 13.

I Corps, Australian army wrap-up Talisman Sabre 15

Story and photos by
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GALLIPOLI BARRACKS, Australia — I Corps and the Royal Australian Army completed the sixth iteration of Exercise Talisman Sabre 15, here, as I Corps attempted to certify as Combined Force Land Component Command.

Approximately 300 I Corps Soldiers participated in the largest Pacific Command exercise of 2015, consisting of U.S. and Australian forces with a contingent of 30,000 participants.

“Talisman Sabre was a complex exercise that brings together all branches of service and teaches us how to prevent conflict and shape things that lead to instability in this region,” said Lt. Gen. Stephen Lanza, I Corps commanding general. “We have served alongside Australia in every major conflict since World War I, and our strong partnership with the Australian Defense Force continues to reinforce our commitment to the Pacific region.”

The purpose of Talisman Sabre was to improve U.S./Australian combat readiness and interoperability, and to maximize combined training opportunities.

The exercise incorporated lessons learned from Iraq and Afghanistan.

Talisman Sabre was designed to exercise combined staffs in crisis action planning and humanitarian missions.

“The exercise has tested my Soldiers and I with the high operation tempo and managing critical tasks in a short time,” said Staff Sgt. Jesus Roman, airspace control operations, Company A, Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, I Corps.

Talisman Sabre 15 was different because of the increased inter-agency involvement.

“Talisman Sabre provided an invaluable opportunity to conduct operations in a combined, joint and interagency environment that will increase both countries’ ability to plan and execute contingency responses, from combat missions to humanitarian assistance efforts,” Lanza said.

Talisman Sabre included forces from all branches: Army, Spe-

cial Forces, Air Force, Navy, Marines, and National Army, along with forces from New Zealand and observers from Japan.

“We had some bumps in the road working with our counter-

parts,” Roman said. “The bumps show you where to improve at. Working through the bumps improved the interoperability of the exercise.”



Photo by Sgt. Sinthia Rosario, 5th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

Pvt. Michael Collins, an infantryman with 2nd Platoon, Co. C, 2-27th Inf. Regt., 3rd BCT, 25th ID, scans the area for enemy movement during Talisman Sabre 15 at the Shoalwater Bay Training Area, Australia, July 14.



Photos by Sgt. Sinthia Rosario, 5th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

Soldiers from 2-27th Inf. Regt. establish a natural barrier and provide security against “enemy” troops during Talisman Sabre 15. The “Wolfhounds” participated with Australian Defence Forces to conduct operations in a combined, joint and interagency environment that will increase both countries’ ability to plan and execute a full range of operation missions.

‘Wolfhounds’ partner w/Aussie 7th Bde. for Exercise Hamel

SGT. BRIAN C. ERICKSON
3rd Brigade Combat Team Public Affairs
25th Infantry Division

ROCKHAMPTON, Australia — Soldiers assigned to 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment, “Wolfhounds,” 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, completed training objectives with



Wolfhounds reload before continuing their advance against simulated enemy positions, July 14.



Soldiers from 2-27th Inf. Regt., 3rd BCT, 25th ID, engage simulated enemy forces during Talisman Sabre 15. The two militaries have a long history of working, training and fighting together. This training at the Shoalwater Bay Training Area was part of Exercise Hamel.

the Australian army 7th Brigade at Shoalwater Bay Training Area during Talisman Sabre 15, July 14.

“Our mission is to enable the 7th Bde. and to make them successful,” said Capt. Eric Donahue, commander, Company C, 2-27th Inf. Regt.

The 2-27th Soldiers’ mission of TS15 was Exercise Hamel, an annual certification exercise for the Australian Defence Force. This year it coincided with TS15, allowing for bilateral operations. For the second half of Exercise Hamel, the Wolfhounds were under the operational control of the Australian 7th Bde.

“We are here to help facilitate quality training for 7th Bde. in a partnered training environment,” said Donahue, adding that this

training allowed his Soldiers to sustain their operational readiness and further hone their combat skills.

The combined effort by Americans and Australians is seen by many Wolfhounds as one of the best aspects of TS15.

“For the guys who have not been deployed, getting experience to work with other militaries will make it easier in the future,” said Staff Sgt. Christopher Lyday, a 3rd Platoon, Co. C squad leader.

Lyday said that it has been easy for them to jump in and train with the Australian army because they have a history of working together, and many of their procedures are the same.

According to Donahue, partnering with the 7th Bde. has been fascinating. He said it was a great opportunity to see the units work together to accomplish the mission.

“It is a unique opportunity to get the chance to work in a peacetime environment with our Australian partners,” said Donahue. “It’s great to work together ... to accomplish the same objective.”



The Australian 7th Bde. joins forces with the Wolfhounds to clear an objective in the vicinity of Curlew, Shoalwater Bay Training Area, during Exercise Hamel on July 18.



Photo by U.S. Navy Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Kori Melvin

Joint service members are briefed by Rear Adm. Daniel H. Fillion, commander, Expeditionary Strike Group 3, for exercise CJLOTS 2015 at Anmyeon Beach, Republic of Korea, June 28.

545th Harbormasters are at center of CJLOTS 2015

SGT. 1ST CLASS NICOLE HOWELL
8th Theater Sustainment Command Public Affairs

ANMYEON BEACH, South Korea — Twelve watercraft troops served as the center of gravity for all Combined Joint Logistics Over-the-Shore (CJLOTS) 2015 operations, here, June 29-July 9.

The 545th Harbormaster Operations Detachment, 8th Theater Sustainment Command, worked alongside its counterparts from the Coast Guard, Air Force, Marine Corps and the Republic of Korea army to transport more than 50 pieces of rolling stock from ship-to-shore under austere conditions, demonstrating the critical role Army Harbormaster operators play in providing joint, multinational capability across the Pacific Command area of responsibility.

“We were part of the Joint Logistics Command and Control (JLCC) center, where we were the center point for all command and control for all vessel movement in CJLOTS,” said Chief Warrant Officer 3 Clinton Smith. “Nothing moved on water without our say so.”

The JLCC was established on shore overlooking the trident pier where they provided oversight of ships approaching the beachhead. This center was responsible for the command and control of vessels as far as 10 miles offshore and across five miles of beachfront.

“The communication we had with our sister services and the ROK was fantastic,” said Smith. “Most of the Soldiers in my detachment had not been part of CJLOTS in the previous years, but now they know what is expected and what they have to manage.”

The 545th facilitated communications and coordination for 20 water vessels involved, similar to the way an air traffic controller facilitates the airspace. They controlled movement, as well as any of the vessels’ concerns.

“We had minor technical concerns, like the sea state (tides) that slowed us down a little, and

a shortage of spare parts for the vessels on the ready, but the 558th Transportation Company from Fort Eustis, (Virginia,) was always ready to provide support by going to the vessel, assessing the need and fixing the problem.”

These tidal fluctuations created the need for a temporary 1,840 foot causeway (Trident Pier), the largest built in CJLOTS history and the first one built by the U.S. Army.

“This was a milestone!” said Smith. “Working alongside the other branches was an invaluable experience for my detachment, and the cohesion was the best I have ever been a part of. They are a great group of professionals.”



Photo courtesy of 8th Theater Sustainment Command

Sgt. Ji Woong Chang (right) bridges the language barrier between the 545th and ROK soldiers during the CJLOTS 2015 exercise.

DOD agency focuses on improvised threats

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WASHINGTON — Because it takes a network to defeat a network, the Defense Department debuted its newest agency to stay at the forefront of improvised threats, July 13.

DOD’s Joint Improvised-Threat Defeat Agency (JIDA) is built from what had been the Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization (JIEDDO).

It is a combat support agency in the office of the undersecretary of defense for acquisition, technology and logistics, Army Maj. Gen. Julie A. Bentz, the agency’s vice director, told DOD News.

JIDA has a new, expanded mission to reflect the new name, she said.

Broader JIDA mission

“DOD broadened JIEDDO’s mission set to include the improvised threat,” Bentz explained. “Our job was always to counter the improvised explosive device, and this new mission set asks us to look at the next IED,” Bentz added.

The nation’s adversary is an adaptive one, Bentz said, adding that the next generation of IED will be an improvised threat.

“The department has given us an increased latitude to go after those innovative networks, because it takes a network to defeat a network,” she said.

JIDA works in a network

As a network, JIDA is a community of action, and will work with such organizations

as the Defense Threat Reduction Agency, Defense Logistics Agency, Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, and across all communities that are affected by an improvised threat, the general said.

JIDA’s network also includes coalition forces, partner nations and other U.S. agencies, she added.

The team approach brings the necessary authorities and capabilities to use each one’s strengths “to go after an adversary who knows how to exploit the seams between our capabilities,” Bentz explained.

“The closer we stitch our abilities and leverage our authorities, the tighter a network we become to go after their network,” she added.

Patterns lead to new devices

JIEDDO learned early that as it defeated a device, “the next device was in front of us,” Bentz said. “But if we went upstream, (we) started noticing there were similar patterns and similar signatures that helped us understand there was a network of materials, people, tactics, techniques and procedures all coming together to build that IED.”

JIDA will continue that effort, she added.

“Those same networks that build the IEDs are the same networks that will continue building improvised threats,” she said.

The IED will continue to be a threat to U.S. and coalition forces worldwide, Bentz acknowledged.

“It is a threat that’s not going away anytime soon, unfortunately,” she said.



Photo courtesy of JIDA

Female troops continue to 2nd phase of Ranger course

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WASHINGTON — The three women currently enrolled in the Ranger course on Fort Benning, Georgia, moved on to the Mountain phase portion of the course, July 11, after having met the standard to move out of the Darby phase.

The three women were not alone in moving to the Mountain phase of the course. A total of 161 Soldiers completed Darby phase and moved into Mountain phase, including three women and 158 men.

Soldiers (who end up meeting the standards of the Mountain phase of the course) will move to the Florida phase of Ranger course, Aug. 1.

In April 2015, for the first time in Army history, 19 women were allowed to participate in Ranger course as part of a Ranger course assessment. The assessment is a regular Ranger course, with all the same physical requirements. The Ranger course completion standards, to include prerequisites, phase performance requirements and graduation standards, were not changed as part of the assessment.

Assessing female Soldier performance in the Ranger course is part of an ongoing Army effort called Soldier 2020. That effort is meant to allow the Army’s best-qualified Soldiers an opportunity to serve in any position where they are capable of performing to standard.

The Ranger course begins with the Ranger assessment phase, also called RAP week. RAP week is followed by the Darby phase, which includes fast-paced instruction on troop leading procedures,

principles of patrolling, demolitions, field craft, and basic battle drills focused on squad ambush and reconnaissance missions.

The Mountain phase consists of four days of military mountaineering training, four days of techniques training, 10 days of student-led patrols, and one administrative day, where the students are counseled on their performance.

The last phase of the Ranger course, on Eglin Air Force Base, Florida, focuses on skills needed to survive in a rain forest or

swamp.

While just three female Soldiers from the initial Ranger course assessment remain, proponents of allowing women to become Rangers, including Army Chief of Staff Gen. Ray Odierno, remain positive that the pilot program will produce results.

“I think we have had many females, who have done such a terrific job preparing,” Odierno said. “I think we will continue to do that, and we will just see how it goes from there.”



Photo by Pfc. Yvette ZabalaGarriga, Army News Service

Soldiers participate in rappel training during the Ranger Course on Camp Merrill in Dahlongea, Georgia, July 12.



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

Today

DOD Ruling — Tuesday, the Department of Defense issued a final rule expanding the types of credit products that are covered by the 36-percent rate cap and other military-specific protections under the Military Lending Act. The rule closes loopholes that have led to lenders skirting the law with products that fall outside the scope of the existing regulation.

“When I drive down the strip outside a military installation and count 20 fast-cash lenders in less than four

miles, that’s not a convenience, that’s a problem,” said Holly Petraeus, assistant director, Office of Servicemember Affairs, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

The Military Lending Act provides service members and their dependents with specific protections for their “consumer credit” transactions. *(See next week’s “Hawaii Army Weekly” for more details.)*

25 / Saturday

Everybody into the Pool — The Aliamanu Military Reservation community pool reopened Tuesday, and Helemano’s pool reopens today.

30 / Thursday

MWD Competition — The 728th Military Police Battalion and the 13th MP and 520th Military Working Dog detachments host the 2015 Hawaiian Islands Working Dog Skills Challenge at Schofield Barracks.

MWD teams will compete in phys-

ically and mentally demanding K9 skills challenges for dogs and handlers. The public is invited to observe, 7 a.m., on Stoneman Field, near McNair Gate. Call 655-0773.

August

1 / Saturday

Outreach Center — The Army Community Service Outreach Center at Fort Shafter will reduce its operational hours to once weekly, every Tuesday, 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Services available include information and referral and the ACS loan closet.

Effective today, Survivor Outreach Services will relocate from Fort Shafter to the Soldier and Family Assistance Center, Bldg. 663, Schofield Barracks. The main ACS center at Schofield Barracks will continue to provide services, weekdays, 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Ongoing

OPM Data Breach Update — The Office of Personnel Management recently announced a data breach affecting the personal records of over 21 million individuals. Detailed information is provided by OPM on its website, offering information regarding the OPM incidents, with materials, training and useful information on best practices to secure data. Visit www.opm.gov/cybersecurity.

Bus Drivers & Truckers — Take advantage of the U.S. Department of Transportation’s Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration Military Skills Test Waiver Program. The program grants state licensing agencies the authority to waive the skills test portion of the Commercial Driver’s License application for active duty or recently separated veterans who possess at least two years of safe driving experience operating a military truck or bus. Visit www.fmcsa.dot.gov/registration/commercial-drivers-license/military.

Rewards — CID is offering a \$2,500 reward for information leading to the recovery of property, identification, arrest and conviction of person(s) responsible for the larceny of a cable analyzer kit, reported stolen around Dec. 12-15, 2014. Call the MPs at 655-5555 or CID at 224-4330. The reward expires May 5, 2016.

On May 5, 2015, a government building was damaged by fire. CID is offering a \$1,000 reward to anyone with information concerning the arson or the identification of the person(s) involved. Call 655-7114 or 655-1768. Confidentiality is available.

TSP — The Thrift Savings Plan’s 2015 second quarter participant statement (April 1-June 30) is now available in My Account at www.tsp.gov.



Today

Safe Routes — HDOT seeks applications to plan, develop, implement and evaluate eligible Safe Routes to School (SRTS) projects, an international effort to increase safety and promote walking and bicycling to school. Visit <http://spo3.hawaii.gov/notices/notices/9f11c1fc2155a8984be67ac1ac281c3e>.

28 / Tuesday

Halona Street Bridge — HDOT will hold a public meeting about the

Traffic Report lists detours, road work, construction and noise advisories received by press time from U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii and Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT) sources.

Visit www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil/info/trafficcalendar.htm for the latest Army Hawaii traffic advisories.

Unless otherwise noted, all phone numbers are area code 808.

Halona Street Bridge Replacement project on the adjacent H-1 freeway. The purpose of the project is to improve Halona Bridge and its approaches to maintain a Kapalama Canal crossing on Halona Street that remains a safe and functional component of the regional transportation system for highway users. The meeting is scheduled 6-7 p.m. in the Likelike Elementary School Cafeteria.

29 / Wednesday

Keiki Safety — The new school

year begins, and all garrison community members should take extra safety precautions. Children will be walking on sidewalks, riding their bicycles and crossing the road during school hours.

School zone speed limits are 15 mph. Pedestrians have the right of way.

Children are to follow prescribed safety guidelines of crosswalk and bicycle helmet use, and to be on the lookout for vehicles when crossing the road, and those younger than 10 years cannot be left unsupervised at a bus stop and cannot walk to school alone.

They must be escorted by a parent or sibling age 12 years or older.

Roosevelt Rehab — HIDOT will hold a public meeting in the Mililani Uka Elementary School cafeteria, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., about the Roosevelt (Kipapa Stream) Bridge Rehabilitation project, located on Kamehameha Highway south of Mililani

August

3 / Monday

Foote Note — There will be a road closure at Schofield’s Foote Avenue, south corridor, between Road A and Flagler Road, for utility installation and site work related to the Quad B barracks renovation. Foote will be closed

at Flagler, and traffic will be rerouted southeast toward Foote Gate, while northbound traffic will be detoured to Waianae Ave.

Work begins at 8:30 p.m. until 5 a.m. Construction ends Aug. 28.

8 / Saturday

WAAF Power Outage — A day-long power outage, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., is scheduled for Wheeler Army Airfield, East Range and Leilehua Golf Course. Watch upcoming “Traffic Reports” for updates and a map of the affected areas.

10 / Monday

No Kolekole — Schofield’s Kolekole Ave. will be closed at Flagler Street, detouring south toward Foote Gate. Traffic from the gate will detour to Waianae Ave.



Photo courtesy of Tripler Army Medical Center Public Affairs

The 186th Medical Group, Air National Guard, says goodbye to Oahu after lending their specialized services to TAMC and Schofield Barracks, June 8-18.

186th shares medical skills

CAPT. JERRY CUNNINGHAM
186th Medical Group

HONOLULU — Air National Guardsman of the 186th Medical Group, “Magnolia Militia,” Meridian, Mississippi, recently brought a wide variety of medical specialties to Tripler Army Medical Center and Schofield Barracks.

“Joint overseas deployment training is designed to provide (Guardsmen) with realistic mobilization from their unit for two-week annual training to test their ability to prepare, move and train with their active duty counterparts, and then re-deploy back to home station successfully,” said Lt. Col. Derek Morton, chief of Reserve Affairs, Pacific Regional Medical Command. “Thirteen years of war has shown how important joint medical capabilities are in a field or fixed facility environment.”

The 186th’s medical specialists included family practice physicians, optometrists, nurses, medical and radiology technicians, laboratory specialists, public health techs and physician assistants. During their time on Oahu, the group saw 1,623 patients while working 1,421 independent hours.

“This training was particularly helpful in exposing our staff to the current electronic medical records system, Armed Forces Health Longitudinal Technology Application (AHLTA), which our medical group is currently implementing back at our home base,” said Col. John Tugwell, commander, 186th Medical Group. “The timing could not have been any better to have had this AHLTA training right before we implement the system back home.

“Another added benefit was the ability to

train one of our medical technicians and get her certified in the immunizations area,” said Tugwell. “This training is very hard to come by in the civilian sector, and only a limited number of military medical centers provide this training. This technician will now be able to administer immunizations, such as anthrax, typhoid and yellow fever for Airmen deploying in foreign locations.”

The group augmented the regular staff at sick call on Schofield Barracks.

“There is a lot of paperwork and behind-the-scenes work that takes place in order to pull off an annual training tour, such as this one, but with the help of the Reserve Affairs staff and others within TAMC, this valuable training was accomplished,” said Chief Master Sgt. Catherine Wilson, superintendent, 186th Medical Group. “It is great to see (186th junior medical personnel) get the training they need to be able to help other Airmen be medically fit to fly, fight and win.”

“The group was able to take in some of the sights and attractions of Oahu in their off-duty time,” said Capt. Jerry Cunningham, group medical admin officer. “Whether it was a luau or a hike up Diamond Head, the morale of the group was greatly enhanced by the opportunity to participate in all the scenic Morale, Welfare and Recreation events available on the island.

“Also, for any military member, no trip would be complete without taking in the historic Arizona memorial,” Cunningham added.

(Note: Tripler Army Medical Center and U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii Public Affairs contributed to this story.)

DPW to monitor energy use

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Hawaii’s yearlong tropical environment creates conditions for Soldiers, family members and civilian employees to use energy more than average.

In 2014, U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii spent more than \$90 million on its energy bill. This amount largely reflects the fact that much of Hawaii’s energy comes from imported oil.

Year-round air conditioning and Hawaii’s higher cost of living also contribute to the bill.

Last October, the 25th Infantry Division implemented an energy program that applies to all garrison personnel and activities.

“I am personally committed to sustaining our natural and fiscal resources by ensuring that each of us in the Army community in Hawaii participates in the effort to conserve energy and water,” said Maj. Gen. Charles Flynn, U.S. Army Hawaii senior commander and 25th ID commander. “Through a building energy monitoring program (BEM) and each individual’s simple and basic actions, we can reduce our energy use by up to 10 percent.”

All units and directorates on garrison installations will designate a unit energy conservation officer (UECO) and, for each building, a BEM.

UECOs serve as points of contact and are responsible for energy and water conservation efforts. UECO will designate a BEM for each unit’s building and oversee their weekly building inspections. When relevant, UECO will advise the rear detachment commander on the unit’s deployment barracks plan, and work together to reduce energy costs by consolidating Soldier living quarters and office space.

BEMs will conduct weekly hands-on and walk-through inspections. They will ensure the following:

- Ensure that air conditioning temperatures are set at 74 degrees Fahrenheit (during summer months);
- Turn off lights and computers not in use;
- Request energy-saving light bulbs, when applicable;
- Emphasize full laundry loads in the barracks; and
- Monitor grass watering at 5 p.m.-9 a.m.

All BEMs are encouraged to work directly with the DPW work order section in order to streamline energy-inefficient issues, like reporting broken doors, windows and light sensors.

Energy conservation and practicing energy efficiency is becoming increasingly important throughout the DOD and the country. The very fact that Congress is shrinking the Army by 40,000 Soldiers by the end of fiscal year 2018 – 1,214 reduced on Schofield Barracks – is a direct indication that saving money to reduce the national deficit is paramount to the nation’s national security posture.

Conserving energy is not just the DOD’s responsibility; it’s everyone’s responsibility. Simply put, it is the right and necessary thing to do.

(Editor’s note: Santiago recently became the garrison energy conservation manager. The DPW BEM manager is responsible for conducting BEM training, and day or night unit energy conservation audits.)

Tips & Training

To put in a work order or learn the status of an existing order, contact the DPW Service Work Order desk. Customers may visit 947 Wright Ave, Wheeler Army Airfield, Bldg. 104, 1st floor. Hours of operation are weekdays, 6 a.m.-5 p.m. Call 656-1275.



Courtesy photo

Staff Sgt. Alfonso Calderon (front), 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, and Pvt. Kode Love, 3rd BCT, place a “Five Ways of Saving the Army Money” poster at the Army Single Soldier Housing Facility, Schofield Barracks.

Army professional education available at newly-opened ‘ArmyU’

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WASHINGTON — The Army is consolidating Soldier education under one roof as part of the Army University concept, Sgt. Maj. of the Army Daniel A. Dailey has said.

While not a “brick and mortar” university, “ArmyU” will maximize the educational experience, which Soldiers are already getting in the Army through the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command.

The plan for ArmyU is to organize the Army’s professional military education programs into a university system to increase academic rigor, create greater opportunities for accreditation and enhance the quality of the force, according to Combined Arms Center leaders.

ArmyU will integrate the education already provided in the Army for Soldiers and Army civilians of all components.

Included in ArmyU are all the Army “centers of excellence”: aviation, cyber, fires, intelligence, maneuver, maneuver support, mission command and sustainment.

“We will work with them, and we are looking at how we can make the instructors better, and make the curriculum as relevant and as current as possible, plus meeting the need of the operating force,” said Col. Michael J. Harlan, with the CAC.

While not part of ArmyU, the new university will coordinate with the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York, the U.S. Army War College, Cadet Command, initial military training, U.S. Army Reserve Schools, Army National Guard Schools, Army Medical Department Center and School, Judge Advocate General Legal Center and School, and the Special Warfare Center and School.

Universal transcript

Dailey said ArmyU will be nationally accredited, and will eventually provide a “universal transcript” to make it easier for civilian colleges and universities to understand the education and training Soldiers have received in the Army, and help them build a degree program.

Right now what the Army and other military

services offer is a Joint Services Transcript, which provides to civilian universities a description of military schooling and work history in civilian language. Dailey said the JST will not be eliminated, but will be augmented with a transcript from Army University.

“Our goal is to have the Army transcript have the same value as any other university in America,” Dailey said. “It’s long overdue. The Soldiers are excited about this, too.”

Career credentials

Another goal of ArmyU is to find ways for Soldiers to earn private-sector equivalent credentialing for the work they do in the Army, so they don’t need to be re-credentialed when they go look for private-sector work.

Soldiers, who may serve in the Army now as drivers, electricians, metal workers, plumbers or even medical workers, will first need to be credentialed first before they can move their skills to a paying job in the private sector. The goal of ArmyU is to provide credentialing for every military occupational specialty, or MOS.

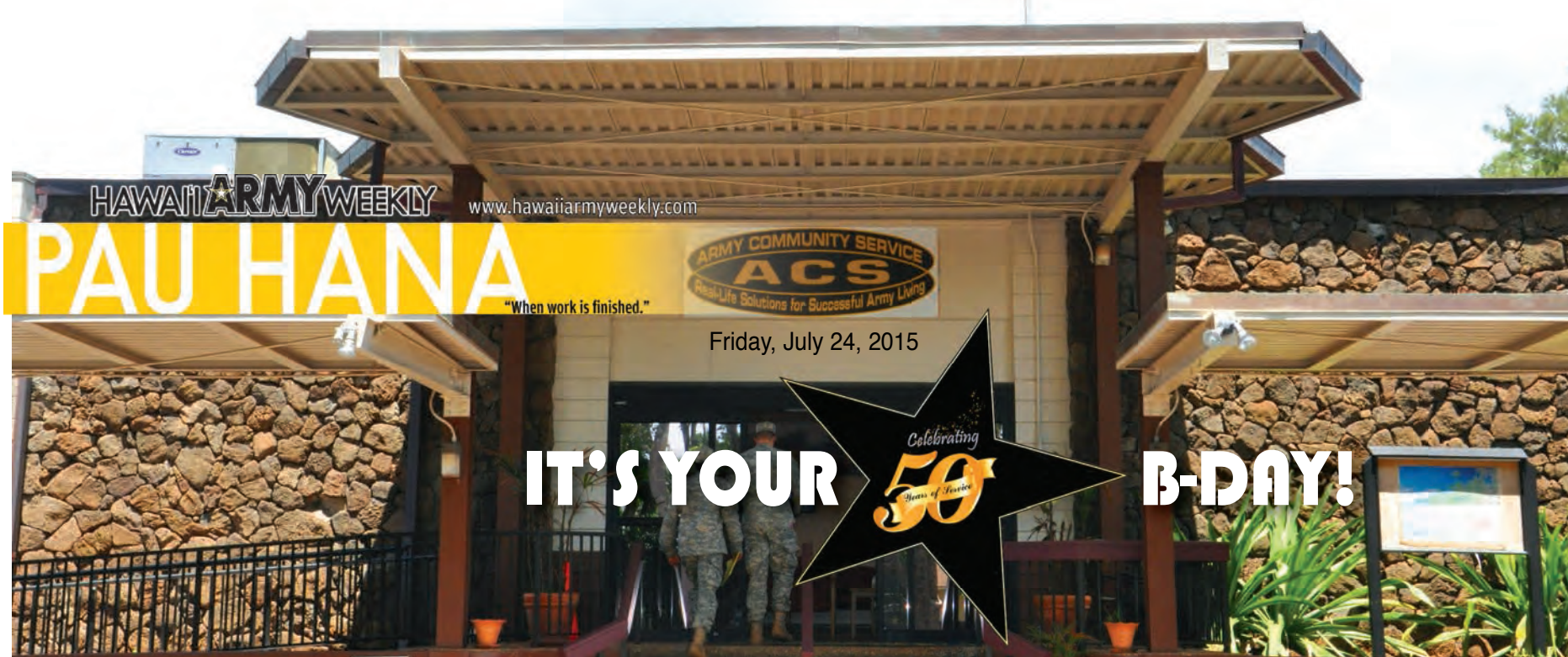
Helping those Soldiers get credentialed in their skill set is important to both the Soldier and the Army because it proves “an individual is an expert in their particular area,” Harlan said.

Dailey said the Army has already been partnering with industry at places like Fort Polk, Louisiana; Fort Hood, Texas; and Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington, to help transitioning Soldiers get the right training and credentialing to move into work in the private sector.

ArmyU

The Army University is administered by the Combined Arms Center on Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

It also includes the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy, Defense Language Institute, the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation, Army Management Staff College, Warrant Officer Career College, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, and the Army Press.



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Jack Wiers, Pau Hana Editor

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — ACS welcomes community members to its open house birthday celebration with music, food and birthday cake, today, July 24, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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"We first heard about the SFAC when we went to the Warrior Transition Battalion on Fort Bragg. The SFAC set us up with childcare during my husband's medical appointments, and they also planned activities to make our Family feel special. We would still be lost in the dark if it wasn't for their help and assistance."

Sgt. Christopher and Amy Robbins,
Fort Bragg, North Carolina

LIEUTENANT COLONEL EMMA MARIE BAIRD

Lt. Col. Emma Marie Baird is considered the mother of ACS. During her 24-year military career, she served in the Women's Army Corps, worked in Army Emergency Relief during WWII, and became the first woman assigned to the U.S. Military Academy staff. Because of her experience in AER, she was selected to create the Army's official Family assistance program in the early 1960s. After her retirement in 1968, Baird remained active with ACS programs throughout the country – especially at Fort Bliss, Texas, where she regularly volunteered her time. She passed away in 1987.



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GARRISON
ACS CENTERS

Since 1978 ■ **Budget counseling and debt liquidation** Now part of the Financial Readiness Program

Since 1978 ■ **Relocation Assistance**

Since 1985 ■ **Installation Volunteer Coordinators**

4 SMARTPHONE APPS

- Money Matters
- Services Locator
- AFAP Active Issue Search
- Army Family Team Building

1965: AR 608-1, "Army Community Service," published Nov. 19. First ACS Centers established.

Since 1965 ■ **Community Information Services**

Since 1994 ■ **Transitional Compensation Program for Abused Dependents** For Families of Soldiers convicted of dependent abuse

1984: Secretary of the Army John White and Gen. John A. Wickham, Jr., Chief of Staff, declare the Year of the Army Family.

Since 1978 ■ **Family Advocacy Program**
Launched as Army Child Advocacy Program, Domestic violence and child abuse prevention

Since 1989 ■ **Relocation Readiness Program**

Since 1995 ■ **New Parent Support Program**

Since 2001 ■ **Emergency Family Assistance Centers**
Responds to deployments, natural disasters or catastrophic events

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WAYS TO
CONNECT
WITH ACS
PROGRAMS

UNIT/GARRISON



Unit briefings,
Military Family Life
counselors, training,
SFACs

ONLINE



Army OneSource,
Virtual Family
Readiness Group,
Facebook, Twitter

HOME



New Parent Support
Program,
Respite Care,
Victim Advocates

LOCAL PARTNERS



Business groups,
local education
providers,
crisis agencies

Since 2002 ■ **Military Spouse Employment Partnership**
Launched as Army Spouse Employment, became a DoD-wide program in 2011

Since 2004 ■ **Army OneSource**
Launched as MyArmyLifeToo, later Multi-Component Family Support Network

Since 2006 ■ **Army OneSource Community Support Coordinators**
Builds partnerships for state and local resources for Army families.

2009: Congress declares the
Year of the Military Family

Since 1983 ■ **Army Family Action Plan**

695 AFAP ISSUES
WERE THE DRIVING FORCE BEHIND ENACTMENT OF
128 PIECES OF LEGISLATION
186 ARMY & DOD POLICY CHANGES
210 IMPROVED PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Since 2005 ■ **Sexual Assault Response Program**

Since 1992 ■ **Mobilization and Deployment Readiness**

Since 2005 ■ **Military and Family Life Counselors**
Non-clinical, short-term counseling

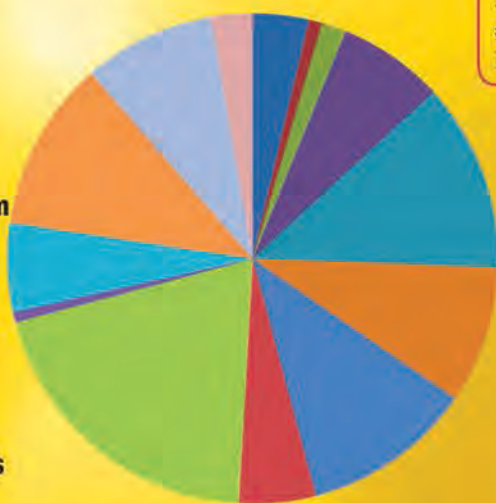
Since 2007 ■ **EFMP Respite Care**
Support and relief for special needs families

Since 2008 ■ **Survivor Outreach Services**
Fulfills the promise to honor Survivors and let them remain part of the Army Family as long as they desire.

Since 2008 ■ **Soldier and Family Assistance Center**
Supporting Warriors in Transition and Families

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SOLDIER
& FAMILY
ASSISTANCE
CENTERS

- Army Emergency Relief
- Army Family Action Plan
- Army Family Team Building
- Army Volunteer Corps
- Employment Readiness
- Exceptional Family Member Program
- Family Advocacy
- Financial Readiness
- Information and Referral
- Master Resilience Training
- Mobilization and Deployment
- Relocation Readiness
- Soldier & Family Assistance Centers
- Survivor Outreach Services



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STAND-ALONE
SURVIVOR
OUTREACH
SERVICES
CENTERS

2014: Total Army Strong
Reaffirms Army's commitment to the total Army family and sets the foundation for a balanced system of programs and services

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WEBSITES

armyfrg.org
myarmyonesource.com
acsstaff.org
goldstarpins.org
sos.army.mil

Since 2010 ■ **Master Resilience Training**



Briefs

Today

ACS 50th Birthday Celebration — Come experience Army Community Service “Island Style,” 10 a.m.-2 p.m., recognizing 50 years of service to Army communities. There will be music, local grinds, tours, cake cutting and a hula show and demonstration at SB ACS Bldg. 2091 (across from Richardson Pool).

Outdoor Recreation Special — All weekend programs through Sept. 30th are 50 percent off. Learn more at HiMWR.com or call 655-0143.

25 / Saturday

Kayak Fishing — Outdoor Recreation Center teaches the secret ways of Oahu fishing from master fisherwoman, and Outdoor Recreation programmer, Sharon Nakai. ODR will provide the transportation (up to 12 people) to one of the best spots on the island for green water game fishing, as well as provide basic equipment and instruction. Bring water, snacks and sunscreen, and your favorite fishing gear. Please sign up at ODR no later than noon the day before the program. Call 655-9046.

Temporary HMR Pool Closure — The HMR pool will reopen July 25 following a temporary closure.

27 / Monday

Learn to Swim — Classes are held Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., at SB Richardson Pool. Schedule is subject to change upon instructor availability. Proof of CYS Services registration will be required at time of sign-up. Call 655-9698.

Summer Mommy & Me Bowling — FS and SB bowling centers offer moms one free game of bowling when purchasing games for their child – through July. Children must be 10 years of age or under. Not valid during cosmic bowling or holidays or for party reservations. Call 438-6733 (FS special, 1-9 p.m.) or 655-0573 (SB special, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.).

28 / Tuesday

ACS Outreach Center — The FS ACS Outreach Center will reduce its operational hours to once weekly, 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Tuesdays. Services available include information and referral and the ACS loan closet. The SB ACS main center will continue services from 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Call 655-1710.

Quilting & Sewing Workshops — Learn how to make quilts and en-



Photo Courtesy of U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii Public Affairs

FORT SHAFTER — 1st Lt. Jonathon Bostrom Center, here, is the site for tonight’s IPC teen night activities.

Special IPC teen night tonight

ISLAND PALM COMMUNITIES
News Release

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Teenagers 13-17 years of age are invited to join their friends and other teens from across Island Palm Communities neighborhoods for a fun evening at IPC’s 1st Lt. Jonathan Brostrom Community Center on

Fort Shafter, July 24.

The fun starts at 6 p.m. Teens then have a chance to vote on a movie they would like to watch. Showtime is 7 p.m.

Teens must show their IPC pool pass. They may bring up to two guests, but guests must be between 13-17 years of age.

Pizza, drinks and snack packs will be served, while they last.

All event-goers must follow USAG-HI Policy 31, Standards of Dress.

For more information about the teen night, email events@ipc hawaii.com or call 275-3159.

joy quality time with others at the quilting and sewing sessions, Tuesdays, 5-8 p.m., at the SB Arts & Crafts Center. Call 655-4202.

SKIES Unlimited School of Art — Has your child always wanted to learn to play the guitar, drums or keyboard? SB classes are offered Tuesdays; AMR SKIES Studios classes are 3 p.m., Wednesdays. Open to CYS Services registered children ages 7-18 at \$55/per month. Call 655-9818.

Mexican Cuisine Lunch Buffet — New Tuesday buffet, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., at FS Hale Ikena. Features beef tacos w/fixings, chicken fajitas, Spanish rice, refried beans, buttered corn, soup and salad for \$10.95.

Pau Hana Social — SB Kolekole Bar & Grill offers end of workday food and drink specials, 5-7 p.m., Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays; plus 4-6 p.m., Thursdays.

29 / Wednesday

BOSS — Single Soldiers and geographic bachelors are highly encouraged to attend Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers meetings every Wednesday of the month to discuss community service projects and fun upcoming programs. Get involved and make a difference.

•South meetings are held at FS Bowling Center at 10 a.m., every 2nd and 4th Wednesday.

•North meetings are held at SB Tropics, at 3 p.m., every 1st and 3rd Wednesday.

Cooking Club for Teens — The FS Teen Lounge is looking for teens who enjoy cooking, want to learn new recipes, want to participate in food tours and shows, and want to earn cooking award points towards reward

excursions.

The cooking club meets every Wednesday, 3-4 p.m. Call the teen manager at 438-6470.

Keiki Night — Every Wednesday night is Keiki Night at SB Kolekole Bar & Grill. Kids under 10 eat for a \$2.99 from the keiki menu from 5-8 p.m. Call 655-4466 or 438-1974.

30 / Thursday

Hawaiian Luau at the Nehe-lani — Call for reservations for dinner and a show that includes hula performers and fire dancers. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with preferred seating for Blue Star Card holders with advanced reservations. Cost is \$35 dollars, with \$15 for ages 4-10. Call 655-4466.

Tropical Thursdays — Join the SB Tropics Recreation Center every Thursday for Texas Hold’em. The fun starts at 6 p.m. A free weekly tournament (with no buy in) lets you test your skills against the best of the best Army players around. All ID cardholders 18 and older are welcome. Call 655-5698.

31 / Friday

Hawaiian Luau Lunch Buffet — Enjoy delicious local style food every last Friday of the month from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Cost is \$14.95/per person. Call SB Kolekole Bar & Grill at 655-4466 or FS Hale Ikena at 438-1974 for reservations or more information.

August

1 / Saturday

Gabriel “Fluffy” Iglesias — Air Force Reserve presents “Tour for the Troops” featuring Gabriel “Fluffy” Iglesias, 7:30 p.m., Aug. 1, on SB Weyand Field. No tickets required.

August

2 / Sunday

Na Hula Festival — Hawaii’s longest running annual noncompetitive hula event begins at 9 a.m. at the Queen Kapiolani Park Bandstand and is sponsored by the City and County of Honolulu. Call 768-3032.

7 / Friday

First Friday Street Festival — Honolulu’s Chinatown and the art district area nightlife come alive every first Friday of the month, 8 p.m.-2 a.m., with entertainment, food and activities. Sponsored by Arts District Merchant Association. Call 521-1812; visit www.artsdistrict honolulu.com.

Ongoing

Na Koa Wounded Warrior Regatta — Registration is underway now for the 2015 Na Koa Wounded

Warrior Regatta, Aug. 22, at Fort DeRussy Beach. This event supports and honors wounded warriors. It’s open to all categories of military, including active duty, retired, combat veterans, National Guard, reservists and Gold Star families. Register at Nakoaregatta.org.

Ongoing

SKIES Unlimited Theatre Class — Do you have the Golden Ticket? Would you like a tour of the Chocolate Factory? Be a part of the next SKIES Unlimited theatre production at SB. Call 655-9818.

Pacific Teen Panel — AMR/FS Teen Center Teen Panel is looking for interested teens who want to serve on the PTP (Pacific Teen Panel) for the AMR/Tripler/Fort Shafter communities. Teens must be CYS Services registered, in the 9-11th grade and participate in youth activities.

PTP participants are advocates for their peers participating in monthly teleconference calls or video teleconference with other youth in the Pacific. Call the AMR Youth Center at 833-0920 or Fort Shafter Middle School and Teen Program at 438-6470.

SKIES Unlimited Hula Classes — Schofield and AMR host hula classes for \$35/per month. Call 655-9818 for class availability or log onto the www.himwr.com for more details.

CYS Services — The USAG-HI School Liaison Office has opened an office at AMR, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Tuesdays and Fridays, in Bldg. 1782, next to the SKIES studio. Call 655-1130.

First-Termers Financial Training — This ACS Financial Resilience Center workshop focuses on basic financial skills to help develop self-reliance and personal responsibility designed to help understand personal finances while learning tools for financial success.

Warrior Regatta, Aug. 22, at Fort DeRussy Beach. This event supports and honors wounded warriors. It’s open to all categories of military, including active duty, retired, combat veterans, National Guard, reservists and Gold Star families. Register at Nakoaregatta.org.

Shrek the Musical — Due to high demand, the tale of a hulking green ogre will run through Aug. 16 at Diamond Head Theatre. Call 733-0274 or go online for tickets at www.diamondheadtheatre.com.

Keith Urban Concert — One of the industry’s most electrifying, live performers, four-time Grammy Award winner and American Idol judge Keith Urban, will perform at the Blaisdell Arena, Oct. 7. Tickets are on sale now at the Blaisdell Box Office, Ticketmaster.com, all Ticketmaster outlets, including all Walmart locations on Oahu, Maui, Kauai and the Big Island, or charge by phone at 1-800-745-3000.

Kuhio Beach Hula Show — Free show, 6-7 p.m., Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at the Kuhio Beach Hula Mound.

worship Services

Additional religious services, children’s programs, educational services and contact information can be found at www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil. (Click on “Religious Support Office” under the “Directorates and Support Staff” menu.)

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

Buddhist Services

- First Sunday, 1 p.m. at FD
- Fourth Sunday, 1 p.m. at MPC Annex

Catholic Mass

- Thursday, 9 a.m. at AMR
- Saturday, 5 p.m. at TAMC, WAAF
- Sunday services:
 - 8:30 a.m. at AMR
 - 10:30 a.m. at MPC Annex
 - 11 a.m. at TAMC
- Monday-Friday, 11:45 a.m. at Soldiers’ Chapel and 12 p.m., TAMC

Gospel Worship

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

Islamic Prayers and Study

- Friday, 1 p.m. at MPC Annex
- Friday, 2:30 p.m., TAMC
- Saturday and Sunday, 5:30 a.m.; 6, 7 and 8 p.m. at MPC Annex

Jewish Shabbat (Sabbath)

- Friday, 7:30 p.m. at PH

Pagan (Wicca)

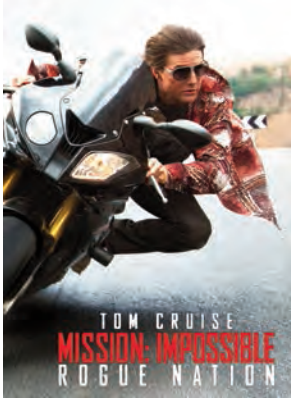
- Friday, 7 p.m. at Wheeler Annex

Protestant Worship

- Sunday Services
 - 9 a.m. at MPC
 - 9 a.m., at FD, TAMC chapel
 - 10 a.m. at HMR
 - 10:30 a.m. at AMR
 - 11:30 a.m. at WAAF (Spanish language)
 - 11 a.m. at SC (Contemporary)
- Liturgical (Lutheran/Anglican)
- Sunday, 10 a.m. at WAAF



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



FREE ADVANCED SCREENING! Mission Impossible: Rogue Nation

(Tickets at the SB Food Court.) (PG-13)

Sat., July 25, 5 p.m.

Inside Out

(PG)
Fri., July 24, 7 p.m.
Sun., July 26, 2 p.m.

Spy

(R)
Thurs., July 30, 7 p.m.



No shows on Mondays, Tuesdays or Wednesdays.

Calendar abbreviations

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

- ASYMCA: Armed Services YMCA
- BCT: Brigade Combat Team
- BSB: Brigade Support Battalion
- Co.: Company
- CYSS: Child, Youth and School Services
- EFMP: Exceptional Family Member Program
- FMWR: Family and Morale, Welfare and

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

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

2nd SBCT connects, reads to Wahiawa community

Story and photos by
SGT. CHRISTOPHER HAMMOND
2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team Public Affairs
25th Infantry Division

WAHIAWA — Spc. Lennie Gayle, a native of Florence, Oregon, offered a reading designed to describe the benefits and services offered on military bases at the Wahiawa Public Library’s Annual Summer Reading Program, July 16.

“The families were very interested,” said Gayle, an infantryman assigned to 1st Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment, 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team.

Other Soldiers from the 2nd SBCT and 25th Division Artillery, 25th Infantry Division, assisted, too.

“They wanted to know a lot more of what different military bases had to offer; therefore, (the event) gave the families a chance to learn about life on a military base,” said Gayle.

The Soldiers were invited by

Matthew Brown, acting branch manager for the library.

“Tonight’s program specifically recognized

the theme of this year’s Summer Reading Program, which was heroes,” said Brown, “so it was only fitting to invite our neighbors and

friends from the 25th Infantry Division to come and talk about what it’s like to serve and protect our nation.”



Army 1st Sgt. Russell Blackwell (above, left), HHB, 25th ID Artillery, talks to kids and adults about his 19-year Army career, while Spc. Lennie Gayle (right), with 1-21st Inf., reads a book to children and adults at the Wahiawa Public Library on July 16 during the Summer Reading Program at the Wahiawa Public Library.

The guest speaker for the event was 1st Sgt. Russell Blackwell, the senior enlisted adviser for Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 25th DIVARTY, who described, in detail, his 19-year military career as an artillerymen and then answered questions from the crowd regarding his military experiences.

“I think that’s crucial and absolutely vital for us on Schofield Barracks and even the other military bases on Hawaii,” Blackwell said, “to get out and tell the Army story, the 25th ID story, especially to the people that we serve, live with and work alongside here in Wahiawa and across the island.”



File photo

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — The Schofield Exchange thanks qualified patrons Saturday, July 25, with cake served at 11 a.m.

Hawaii Exchanges celebrate 120th b-day

HAWAII EXCHANGE
News Release

HAWAII EXCHANGE — In 1895, the War Department issued General Order 46 directing commanders to establish an exchange at every post.

Since then, exchanges have faithfully served alongside service members wherever they are called to serve.

Today, whether at Fort Hood or Fort Shafter, troops and their families know the Army & Air Force Exchange Service is there.

On July 25th, Exchanges all over the world and shopmyexchange.com will mark the exchange system’s 120th anniversary.

From July 24-30, shoppers are invited to celebrate with savings, including \$400 off a 55-inch Samsung 4K Curve TV, a Macbook Pro for \$939, 30 percent off all Skullcandy gaming headsets and 15 percent off Bassett and HGTV Design Studio by Bassett furniture.

Weekend specials
Shopmyexchange.com will offer additional savings from July 24-26. Shoppers will find \$1,500 off a 65-inch Samsung 4K curved Smart TV, up to 50 percent off select styles of

brand name hand bags and brand name apparel, Char-Broil six burner gas grills for \$199, a Bowflex PR3000 home gym marked down \$500 and much more.

“To say that this benefit has been around for 120 years is a testament to the loyalty of generations of military shoppers,” said the Hawaii Exchange General Manager Robert Rice. “July 25th is our annual opportunity to celebrate and thank them for their service and for making the Exchange their first choice.”

Military shoppers can help the Hawaii Exchange celebrate 120 years of family serving family. Schofield Main Store festivities on July 25 begin at 11 a.m. with a cake

cutting, wine tasting, Big Hear Pet vendor samples and give-a-ways, and in-store promotions.

Register to win gift baskets from the vendors Hawaii Coffee Company, Islander Group and Kamco. Also enjoy face painting, bounce house, a talent show and special discounts available throughout the mall.

Hickam Main Store festivities on July 25 include a cake and coffee serving at 10 a.m., a Karaoke contest, games and balloons, a wine tasting, Prestige makeovers and give-a-ways, and in-store drawings, to include Exchange gift cards, a Charbroil grill, a ukulele, kid’s bicycle, exercise equipment and much more.



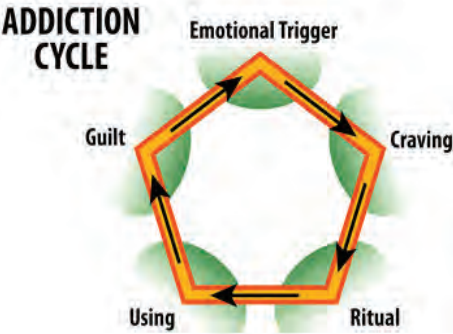
TAMC TIP

Outpatient Addiction



Are you or a loved one struggling with an addiction problem?

Family members over the age of 18 and/or retirees who are coping with drug or alcohol problems can now reach out for help by calling Tripler Army Medical Center’s Addiction Medicine Intensive Outpatient Treatment Program at (808) 433-6098.



Back-to-School 101 info outlines basics for families

KAREN A. IWAMOTO
Staff Writer

WHEELER ARMY AIRFIELD — Summer is winding to an end, and Hawaii’s public schools are back in session starting July 29-30. To ease the transition, the “Hawaii Army Weekly” has compiled the following information, provided by the state Department of Education, to make the return to the classroom as smooth as possible. Below and on the following page are lists of registration, orientation and meet-and-greet dates for highly Army-partnered schools on the island. Clip and post this information on your fridge or keep with you for easy access.

Safety first

Safety is priority for U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii. The following conditions, set forth in Policy Memorandum USAG-HI 34, provide basic back-to-school-safety guidance:

- Children under the age of 10 cannot be left unsupervised at a bus stop.
- Children under the age of 10 cannot walk to school alone.

Also, remember to update your phone numbers (home and work), addresses (home and work) and email addresses with your child’s school. School administrators will

need to get in touch with you in case of an emergency. View the complete Policy Memorandum USAG-HI 34 at garrison.hawaii.army.mil (click on the Command tab and select Command Publications).

Find more online

For more information on school bus service, visit hawaiipublicschools.org/BeyondTheClassroom/Transportation/Pages/Home.aspx.



In addition to the information compiled below, please be aware that some Army-partnered public schools have information on their websites while others send notices/newsletters/emails/etc. to their families prior to the beginning of school.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Hale Kula Elementary School

Principal: Jan Iwase
Call: 622-6380
www.halekula.k12.hi.us

Key Dates:
July 24 – New-parents orientation at 3 p.m.

Class lists for grades 1-5 will be posted at the cafeteria at 4 p.m.
July 27 – Meet-n-greet for grades 1-5, from 1:30-2:30 p.m.
Aug. 4 – Kindergarten orientation in the cafeteria at 8:15 a.m.

Helemano Elementary School

Principal: Ernest Muh
Call: 622-6336
www.helemanoelementaryschool.hi.us
Key Dates:
July 27 – Meet-n-greet for grades 1-5 from 3-5 p.m.
July 29 – Kindergarten orientation.

Makalapa Elementary School

Principal: Denise Arai
Call: 421-4110
www.makalapael.k12.hi.us
Key Dates:
July 24 – Meet-n-greet in the cafeteria, from 8-9:30 a.m.

Mililani Ike Elementary School

Principal: Lynn Ajifu
Call: 626-2980
www.miliike.k12.hi.us

Key Dates:
July 27 – Meet-n-greet from 5-6 p.m.

Solomon Elementary School

Principal: Sally Omalza
Call: 624-9500
www.solomon.k12.hi.us
Key Dates
July 29 – Open house for grade 2 at 11:55 a.m.
July 30 – Open house for grade 5 at 1:15 p.m.
July 31 – Open house for grade 1 at 1:20 p.m.
July 31 – Orientation for kindergarteners from 8:15-10 a.m. in the cafeteria

Wahiawa Elementary School

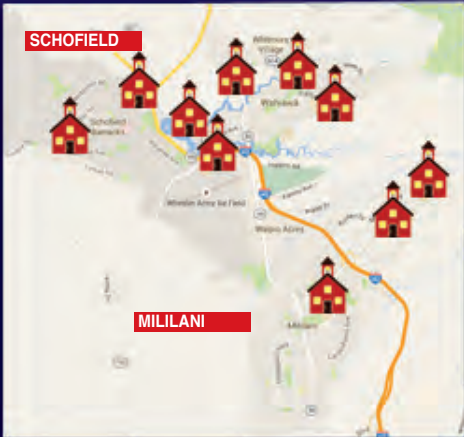
Principal: Jamie Oshiro
Call: 622-6393
www.wes.k12.hi.us
Key Dates:
July 27 – Meet-n-greet from 5-7 p.m.

Webling Elementary School

Principal: Sherrylyn Yamada
Call: 483-7240
www.makalapael.k12.hi.us
Key Dates:
July 27 – Meet-n-greet from 6-7 p.m.

See SCHOOL B-5

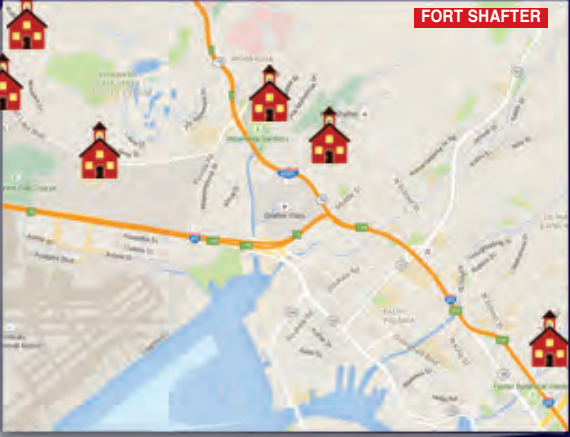
Military-Impacted Hawaii Department of Education Schools



Schofield Area Schools

Hale Kula Elementary School
Helemano Elementary School
Mililani Ike Elementary School
Solomon Elementary School
Wahiawa Elementary School

Wheeler Elementary School
Millilani Middle School
Wheeler Middle School
Leilehua High School
Millilani High School



Fort Shafter Area Schools

Makalapa Elementary School
Webling Elementary School
Aliamanu Middle School
Moanalua Middle School
Radford High School

SCHOOLS: Contact and referral information offered

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Wheeler Elementary School
Principal: Troy Tamura
Call: 622-6400
www.wheeler.k12.hi.us
Key Dates:
July 27 – Meet-n-greet from 4-6 p.m.
July 31 – Kindergarten registration.

MIDDLE SCHOOLS
Aliamanu Middle School
Principal: Bob Eggleston
Call: 421-4100
www.aliamanumiddle.com
Key Dates:
July 29 – School opening for grade 7 from 8-11:30 a.m.
July 30 – Grade 8 joins the group from 7:55 a.m.-2:10 p.m.
July 29 – Grade 7 orientation from 8:15-11 a.m.
July 29 – Parent orientation from 8:15-9 a.m.
July 29 – Fee payment/uniform purchase from 9-11 a.m.

Mililani Middle School
Principal: Elynne Chung
Call: 626-7355
www.milmdl.k12.hi.us
Key Dates:
Aug. 5 – Green Track meet-n-greet from 6:30-7:30 p.m.
*NOTE: Mililani Middle School runs on a four-track system (Red, Yellow, Blue and Green). Three tracks are always in session at one time. Students on the Red, Yellow and Blue Tracks began school on July 8.

Moanalua Middle School
Principal: Lisa Nagamine
Call: 831-7850
www.moanaluumiddle.org
Key Dates:
July 30 – First day of school for grades 7 and students new to grade 8.
July 31 – All students report to classes.

Wheeler Middle School
Principal: Brenda Vierra-Chun
Call: 622-6525
www.wheelerm.org
Key Dates:
July 28 – Student schedules available for pickup.

HIGH SCHOOLS
Leilehua High School
Principal: Jason Nakamoto
Call: 305-3000
www.leilehua.k12.hi.us
Key Dates:
July 29 – Freshmen schedules available for pickup.
New Parent Orientation from 12:30-3 p.m.
July 30 – School begins

Mililani High School
Principal: Fred Murphy
Call: 627-7747
www.edline.net/pages/Mililani_High_School
Key Dates:
July 29 – Freshmen and new students first day.

Radford High School
Principal: James Sunday
Call: 421-4200
www.radfordhs.org
Key Dates:
July 29 – New students begin classes at 8 a.m.
July 30 – All students report to classes.
Aug. 18 – Open House in the cafeteria at 5:30 p.m.

School bus service

The DOE provides bus service to approximately 15,000 students on Oahu, including Army-partnered public schools. Parents must fill out an application (available at their child’s school), meet DOE eligibility requirements and be approved by the school for service. Rates for student bus passes are as follows:

- Annual Round Trip: \$270.
- Annual One Way: \$135.
- Quarterly Round Trip: \$72.
- Quarterly One Way: \$36.
- One-way bus coupons are sold by sheets of 10 at \$12.50 per sheet.

Free bus service may be available for students who meet the following requirements:

- Student qualifies for the free lunch program.
- Student is a foster child.
- Student is homeless.
- Student’s Special Education plan includes regular transportation as a related service.
- Student is directed by the district to attend a school outside of the designated attendance area.
- Student has three older siblings who are fare-paying bus rider.

