



SecDef announces fewer days of unpaid leave



2013 furlough first 22 days, then 11, now reduced to six

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Secretary of Defense

When I announced my decision on May 14 to impose furloughs of up to 11 days on civilian employees to help close the budget gap caused by sequestration, I also said we would do everything possible to find the money to reduce furlough days for our people.

With the end of the fiscal year next month, managers across the Department of Defense are making final decisions necessary to ensure we make the \$37 billion spending cuts mandated by sequestration, while also doing everything possible to limit damage to military readiness and our workforce.

We are joined in this regard by managers in non-defense agencies who are also working to accommodate sequestration cuts while minimizing mission damage.

As part of that effort at the DOD, I am announcing today that, thanks to the DOD's efforts to identify savings and help from Congress, we will reduce the total numbers of furlough days for DOD civilian employees from 11 to six.

When sequestration took effect on March 1, DOD faced shortfalls of more than \$30 billion in its budget for day-to-day operating costs because of sequestration and problems with wartime funding. At that point, we faced the very real possibility of unpaid furloughs for civilian employees

of up to 22 days.

As early as January, DOD leaders began making painful and far reaching changes to close this shortfall: civilian hiring freezes, layoffs of temporary workers, significant cuts in facilities maintenance, and more. We also sharply cut training and maintenance. The Air Force stopped flying in many squadrons, the Navy kept ships in port, and the Army cancelled training events. These actions have seriously reduced military readiness.

By early May, even after taking these steps, we still faced day-to-day budgetary shortfalls of \$11 billion. At that point, I decided that cutting any deeper into training and maintenance would

jeopardize our core readiness mission and national security, which is why I announced furloughs of 11 days.

Hoping to be able to reduce furloughs, we submitted a large reprogramming proposal to Congress in May, asking them to let us move funds from acquisition accounts into day-to-day operating accounts. Congress approved most of this request in late July, and we are working with them to meet remaining needs.

We are also experiencing less than expected costs in some areas, such as transportation of equipment out of Afghanistan. Where necessary,

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3-7th FA takes on 'Steel Legacy'

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NORTH SHORE — With the first rays of sunlight breaking slowly over the North Shore horizon, 68 "Never Broken" Soldiers of 3rd Battalion, 7th Field Artillery Regiment, anxiously prepared themselves to push their bodies to the limit for team and unit pride in the first "Steel Legacy Challenge."

Steel Legacy is an endurance race and leadership test meant to remind 3-7th FA Soldiers of the tremendous warriors who served before them.

The history of the battalion was created by such men, and the challenge embraced the strength and will it takes to uphold the honor and tradition of a Never Broken Soldier.

The challenge began at dawn, Aug. 2, at the western edge of Dillingham Airfield, extending through Ka'ena State Park and into the ocean. Battalion leaders broke into 17 different four-man teams to undergo a grueling, but friendly, competition consisting of a run, kayak relay, team swim, trail ruck and howitzer pull set up round robin fashion to separate the team across the four events.

The seven-mile run began at the entrance of the park, proceeding west on Farrington Highway, before eventually transitioning to a rugged and treacherous dirt trail. Immediately following the completion of the run, Soldiers dove into the open ocean for a 500-meter open water swim through rolling waves and sightings of a few white tip sharks.

After the swim, teams transitioned to a 4.3-mile rucksack march up the vertically imposing Kealia Trail while carrying two 5-gallon water jugs between the four teammates. Once back down to the bottom of the trail, the teams headed back to the ocean to paddle a kayak relay for 1.5 miles.

Once all four events were completed (average time being nearly four hours), teams

encountered a final mystery event that wasn't briefed earlier. Embracing their "redleg artillery" heritage, teams had to find the best way to push, pull or drag a 4,690-pound, M119 howitzer, 200 meters over uneven terrain. Then, after muscling the guns, teams flipped a tire for 100 meters and carried a 120-pound log for 200 meters.

To add a mental challenge on top of the physically demanding events, at the end of each stage, while Soldiers were exhausted and gasping for air, team members were randomly selected to answer questions related to tactical knowledge and unit heritage, like evaluating a casualty, calling for fire, completing a 9-line medevac request and more. Despite the arduous tasks, Soldiers embraced the challenge with great energy and attitude.

"It was painful, but I really had a great time and was proud to carry on the legacy of this great battalion," said 2nd Lt. Melanie Smith, whose team finished second overall.

Family members watching enjoyed a beautiful Hawaiian day near the beach as they cheered on their loved ones, adding the extra energy required to complete the challenge.

"I thought some of these Soldiers were going to pass out when they saw what was in front of them," said 1st Sgt. Keith Calloway, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery. "Their resolved really impressed me. They understand the legacy they're following and want to live up to it."

All of the Soldiers completed the challenge, with Maj. Joe Katz' team finishing first in 3:28:27 to claim the gold artillery canister for their efforts.

All finishers were awarded a unique handcrafted finisher medal, and proved once again why they remain Never Broken!

(Editor's note: Campos is the battalion medical officer, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 3-7th FA.)



A Soldier from 2nd Bn., 35th Inf. Regt., 3rd BCT, 25th ID, prepares detonation cord during testing for the Expert Infantry Badge, July 31.

192 earn EIB; 10 are 'true blue'

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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — More than 700 Soldiers set out to earn the infantry's Expert Infantry Badge (EIB) during a weeklong testing event hosted by 3rd Brigade Combat Team "Broncos," July 29-Aug. 2.

Of that 700, 192 warriors satisfactorily completed tasks covering a wide range of infantry skills to be awarded the EIB in a ceremony on the Broncos' historic Quad F.

Of those 192, 10 earned the coveted "true blue" designation, meaning they passed every test with zero deficiencies.

The go rate was higher than expected, noted Sgt. 1st Class Charles Lusk, Company B, 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment, and senior enlisted leader at the traffic control point. Lusk earned his badge in 2003, and he emphasized the importance of the EIB and how it will set these Soldiers apart from the rest in their career field.

"Having the EIB will completely set them up for success, giving them the confidence to do any other task that they have, because they know that they are the subject matter experts for all skill level 1 tasks," Lusk said. "They know they have everything they need to lead other Soldiers, and it lets their subordinates know who does not have (an EIB)."

Lusk also said the EIB lets leaders know things are being done to the correct standard.

Pvt. Joseph Henry, Co. C, 2-27th Inf., said the testing was tough, but having the EIB motivates those who earn it, allowing them to push themselves and live to a higher standard.

"The infantry is the backbone of the military, and it means everything to me," said Henry. "It's what makes a man ... the difference between a man and an infantryman."

Of the 63,000 infantrymen in the Army, only 10 percent hold EIBs, marking the significance of such an elite award.

"During this competition, 25 percent of these infantrymen have earned their EIB," said Command Sgt. Maj. Tony Tuck, 2-27th Inf. "We are above Army average."

What is the Expert Infantry Badge?

Established in 1943, the EIB is awarded to Army personnel who hold infantry or Special Forces military occupational specialties. Soldiers must complete a number of prerequisites and pass a battery of tests on basic infantry skills.

Challenges include events such as a physical fitness test, daytime land navigation, first aid, grenade range, traffic control lanes and moving under direct fire. The test is capped off by a 12-mile foot march that Soldiers must complete in three hours while carrying an M4 rifle and more than 30 pounds of combat gear.



Sgt. Fancisco Rico (from left), Chief Warrant Officer 2 Chad Ellison and 1st. Lt. Matt Bergeron, all with the 3-7th FA, push a 4,690-pound M119 howitzer as 1st Lt. Carmen Gann counterbalances the tube during the Steel Legacy Challenge, Aug. 2. (Photo by Maj. Joe Katz, 3rd Battalion, 7th Field Artillery Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division)



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Police Call

DES highlights installation pet policy

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8th Theater Sustainment Command

The Directorate of Emergency Services reminds readers of policies regarding the housing of pets on U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii installations.

Wild animals, farm animals and exotic animals are strictly prohibited in residences.

Soldiers residing in the barracks are only permitted to keep aquarium fish, and residents should note that aggressive dog breeds are banned from post.

All dogs and cats must be registered with Island Palm Communities and the Fort Shafter / Schofield Barracks Veterinary Treatment Facility (VTF) within 14 days of the pet's arrival. At the VTF, the pets will have an identification microchip implanted under their skin.

Dog owners are also required to register any dog over 4 months old with the City and County of Honolulu.

Individuals are prohibited from intentionally injuring or killing any domestic animal. Only euthanasia from a

certified veterinarian is authorized. Violators involving minor cases of animal neglect will be cited. Severe cases of abuse and neglect will lead to apprehension, and the violator will be charged with cruelty to animals under Hawaii Revised Statue 711-1109.

It is the responsibility of owners to ensure that their pets remain under control at all times. In the event of an animal attack (against a person or another animal), an investigation will be conducted by law enforcement. Depending on the severity, the owner may receive criminal charges.

Owners of animals deemed to be a detriment to the community will be afforded the opportunity to remove the pet from the military installation. If he fails to comply, the animal will be confiscated and turned over to the Hawaiian Humane Society.



Jackson

The following are excerpts of actual MP blotter entries from the USAG-HI area of operations. Subjects are innocent until proven guilty.

Failure to Control Pet (Dog Bite)

•March 17, Fort Shafter patrols were notified of a dog bite that occurred in Aliamanu Military Reservation. Investigation revealed that a bullmastiff escaped from its owner's backyard and attacked two children walking on the street.

One boy sustained bite wounds to his lower back and abdomen, while the girl he was with sustained multiple bite wounds on the right side of her body. Both victims were transported to Tripler, where the boy was released in good health, and the girl was admitted for surgery in stable condition.

The owner was issued a citation for failure to control the animal and was command directed to remove the animal from the installation. The owner complied and turned the dog over to the Hawaiian Humane Society.

•July 1, the Schofield Barracks police

desk was notified of a dog bite that occurred at Hamilton Housing Area. An investigation revealed that a young girl was attacked by a shih-tzu when she opened the back door of her residence.

The dog was being walked when it broke its lease and bit the girl, causing a puncture wound and scratches on her foot. She was transported to the Schofield Barracks Acute Care Clinic for treatment.

The owner of the dog was issued a citation for failure to control the animal and failure to register the dog.

Upcoming Community Events
Aug. 10: Leilehua Summer Concert Series featuring Kaika Kahiapo at Leilehua Golf Course

Pet Policy
For a full listing of prohibited animals and dog breeds (USAG HI Policy Memorandum Installation - 1), call 655-7114 or 438-7114 or visit www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil/command/documents.htm.

BACKTObASICS

B2B is creating atmosphere of trust

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8th Theater Sustainment Command

We call it getting back to basics: developing skills that were common across the military before a decade of wars.

Fundamental to this task is ensuring trust between Soldiers and leaders, and creating a disciplined environment, neither of which is possible without developing our young sergeants.



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Army Doctrine Publication 1 states: "Trust between Soldiers binds individuals into resilient units, but it cannot accomplish missions nor generate high levels of unit effectiveness."

Trust between Soldiers and sergeants is the second critical aspect of trust. Without it, Soldiers will not follow orders except from fear of consequences.

The consensus is that young Soldiers do not trust their team leaders. When asked why, the Soldiers say they lack confidence in their sergeants' abilities to train them to be proficient in their wartime functions.

Soldiers won't trust sergeants who do not carry themselves in a confident manner. We aren't all born with it, but it's trainable.

Simply conducting bimonthly non-commissioned officer runs, while giving every sergeant the encouragement to call cadence, builds confidence. Give me an NCO who can call cadence and keep folks in step while motivating the entire formation, and I will give you a sergeant who has the trust of Soldiers at the most basic level.

Another technique in ensuring confidence is to assign three blocks of instruction to each team leader and give that leader one week to execute that training after validation by their platoon sergeant. This accomplishes two objectives: proficiency in the sergeant's ability to effectively train his Soldiers and gaining/maintaining the trust of the Soldiers in their sergeants. It also makes a more effective, confident and competent leader who is not afraid of taking charge of subordinates.

With genuine trust, we can focus on creating and maintaining the disciplined environment required to get us back to basics as an Army.

"Discipline is the soul of an Army," said Gen. George Washington. "It makes small numbers formidable, procures success to the weak and esteem to all."

Enforcing standards and creating a disciplined environment go hand-in-hand with getting back to the basics. Without discipline, we are just a bunch of folks walking around in the same colored clothes.

Trying to build an Army professional without discipline is similar to building a house without a foundation: It will not stand, but will crumble and fall.

Soldiers often associate discipline with regulations and the consequences for not following them. Discipline is the foundation for transforming young civilians into Army professionals and maintaining one's professional demeanor, not just a corrective tool used for punishment. Discipline, as well as understanding and adhering to the established Army regulations and standards, are what sets us apart from the rest of the world, making all Soldiers Army professionals.

Upon assignment, Soldiers understand the commitment to discipline through effective communication of the responsibilities and expectations of the chains of command and NCO support channels. This commitment begins with the senior enlisted leader meeting to personally brief them on what's expected.

Soldiers believe the NCO Creed, and it is our job to keep it that way.

FOOTSTEPS in FAITH

Blueprint used for marriage maintenance

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Marriages take much work and time. During the past decade of war and frequent deployments, it wasn't uncommon for Soldiers to be away from their families for as long as they were able to spend time together. Marital stress due to long separations is one of the difficulties that arose for couples upon the Soldier's redeployment.

There are three stages of marriage.

1. The romance stage at the beginning of marriages, where all is sunshine.
2. The reality stage, where the couples discover that all is not blissful harmony.
3. The "rethink" stage, a stage that is often accompanied by doubt and fear.

At the rethink stage, couples have the options of settling for the blahs, bailing or building the marriage. Couples can

weather the stress of the rethink stage despite deployment separations. Genesis provides the marriage-building blueprint for those who choose the latter:

"For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh. The man and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame" (Genesis 2:24-25).

According to this verse, the first step in building a marriage is to sever the emotional ties with our parents. After God, our spouse must be the most important relationship in our lives. There should never be competition between our



Miller

spouse and our parents.

The second step is to commit to the permanence of the marriage. Once you sever yourself from your parents, you permanently bond to your spouse.

Third, God says that the couple must develop oneness. They no longer remain two; they become one flesh. Their hearts and lives are intricately tied.

Finally, they must develop physical, emotional, intellectual and spiritual intimacy. It's a level of knowing each other and accepting what's there. God's blueprint for marriage is one in which we can be honest and transparent without concern of being ridiculed.

As with any masterpiece, marriages built according to this plan don't happen overnight. Marital stress can end a marriage. However, attention to the details of God's blueprints will develop a marriage that flourishes.

(Editor's note: Miller is the 2-35th chaplain.)

Q: Why does the Hawaii Army Weekly publish courts-martial findings?

A: The Office of the Staff Judge Advocate releases the results of recent courts-martial for publication to inform the community of military justice trends and to deter future misconduct by Soldiers.

SJA posts courts-martial results

The Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, 25th Infantry Division, publishes the result of the following recent courts-martial.

A private (E-2) from Troop C, 2nd Squadron, 14th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, was found guilty of two specifications of Article 125, sodomy with a child under the age of 16. He was sentenced to reduction to private (E-1), forfeiture of \$1,000 pay for two months and confinement for two months.

A sergeant from Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 2nd Sqdn., 14th Cav. Regt., 2nd SBCT, was found guilty of three specifications of Article 86, failing to go to his appointed place of duty, and two specifications of Article 92, dereliction of duty. He was sentenced to reduction to private (E-1), confinement for 60 days and a bad conduct discharge.

In addition to forfeiture of pay (either adjudged or by operation of law), confinement and a punitive discharge, the Soldier will also have a federal conviction that the Soldier must report when filling out a job application. A federal conviction strips a Soldier of many rights, such as the right to purchase and maintain firearms and the right to vote.

Voices of Ohana

As summer draws to a close, we want to know, "Where is your ideal vacation destination?" Photos by 500th Military Intelligence Brigade Public Affairs

Spc. Cleveland Harrell
HR specialist, HHD, 500th MI Bde.

"A weekend in Brazil."

Sgt. Courtney Jordan
Intelligence analyst, HHD, 500th MI Bde.

"Hawaii, because it's beautiful all year-round!"

Sherri Lee
Admin officer, 500th MI Bde.

"Snow-skiing at Whistler and Blackcomb Mountain, B.C., Canada."

Sgt. J'neez Thomas
Supply specialist, HHD, 500th MI Bde.

"Relaxing on the beautiful beaches of Belize."

Spc. Lecoyia Vaughn
HR specialist, HHD, 500th MI Bde.

"Dubai."

VP VIP VISIT



JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM — Vice President Joe Biden poses and speaks to military personnel and family members at a barbecue held in honor of service members, July 27.

“I am always reminded of a quote from Admiral Yamamoto, a chief of staff in the Japanese military,” Biden said. “After receiving the news from Pearl Harbor, he said, ‘I fear all that we’ve done is awaken a giant and filled him with terrible resolve.’ We were awakened, and we have never gone asleep since in this country because you have never lost your resolve.” (Photo by Staff Sgt. John Johnson III, 94th Army Air and Missile Defense Command Public Affairs)

SecDef: DOD sees more cuts ahead

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we have taken aggressive action to transfer funds among services and agencies. And the furloughs have saved us money.

As a result of these management initiatives, reduced costs, and reprogramming from Congress, we have determined that we can make some improvements in training and readiness and still meet the sequestration cuts.

The Air Force has begun flying again in key squadrons, the Army has increased funding for organizational training at selected units, and the Navy has restarted some maintenance and ordered deployments that otherwise would not have happened. While we are still depending on furlough savings, we will be able to make up our budgetary shortfall in this fiscal year with fewer furlough days than initially announced.

This has been one of the most volatile and uncertain budget cycles the DOD has ever experienced. Our fiscal planning has been conducted under a cloud of uncertainty with the imposition of sequestration and

changing rules as Congress made adjustments to our spending authorities.

As we look ahead to fiscal year 2014, less than two months away, the DOD still faces major fiscal challenges. If Congress does not change the Budget Control Act, DOD will be forced to cut an additional \$52 billion in fiscal year 2014, starting on Oct. 1. This represents 40 percent more than this year’s sequester-mandated cuts of \$37 billion. Facing this uncertainty, I cannot be sure what will happen next year, but I want to assure our civilian employees that we will do everything possible to avoid more furloughs.

I want to thank our civilian workers for their patience and dedication during these extraordinarily tough times, and for their continued service and devotion to our department and our country. I know how difficult this has been for all of you and your families. Your contribution to national security is invaluable, and I look forward to one day putting this difficult period behind us.

Thank you and God bless you and your families.

Third active shooter drill perfects 599th’s response

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WHEELER ARMY AIRFIELD — To kickoff the Army’s designated Antiterrorism Awareness Month, members of the 599th Transportation Surface Brigade exercised their skills at protecting, communicating and defending.

The unit held an active shooter and bomb drill, Aug. 1, in which all members of the headquarters participated.

In the past two years, the brigade has focused training on active shooters, with an external threat (shooters from outside the unit) in 2011 and an internal threat (the unit’s own employees) in 2012.

In this, the third year the brigade has held the drills, practice perfected employees’ reactions.

“Even though this was a much more complex scenario, it was evident that

the practice we’ve gone through in the previous two years resulted in significantly more effective response,” said Bud Welch, 599th TSB force protection specialist.

The exercise began with a 5:45 a.m. alert call to all employees. After the alert, scenario actors placed several suspicious containers and backpacks around the headquarters to find out how many people would notice and report.

The “active shooters” then called several people in the brigade, trying to elicit information about the unit, followed by scenario role players setting simulated bombs off in different sections of building. Finally, when employees thought the drill was finished, the active shooters came through. Their goal was to kill all employees except the commander, whom they were tasked with kidnapping.

In the first active shooter drill, the brigade information technology spe-

cialist, Neffitaly Lugardo, attacked a shooter.

“Because I know it’s a drill, I’m more likely to try to take the guy down. Now, if it was real, I would be more likely to leave or hide,” Lugardo said. “I would be much less likely to attack a shooter in real life unless my kids were there, and there was no way out.”

However, the “shooter” said that if Lugardo’s fellow section members had joined with him in attacking, they would have succeeded in taking the shooter down.

“Most of our brigade operates in higher threat regions, not only where they are stationed, but also the places they travel to across the Pacific to execute their missions,” said Welch.

“It’s important for people to know what to do and who to contact in case they do have a terrorist or conventional, real-world event,” he added.

The drill culminated several hours of preparatory classes on force protec-



Staff Sgt. Rufus Brumfield (left), command operations center NCO, and Gregory "Ben" Benjamin, traffic management specialist, give first aid to Sgt. 1st Class Darrell Earnest, operations NCOIC, for simulated mock injuries in an exercise at the 599th TSB headquarters, Aug. 1.

tion and first aid.

“We practice these drills in the event we had to face an actual active shooter,” said Air Force Lt. Col. Todd

Toman, 599th TSB deputy commanding officer. “Our people learn a great deal every time we practice, and you can see improvements each time.”

First responders ready to stand as one against threats

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8th Theater Sustainment Command

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — August is the Army’s annual Antiterrorism Awareness Month, but for the first responders who have the awesome responsibility of preventing and responding to potential threats and incidents within our community, preparing and training to respond to terrorism happens all year-round.

Federal firefighters, emergency medical technicians, military police and the Special Reaction Team, 728th MP Battalion, were among the first responders from the garrison community that participated in an antiterrorism force protection exercise, July 29-30, testing the participants in various scenarios such as mass casualties, triage, active shooters, hostage negotiations and more.

“In simulating these real-world events during training, we’re actually looking at making sure the people we have in place right now — the senior leaders as well as the junior leaders — understand the relationships that occur between the local agencies on post,” said Maj. Peter Cruz, deputy provost marshal, U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii, and Headquarters and Headquarters Compa-

ny, 8th MP Brigade.

Ensuring the ability of these agencies to communicate with each other is another advantage to this type of training event.

“The purpose is to test our communication between the military police that are on the ground, to those that are doing incident command, to the civilians that work as part of the garrison in the emergency operations center ... to make sure that we are able to respond to any incidents that might occur here or anywhere on the island that needs military police,” said Lt. Col. Theresa Farrell, provost marshal, USAG-HI, and commander, 728th MP Bn., 8th MP Brigade.

Firefighters from the Federal Fire Department-Hawaii were among some of the first responders called to the scene during both days of training.

“It was a really good experience. We don’t get an opportunity to train with these guys too often. Now with this type of interoperability training, if something big ever goes down, we all know how each other works, and it will go smoother,” said Jason Lopez, paramedic, Federal Fire.

“We had a large mass casualty operation during the active shooter drills. The various injuries ranged from deceased on scene to minor walking wounded. Everybody was triaged and transport-

ed with a group effort from all the players involved,” said Lopez. “We got some good hands on training and practice in triaging, treating multiple patients at a time, making transport decisions and practicing our command structure. Practicing our inoperability with the various other units on base makes for one cohesive unit.”

The training honed techniques, practices and communication between the organizations that make up the first responder community, and it also brought the first responder community together to strengthen that bond between those that are first to rush on scene during any crisis.

“Everybody plays their role. Everybody has a vested interest in the patient and a vested interest in the community at large for its welfare,” added Lopez. “Training events like these foster a first responder community.”

Farrell also reflected on the training. “It’s good to see all the directorates work together,” she said. “We work together on a daily basis, but to get everyone out in a specific training environment with a specific set of objectives has been great across the board.”



Pfc. James Finch, 58th MP Co., 728th MP Bn., 8th MP Bde., 8th TSC, takes cover and provides security during a standoff with a role-playing suspect who has taken role-playing hostages, part of an antiterrorism force protection exercise, July 29-30.

Engineers complete Kosrae projects, build friendship

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KOSRAE, Federated States of Micronesia — As they approach the midway point of their four-month deployment, here, Soldiers of the 643rd Engineer Company’s Construction Civic Action Detail have already completed three major projects and are working to complete two more by mid-August.

The team’s efforts included digging badly needed drainage ditches in Malem Village, renovating an awning at a Kosrae gymnasium and conducting massive construction improvements at Tafunsak Elementary School.

The detail faced a long and arduous battle with heavy Kosraean rain as they encountered large mounds of concrete while digging drainage ditches in Malem Village. The task proved more physically demanding than anything the team had encountered before, as their daily routine included working with boots submerged in two feet of muddy water.

The engineers picked and shoveled through concrete and coral pieces measuring up to four feet thick. The final product immediately improved the schoolyard, which is directly impacted by heavy rains in the area.

Simultaneously during the ditch project, the engineers laid miles of concertina wire at Anderson Air Force Base, contributing to their nickname, “the workhorse platoon.”

“I couldn’t be happier with my Soldiers’ performance. They worked through extreme heat and torrential downpours,” said Staff Sgt. Jeremy Lanning, detail leader. “Without their hard work and determination, the drainage ditch wouldn’t have happened.”



Soldiers from Construction Civic Action Detail break through old, reinforced concrete at an elementary school in Malem Village during a ditch-draining project as part of the company's four-month deployment.

Sgt. Wesley Snead’s squad embodied that same workhorse dedication as it renovated a gymnasium awning in Kosrae, surpassing expectations by improving upon the design the squad had initially received.

“The work these Soldiers have done for the people of Kosrae is

incredible and will help the locals for years and years to come,” said Snead. “I am honored by the way that the squad handled itself when obstacles were thrown their way, such as lack of materials, poor weather conditions and building plan add-ons and changes.”

The awning built from scratch covers more than 3,000 square feet of space and includes a new row of posts, a gutter system, an attached water catchment tank, a new roof and electrical fixtures.

More than 6,000 residents will use the gymnasium as a multi-purpose community-gathering place for graduations, athletic events, committee meetings and other events.

With both projects complete, the teams gathered at Tafunsak Elementary School for a massive renovation project led by Sgt. Adam Fickel. That project included floor replacements, block work, drainage improvements, installation of a new roof, ceiling, windows, doors, an electrical system and a water catchment tank system.

Having completed these three major projects, the platoon sought and received approval to also conduct a schoolyard improvement project at Malem Elementary School and build new fencing for the state’s special education facilities, with the goal of finishing both projects by mid-August.

As impressive as the construction efforts have proven, what’s become just as successful is the extensive community relations program that the engineers built from the ground-up.

Geared toward developing enduring relationships, the program has included field days, barbecues, holiday festivals, athletic events, physical fitness training, Armed Service Vocational Aptitude Battery tutoring, medical training and a skills transfer program where host nation personnel work with the engineers.

The platoon is on track to double its initial production initially assigned for the deployment.

USARPAC and Singapore army hold logistics SME exchange

SGT. 1ST CLASS CRISTA MACK
U.S. Army-Pacific Public Affairs

FORT SHAFTER — U.S. Army-Pacific and Singaporean army logisticians shared operational knowledge, July 22-26, during a logistics subject matter expert exchange.

The logistics subject matter expert exchange program with Singapore has rotated locations between the U.S. and Singapore since its inception in 2010. The engagement is conducted in an effort to sustain operational partnership with Singapore army logisticians, increase interoperability and build logistics capacity.

“This program is a professional exchange of logistic methods and understanding of the transformational efforts with the operational and ground concepts of logistics of both armies,” said Col Kan Whye Tan, chief supply officer, Singapore army. “The exchange allowed us to better understand (U.S. Army) logics and operational concepts, while building the partnership and friendship amongst our logistic operations.”

The exchange showcased how the U.S. Army manages and executes logistics at the theater, tactical and combat operations levels.

“We started at the USARPAC level, then went down to the theater sustainment command, including the expeditionary sustainment command, then on to the 25th Infantry Division brigade support battalions, to see how they conduct business at that level,” said Sgt. 1st Class Travis Haeffler, USARPAC multinational logistics operations sergeant. “We also visited the regional level, so we saw the Department of Logistics warehouse at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam and visited the Directorate of Logistics, to see how DOL supports the warfighter with the different capabilities that they provide us.

“We also included a site visit to the Army watercraft and discussed how they are employed for exercises such as Combined Joint Logistics Over the Shore,” Haeffler added.

According to Tan, from the experience of talking to the officers and noncommissioned officers at the different levels, the greatest take away from the visits is learning the challenges they face and the operational thinking and training they possess.

Another integral part of the exchange was interpersonal discussions. With more than 50 logistics topic areas, counterparts engaged to discuss challenges, efficiencies and better ways of supporting combat forces during conflicts, contingencies or



Spc. Justin Lindsey (left), 325th Brigade Support Battalion, 3rd Bde. Combat Team, 25th ID, briefs the Singapore army logistics delegation about the Forward Repair System during the logistics subject matter expert exchange between USARPAC and the Singapore army. (Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Travis Haeffler, U.S. Army-Pacific)

humanitarian assistance and disaster relief operations.

“As each Army develops in its own capabilities, we look at some of these transformational areas and how we can go beyond both in terms of cooperation and professional exchanges,” said Tan. “The key is building a very good relationship with each other, between the two armies, so that we can sustain the friendship and interoperability.”

Logisticians from USARPAC supply have completed more than 11 engagements this fiscal year in support of the Security Cooper-

ation Policy Directorate. In 2014, USARPAC plans to conduct the next exchange in Singapore.

“Each time we visit, we get a better understanding, and we explore areas, which we can further cooperate for the exchange,” said Tan. “We are building very good professional relationships and exchanges with USARPAC. This is important to continue, and we really appreciate USARPAC for arranging to host us here this year. A lot of the units took time and sacrificed time for training, and we appreciate it.”

Combatives is rite of passage for 94th AAMDC

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Public Affairs

FORT SHAFTER — The mission of every modern Soldier is to learn techniques from the Modern Army Combatives Program (MACP), and the 94th Army Air and Missile Defense Command ensured its warriors got the proper training they needed, July 31.

Throughout the training, Soldiers learned vital techniques that will give them confidence in the face of hand-to-hand combat.

The 94th AAMDC troops understand the importance of combatives, not just on the battlefield, but also with possibly quicker promotions in their career field.

“I volunteered to come over here because I feel it is good professional development,” said Sgt. Anthony Rivera, attack operations.

Sgt. Mark Giaque, early warning section chief, had put MACP off for the first three years of his career, but finally decided to get the training out of the way.

“We did this for two days in basic training, but this is way more intensive. We’ve learned submissions, how to handle yourself on the ground and gain superiority,” said Gaiuque.

Most Soldiers, when asked, were not really into mixed martial arts (MMA) that became popular in recent years, but they valued the training provided to them.

“I’m not really into MMA or anything, but I feel it is good to know it because you never know what kind of situation you might find yourself in downrange,” said Giaque.

Pfc. Ronnie McNulty, human resources specialist, who played football for the University of New Mexico, has been in the Army less than a year, and knows that he may be called to go downrange as support for his command to possibly face direct combat situations.

“We’ve been here for only two days, but I’ve learned so much about the arm bar, and basically, how to defend myself, because you never know what you may run across in your life,” said McNulty.

The mission of the MACP is to prepare leaders and Soldiers, while instilling the warrior ethos, to defeat enemies in close-quarters combat.

The MACP started in 1995 with the 2nd Ranger Battalion and has spread across the Army. It has been incorporated into the new Army Training Circular 3-25.150.

Basic combatives is one of the 40 warrior core tasks of the warrior ethos initiative.



Pfc. Christina Williams (top) practices MACP moves with Pfc. Ronnie McNulty during training, July 31.

Six enlisted leaders are inducted into NCO Corps

Story and photo by
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Public Affairs

FORT SHAFTER FLATS — Holding to a tradition that dates back to Frederick the Great in the 17th century, six newly promoted noncommissioned officers of the 94th Army Air and Missile Defense command took part in an induction ceremony, Aug. 1, to pay tribute to their newest NCOs.

“Our NCO induction ceremony is a celebration of the newly promoted NCO as they join the ranks of a professional NCO Corps, which emphasizes and builds on the pride we all share as members of such an elite corps,” said Command Sgt. Maj. Tedd Pritchard, senior enlisted leader, who hosted the induction. “Our legacy as a professional NCO Corps must be instilled in these fine NCOs to carry on customs and traditions, standards and discipline within our Army. One day, we will move on and these NCOs will continue the ever-living legacy of the NCO Corps in our place.”

The ceremony is considered a rite of passage and designed to highlight the importance of the NCO Corps.

“It’s all about taking care of our own and integrating new leaders into the corps,” said 1st Sgt. Q.P. Bean, Headquarters and Headquar-



Brig. Gen. Daniel Karbler (left end), commander, and Command Sgt. Maj. Tedd Pritchard (right end), senior enlisted leader, 94th AAMDC, pose with newly inducted NCOs after a ceremony, Aug. 1.

ters Battery. “Simply put, it gives them a sense of family and support. It lets them know that we are a band of brothers and sisters, and we will have their backs in good times and bad.”

Sgt. Kindra Smith, who was promoted in 2012, said this event was a meaningful way to begin her tour with the 94th AAMDC.

“I wasn’t inducted when I was promoted at

my last unit,” Smith said. “I feel taken care of now, and I feel that they see a potential in me to do great things.”

Inductee Sgt. Danjelo Moore said, “I thought the ceremony was kind of neat. I have seen a ceremony like this before, but now, this time, since I was the one being inducted, I feel that I am officially in the NCO Corps.”

Back when the NCO Corps was just developing, an induction of sorts was conducted. Soldiers were required to stand four watches, one every four days before they could reach full status as an NCO.

Pritchard said, “We celebrate this moment as a rite of passage and continue to follow customs and traditions; however, in a different manner, but with the same intent ... to fully recognize a Soldier of yesterday as a leader of today.”

Inductees

The 94th AAMDC NCOs inducted into the NCO Corps:

- Sgt. Kimberly Buenavista-Bowens, mechanic and motor pool clerk;
- Sgt. Nadine Gonzales, human resource specialist;
- Sgt. Jonathan Jackson, intelligence analyst;
- Staff Sgt. Russell Lane, intelligence analyst, who was just promoted from sergeant shortly before the ceremony took place;
- Sgt. Danjelo Moore, signal systems specialist; and
- Sgt. Kindra Smith, human resource specialist.

New 307th ESB motor pool officially opens on HMR

Story and photo by
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307th Expeditionary Signal Battalion
516th Sig. Brigade
311th Sig. Command (Theater)

HELEMANO MILITARY RESERVATION — With a snip of the Signal orange ceremonial ribbon by its leaders, Soldiers of the 307th Expeditionary Signal Battalion opened an impressive new motor pool, July 22, that will vastly improve its ability to efficiently conduct maintenance, and train and deploy teams and equipment.

As Col. Cleophus Thomas Jr., commander, 516th Sig. Bde., and Sgt. 1st Class Travis Lamb, 307th ESB maintenance noncommissioned officer in charge, jointly wielded the ceremonial shears, a collective sigh of relief could almost be heard from Soldiers gathered to witness the ribbon cutting.

Previously, getting to the motor pool meant 30 minutes of travel to Schofield Barracks. Once there, the old facilities were sorely lacking. Now, the new facility, across the street from the battalion headquarters, will enable increased productivity in a vastly improved environment.

“Schofield was like working in the field compared to what we have now,” explained Lamb, one of the key 307th personnel responsible for movement coordination to the new motor pool. “It’s going to be easier to conduct proper maintenance. This new motor pool is outstanding, and it gives us opportunities for vast amounts of training to all 91 series military occupational specialties.”

Dismounting from humvee B6, the first vehicle to officially arrive at the new motor pool, Capt. Timothy Mussack, commander, Company B, greeted Thomas and Lt. Col. Mark Miles, commander, 307th ESB, signaling a significant step in the enduring and challenging task of moving 307th’s entire transportation and maintenance resources to the new location.



Spc. Joshua Velez (left) and Cpl. Aaron Jones, both with Co. B, 307th ESB, 516th Sig. Bde., 311th Sig. Command (Theater), conduct preventative maintenance checks and services on a humvee at their new motor pool, Aug. 2.

“Moving all equipment and clearing the old motor pool will test our ability to command and control, and show us where we’re at when it comes to maintenance,” Mussack said, as he walked towards Co. B’s portion of the pristine vehicle staging area.

The state-of-the-art tactical equipment maintenance facility is an impeccable structure. Composed of one large, primary building and a row of smaller, compartmentalized bays, it offers 307th ESB a tremendous increase in maintenance space and top quality working conditions.

Also located in the main building are class-

rooms and a host of additional amenities not available at the Schofield Barracks motor pool.

As vehicles successfully moved from Schofield Barracks to HMR throughout the day, it became evident that extensive preparation for the relocation had paid off. The move involved 53 vehicles, and was planned and executed as a tactical convoy to enhance the training value of the event.

“Everything went really smoothly, and we had no problems,” said Pfc. Tyrell Freeny, one of the drivers who made repeated trips between the old and new motor pools.

The event will be a memorable one for

Thomas, who assumed command earlier this month.

“One of my first events as a brigade commander is cutting the ribbon for this tremendous motor pool,” Thomas said. “I know the 307th will take pride in the motor pool and ensure that it is well taken care of.”

“The upgraded maintenance facilities and convenient location will lead to a vast improvement in our overall ability to deploy our teams and equipment on short notice,” added Miles.

(Editor’s note: Maham is the 307th ESB supply officer.)

NEWS
Briefs

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

10 / Saturday
Major Power Outage — An electrical outage affecting all of Wheeler and East Range is scheduled 7 a.m.-4 p.m. Call 656-3065.

12 / Monday
AMR Traffic Alert — Lanes will be closed on Kukui Drive between Halawa View Loop and Point Welcome Place, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., weekdays (ex-

cluding holidays) until Dec. 27. Call 655-7393.

Shafter Traffic Alert — Until Sept. 20, one lane of Palm Circle Drive will be closed and the remaining lane will be one way, plus a section of sidewalk in front of Building T-117. Access to buildings affected will be available from the back of the buildings. Call 835-4229.

TAMC Traffic Alert — There may be a partial road closure at Krukowski Road (near buildings 104 & 102), 8:30 a.m.-4:30, until Sept. 13. One lane will be open for two-way traffic. Call 433-7091.

19 / Monday
AMR Traffic Alert — One lane on Skyview Loop near Nim Lane will be closed weekdays, 8 a.m.-3 p.m., until Aug.

23. Call 655-7393.

26 / Monday
WAAF Traffic Alert — There will be lane closures at Santos Dumont Avenue, from Sterling Road to Warhawk Street and at Kawamura Gate, for road reconstruction. Lane closures between Sterling and Whiteman roads will be 7 a.m.-4:30 p.m. until Sep. 19; closed between Whiteman Road and

Warhawk Street, Sep. 20-Oct. 10. Work at Kawamura Gate will be at night, 6 p.m.-4:30 a.m., Oct. 10-11. Call 656-2532.

28 / Wednesday
Women’s Equality Day — Celebrate the right for women to vote, hosted by the 516th Signal Brigade, at Helemano Military Reservation with guest speaker Sgt. Maj. Tara Bryan. Call 438-9310.



Soldiers and their families enjoy a peaceful afternoon of activities and fun at the 30th annual National Night Out at Kaena Community Center, Tuesday.

USAG-HI, IPC focus on creating safer communities

Story and photos by
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Staff Writer

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Ice cream, giant inflatable bounce houses, real-life fire trucks and a movie played on an enormous outdoor screen set the stage for a summer afternoon most children fantasize about.

But this idyllic evening wasn't all fun and games; sprinkled among the rounds of beanbag toss and obstacle courses also were important lessons on building a better community.

Island Palm Communities and U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii hosted the 30th annual National Night Out at the Kaena Community Center, here, Tuesday.

Since 1984, National Night Out has been held throughout the U.S. on the first Tuesday of August to highlight the importance of neighborhood safety through face-to-face interaction with police, firefighters,

paramedics and other safety officers so that residents, especially children, will be familiar with them and know who to call in an emergency situation.

“National Night Out is everything that has to do with safety,” said Sheryl Ferido, event coordinator and marketing manager, IPC. “It’s bringing the community together with law enforcement, emergency services, and we’re bringing the ele-

park lawn.

“It’s just good that we can have our first-responders come out and introduce ourselves to the community,” said Battalion Chief Neil Fujioka, FFD. “Basically, we want to educate everybody on what we do and answer any questions they may have, now, just to show we’re out there for the community and to protect the community.”

“It’s important that we show our support to our police and fire professionals,” added Col. Daniel Whitney, commander, USAG-HI. “My No. 1 priority, as commander, is a safe and secure environment, and an integral piece of that are the police and firefighters we have both here on Oahu and at PTA (Pohakuloa Training Area on the Big Island).”

“It is our No. 1 priority to display them to the community and, most importantly, have the great men and women of law enforcement and fire response services be recognized by the community,” Whitney concluded.

According to event-goers, this year’s National Night Out was bigger and better than ever, thanks in no small part to Ferido and all of the volunteers and sponsors who contributed their energy and resources toward making the event possible.

“You can tell IPC has put a lot of time and effort into this, and it’s really helping with Neighborhood Watch and improving the safety of the communities,” said Katherine Collins, Cub Scouts Pack 176, and block captain with the Sperry Loop/Curtis Loop Neighborhood Watch Program on Wheeler Army Airfield. “It’s been wonderful for children and families to get to know their community helpers, and it’s really bringing the community together and helping us recruit, too!”

“It’s just a fun family night where things are a little more cohesive — one unit, all together,” Ferido noted.

“As long as people start looking out for each other,” added Dennis Drake, director, USAG-HI Public Affairs, “then you can really start to build that community spirit.”



Sheryl Ferido (left), marketing manager, IPC, reveals the entries of the pineapple dessert contest to the judges, which include Col. Daniel Whitney (front right), commander, USAG-HI.



A child gets in the driver's seat of a real fire engine as a firefighter supervises



A DES bike patrol officer leads a child through an obstacle course that shows how difficult it is to walk while under the influence.



A Soldier with the 520th MWD Det., 728th Military Police Battalion, 8th MP Brigade, 8th Theater Sustainment Command, helps a child dress the part of an MWD trainer. (Photo has been altered from its original form; background elements have been removed.)

ment of military housing in as well to show the partnership we have with our families and emergency services.”

“This is an event where neighbors can come together, get to know one another and help to promote general activities,” added Antonio Williams, deputy chief of police, Directorate of Emergency Services, USAG-HI. “This is an opportunity to meet the community on an even ground where we can talk to them and educate them about what we do; it’s all about education and awareness.”

Activities intending to do just that included bouncers, games, face painting, balloon animals, family photo booths, a static fire engine display by Federal Fire Department-Hawaii, working dog demos with the 520th Military Working Dog Detachment, an obstacle course led by the DES bike patrol, and the opportunity for keiki to obtain their very own keiki ID badge to help keep them safe.

Other highlights included a pineapple dessert contest, live entertainment by talent such as Na Hoku Hanohano Award-winner Sing The Body and a showing of the DreamWorks Animation hit “Madagascar 3: Europe’s Most Wanted” on the

Crime-Fighting Resources

U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii, along with the Department of the Army, offers a variety of ways to report suspicious activity and to fight.

The following list of contacts is designed to empower you and your family.

Safety Officers

To report suspicious activity on post, call:

- Fort Shafter Police Station, 438-7114; and
- Schofield Barracks Police Station, 655-7114.

Call 911 to report all suspicious activity off post.

Questions and rumor control can be made to USAG-HI’s Directorate of Emergency Services, 656-6750.

Neighborhood Watch

The Neighborhood Watch Program is a network of neighbors, trained by crime prevention officers from DES, who serve as additional eyes and ears in their communities.

To get involved with your local Neighborhood Watch Program, contact:

- Fort Shafter Police Station, 438-7114; or

•Schofield Barracks Police, 655-7114.

iWATCH

iWatch, iReport, iKeep Us Safe (iWatch Army) is a community program to help your neighborhood stay safe from terrorist activities.

To learn more about the Army’s iWATCH antiterrorist awareness program, visit www.myarmyonesource.com.



Cub Scouts have fun dressed up as fire trucks.

(Photo has been altered from its original form; background elements have been removed.)

Briefs

Today
TAMC Pool Closure — The Tripler Army Medical Center pool and deck are closed until further notice due to a water line break. The facility will be reopened as soon as the deck is repaired, pool thoroughly cleaned and water readings are brought back to perspective levels. AMR Pool hours will be expanded during this time, Monday-Friday, 6 a.m.-6 p.m., and Saturday-Sunday (normal hours of operation), 11 a.m. – 6 p.m. Contact Momi Smith, Aquatics manager, 655-9653.

Big Brother, Big Sister Military Mentoring — Military youth, ages 9-17, can be matched with a military or civilian adult that can serve as a mentor to assist in personal development emotionally, mentally and physically. Contact the School Liaison Office at 655-8326 to sign up or register as an adult program mentor.

12 / Monday
Workweek Lunch — SB Kolekole Bar & Grill (655-4466) and FS Mulligan’s Bar & Grill (438-1974) offer daily lunch from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Enjoy buffet style or menu items.

Pau Hana Social Hour — Kolekole Bar & Grill hosts an after-work fun time, Monday-Wednesday, 4:30-6:30 p.m., and Thursday-Friday, 4-6 p.m. Enjoy discounted appetizers and domestic draft beverages. Call 655-4466.

Sand Volleyball — Join weekly competition on Mondays; game starts at 6 p.m., SB Tropics Warrior Zone. Call 655-5698.

13 / Tuesday
FS Preschool Story Time — Take your toddlers to the library; different theme and story each week at 10 a.m., every Tuesday.

Taco Tuesday Night — SB Kolekole Bar & Grill offers three tacos, rice and beans specials for \$4.99. Call 655-4466.

8 Ball Pool Tournament — Join this popular weekly competition, starting at 6 p.m., Tuesdays, at Tropics Warrior Zone, SB. Best two out of three plays for the champion title on the last Tuesday of the month. Free to play. Call 655-5698.

Community Calendar

Send announcements a week prior to publication to community@hawaiiarmyweekly.com.

Today
Samurai Weapons Exhibit — Honolulu Museum of Art’s “Lethal Beauty: Samurai Weapons and Armor,” 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. (Tues.-Sat.), 1-5 p.m. (Sun.), closed Monday, through Aug. 18, is one of the most comprehensive displays on samurai ever created.

Free museum admission to active duty families as part of the Blue Star Museum program. The exhibit looks at the complex role of samurai and the “way of the warrior” within classical Japanese society. Visit www.honoluluuseum.org.

“Legally Blonde” — Musical performances end this weekend with the final performance Aug. 11 at Diamond Head Theatre, 520 Makapuu Ave. Visit www.diamondheadtheatre.com.

“Cinderella” — Ballet Hawaii

DESSERT TIME



FORT SHAFTER — Who wants first sergeant pie? Sgt. Kawaiole Nahale (far left), Capt. Debbie Eddin (left center), Spc. Kendric Coleman (center) and Capt. Jason Grams, all from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 311th Signal Command (Theater), collectively “pie” 1st Sgt. Bryan Pfeifer, of HHC, in the face to raise funds for junior enlisted Soldiers to attend the annual Signal Ball.

Members of the unit had the opportunity to make a bid on another person who they wanted to pie in the face; however, individuals who were bid upon had the chance to counter-bid for double the money to save themselves from getting pied. All funds raised will be saved for Signal Ball tickets for junior enlisted Soldiers and other events. (Photos by Spc. Nikko-Angelo Matos, 311th Signal Command Public Affairs)

14 / Wednesday
Sgt. Yano Library Preschool Story Time — Take your toddlers to the SB library for a different theme and story each week at 10 a.m., every Wednesday. Call 655-4707

BOSS Meetings — Single Soldiers and geographic bachelors are invited to Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers meetings every Wednesday to discuss community service projects and fun upcoming programs. Call 655-1130.
•South meetings, 11 a.m., 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, FS Bowling Center.
•North meetings, 2 p.m., 1st and 3rd Wednesday, Tropics Warrior Zone.

15 / Thursday
Clay Hand Building Workshop — Learn to work with clay from the experts at the SB Arts and Crafts Center, 1-3 p.m., Thursdays. Initial session is \$25; additional sessions are \$5. Call 655-4202 for preregistration.

16 / Friday
Lei-Making Workshop — SB Arts and Crafts Center hosts the Hawaiian tradition of lei making every third Friday of the month from 1-3 p.m. Call 655-4202 for preregistration.

Ongoing
RV/Boat/Jet Ski Lot — Store recreation equipment. Auto Skills is \$40 for 16-foot and below and \$50 for above 16-feet. Call 655-9368.

Vehicle Safety Check — The SB (655-9368) and FS (438-9402) Auto Skills centers perform Hawaii safety checks on a first-come, first-served basis; no appointments.

Water Exercise — Classes at HMR pool are 4-4:45 p.m., Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Call 653-0716.

SKIES Unlimited Drivers Education — New program is \$381, plus military receive a 5 percent discount. Earn additional savings by referring a friend to the same class to get \$25 off. Call 655-9818.

New SKIES Unlimited AMR Studio — Now open and offering classes in Lil Ninjas, Kenpo Karate, Rock School, Beginner Dance, Intermediate Dance, Hip Hop and Hula at the AMR SKIES Studio. Call 655-9818 for class availability or visit www.himwr.com.

Youth Sports Volunteer Coaches — Serve as a positive role

model by participating in the Youth Sports program. Call 836-1923 (AMR/FS) and 655-6465 (SB).

Home School P.E. Classes — SB and AMR Youth Sports conduct P.E. classes for military home school families. Cost is free; however, purchase a home school P.E shirt for \$7. Register with nicole.kenos.naf@mail.mil (SB) or chris.t.fuamatu.maafala.naf@mail.mil (AMR) and include the following information: youth’s name, age/grade, home/cell number and family email address. Visit www.armyhawaiiouthsports.com or call SB, 655-6465, or AMR, 836-1923.

Transparent Language Online — Army Hawaii Libraries will help you learn a new language. Transparent Language Online is a comprehensive language-learning program that includes 48 languages and English as a second language. Available to all registered FMWR library patrons. It is accessible from the Byki Mobile apps for iPhone and Android devices. Set up a Transparent Language Account via the Army Hawaii Libraries’ webpac, <http://dodhawaiilibraries.org>; select “eResources” tab and then select “Transparent Language Online.”

performs one of the world’s most popular folk tales in a fantastical setting, 7:30 p.m., Aug. 9-10, and 2 p.m., Aug. 11, at the Blaisdell Concert Hall. Call 521-8600.

10 / Saturday
Volunteers Wanted — The Kalihi Valley Homes’ Community Cleanup, from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m., Aug. 10 at Kalihi Valley Homes, located at 2250 Kalena Drive, Honolulu, is seeking community assistance. Volunteers will pick up rubbish and rake grass. Call Shaye at 832-3336.

Wahiawa Pineapple Festival — The former “Pineapple Capitol” of the world celebrates its agricultural heritage, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Wahiawa District Park. Parade at 9 a.m. begins at Kaala Elementary School, followed by festival that features craft fair, keiki fun, ethnic food and rides. An afternoon jazz festival follows, 2:30-6 p.m. Call 637-5337 or visit www.wahiawapinefest.com.

“Living History Day” — Meet pioneers and heroes from Pacific aviation history at Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor’s first-ever “Liv-

ing History Day,” 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Aug. 10, 319 Lexington Blvd., Ford Island.

Enjoy costumed interpreters, storytellers and military vehicles from World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam era. See student history exhibits and multimedia presentations on “The Flying Tiger” and explore more than 43 aircraft, plus “The Spirit of ‘45” exhibit.

Free to museum members and with museum admission. Call 441-1007 or email SpecialEvents@PacificAviationMuseum.org.

Kalo and Awa Festival — Waimea Valley celebrates the native Hawaiian food kalo and ritual drink awa at this festival, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Aug. 10, at the valley. Workshops will identify the many varieties of kalo as well as the methods by which they are cultivated. Attendees also will get to taste poi and awa, which is used socially and ritually throughout Polynesia. Admission costs \$10 adults, \$5 seniors and children ages 4-12. Visit www.waimeavalley.net.

Royal Hawaiian Band — Mililani Town shopping center features the Royal Hawaiian Bank for a

noon concert, Aug. 10 and 17.

12 / Monday
Military Mondays — Military members and their families receive 15 percent off qualified purchases at more than 50 participating merchants at Windward Mall. The program is open to all active duty, retired military and qualified military family members with a valid ID.

17 / Saturday
Hawaiian Slack Key Festival — This 31st annual event showcases some of the world’s greatest artists in the slack key guitar genre, noon-6 p.m., Aug. 18, Kapiolani Park. Local cuisine, island crafters, community group booths, guitar exhibit and festival merchandise all featured. Call 226-2697 or write kihoalufoundationinc@yahoo.com

“Twelf Nite O Wate-va!” — Hawaiian Mission Houses presents James Grant Benton’s pidgin adaptation of William Shakespeare’s “Twelfth Night, or What You Will,” 7 p.m.,

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 MPC 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 MPC Annex Room 232

Protestant Worship
•Sunday Services
-8:45 a.m. at MPC
-9 a.m., at FD, TAMC chapel
-10 a.m. at HMR
-10:30 a.m. at AMR
-10:45 a.m. at WAAF (Spanish language)
-11 a.m. at SC (Contemporary)
Liturgical (Lutheran/Anglican)
•Sunday, 9 a.m. at WAAF

This Week at the Movies

Sgt. Smith Theater

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



Kevin Hart: Let Me Explain
(R)
Fri., Aug. 9, 7 p.m.

Despicable Me2
(PG)
Sat., Aug. 10, 2 p.m.
Sun., Aug. 11, 2 p.m.



White House Down
(PG-13)
Sat., Aug. 10, 7 p.m.
Thurs., Aug. 15, 7 p.m.

No shows on Mondays, Tuesdays or Wednesdays.

Calendar abbreviations		
8th TSC: 8th Theater Sustainment Command	ASYMCA: Armed Services YMCA	Recreation
25th ID: 25th Infantry Division	BCT: Brigade Combat Team	FRG: Family Readiness Group
ACS: Army Community Service	BSB: Brigade Support Battalion	FS: Fort Shafter
AFAP: Army Family Action Plan	Co.: Company	HMR: Helemano Military Reservation
AFTB: Army Family Team Building	CYSS: Child, Youth and School Services	IPC: Island Palm Communities
AMR: Aliamanu Military Reservation	EFMP: Exceptional Family Member Program	PFC: Physical Fitness Center
	FMWR: Family and Morale, Welfare and	SB: Schofield Barracks

Cub Scouts prepare for emergencies

KATHERINE COLLINS
Cub Scout Pack 176

WHEELER ARMY AIRFIELD — More than 25 Cub Scouts from Pack 176 passed American Red Cross first aid training on Monday, here, while in the process of earning Emergency Preparedness Badges.

The Scouts, ages 6 to 11, from Schofield Barracks, Wheeler Army Airfield, Helemano Military Reservation, Mililani and Ewa Beach received basic aid training (BAT) that included emergency recognition and prevention, caring for injuries, choking response and what to do in emergency situations.

“These will benefit every boy and family. They know how to prevent accidents and injuries as well as what to do when they occur,” said Josie Cox, cub



Kellie Dahl, wife of 1st Lt. Lucas Dahl, commander, 524th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 45th Sust. Brigade, 8th Theater Sust. Command, shows Cub Scouts from Pack 176 the proper way to perform CPR on a mannequin during first aid training, Monday. (Photo from Katherine Collins, Cub Scout Pack 176)

master for Cub Scout Pack 176.

“I feel they will be ready if they encounter an emergency,” said trainer Kellie Dahl of CPR/AED and spouse of 1st Lt. Lucas Dahl, commander of the 524th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 45th Sust. Brigade, 8th Theater Sust. Command.

Kellie Dahl, who has taught emergency preparedness nine years, added she enjoyed the experience at the Wheeler Chapel of preparing the Scouts.

“The Scouts were wonderful during the training. They seemed to learn a lot of skills and information on top of what they already knew,” said Kellie Dahl. “We had fun using Mr. Blue (the CPR mannequin) for our first aid skills.”

“These days, you find it’s the 6 year old calling 911 to save mom or dad,” said Wanda Martin, committee chair for Pack 176. “We are preparing them in case they are there when an adult is hurt.”

“Our pack spent the summer working on

the requirements for the Emergency Preparedness Badge,” Cox added. “It was very important to us to get everyone trained on bicycle and road safety, emergency and disaster preparedness, first aid and making smart choices.”

“Everyone should be aware and able to handle an emergency situation,” Kellie Dahl said. “Everything they learned could help save a life — even if it is just calling 911.”

Contact Information

For more details, visit Facebook’s Cub Scout Pack 176 Wheeler or email Wandering.Wanda@gmail.com or jwcox2011@gmail.com .

For more information on First Aid/AED/CPR training, contact Kellie Dahl at laughologist7@yahoo.com or call (651) 233-6768.

Psychologist’s workshop aids military

Noted specialist lectures

SONDRA BROWN
Tripler Army Medical Center Public Affairs

HONOLULU — Tripler Army Medical Center’s Department of Behavioral Health Psychology Specialty Services hosted Dr. Gregory J. Meyer, professor of Psychology at the University of Toledo, as the distinguished speaker at the Rorschach Performance Assessment System (R-PAS): Introduction and Case Illustrations workshop on Ford Island, July 29-30.

The workshop, which Meyer explained as “reinvigorating performance-based assessment,” allowed attendees to learn information that will “help us understand people based on what they do, not just in how they describe themselves.”

Meyer presented the latest evidence based approach in personality assessments to military and civilian psychologists, residents and interns.

According to Meyer, “The Rorschach provides a perceptual and communicative behavioral task that the individual engages in. ... It allows us to see how someone goes about solving problems.”

The Rorschach test is commonly recognized as the inkblot psychological test in which subjects’ interpretations of inkblots are used to determine personality traits. The R-PAS is a relatively new system based on the Rorschach test and was the focus of the workshop.

Meyer noted that R-PAS is different from the typical method of Rorschach administration.

As part of the R-PAS, subjects are examined in a complex environment, under standardized circumstances, which allows researchers to “come back and code and classify behaviors and compare them to normative information.” From this point, researchers can “draw inferences about what somebody is like relative to other people through other dimensions – how conventionally they see things, perceive things and how organized their thought process is,” he said.

The R-PAS workshop was held to “bring folks up to speed in terms of the latest evidence based approach to doing personality assessment,” Meyer said.

Meyer is a member of the Development, Programming and Resource team for the R-PAS, served as the editor of the “Journal of Personality Assessment” from 2002-13 and has received Distinguished Contribution Awards on multiple occasions from the Society for Personality Assessment.



Meyer



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through Aug.17, on its outdoor stage, located at 553 S. King St. Tickets cost \$20 adults, \$16 students and seniors. Gates open at 5 p.m.; seating

is at 6:30 p.m. Call 447-3910 or visit www.missionhouses.org.

22 / Thursday

Free Magic Classes — The International Brotherhood of Magicians hosts magic classes, 6 p.m., Kalihi-Palama Library. The fourth Thursday of every month features a free introductory class to the public.

A different aspect of beginner’s magic is taught every

month, except November and December. Contact www.hawaiiimagicclub or call 216-9672.

Ongoing

Legal Aid — The SB and FS Legal Assistance offices provide free legal assistance to active duty personnel, family members, retirees and certain Department of Defense personnel.

The offices provide assistance on issues including, but not limited to, estate planning services (including wills and advance medical directives), consumer-affairs, guardianship, divorce, taxes, landlord-tenant law, military administrative matters and insurance claims.

Also, notary services and powers of attorney are available. Visit SB Bldg. 2037, 655-8607, or FS Bldg. 330, Rm. 110C, 438-2627.

Sea Dragon named All Army basketball head coach

94th AAMDC officer named to lead women’s program

SGT. LOUIS LAMAR
94th Army Air and Missile Defense
Command Public Affairs

FORT SHAFTER — A Soldier from the 94th Army Air and Missile Defense Command was selected as the 2013 All Army Women Basketball team head coach.

Lt. Col. William “Nate” Johnson, chief of current operations, 94th AAMDC, was cited for his hard work, dedication and prior coaching experience in receiving the position.

“It’s always a privilege. I was excited about it having the ability to contribute to the All Army program,” said Johnson, upon receiving the word of his selection. “A lot of people don’t even know about All Army sports. All they see on television is the war, but never anything about All Army basketball. I want people to see another side of the Army.”

“I think it’s great that we have one of our own Sea Dragons selected to be the 2013 All Army Women’s Basketball team head coach,” said Brig. Gen. Daniel Karbler, commanding general, 94th AAMDC. “He is a great leader and has those intangible leadership traits that make Soldiers want to do well.”

“He’s a great team builder and is the perfect coach and leader for the All Army Women’s Basketball team,” Karbler added. “We are very proud of his accomplishment.”

“I’ve been dealing with the All Army program since 1995,” said Johnson. “I was the head coach of the Fort Hood men’s basketball team and used to scrimmage against the All Army men team, and based on how well we did, the men’s coach asked me to be the assistant coach of the All Army men’s team,” Johnson said.

“Once I did that, my name started being associated with All Army,” Johnson explained, “and I had great success being head coach of the Women’s Armed Forces team. So, almost every year, I get asked if I’m available to help with coaching the men or women’s team.”

Natural Ability
Some people are born with natural ability to lead and mentor others.

Johnson revealed that, while playing basketball in high school and college, he always felt like he was the coach on the floor making sure everyone was in the right place or position and knew what was going on. So, coaching came naturally to him after he finished playing college basketball.



CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. — Lt. Col. William "Nate" Johnson (center), chief of current operations, 94th Army Air and Missile Defense Command, and 2013 All Army Women Basketball Team head coach, goes over defensive strategies with members of the All Army Women Basketball Team during a time out at the 2011 Armed Forces Basketball Championship game. (Photo courtesy TheAllArmySports, U.S. Army)

Team coaches are charged with the responsibility of giving purpose, direction and motivation along with mentoring their players.

“My players know my background with playing basketball and coaching,” said Johnson. “So I brag on my skills and challenge them. I tell them that I’m an old man but can still make a left handed lay up or open jump shot, and then I set simple goals for them while telling them to try and do their best so that they can put forth their best effort.”

There are various strategies to coaching athletic teams.

“I am a defensive minded coach,” Johnson said. “I have a defensive concept that everybody is responsible for what happens on the court on the defensive end. I like to play up-tempo basketball, along with taking the first opportunity at a good shot, and moving the ball around while playing team offense.

“The Women’s All Army team has a great winning tradition, and I think that I have a great chance at winning a gold medal with the player selection with the support I receive from the commanders of the players,” Johnson added.