

Fleet of hydrogen vehicles unveiled

First-ever, zero-emission military vehicles advance alternative energy efforts for DOD

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FORT SHAFTER — U.S. Army-Pacific unveiled a fleet of 16 hydrogen fuel cell vehicles that the military services in Hawaii are testing in an effort to research efficient, clean and renewable energy sources, and to reduce the U.S. military's dependence on petroleum, during a ceremony, here, Wednesday.

"The Army continues to investigate technologies and partnerships that give the U.S. a decisive advantage," said Lt. Gen. Francis Wiercinski, commander, USARPAC.

"These fuel cell vehicles will help move the U.S. Army in the Pacific toward a sustainable path that reduces energy security challenges and strengthens our energy independence."

During the ceremony at historic Palm Circle, here, officials from the services — comprised of USARPAC, U.S. Pacific Fleet, U.S. Pacific Air Forces and U.S. Marine Corps Forces-Pacific — government leaders, including Lt. Gov. Brian Schatz, Sen. Daniel Inouye, and Honolulu mayor Peter Carlisle, and industry partners, demonstrated the use of the 16 General Motors hydrogen fuel cell vehicles.

The zero-emission vehicles, funded by the Army Tank Automotive Research Development Engineering Center, Office of Naval Research and Air Force Research Laboratories, are being tested in Hawaii's ideal climate for real-world conditions reflecting each service's needs.

"Our pursuit of alternative energy is closely tied to our commitment to continually adapt to an ever-changing security environment," said George Kailiwi, director, Resources and Assessment, PACOM.

"Defense relationships and military approaches alone can't solve all of our energy challenges, but they underpin the initiatives we're taking within the Department of Defense to reduce the dependence on foreign sources of energy," Kailiwi added.

The military fleet of hydrogen fuel cell vehicles serves as the test platform powered by renewable hydrogen, travels

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Sgt. Jesus J. Aranda | 25th Infantry Division Public Affairs

Lt. Col. Paul Romagnoli (left), commander, HHBN, 25th ID, and Command Sgt. Maj. Valerie Greene, senior enlisted leader, HHBN, uncasing the battalion colors during an uncasing ceremony at Schofield Barracks, Feb. 15.

25th ID's HHBN uncases colors

25TH INFANTRY DIVISION PUBLIC AFFAIRS
News Release

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Soldiers with Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 25th Infantry Division, celebrated their redeployment with family and friends, Feb. 15, at the Nehelani, here.

The celebration honored the "Tropic Lightning" Soldiers who returned in December from a year-long deployment to Iraq

in support of Operation New Dawn

At the start of the event, the unit's coffee group, comprised of HHBN spouses, presented the Tropic Lightning command team a hand-made quilt as a token of their appreciation for their service in Iraq.

The quilt highlights various scenic locations in Hawaii.

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Soldiers of the 65th Eng. Bn., 130th Eng. Bde., 8th TSC, work with C-4 explosives during the brigade's Pre-Sapper train-up on East Range, Schofield Barracks, Feb. 16.

Sapper hopefuls battle the elements

65th Eng. Bn. trains hard in the rain

Story and Photo by
2ND LT. LAUREN LOOPER

65th Engineer Battalion, 130th Eng. Brigade,
8th Theater Sustainment Command

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — True to the adage, "If it ain't raining, we ain't training," Soldiers from the 65th Engineer Battalion, 130th Eng. Brigade, 8th Theater Sustainment Command, began their first day of patrolling at East Range, here, as part of the brigade's pre-Sapper train-up in a steady rain, Feb. 16.

While the focus that day was on patrolling, Soldiers also participated in other advanced training to include a day at the demolitions range where they learned how to make charges and set them off.

Soldiers also practiced rappelling as part of mountaineering operations. All of these tasks are part of the Pre-Sapper course, a monthlong program offered to the brigade's Soldiers, which prepares them to attend the 28-day Sapper Lead-

er Course at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. There, they learn combat engineer tasks and leadership.

The school is divided into two phases: general studies and patrolling.

General studies covers a variety of tasks to include first aid, land navigation, demolition operations, air and water operations, and mountaineering. The patrolling phase is 14 days and comprised of a mix of engineer and infantry tactics.

Competition to get into the Sapper Leader Course is fierce; about 400 slots are available every year.

The 130th Eng. Bde. gets between 10-14 slots, annually, which are awarded based on performance during pre-Sapper training.

Only six Soldiers out of the 30 hopefuls who started the pre-Sapper class will be selected to attend the Sapper Leader Course.

"If they don't get a slot within the next six months, it's still good training," said Spc. Tim Kiehlmeier, pre-Sapper cadre, 130th Eng. Bde.

Military senior enlisted leaders discuss troops' top concerns with lawmakers

C. TODD LOPEZ
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The senior enlisted advisors for the four military services met on Capitol Hill, here, Feb. 17, to discuss with lawmakers the top issues on service members' minds.

It turns out that for many, it's the same as what's on lawmakers' minds: the budget.

"I was asked questions, beginning in April, all the way to September: 'What do you mean the Army can't pay me?'" said Sgt. Maj. of the Army Raymond Chandler III, relaying the words of Soldiers who had been concerned about the "continuing resolution" last year. Without an approved Defense Appropriations Act, some Soldiers mistakenly believed that they might not get paid.

Chandler joined Master Chief Petty Officer of the

Navy Rick West, Sgt. Maj. of the Marine Corps Micheal Barrett and Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James Roy at a hearing of the House Appropriations Committee's subcommittee on military construction, Veterans Affairs and related agencies.

Budget concerns still weigh on service members' minds as lawmakers try to find a way to balance the federal budget.

Lawmakers, who were part of the "super committee" last year, were looking to find \$1.2 trillion in savings within the budget, and were unable to reach a compromise. Now, as much as half of that amount could automatically be cut from the Defense Department through "sequestration," and service members are concerned what that will mean for them.

"It's a very eye-opening experience," Chan-

"The last thing we want to have is for some Soldier, Sailor, Airman or Marine, deployed in harm's way, being concerned about whether or not they are going to be paid."

Sgt. Maj. of the Army Raymond Chandler III

andler said. "I think the concerns raised in media about the impact of the election year, and whether or not there will be an appropriations

and authorization bill signed, is on people's minds. The last thing we want to have is for some Soldier, Sailor, Airman or Marine, deployed in harm's way, being concerned about whether or not they are going to be paid. That's something we don't need these young people to be concerned about."

Impact on Retention

Service members who want to stay in uniform are going to find it harder to do so. The Army and the Marine Corps, for instance, are cutting personnel. That means, for both services, fewer fresh faces coming in the front door, older service members possibly retiring before they expected

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"Wings of Lightning" Div. assumes responsibility of Afghanistan's skies.

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USAG-HI is hosting a cyber town hall, 6-7:30 p.m., Feb. 29, at www.facebook.com/usaghawaii, under the "Events" tab.



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Thousands of runners converge on the streets of Honolulu for 28th annual event.

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Nehelani launches new special events to better serve Army community.

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The Hawaii Army Weekly welcomes articles from Army organizations, announcements from the general public about community events of interest to the military community, and letters and commentaries.

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Ask the Garrison Commander!

COL. DOUGLAS MULBURY

Commander, U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii

The "Ask the Garrison Commander" program allows Soldiers, civilians and family members to present concerns and recommend outcomes.

U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii directorates and support staff research queries and provide responses to me, which are monitored by a customer management team.

A sampling of these questions that have community-wide impact are published in the Hawaii Army Weekly. Submit questions via the Ask the Garrison Commander email address and through the USAG-HI web link at www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil/comments/contactgc.aspx. Time-sensitive concerns should be directed to the Interactive Customer Evaluation system at ice.disa.mil.

Q: Is Lyman Road an approved physical training route? The mixture of motorized traffic and PT is very dangerous, not only for the amount of privately owned vehicles on this road, but also for the heavy use of truck and military vehicles on this route.

A: Thank you for bringing your concerns regarding the safety of Soldiers and for bringing PT on Lyman Road to my attention. Lyman Road is an authorized running route and is essential to a unit's ability to conduct cardiorespiratory endurance training, as well as road marches. Simultaneously, Lyman Road also serves as a primary entry point to the installation from Wheeler Army Airfield traffic, as well as visitors, military and civilian workforces.

Mulbury addresses PT on Lyman Road

There is construction ongoing on both South Range and at the Kolekole/Trimble intersection that prevents us from closing Lyman to vehicular traffic.

Since we are limited on fitness training space, it is critical for everyone to optimize Soldier and pedestrian safety with motor vehicle activity. The installation policy on PT routes and pedestrians' rights and duties establishes safety measures to reduce risk while on the roadways, and especially during PT hours.

The keys to success in areas where Soldiers conducting PT and vehicles come in close proximity are well-informed community members who comply with posted regulatory signs and installation polices.

As units begin longer dwell time between deployments, more traffic on our roadways will increase risk. The need for cooperation, understanding and compliance with established policies and procedures by our Soldiers and motor vehicle operators will be paramount.

Although Soldiers may be in compliance with the policy of conducting PT at designated sites and along approved run routes, they must conduct PT safely and in a manner that shows consideration and respect for others with whom they must share the road.

They should not cross the center line or take up more than one lane of traffic. They should not run in a formation with more than three files. Wherever possible, they should use the sidewalk along Lyman Road.

Darting in and out of traffic or committing other unsafe acts is not acceptable Soldier behavior.

If you observe this type of behavior, you need to identify the unit and its leader and make the appropriate corrections.

The same holds true for drivers who fail to observe the

posted speed limit or who fail to remain alert to units and individuals moving around the installation. We must be vigilant in our efforts to maintain a safe environment for all.

To help create awareness and attention to this issue, we recently instituted an aggressive information campaign. Our PT policy has been the subject of several recent articles in the Hawaii Army Weekly, addressed in my Ask the Garrison Commander column, and discussed at various Installation Action Council meetings with all major subordinate commands, as well as during Facebook town halls.

Also, the U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii command sergeant major routinely addresses this matter with new company commanders and first sergeants during the Commander/First Sergeant Course.

Thanks again for your input and concern. The safety of our Soldiers and all pedestrians is an important matter, one we all take very seriously, one we are all responsible for, and something we are working hard to maintain.

A complete copy of Policy Memorandum USAG-HI-1, with the subject, "Authorized Schofield Barracks and Wheeler Army Airfield Physical Training (PT) Routes and Pedestrian's Rights and Duties," can be found at www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil/command/documents.htm?tab=1.



Mulbury

To submit an "Ask the Commander" question, send an email to AskTheCommander.usaghi@us.army.mil. For more information, call Rosie Stone (655-9033) at USAG-HI's Customer Relations Team, or call Aiko Brum (656-3155) at USAG-HI Public Affairs Office.

8th MP Bde. pays homage to African-American women

Story and Photos by
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8th Theater Sustainment Command Public Affairs

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — African-American History Month was observed at the Sgt. Smith Theater, here, Feb. 15.

The 8th Military Police Brigade, 8th Theater Sustainment Command, sponsored the event.

The theme for this year's observance was "Black Women in American Culture and History." The overall goal for the observance, as well as the month, is to increase awareness and knowledge of the African-American culture, diversity and accomplishments.

"From the American Revolution to the present, African-American women have played a myriad of critical roles in the making of our nation," said Sgt. Davida Thompson of 8th MP Bde. and event narrator.

"Their labor, leadership, motherhood, patriotism, intellect and artistic expression have enriched both the African-American community and the nation as a whole," Thompson said.

A slideshow honored several black women throughout American culture and history, including first lady Michelle Obama; Zora Neale Hurston, American folklorist, anthropologist and author; Rosa Parks, civil rights activist; and Ella Fitzgerald, vocalist.

Afterwards, those in attendance were treated to the local African dance and drum group, Badenyaa, which performed and danced to three traditional



Badenyaa, a local African dance and drum group, performs in front of a packed house during the African-American History observance sponsored by the 8th MP Bde., 8th TSC, at the Sgt. Smith Theater, Schofield Barracks, Feb. 15.

African songs, the last of which included audience participation.

The guest speaker was Libra Forde, co-founder of the nonprofit organization, Utopian Academics for Military Children. Forde said it was a privilege and

honor to be in the presence of individuals who have made history and have pledged to continue to make history.

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FTSTEPS in FAITH

Swimming against life's strong current is not always easy

CHAPLAIN (MAJ.) KELLY PORTER
 Family Life Chaplain,
 U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii

Growing up in an Air Force family and now serving in the Army, I have lived in some amazing places from coast to coast, including countries in Europe, Asia and now, Hawaii.

During a tour at Fort Lewis, Wash., I made several visits to the Portland, Ore., area.

If you've been there, you may have driven the beautiful road along the Columbia River.

Not far from Portland is a dam where visitors can watch salmon swimming upstream. A giant window was built into the dam wall where salmon throw themselves against thousands of

gallons of raging water.

If you follow the river into Canada, you can see bears snatching the fish out of the air for a tasty meal.

Although we might see their actions as futile, these amazing fish fight against strong currents and gigantic enemies for a purpose. They fight to get to their spawning areas.

We have a lot of similarities with these creatures. Perhaps you are in a similar position in life as you are beginning a military career and starting a family.

You also may be fighting against world forces that would like nothing more than to swat you out of the sky for lunch.

Maybe your raging river is fear, dis-

tance from loved ones, confusion about parenting, corrosive cultural influences, bullies at school, temptation of infidelity or toxic leaders at work. You are realizing that it takes great courage to protect your family.

Leading one's family usually requires going against the norm. It might mean tracking your children's activities and saying no to some of the movies they watch.

It might mean a husband not going out with the guys and having a date night instead. It might even mean going to church with your kids who are begging you to go with them.

Going against the norm is courageous. Others won't understand and will look at you as if you are crazy, but isn't your family worth the effort?

At the Aliamanu Military Reservation Chapel, we are finishing small group

Family Life Chaplains

For more information about how you can live courageously for your family, call one of the Family Life Chaplains at 839-2413 or 656-0291.

studies based on the movie "Courageous." If you haven't seen the movie, I urge you to do so and consider what types of courageous actions your family needs you to make.

If you missed our "Courageous Living" study, we are continuing that theme in March with our next study called, "Sacred Marriage."

It may take great courage to go against the norm, but family life chaplains and your Religious Support Office have many resources available for you.



Porter

Voices of Ohana

What is your favorite Military-themed song and why?

Photos by 8th Theater Sustainment command Public Affairs



"Neil Diamond's version of 'America.' I believe in this song. It's about freedom and what we fight for everyday."

Janet Elinski
 Family Member



"The Marine Hymn.' It speaks to the heart and soul of me. Semper Fi."

Andrew Ferguson
 Family Member



"Lynyrd Skynyrd's, 'Coming Home.' It reminds me of the highs and lows of being deployed in Iraq and coming home."

Spl. Dewey Hancock
 205th MI Bn.,
 500th MI Bde.



"Johnny Cash's, 'Ballad of the Green Beret.' It gets my blood pumping"

Sgt. 1st Class Michael Stansbury
 205th MI Bn.,
 500th MI Bde.



"Creedence Clearwater Revival's, 'Fortunate Son,' because it captured the mood that the country was feeling during that dark time."

Sgt. Kyle Steffic
 7th Eng. Dive Det.,
 65th Eng. Bn., 130th
 Eng. Bde., 8th TSC

25th CAB takes to Afghanistan skies

Story and Photos by
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KANDAHAR AIRFIELD, Afghanistan — Soldiers with the 25th Combat Aviation Brigade, “Task Force Wings,” 25th Infantry Division, took control of Afghanistan’s skies after a transfer of authority ceremony with 159th CAB, “TF Thunder,” here, Feb. 17.

“‘Lele makou no na puali,’ or ‘We fly for the troops.’”

Col. Frank Tate
Commander, 25th CAB, 25th ID

With the transfers of authority of “TF Diamond Head,” “TF Gunfighter,” “TF Hammerhead,” “TF Lightning Horse” and “TF Lobos” complete, TF Wings is prepared to continue the mission of supporting about 64,000 members of the International Security Assistance Force and Afghanistan National Security Forces in Regional Command-South.

“Soldiers always continuously amaze you with what they are capable of,” said Col. Kenneth Royar, commander, 159th CAB. “TF Thunder has performed full-spectrum aviation operations during this rotation, allowing Afghanistan to become safer for its people. The 25th CAB is a great organization, and I know they will take it to a new level.”

Besides aviation operations, TF Wings will also build upon existing partnership relations with Afghanistan National Security Forces and coalition forces.

“It is a proud day for the entire ‘Wings of Lightning’ team to assume operations in RC-South,” said Col. Frank Tate, commander, 25th CAB. “The Wings of Lightning Bde. is especially appreciative of the quality of the relief in place led by TF Thunder. We are dedicated to living up to our motto: ‘Lele makou no na puali,’ or ‘We fly for the troops.’”



Maj. Gen. Bernard Champoux (left), commander, 25th ID, presents retired Gen. Gordon Sullivan, former chief of staff of the Army, with a gift from division in the Main Post Chapel at Schofield Barracks, Feb. 10.

Retired senior leaders inspire ‘Tropic Lightning’ comrades

Story and Photo by
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25th Infantry Division Public Affairs

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Officers and noncommissioned officers of the 25th Infantry Division gathered at the Main Post Chapel, here, Feb. 10, to get a few lessons from two special instructors.

Retired Gen. Gordon Sullivan, former chief of staff of the Army, and retired Command Sgt. Maj. Jimmie Spencer, former command sergeant major of various special operations units, each led an officer and NCO professional development session for the 25th ID.

“(From) 1955-2012, every day of that, he has served his country — part of it in uniform and the other part as president and CEO of the Association of the U.S. Army,” said Maj. Gen. Bernard Champoux, commander, 25 ID, during his introduction of Sullivan.

Sullivan spoke to an audience of junior and senior leaders within the division about his military service, life experiences and outlook on the military. Sullivan emphasized the importance of the human aspect of military service beyond technological advances and logistical superiority.

“Ultimately, it’s about people ... not stuff, but people,” Sullivan said. “People with the courage to do what you do each and every day are what it’s all about.”

Sullivan recounted his time spent as the vice chief of staff of the Army and later as the 32nd chief of staff of the Army. He talked about the time of transition for the military following the Cold War.

Praising today’s Army for its resilience and adaptability to changing theaters and conflicts, Sullivan expressed pride in the leadership displayed by Soldiers at all levels, which allowed today’s Army to experience success during the Iraq and Afghanistan campaigns.

Spencer, a 32-year Army veteran, serves as the director of NCO and Enlisted Affairs for AUSA. He spoke with junior and senior NCOs during his visit about his time and experiences as a senior leader.

During his presentation, Spencer provided guidance and insight about where the Army has come from and where it will go in the future.

Following the presentations, both men were presented with several parting gifts on behalf of the Tropic Lightning Div.



Col. Frank Tate (at podium), commander, 25th CAB, 25th ID, speaks about assuming the mission in Afghanistan after uncasing the brigade’s colors during the transfer of authority ceremony on Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan, Feb. 17.



Col. Frank Tate (left), commander, 25th CAB, 25th ID, and Command Sgt. Maj. Jesus Ruiz, senior enlisted leader, 25th CAB, uncasing the brigade’s colors, signifying their assumption of the mission from the 159th CAB, “TF Thunder.”

DEPLOYED FORCES

45th Sust. Bde. keeps the R3 process moving, on track

Retrograde, reset, redistribution makes best use of taxpayer dollars

Story and Photo by
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KANDAHAR AIRFIELD, Afghanistan — As the drawdown of forces in Afghanistan continues, Soldiers from the retrograde section, here, are currently shipping out equipment affected by years of use.

“Since we’re drawing down, a lot of equipment has to ship back through Kuwait,” said Staff Sgt. Benson Barnes, retrograde noncommissioned officer in charge, 45th Sustainment Brigade, 8th Theater Sust. Command, Joint Sust. Command-Afghanistan. “We track all pallets and containers for our subordinate units and find the means to get all of it out of theater and to Kuwait.”

Retrograde is a process to move equipment and materiel from a deployed theater to a reset program. The equipment could also be moved to another theater of operations to replenish unit stocks or satisfy stock requirements.

Items that are moved include individual Soldier equipment, construction materials, vehicles and repair parts.

“We service five outlying bases and three units, here,” said Spc. Patrick Walton, retrograde clerk, 45th Sust. Bde. “We verify reported numbers and make sure that pallets keep moving. Inaccurate numbers lead to pallets getting left behind.”

This movement is the first step in the shipped equipment’s journey to the Retrograde, Reset and Redistribution program, or R3, a process that brings the equipment back to combat capability or removes it from service.

The retrograde section tracks the equipment along the first leg of its trip back to the U.S. for the R3 process.

“We track (shipments) from the unit,” Barnes said. “After a shipment gets to Kuwait, it is up to the receiving unit to take responsibility for it and get it where it needs to go.”

Sometimes, keeping the shipments moving is easier said than done.

“We have to ensure smooth movement of the shipments,” Walton said. “If pallets stop moving, the yards get flooded, and we have to travel out there to help figure out how to solve



Staff Sgt. Benson Barnes (right), retrograde NCOIC, 45th Sust. Bde., 8th TSC, JSC-A, conducts pre-combat checks on Spc. Patrick Walton, retrograde clerk, 45th Sust. Bde., in preparation for a mission. The 45th Sust. Bde. is currently deployed to Kandahar, Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

the problem.”

The R3 program’s goal is to get the most use out of the equipment the Army has, giving taxpayers the most value for their tax dollar.

The 45th Sust. Bde. is doing its part to make sure that happens by keeping the pallets moving.

PASSING OF THE “NEVER DAUNTED” SWORD



2nd Lt. Ben Hansen | 84th Engineer Battalion, 130th Eng. Brigade, 8th Theater Sustainment Command

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Command Sgt. Maj. Raymond Theard (holding sword), outgoing command sergeant major, 84th Engineer Battalion, 130th Eng. Brigade, 8th Theater Sustainment Command, prepares to relinquish responsibility to Command Sgt. Maj. Joe Constante (far left), on Hamilton Field, here, during the battalion’s change of responsibility ceremony, Feb. 15.

The change of responsibility ceremony is steeped in military traditions and serves the dual function of rendering honors to the departing command sergeant major and providing official recognition of the transfer of authority as senior noncommissioned officer of the 84th Eng. Bn.

Theard completed a noteworthy 20 months with the “Never Daunted” Bn., culminating in the day’s ceremony. Theard will also be retiring in a ceremony in September, after 29 years of service.

Constante comes into the 84th Eng. Bn. after serving as command sergeant major for the 65th Eng. Bn.

DOD helps keep money in the bank

CHERIE HUNTINGTON

Defense Commissary Agency Public Affairs

FORT LEE, Va. — In a current credit card commercial, talk-show host Jimmy Fallon proclaims, “According to research, everybody likes more cash.”

The annual Department of Defense “Military Saves Week,” which runs through Feb. 26, aims to help the military community shrink debt and keep more cash where it belongs — in the bank.

The program encourages Soldiers and their families to reduce debt, save and build wealth.

Such grassroots advice shows families how to make this year’s campaign theme become reality: “Set a goal, make a plan, save automatically.”

“By shopping your commissary, your shopping cart can help you achieve your financial goals,” said Joseph H. Jeu, director and CEO, Defense Commissary Agency. “We’re proud to partner with Military Saves to encourage saving and reduce debt.”

Not only does consistent commissary shopping score savings of 30 percent or more, Jeu said, but also savvy shoppers know that using coupons achieves even higher savings.

“Think of coupons as cash,” he said. “And at your commissary, sometimes the ‘cash’ is hanging on the shelf, in the form of special ‘military commissary’ coupons.”

During Military Saves Week and throughout February, commissaries around the world are supporting the campaign by working with installation budget counselors to provide information on personal financial management and preparation of nutritious meals for less.

Military Saves Week

The Army Community Service Financial Readiness Program is supporting Military Saves Week by hosting “The Apprentice Dress for Success” workshop, through the Employment Readiness Program, ACS, Schofield Barracks, 9-11 a.m., Feb. 24. Call 655-4227.

To join the Military Saves program via Facebook and Twitter web pages and its monthly newsletter visit

• www.militarysaves.org

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up to 200 miles on a single charge, refuels in five minutes and produces zero emissions.

“The test data collected will be analyzed to make fuel cell technology practical in future operational platforms,” said James Muldoon, science officer, USARPAC.

“The development of fuel cell vehicles and an associated transportation infrastructure on which new military and civilian fleets can be tested and employed will reduce our dependence on foreign oil and help move our state and country forward,” Inouye said. “Hawaii is uniquely situated to benefit from the shift toward electric and fuel cell vehicles.”

The Army actively seeks and supports industry partnerships to increase compatible renewable energy development. Fielding of military fuel cell vehicles with the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines is the latest effort of the Hawaii Hydrogen Initiative, a partnership among 13 agencies, companies and universities.

“Once the key hydrogen infrastructure elements are proven in Hawaii, other states can adopt a similar approach,” said Charles Freese, executive director, global fuel cell activities, General Motors, a founding partner of the Hawaii Hydrogen Initiative. “The military is paving the way, demonstrating the practicality and applicability of this technology.”

Hawaii Hydrogen Initiative

Learn more about the initiative at

• www.hydrogen2hawaii.com



Photos Courtesy of First Canoe Strategies & Consulting

Above — Maj. Gen. Roger Mathews, deputy commander, USARPAC, gives a speech during the hydrogen fuel commissioning ceremony at Fort Shafter, Wednesday. The energy needed to power the public address system was supplied by the fuel cell vehicle to Mathews’ right.

The vehicles are being tested by the military services in Hawaii in an effort to research efficient, clean and renewable energy sources, to reduce the U.S. military’s dependence on petroleum.

Uncasing: Unit celebrates successful redeployment

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Following the quilt presentation, the division and battalion colors of the 25th ID were uncased, officially marking the end of their combat mission.

“I just wanted to say how extremely proud I am of what you accomplished, and how extremely proud I am of your families and what they accomplished,” said Maj. Gen. Bernard Champoux, commander, 25th ID. “I know they always say it’s what (families) endure, but it’s really what they accomplish.

“This is exactly who we are,” Champoux continued, referencing the unit’s mission accomplishment. “This is what we do and I want you to know you do it very well. I am very proud to wear the same patch as you, and I am very proud of your service.”

Champoux also acknowledged the importance of the family members during the division’s recent deployment.

“I want the families to know there was no way we could have done it without you. There is no way we would have wanted to do it without you, and you share every accomplishment this division has (achieved),” Champoux added.

The brief and informal celebration included various prizes and gifts for Soldiers and their families, as well as a performance from the Polynesian Culture Center.

Issues: Leaders cite concerns

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to retire, and service members in the middle of their careers finding it tougher to meet the standards to re-enlist.

“The privilege to serve will become more difficult,” Chandler said.

Standards will increase, he said, and to draw down the force, the Army will use multiple tools — including fewer new recruits, tougher retention standards and early retirements.

For those who will leave, he said, the Army will “have an orderly transition plan starting a year before they leave the service.”

That, the sergeant major said, will make sure both Soldiers and their families are ready, and are able, to leave the Army “with dignity and respect.”

Civilian Life

What a service member will do after military life is also a concern.

Chandler said there are “tremendous concerns” among Soldiers leaving the service given the state of the economy and the job market. The Army and its sister services are working to make the transition smoother for service members.

“That is a major focus for me personally ... to really refine our transition assistance program with the help of (the VA and Labor departments), and to put our kids in the best place we can to make sure they have a dignified transition out of the service and back into the rest of American society,” Chandler said.

8th MP: Contributions honored

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“This day, as many other days, brings an opportunity to be thankful for what we have and the people who have led the way,” Forde said. “What a selfless gift we have been given.”

She told the audience that over the years she has developed an appreciation for history. She said that knowing history helps society know where it’s at, and, more importantly, history helps identify opportunities.

“History is rich in information, experience and pride,” she said.

Forde said, most of the women mentioned, if not all, would say that they never did any of their work for fame, instead, to full

fill their passion.

“I equate these same sentiments in your presence,” she said. “I feel the same would be said by each of you if asked, years from now, ‘Why are you in the military?’ Though each of you may have a different answer to this question, it is timeless reciprocity that you are engaging in.”

A member of the band, Badenyaa, a local African dance and drum group, dances during the group’s performance at the African-American History observance, at the Sgt. Smith Theater on Schofield Barracks, Feb. 15.



Army honors the many accomplishments of African-Americans

February is African-American/Black History Month, a time during which the Army honors the many contributions made by African-Americans.

This year’s commemoration continues the tradition of excellence started by Dr. Carter G. Woodson. 2012 honors black women in American history and culture who have played a vital role in the history of the U.S. and the U.S. Army since the American Revolution.

Patriotism, loyalty and leadership, coupled with labor, intellect and artistic expression, have enriched the African-American community and the nation at large. In slavery

and freedom, the struggles of blacks have been at the heart of the human experience.

Fighting against racism and sexism, black women have persevered to overcome adversity. The Army remains strong because it places great value in having different perspectives, approaches and skills, and because it values having ethnic and cultural diversity.

The Army has benefited from the leadership, intelligence and contributions of African-American women. From Harriet Tubman, a leader and conductor of the Underground Railroad; to Rosa Parks, the mother of the modern civil rights movement; to first lady Michelle Obama, these prominent women

have courageously served as exceptional role models for all to emulate.

Today, the Army celebrates the recent promotion of Maj. Gen. Marcia Anderson, the Army’s first African-American female two star general. The Army also recognizes Tracey Pinson, the Army’s highest-ranking female, African-American senior executive service member.

These women and so many others are expressions of a vibrant culture in which African-American women play a critical role in the strength of the nation and the U.S. Army.

(Editor’s Note: Information compiled from Army news releases.)

News Briefs

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

Today

Hawaii Army Tax Center — The Hawaii Army Tax Center at Schofield Barracks offers free assistance in organizing and completing 2011 income tax forms to all ranks, family members and retirees, on an appointment-only basis, 7 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Friday, through April 29, at Building 648, next to the Sgt. Smith Theater.

The Hawaii Army Tax Center at Fort Shafter is located in the Aloha Center,

and is open 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Soldiers, family members and retirees can schedule their appointments for either location by calling 655-1040. For a complete list of what tax documents to bring and updated wait times for walk-ins, visit www.Facebook.com and search for “Hawaii Army Tax Centers.”

29 / Wednesday

USAG-HI Facebook Town Hall — Do you have ideas about how to make the U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii community better? Do you have questions about USAG-HI services, facilities or support? If so, get ready for the online Facebook town hall, hosted by Col. Douglas Mulbury, commander, USAG-HI, 6-7:30 p.m., Feb. 29, at

www.facebook.com/usaghawaii, under the “Events” tab.

All Soldiers, family members, retirees and civilians can ask questions, address concerns and get responses.

If your question doesn’t pertain to the public at large, use the Interactive Customer Evaluation System, or ICE at <http://ice.disa.mil>, or email AskTheCommander.usaghi@us.army.mil.

Call Lacey Justinger, digital media specialist, USAG-HI Public Affairs, at 656-3153, or email lacey.a.justinger.civ@mail.mil.

Ongoing

Education Survey — The Hawaii State Department of Education is en-

couraging parents to complete a survey to help schools set priorities for improving programs and services. Schools began mailing surveys to homes in February. Parents whose children are enrolled in grades 4, 5, 7, 8, 9 and 11 will be asked to complete the survey and return it to the school no later than March 30.

Individual survey responses are confidential. Email questions to sqs@notes.k12.hi.us or call 733-4008.

Ohana Clinic — Tripler Army Medical Center’s Warrior Ohana Medical Home is accepting enrollment. The center is a full-service, primary care clinic and is open 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday, at 91-1010 Shangrila St., Ste. 100, in Kalaeloa. Call 433-5401/5402.

Resiliency Training — Families Overcoming Under Stress, or FOCUS, offers resiliency training for Army families. During individual family sessions, families can learn skills to improve communication and identify strategies for dealing with deployment reminders.

Training services are free of charge to military; confidential sessions are available during family-friendly hours. Call 257-7774 or email hawaii@focusproject.org.

Traffic Lights — All traffic lights at the intersections on Schofield Barracks will be flashing red, 8 p.m.-6 a.m., daily. All motorists should stop at the intersection with the flashing red, yield to cars with the right of way, and then proceed with caution. Call 655-1333.

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GREAT ALOHA RUN

Sgt. 1st Class David Wheeler | 8th Theater Sustainment Command Public Affairs

Participants in the 28th annual Great Aloha Run hit the 6-mile marker in Honolulu, Feb. 20. More than 29,000 runners helped this charitable event raise more than \$400,000 for the military and the community.



Sgt. Gaelen Lowers | 8th Theater Sustainment Command Public Affairs

Maj. Gen. Michael J. Terry, commander, 8th Theater Sustainment Command, gives a thumbs up as he leads the Sounds of Freedom military formation during the 28th annual Great Aloha Run in Honolulu, Feb. 20.



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Soldiers with the 65th Engineer Battalion, 130th Eng. Brigade, 8th TSC, sing cadence as they pass the 6-mile marker at the half-way point of the event.



Sp. Kayla Thomas | 25th Infantry Division Public Affairs

Maj. Gen. Bernard S. Champoux, commander, 25th Infantry Division (center), and Command Sgt. Maj. Ray A. Devens Jr., command sergeant major, 25th ID (right), lead the "Tropic Lightning" Division into Aloha Stadium following the division's completion of the run.

Sounds of Freedom in full force during 28th annual run

SGT. GAELEN LOWERS
8th Theater Sustainment Command
Public Affairs

HONOLULU — Alone, aloha is an indescribable word.

At its very core, it means the presence of divine breath, but to be truly understood, it must be experienced.

Enter the Great Aloha Run. A 28-year Hawaiian tradition, the GAR is an 8.15-mile run from the Aloha Tower to the Aloha Stadium featuring more than 29,700 participants this year, including more than 4,300 military members.

The Great Aloha Run is more than just one of the top 15 runs in the U.S. It has raised more than \$9.1 million for more than 150 nonprofit health and human service organizations and community groups throughout Hawaii.

"This event is so much more than just a great opportunity to get together and run," said Maj. Demetrick Thomas, secretary to the general, 8th Theater Sustainment Command. "It raises more than \$400,000 annually for charities that support the military and the community at large, and some of the runners find some very creative ways of doing it."

Some run in costume, some run with flags, and some even run with giant balloon dragons. People travel from across the country and the world to watch and participate in the spectacle that is the Great Aloha Run.

"The energy that came from everyone is what really keeps you going," said 1st Lt. Brigida Sanchez, Operations Company, U.S. Army-Pacific and avid runner. "Every time you think of stopping you find another reason to keep moving."

Sanchez has run races throughout the country but loves the diversity of the Great Aloha Run and people who run it.

"From the high school bands on the corners, to the elaborate costumes that people wear, it's just an overall fun event." she exclaimed. "I saw kids younger than 6 running. I was even passed by a man running the entire race backward."

Personified by the Sounds of Freedom, more than 4,300 military personnel participated in this year's race, singing cadences and other songs to lift the spirits of all within earshot.

"People love to run with the Sounds of Freedom," said Carol Jaxon, director, Great Aloha Run. "They are calling cadence and singing, and there is just a lot of

DEPLOYED FORCES



Staff Sgt. Amber Robinson | 3rd Brigade Combat Team Public Affairs, 25th Infantry Division

FORWARD OPERATING BASE FENTY, Afghanistan — Soldiers from the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, "Task Force Bronco," 25th Infantry Division, and from Forward Operating Base Fenty begin the Great Aloha Run Shadow Run, here, Feb. 19.

energy surrounding the formation."

Maj. Gen. Michael J. Terry, commander, 8th Theater Sustainment Command, led the Sounds of Freedom formation this year.

"I want to thank everyone who participated in today's Great Aloha Run," Terry said. "Supporting this run was a great, great opportunity to give back and support a community that has supported us all these years."

Terry's 8th TSC won the trophy for the largest unit formation in the race; Terry also represented the Army by accepting the trophy for the largest service participating in the race.

The race went off without a hitch or a hiccup, largely due to the efforts of the 8th TSC and Sgt. Maj. Lisa Williams, the 8th TSC current operations sergeant major and military logistics coordinator for the race.

"We were tasked with making sure everyone got to and from the race in a timely fashion," Williams said. "We provided the cups for each of the water points, as well as the water itself."

The task took more than 75 buses running constantly from designated points across the island, 10 water buffalos located at points along the race route, a few dozen personnel and many weeks of planning.

"I'm glad everything went smoothly and everyone had a good race," Williams said. "There were no major injuries or logistical problems that occurred. I'm proud of the hard work by all of the 8th TSC Soldiers that volunteered their time ... and of everyone, military and civilian, that ran. Now it's time to step back, take a breath and get ready for next year."



25 / Saturday

Pool Tournament — Compete against other skilled pool players, 6 p.m., Feb. 25, Tropics Warrior Zone, Schofield Barracks. Call 655-5698.

26 / Sunday

BOSS Clothing Drive — Clothes cluttering your closet? Support the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers, or BOSS, clothing drive, 10 a.m., Feb. 26, Schofield Barracks Exchange. Call 655-1130/5698.

27 / Monday

Bowling your Brains Out — Enjoy unlimited bowling for \$10 per person, 1-4 p.m., every Monday and Tuesday, at the Fort Shafter Bowling Center, if lanes are available. This offer doesn't apply to group or party reservations. Call 438-6733.

Free Hula Classes — The Native Hawaiian Liaison Office, USAG-HI, conducts free hula classes for Soldiers and families. Beginner classes are 5-6 p.m.; advanced classes are 6-7 p.m. Call 655-9694 or email nhliaison@gmail.com. Class dates follow:

- Mondays, Kalakaua Community Center, Schofield Barracks.
- Tuesdays, AMR Community Center.

29 / Wednesday

One Buck Bowl — Bowl for \$1 every Wednesday, 1-4 p.m., Feb. 29, at the Fort Shafter Bowling Center. Shoe rental isn't included. Call 438-6733.

Kids \$1.99 Meal — Every Wednesday night, keiki under 10 can eat for \$1.99 at the Kolekole Bar and Grill at Schofield Barracks or Mulligan's Bar and Grill at Hale Ikena.

2 / Friday

Right Arm Night — Back by popular demand, Right Arm Night is going country. Country music, an all-you-can-eat country style buffet and unit competition begin at 4 p.m., March 2, at the Nehelani, Schofield Barracks. Tickets are \$5 in advance or \$8 the day of the event. Call 655-4466 or 655-0660.

March

3 / Saturday

Ladies Golf Clinic — Leilehua Golf Course holds a free ladies golf clinic from 1:30 to 3 p.m. the first Saturday of the month at Leilehua Golf Course. Call 655-4653.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY EDDIE



Vanessa Lynch | Honolulu Star-Advertiser

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — After reading his book, "Eddie's Funny Feeling," a deployment storybook, to Blue Star Card families, at the Sgt. Yano Library, here, Wednesday, Eddie the Eagle got a special birthday surprise when his friends (from left to right) Buzz Lightyear, the Easter Bunny, Tinkerbell, and Belle arrived with a special cake and sang "Happy Birthday," to him. See more photos at www.flickr.com/usaghawaii.

6 / Tuesday

Magic Show — Every first Tuesday of the month, experience a magical evening of mystery, fantasy and comedy with magician Mark Mauricio. Includes an all-you-can-eat-buffet. Doors open at 5 p.m.; show starts at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$20 for ages 11 and older and \$12 for ages 10 and under. Call 655-4466 for reservations.

7 / Wednesday

Texas Hold'em — Test your Texas Hold'em poker playing skills at 6 p.m., March 7, Hale Ikena, Fort Shafter. Enjoy great food and drink specials while playing for great prizes. Call 438-1974.

9 / Friday

Army Training Holiday Bowling — Enjoy two free games with the purchase of a daily lunch special or any sandwich combo meal deal, March 9, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Call 438-6733.

21 / Wednesday

Chant Workshop — Sign up for the interactive workshop on Hawaiian chanting, 5:30-7 p.m., March 21, Sgt. Yano Library, Schofield Barracks. Workshop participants will be introduced to various styles of Hawaiian chanting

and voice techniques. To register, call the Native Hawaiian Liaison Office at 655-9694 or email nhliaison@gmail.com.

Ongoing

TAMC Physical Fitness Classes — Active duty Soldiers and their family members can show their military ID at TAMC's Physical Fitness Center to sign up for free classes. Cost for Army civilians is \$4 per class or \$25 per month. Call 433-6443.

Free Auto Skills Class — Spouses of deployed Soldiers can learn how to check their vehicle's oil, fluids and tire pressure. Schedule an appointment at the Fort Shafter Auto Skills Center by calling 438-9402.

No-Show Policy — Blue Star Card holders who register for an event and can't attend need to cancel their reservation by noon the day before the event. Without cancellation, BSC holders will be considered no-shows. Email amanda.p.montgomery@us.army.mil.

Vehicle Safety Inspection — Don't forget to check your vehicle

inspection sticker located on your vehicle's right rear bumper to see if it's about to expire or already has. No appointment is necessary. Call Fort Shafter's Auto Skills Center at 438-9402 or Schofield Barracks at 655-9368.

Pay Nine, Play 18 — During the month of February, pay for nine holes and play 18 at Nagorski Golf Course, Fort Shafter. This offer is valid Monday-Friday, except holidays, and applies to green fees only. The course is open to the public with proper visitor pass information. Call 438-9587.

Cosmic Bowling — Cosmic Bowling starts at 3 p.m. on Saturdays and 1-5 p.m. on Sundays at Fort Shafter Bowling Center. Cosmic Bowling at Schofield Bowling Center starts at 10 p.m. on Fridays, 8 p.m. on Saturdays and 6 p.m. on Sundays.

Call 438-6733 for Fort Shafter or 655-0573 for Schofield.

FMWR — Outprocessing Soldiers in the Fort Shafter, Aliamanu and TAMC areas can be cleared for DFMWR services at the AMR Physical Fitness Center, Building 1780, 176 Kauhini Rd. Call 836-0338.

Schools' Kapalama Campus. This hoolaulea will include island crafts, food and live music. Call 842-8680.

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Call Lacey Justinger, digital media specialist, USAG-HI Public Affairs, at 656-3153, or email lacey.a.justinger.civ@mail.mil.

March

17 / Saturday

Safety Seat Check up — Safeguard your keiki with a free car safety seat checkup, 9-11:30 a.m., March 17, Schofield Barracks, across the street from the police station on Lyman Road and Flagler Avenue. This pre-

ventative inspection is sponsored by the Military Police, Tripler Army Medical Center and the Keiki Injury Prevention Coalition. Call 655-0794 or 433-2842 for more details.

Ongoing

Food for Families — The Armed Services YMCA at WAAF has an emergency food locker that assists military families who are experiencing financial difficulty. Available are supplies of canned goods, frozen food, dry goods and personal care items. Call 624-5645.

Parent Participation Preschool — This program is for children ages 3-4, and it helps preschool children make a smooth transition into the structure of kindergarten. Preschool days are 12-2 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays, Wheeler Armed Services YMCA, WAAF. Cost is \$40 per month. Call 624-5645 to register.

RAP Meeting — Get involved in your community by attending your community's Resident Advisory Panel. IPC residents can develop and strengthen their relationships with property management and fellow residents through the RAP.

Contact your community manager for details and volunteer opportunities. Visit www.IslandPalmCommunities.com.

Making the Grade — Students can cash in on the Exchange's "You Made the Grade" program, which recognizes above-average academic achievement. Qualifying students will receive a coupon booklet that includes free admission to an Exchange Reel Time Theater, as well as other coupons.

Students must present a valid military ID and proof of an overall "B" or better average to their local Exchange.

Veterinary Treatment Facility — The Schofield Barracks Veterinary Treatment Facility sees patients five days a week, with extended hours every third Wednesday of the month until 7 p.m. Book an appointment for the new Wellness Package for affordable preventative care or to obtain a mandatory airline health certificate within 10 days of travel out of Oahu. Call 655-5893 or 655-5889.

Recycling Bin — Fort Shafter Elementary invites the community to use its recycling bin in front of the school, as all monetary proceeds will benefit the school.

The following items will be accepted loosely, not in plastic bags: aluminum cans (rinsed), glass bottles and jars (rinsed, lids removed) and plastic containers (rinsed, lids removed).

Bag/box the following items before depositing: newspapers (magazines and glossy inserts removed), corrugated cardboard (flattened), and white and colored bond paper.

Community Calendar

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

Today

Scholarships for Military Children — Applications for the 2012 Scholarships for Military Children program end Feb. 24 at commissaries and at www.militaryscholar.org. The program awards at least one \$1,500 scholarship to a student at each commissary.

25 / Saturday

MCB Swamp Romp — The dirtiest race returns to Marine Corp Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, 7 a.m., Feb. 25. Cheer on your favorite team during this five-mile run through the mud and dirt on board MCB, K-Bay. This run takes teams through the Nuupia ponds and down the Fort Hase beach, and over and under obstacles that challenge the strongest of competitors. This event is open to the public. Call 245-7590.

Kamehameha Schools Hoolaulea — Bring your ohana (family) and enjoy the spectacular view, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Kamehameha

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 and FD
- 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)

- Monday, 6 p.m. at PH (Bible Study)
- Friday, 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, 8:15 a.m. at PH

Pagan (Wicca)

- Friday, 7 p.m. at MPC Annex

Protestant Worship

- Sunday Services
 - 9 a.m. at FD, MPC and TAMC chapels
 - 9 a.m. at WAAF chapel, Lutheran/Episcopalian
 - 10 a.m. at HMR
 - 10:30 a.m. at AMR

Single Soldiers' Bible Study

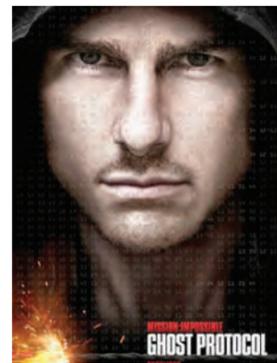
- Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. at SC; lunch is provided.

Worship Service

- Sunday, 6 p.m. at SC.

This Week at the MOVIES Sgt. Smith Theater

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



Mission Impossible: Ghost Protocol (PG-13) Fri., Feb. 24, 7 p.m.

The Adventures of TinTin: The Secret of the Unicorn (PG) Sat., Feb. 25, 4 p.m.

War Horse (PG-13) Sat., Feb. 18, 7 p.m.

The Muppets (PG) Sun., Feb. 26, 2 p.m.

The Devil Inside (R) Wed., Feb. 29, 7 p.m.

Contraband (R) Thurs., March 1, 7 p.m.

No shows on Mondays or Tuesdays.

Calendar abbreviations

- 8th TSC: 8th Theater Sustainment Command
- 25th ID: 25th Infantry Division
- ACS: Army Community Service
- AFAP: Army Family Action Plan

- AFTB: Army Family Team Building
- AMR: Aliamanu Military Reservation
- BCT: Brigade Combat Team
- BSB: Brigade Support Battalion
- Co.: Company
- CYSS: Child, Youth and School Services

- EFMP: Exceptional Family Member Program
- FMWR: Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation
- FRG: family readiness group
- HMR: Helemano Military Reservation

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

FMWR launches new menu of programs for community

Story and Photo by

JENNY DUONG

Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation; U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — A new menu of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation programs at the Nehelani, here, awaits old and new customers.

New special events include wine nights for adults, keiki nights for children, and Right Arm nights for Soldiers and civilians.

"I think it's great that I'm able to enjoy a keiki dinner with my kids one night and then attend a wine tasting with my girlfriends another night," said Dana Spalding, military spouse. "And, it's all at the same venue."

The Directorate of FMWR, U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii, which oversees the Nehelani, wants to provide a variety of activities that cater to all demographics of the Army in Hawaii community.

"Soldiers are back, and they want to enjoy their experience here in Hawaii with their family and friends and that's what we help to accomplish," said Juanita Solis, general manager, Nehelani.

The Nehelani is offering new family friendly entertainment in the form of magic and luau shows in its newly renovated ballroom. These shows use the same performers that entertain

Nehelani

To learn more about the Nehelani's new programs, call 655-4466 or visit

• www.himwr.com

at private venues and hotels.

"What's making DFMWR's offerings special is our affordability, location convenience and, most importantly, outstanding customer service," Solis said. "Our employees are engrained with customer service as soon as they are hired. We're given one goal and that is to take care of Soldiers and their families."

The Nehelani has not only introduced new programs but also has refined and tailored its current programs to meet the needs of the garrison population.

"Based on commentary that came through in the Army Family Action Plan process, and Soldier demand, we changed our pau hana hours to better fit the work schedules of Soldiers," said Jessica McKinney, catering assistant, Nehelani.

"We also decided to open Kolekole Bar and Grill late night on Saturdays, to give Soldiers and families a social outlet on post, instead of going down to Waikiki."



Magician Mark Mauricio (second from left) solicits the help of an audience member during a show at the grand opening of the Nehelani Showroom, Schofield Barracks, Feb. 7. DFMWR has created a new set of programming and events to better serve the Army community in Hawaii.

Patrons have taken noticed.

"Country Night was fantastic," said Sgt. James Rayburn, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, USAG-HI, and president of Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers, or BOSS. "The line dancing was great, and the best part was that I didn't have drive too far."

"This is exactly the kind of programming that single Soldiers and other members of the MWR community need," Rayburn added.

The recent grand opening of the comedy show produced a record number of attendees for regular Friday nights at Kolekole Bar and Grill.



Erin A. Kirk-Cuomo | Department of Defense

First lady Michelle Obama unveils the Military Spouse Employment Report, Feb. 15, at the Pentagon in Washington D.C. Obama, along with Dr. Jill Biden, released the report which intends to ease employment barriers for active duty spouses.

Spouses to gain a leg-up in job market

ELAINE SANCHEZ

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Alongside the nation's top defense officials, first lady Michelle Obama and Dr. Jill Biden, wife of Vice President Joe Biden, unveiled a new report, Feb. 15, that spotlights military spouses' employment challenges and aims to remove barriers for the thousands of spouses with occupational licenses.

Speaking alongside Defense Secretary Leon Panetta and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff of the Army Gen. Martin Dempsey, the first lady and Biden described the magnitude of spouses' licensing challenges and the commitment this report represents in helping to quickly resolve them.

The report, produced by the Defense and Treasury departments, offers a road map that states can use to streamline or expedite licensing procedures.

"We are all here today ... to say this to America's military families, 'We are incredibly grateful for your service,'" the first lady told a packed audience of leaders and military families in the Pentagon's auditorium, here. "We understand the unique challenges that you face, and we are going to do everything that we can to make sure that you can pursue your careers and provide for your families."

Throughout this decade of war, military spouses have kept moving forward despite the challenges of frequent moves and deployments — all while juggling children and a household.

But, when it comes to moving forward in their own careers, "far too often, you can't just keep moving, because you've run into a brick wall," the first lady said, adding that much of this challenge is due to issues with licensing and certifications.

Obama said she and Biden have heard of these issues at every stop they've made to speak with military families.

"It is the No. 1 issue that military spouses tell us about," she said.

Military spouses in careers that require licenses must confront varying requirements from state to state, she explained. A lack of license portability — the ability to transfer an exist-

ing license to a new state with minimal application requirements — can cause spouses to bear high administrative and financial burdens as they attempt to obtain a license.

Obama noted the magnitude of this issue.

More than one in every three military spouses in the workforce has a job that requires a professional license or certification, she said, citing the report.

"This licensing issue affects more than 100,000 individuals — 100,000 individuals," she stressed, "and the vast majority of you are clearly ready to work when you get to your new state."

The first lady cited teachers, the most common career among spouses, as an example.

In some states, teachers are required to take an entry-level course in state history or another subject before the licensing board will grant them a license. Teachers with years of experience may end up having to take extra classes before they can even apply for a job, she said.

The first lady lauded the efforts of state officials who have stepped forward to address this issue.

For example, in Arizona, officials passed legislation to grant licenses, in most professions, to military spouses who have at least one year of experience, she said.

These are different solutions, she said, but all enable military spouses to get to work quicker, and all enable states to maintain their professional standards and requirements. Eight other states have followed in their footsteps to create laws of their own, and 15 others have legislation pending or waiting to be introduced.

"But that still leaves 26 states — that still leaves more than half the country — that have yet to address this issue," she said.

The first lady said officials are setting a national goal today: By 2014, they want to see all 50 states pass legislation to address licensing issues.

Obama said she and Biden plan to present this issue to all 50 state governors and their spouses, later this month, at the National Governors Association Conference, here.

Exchange shoppers satisfied with service on-post

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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — At 116 years of age, the Army & Air Force Exchange Service may not have "moves like Jagger," but its shoppers are getting plenty of satisfaction, according to a recent American Customer Satisfaction Index, or ACSI, survey.

In the latest survey, the Exchange scored higher than ever before.

The ACSI was developed to provide information on satisfaction with the quality of products and services available to consumers.

Besides the ACSI, the Exchange relies on a Customer Service Index, or CSI, to provide localized, real-time snapshots of the job Exchange facilities are doing to improve the value of support provided to Soldiers and their families.

Here at Schofield Barracks, the Exchange's CSI score for 2011 increased by two points from the previous year.

"We're excited about the satisfaction level shown by Schofield Barracks Exchange shoppers," said the Exchange's Mike Whisler, Hawaii area manager. "We continue to maintain an intense focus on customer satisfaction in an effort to meet, or beat, shoppers' expectations."

The CSI survey, which addresses customer service, pricing, sales associate availability, merchandise assortment and many more key issues, is administered at 130 Exchange main stores around the world.

The next CSI survey will take place at Schofield Barracks in the spring.

"Feedback from military shoppers is an invaluable tool in our ongoing efforts to provide the best service possible," Whisler said.

Students explore medical careers with new program

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HONOLULU — The first Medical Explorer Post on Oahu held its initial organizational meeting, here, Jan. 28.

Tripler Army Medical Center has partnered with the Boy Scouts of America using a Learning for Life Health Career Exploring program to bring real-world medical and health career experiences to students in grades 9-12.

Lt. Col. Lozay Foots, director, Medicine Nursing Services, TAMC, is the principal advisor for Boy Scouts Post 1948. He said two high schools near TAMC, Radford and Moanalua, were chosen to test out the program.

Foots and two representatives from BSA, Ryan Blangiardi and Keao Miller, spoke with students from both schools about the program.

"The post mission is about helping them explore their career paths and choices," Fouts said. "We want to put them in and provide them (medical and health) activities, so they can see that they can aspire to be whatever they want to be."

Participating students elected a student committee of leaders that will help the Adult Leader Explorers manage the post.

More than 40 students attended the meeting and Fouts, who was a Boy Scout during his youth, said about a dozen members of TAMC's staff have volunteered to become Adult Leader Explorers.

One of those volunteers is Lt. Col. Todd Briere, chief, Patient Administration Division, TAMC.

"(The post is an) excellent opportunity for these students to participate in," said Briere, who also was a Boy Scout. "Explorer Scouts make decisions on what they want to explore, and we (volunteers) just guide them (along the way)."

Foots said the Explorer leaders hope to "encapsulate the hospital environment" for the students. The post plans to have the students explore Tripler and other military clinics on island to observe a variety of health care providers in their work environments.

The idea for the post came from Brig. Gen. Keith Gallagher, commander, Pacific Regional Medical Command and TAMC, who had started an Explorers' post when he was stationed at Fort Campbell, Ky.

"The sky is the limit," Fouts said. "The (commanding general's) vision is that (in future years) it will be open to all the high schools on island and that we will eventually be able to partner with all the different medical communities on the island."

Medical Explorer Post

The Medical Explorer Post meets the second and fourth Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. in the Kyser Auditorium, TAMC. The application fee is \$10. Call 433-5122.



Lt. Col. Lozay Fouts (standing), director, Medicine Nursing Services, TAMC, addresses high school students from Moanalua High School, Jan. 19, in the school's library, as part of Hawaii's first Medical Explorers Post. The program is designed to bring real-world medical and health career experiences to students in grades 9-12.