



Soldiers with the 74th EOD Co., 303rd EOD Bn., 8th MP Bde., 8th TSC, inspect the aftermath of a State Department limousine at Area X, Schofield Barracks, May 2, after being called in to destroy it. State

Department procedures require all sensitive materials, including up-armored vehicles, to be disposed of in a way that prevents the equipment from being compromised or reused.

Up-armored limo meets its match

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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — A State Department limousine traded its champagne glasses and leather seats for a healthy dose of explosives, here, May 2, courtesy of the 74th Explosive Ordinance Disposal Company, 303rd EOD Battalion, 8th Military Police Brigade, 8th Theater Sustainment Command.

According to State Department officials, sensitive equipment, including up-armored vehicles, needs to be disposed of in a way that prevents the equipment from being compromised or reused.

Nothing prevents reuse like a controlled explosion from the Army’s explosive experts.

“The State Department needed to demilitarize and destroy the car,” said Capt. Dustin Flowers, commander, 74th EOD Co. “They can’t resell it or scrap it, so they called us and gave us an opportunity to train with our tools.”

Sgt. Joshua Kennedy, team leader, 74th EOD Co., described the training as a win-win for the State Department and his Soldiers.

“(The State Department) gets rid of its limo, and we get to work with demolition tools to see what works on what,” Kennedy said.

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Hurricane season approaches

Hurricane season in Hawaii runs through Nov. 30

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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Hawaii’s hurricane season is in effect, June 1-November 30.

To prepare, U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii will conduct its annual hurricane exercise, Makani Pahili, Hawaiian for strong winds, May 29-June 8.

Makani Pahili is a joint exercise that involves the State of Hawaii and all branches of the armed services here in Hawaii.

Key exercise objectives are to test disaster preparedness plans and procedures, to test alert procedures and communications systems, and to test select safe havens and family assistance centers at both Schofield Barracks and Fort Shafter.

Residents and the workforce should understand hurricane terminology and categories.

Terms

A tropical depression is a system of clouds and thunderstorms with a defined surface circulation and sustained winds not exceeding 38 mph. A tropical storm, however, is defined as sustained winds of 39-73 mph, and a hurricane when sustained winds exceed 73 mph.

A warning is issued when hurricane conditions are expected within 36 hours. Conversely, a watch is issued when hurricane conditions are possible within 48 hours.

Categories

Preparing for a hurricane becomes difficult when winds reach tropical storm conditions, so preparedness is key.

The winds of a hurricane — by definition 74 miles mph or more — can be dangerous. Understanding the break down of a hurricane’s categories allows for better preparation, according to Francis Smith, emergency manager, Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security, USAG-HI.

“For some of Hawaii’s lightly built homes and other structures, wind forces alone might be de-

structive,” Smith said. “One of the greatest threats from a hurricane’s winds is its cargo of flying objects, such as lawn furniture.”

The Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Wind Scale is a 1-5 rating based on a hurricane’s sustained wind speed. This scale estimates potential property damage. Hurricanes reaching Category 3 and higher are considered major hurricanes because of their potential for significant loss of life and damage.

Category 1 and 2 storms are still dangerous, however, and require preventative measures.

Smith said, during a Category 1 or 2 hurricane, residents should anchor down loose items in their yards and move objects like grills and patio-type furniture inside. He also said residents near the coastline should evacuate to shelter inland.

In the event of a Category 4 or 5 storm, before residents evacuate to a shelter or safe haven, they need to turn off the electricity and water in their homes, Smith added.

“Knowing the category of the hurricane allows you to anticipate the intensity of the storm, so you can be better prepared,” Smith said.

Smith went on to say, in the event of an evacuation, listen to the radio or television for the location of emergency shelters/safe havens and for other instructions from local emergency officials.

“Wear protective clothing and sturdy shoes and take your disaster supplies kit with you,” he added. “Use travel routes specified by local authorities, and don’t use shortcuts, because certain areas may be impassable or dangerous.”



Courtesy Image

Hurricane exercise Makani Pahili will use a simulated hurricane path through the Hawaiian Islands.

Pilot program to open new MOS’s to female Soldiers

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WASHINGTON — The Army announced April 27 that it will begin a six-month assessment, May 14, of an exception to the Direct Ground Combat Assignment Rule for female Soldiers.

Under DGCAR, six military occupational specialties, or MOSs, were previously closed to women because they were normally co-located with direct combat units.

The Army’s removal of “co-location” from its policy will open six specialties in 80 units to females, down to the battalion level, said Brig. Gen. Barrye Price, director, Human Resources Policy. “With the removal of co-location, a little over 13,000 billets will open for women to compete for assignment. Now, for the first time, women will be allowed to assess into these six specialties.

“We’ll have to actually now recruit women for these specialties, which they have not in the past,” he added.

Under the exception to policy, Price said 10 officer specialties and more enlisted positions will also be open to women in nine brigade combat teams across the Army.

“We’re going to look to execute this exception to policy at one brigade at Fort Carson, Colo.; three brigades at Fort Hood, Texas; one brigade at Fort Knox, Ky.; one brigade at Fort Drum, N.Y.; one brigade at Fort Campbell, Ky.; and two brigade combat teams in Hawaii,” Price said.

Within each of those brigades, Price continued, the Army already has women serving at the brigade headquarters level, but within those nine brigades are 37 battalions in which women have not served before.

“This war, more than any, has shaped and informed our views on opening the aperture for women, based on what they’re actually doing, what they’ve actually achieved,” Price said. “Our nation and, historically, the roles that we’ve seen women playing and performing ... I think that really 11 years of persistent conflict has really shaped our views, not just internally to the De-

partment of Defense, but also societal views, as what more pronounced role women may play.”

The exception to DGCAR opens select positions to women in direct combat units at the battalion level in a number of MOSs, totaling about 755 Army positions across nine BCTs. Company grade officers in the ranks of second lieutenant through captain and noncommissioned officers in the grades of sergeant to sergeant first class will be receiving orders and will report for duty May 14.

The DOD’s intent to implement the exception to policy was first announced in the DOD Women in the Services Restrictions Review released in February.

The Army will assess the impact of this exception to policy over a six-month period, Price said, and provide a joint-service report with the assessment period results and corresponding recommendations to the secretary of Defense in November.

The Army intends to begin executing those recommendations shortly thereafter, he said.

“This has been a great growth experience for our nation at large,” Price said.



Photo Courtesy of 25th Infantry Division Public Affairs

Sgt. Mahlet Tesfaye, 25th ID, salutes during a formation, recently. The Army will begin a six-month assessment of the DGCAR rule for female Soldiers.

Hurricane Categories

• Category 1

Winds: 74-95 mph
Storm surge: 4-5 feet
Minimal damage to plants and signs.

• Category 2

Winds: 96-110 mph
Storm surge: 6-8 feet
Some flooding, minimal damage to mobile homes, roofs and small crafts.

• Category 3

Winds: 111-130 mph
Storm surge: 9-12 feet

Extensive damage to small buildings and low-lying roofs.

• Category 4

Winds: 131-155 mph
Storm surge: 13-18 feet
Extreme damage with destroyed roofs and mobile homes, downed trees, cut off roads and flooded homes.

• Category 5

Winds: Exceeding 155 mph
Storm surge: Over 18 feet
Catastrophic damage destroying most buildings and vegetation, cutting off major roads and flooding homes.

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MPs collaborate with Sheriff’s Department and Utah National Guard.



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OANRP and 70th Eng. Co. demonstrate their commitment to the environment.



Living History Day | B-3

The U.S. Army Museum of Hawaii is honoring Armed Forces Day, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., May 19.

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From the Army's Home Front

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LT. GEN. MIKE FERRITER
Commander,
Installation Management Command
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I've seen it throughout my career — never more so than during my time in Iraq.
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Its job fairs bring together a whole range of organizations, including pri-

vate industry, the Department of Labor, Veterans Affairs, the Small Business Administration and state workforce commissions, all focused on connecting transitioning Soldiers and veterans with employment opportunities.

The same idea is behind "Hero 2 Hired." This Army website (https://h2h.jobs/sign_in) helps transitioning Soldiers and veterans

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Schofield Barracks ACAP Program

ACAP's mission is to deliver a world-class transition program for America's Army that empowers members to make informed career decisions through benefits counseling and employment assistance.

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"So when you decide it's time to move on to the next stage of your life, it's only right that we should have a plan, prepare together and then execute with energy to ensure success."

— Lt. Gen. Michael Ferriter
Commander, IMCOM



BACKTObASICS

8th STB conducts officer-led, in-ranks inspections

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Capt. Eric Williams (left), personnel administrator, 8th TSC, inspects his platoon during an officer-led, in-ranks inspection, April 27.

FORT SHAFTER — For the past 10 years, the Army has been deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan. New Soldiers have come into the Army knowing nothing but war.

As the war and deployments come to an end, Soldiers have to get back-to-basics of how the Army came about, and what makes it the respectable organization it is today.

For this reason, Soldiers of the 8th Special Troops Battalion, 8th Theater Sustainment Command, took part in an officer-led, in-ranks inspection, here, April 27.

Lt. Col Matthew Goodman, commander, 8th STB, served as the inspecting officer.

"One of the things I am looking for is how well my Soldiers are doing as far as compliance with change of the Class A uniform to the Army Service Uniform," Goodman said. "Are they working as a team player and taking the initiative to get themselves in the right uniform? Those are the things the command looks for."

Getting back-to-basics is in the forefront of many conversations of commanders. Teaching Soldiers basic Soldiering skills has resurfaced as a top priority to the Army's requirements for leaders.

Soldiers, officers and leaders alike are now required to get Soldiers up to speed on uniform inspections, drill and ceremony procedures, sergeant's time training and proper counseling of Soldiers.

"We are an Army that knows deployment," said 1st Lt. Nicholas Roth, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 8th STB. "We're not the Army that knows the garrison lifestyle. Sergeant's time training, payday inspections and donning the Tropical B uniforms will

help us get back-to-basics."

If someone asked a Soldier what payday activities are, many of them would give the answer "a half day of work." Many Soldiers don't know why payday activities are an essential part of the Army's history.

"Due to electronic funds transfer, we no longer get inspected to receive pay," Goodman explained. "In the 8th STB, the tradition and the lineage of the inspection will not be lost. These Soldiers will be inspected by me monthly."

According to the Army Field Manual, which addresses drill and ceremony, an in-ranks inspection, or review, is done to honor a visiting, high-ranking commander, official dignitary, and/or permit him or her to observe the state of training.

"I think the junior officers and junior leaders want to do this kind of stuff," said Sgt. Maj. Jason Geier, military intelligence sergeant major, 8th TSC. "It is a learning process that they can continue to be improve on."



Lt. Col. Matthew Goodman (left), commander, 8th STB, 8th TSC, individually inspects Soldiers within his battalion during an officer-led, in-ranks inspection.

FOOTSTEPS in FAITH

The race of life requires endurance, perseverance to win

CHAPLAIN (MAJ.) SCOTT KOEMAN
Brigade Chaplain, 2nd Brigade Combat Team,
25th Infantry Division

Have you ever competed in sports like track, basketball, football, baseball or wrestling?

Have you ever competed in one of those sports knowing a ton of family and friends were watching you play and were there just because of you?

It's awe-inspiring.

It's highly motivating and sometimes even intoxicating. Having our loved ones rooting us in the stands makes a real difference. In many ways, life is just like running a race or competing in an athletic event.

It takes hard work, endurance, encouragement and inspiration, but there are things you have to watch out for. There are dangers (temp-



Koeman

tations). There is a start (birth) and a finish (death).

John Maxwell tells the story of endurance in his book "The Journey From Success to Significance."

In his book, he writes about the 1968 Mexico City Olympics. On an October evening, a group of diehard spectators remained in Mexico City's Olympic stadium to see the last finisher of the Olympic marathon. More than an hour before, Mamo Wolde of Ethiopia had won the race.

It looked as if the last runners were finished, so the remaining spectators were breaking up and leaving, when they heard the sounds of sirens and police whistles. As everyone watched, one last runner made his way onto the track for the last lap of the 26-mile race.

It was John Stephen Akhwari from Tanzania.

As he ran the 400-meter circuit, people could see that his leg was bandaged and bleeding. He had fallen and injured it during the race, but he hadn't let it stop him.

The people in the stadium rose and applauded

until he reached the finish line.

As he hobbled away, he was asked why he had not quit. Being injured, he had no chance of winning a medal.

"My country did not send me to Mexico City to start the race," Akhwari answered. "They sent me to finish the race."

How we run the race matters, and having people cheering us on from the bleachers is a huge boost of morale.

Have you ever thought of life as a race? Have you ever thought of faith in Christ Jesus as a race? Who is cheering you on in your life and in your faith? Do you want to succeed? What does that success look like?

If you're not really sure, now is the time to start asking questions. Seek out your unit chaplain or a good friend who has been running the race of life as a strong Christian.

They'd love to share with you what God's plan is for your race.

Voices of Ohana

Mother's Day is May 13

"What is your idea of the perfect Mother's Day?"

Photos by 25th Combat Aviation Brigade Public Affairs, 25th Infantry Division



"Spending the day sightseeing with my children. I would not want to be apart from them on this special day."

Malika Banks
Family Member



"Spending time with my family, either at home or at the beach."

Emily Keefer
Family Member



"Unwinding at a day spa, followed by a relaxing evening with the family."

Christina Mazzullo
Family Member



"A relaxing day at the beach with no kids."

Ashley Netzer
Family Member



"Spending the day being pampered at a spa."

Aimee Rivera
Family Member

Retro-Sort Yard consolidates equipment downrange



Spc. Orlando Peyton, 45th QM (P) Co., 45th Sust. Bde., 8th TSC, sorts through and logs an incoming shipment of items at the Kandahar Air Fied Retro-Sort Yard.

Story and Photos by
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KANDAHAR AIR FIELD, Afghanistan — Soldiers with the 45th Quartermaster (Provisional) Company, 45th Sustainment Brigade, 8th Theater Sust. Command, provide a place for units in southern Afghanistan to turn in serviceable items they no longer need.

The items are reissued to units who need them at the Retro-Sort Yard, here.

The Retro-Sort Yard’s goal is to reduce waste within the Army supply system and get unneeded supplies to units that can use them.

“The Retro-Sort Yard provides a one-stop-shop for Army units to turn in excess and non-mission essential equipment that has accumulated over the past 10 years,” said Capt. Andrew Thomas, commander, 45th QM (P) Co. “We then redistribute these supplies to units that require them locally or return them to the Army supply system, negating the need for the Army to purchase more stocks and saving taxpayer money.”

Units located in rear commands south, southwest and west can bring items to the yard 24/7.

“The Retro-Sort Yard will take all classes of supply except Class VII (real property), Class V (ammo) and scrap metal or trash,” said 1st Sgt. Robert Garo, 45th QM (P) Co. “The items come from all over the RC, with most items coming from closing forward operating bases. There is no documentation required to pick up any serviceable items.”



Soldiers from the 45th QM (P) Co., 45th Sust. Bde., 8th TSC, move a load of new items at the KAF Retro-Sort Yard. The Retro-Sort Yard provides a centralized location for units in RC-South, RC-Southwest and RC-West to turn in items and equipment that is no longer needed and other units can then put to use.

‘Warriors’ complete second phase of Arizona road construction project

Story and Photo by
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NOGALES, Ariz. — Soldiers of 2nd Platoon, 561st Engineer Company, 84th Eng. Battalion, 130th Eng. Brigade, 8th Theater Sustainment Command, completed the second phase of a three- phase road construction project in support of Joint Task Force-North and the U.S. Border Patrol, here, recently.

Located west of Nogales, Ariz., and feet from the U.S.-Mexico border, the road will provide Border Patrol agents increased mobility to areas previously inaccessible by vehicle.

A solid rock wall on one side of the road and a steep cliff on the other made maneuvering the heavy construction equipment along the steep terrain a challenge.

The unit maneuvered the terrain over the course of the 36-day mission with no vehicular accidents or rollovers. Soldiers constructed a 600-foot long road to a lookout point at the top of a hill, which will provide Border Patrol agents with 360-degree visibility for miles in an area frequented by drug carrying mules.

The project’s main effort was installing two culvert pipes, each 135-foot long. Each concrete pipe section weighed more than 5,000 pounds and required precise placement to ensure proper fit. The 36 culvert pipe sections were placed in two working days, speaking volumes about the equipment operator’s capabilities.

Also, concrete headwalls were constructed, which provided the horizontal platoon additional challenge and training opportunities like constructing vertical concrete formwork, emplacing rebar and pouring concrete.

The project gave the Soldiers an opportunity to train on tasks that are difficult or impossible to train on in their home station, and has the benefit of providing Border Patrol a lasting product, which will enhance the agency’s capabilities to conduct its mission.

“You’ve got to look at it as a win-win situation,” said a spokesperson for the Border Patrol’s Tucson Sector.



Finishing touches are being made to culvert pipes placed by 2nd Platoon, 561st Eng. Co., 84th Eng. Bn., 130th Eng. Bde., 8th TSC, during the second phase of a three-phase road construction project west of Nogales, Ariz., April 26.

News Briefs

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

11 / Friday
MOH Recipient — Active duty Medal of Honor recipient Sgt. 1st Class Leroy Petry will host a free forum, 9:30-11 a.m., May 11, at Sgt. Smith Theater. Call 655-6322.

Redeployment Ceremony — The 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, will host a redeployment ceremony, 10 a.m., May 11, at Weyand Field, Schofield Barracks. Call (315)-608-1860 or email amber.pixiebrow33@gmail.com.

ID Card Appointments — The new web address to schedule appointments for ID cards at Schofield Barracks and Fort Shafter has changed. To make, change or cancel ID card appointments, visit <https://rapidsappointmentsdmdc.osd.mil>. Customers without Internet access can make appointments by calling 655-1272 for Schofield Barracks and 438-1757 for Fort Shafter. Visit www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil, go to “Information,”

select “Services,” then “ID Card and Passport Services.”

DFAS Scam — A fraudulent Defense Accounting and Finance Services, or DFAS, scam letter/email is circulating that targets service members with fiancées. The letter/email tells fiancées to register for a special service that entitles them to benefits in the event of the service member’s death. The letter claims benefits will be available for a registration fee of \$350. Contact DFAS at (888) 332-7411 or visit to www.dfas.mil.

15 / Tuesday
Change of Command — Lt. Col. Paul Romagnoli, commander, Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 25th Infantry Division, will relinquish command to Lt. Col. TJ Johnson at Weyand Field, Schofield Barracks, 11 a.m., May 15. Attire is duty uniform for military and business aloha for civilians.

Employee Town Hall — Col. Douglas Mulbury, commander, U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii, will conduct garrison employee town hall, 1-4 p.m., May 15, 9th Mission Support Command Assembly Hall, Fort Shafter Flats. Mulbury will address USAG-HI’s current manpower

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Staff Sgt. Stefeni Rowland, 558th MP Co., 728th MP Bn., 8th MP Bde., 8th TSC, takes down Kaea Sugata, a deputy cadet from Kona, Hawaii, during defensive tactics training.

MPs rekindle relationship

Story and Photo by
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PEARL CITY — More than 20 years ago, a young cadet finished his deputy training at the Sheriff’s Academy, here, and entered into the ranks of law enforcement officers.

Alongside him at graduation were two service members, a Marine from Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, and an Airman from Hickam Air Force Base.

Together, their bond helped apprehend numerous suspects and build a strong partnership between the Sheriff’s Department and the military police community on island.

The Marine and Airman moved on in their military careers, and the training program between the military and the Sheriff’s Dept. ended.

Twenty years later, that young deputy is now Hawaii State Sheriff Shawn Tsuha. His first goal since becoming sheriff in March was to bring back the military connection that defined his career early on.

“We want to re-establish a liaison with the different military police groups in Hawaii for two reasons,” Tsuha said. “First, less than 1-percent wear the uniform, and it would be a great idea to get that cross pollination of ideas and experiences when it comes to law enforcement.

“Second, that ability to network one-on-one on the island is vital as they’re such a big part of the community,” Tsuha added.

The military police at Schofield Barracks agreed.

Eager, wearing her military uniform, Staff Sgt. Stefeni Rowland, 558th MP Company, 728th MP Battalion, 8th MP Brigade, 8th Theater Sustainment Command, sat down in a classroom that hadn’t seen a service member

since 1991.

“I was excited,” Rowland said. “I’ve mostly done the combat side of my job, so to be able to do six months of law enforcement training would be a unique experience.”

For Kaea Sugata, a deputy cadet from Kona, Hawaii, his first day was as much as an eye opener as Rowland’s was.

“The first day I saw someone sitting in their military outfit, I was thinking, did she forget her uniform? Does she know where she’s at?” Sugata said. “Then, we found out what the program was all about.”

“We used to always have that contact,” Tsuha said. “I could say, ‘Hey Bill, it’s Shawn. We need help getting this guy,’ and they would go directly to their chain of command and get the ball moving.”

Just halfway through training Rowland has already become “one of the guys.”

“They’ve taken me in,” Rowland said. “We’re all one, and I’m like their sister now.”

Learning information from communicable diseases to hand-to-hand combat and defensive techniques, Rowland and her classmates know there’s something special happening in this class.

“To share sweat, tears and bruises helps build perspectives. It’s opened relationships,” Sugata said. “We know each other better now.”

While Rowland won’t receive a badge, she’s taken back a new set of skills, and she’s ready to teach her Soldiers what she learned. More importantly, her family on Hawaii has grown tenfold.

“This is what the MPs are about,” Tsuha said. “This is what the sheriffs are about. Blue or green, we all bleed red.”

Rowland and her fellow cadets will graduate in August.

71st Chem. Co. cross-trains

Story and Photo by
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8th Theater Sustainment Command

WAIPAHU — Dismounted Recon Platoon Soldiers from the 71st Chemical Company teamed up with the 85th Civil Support Team, Utah National Guard, to react to a biological incident at the inactive shipyard, here, April 24.

The training scenario was part of Kai Malo O Hawaii 2012, a multi-agency exercise hosted by the 93rd CST, Hawaii Army National Guard, designed to increase the ability to communicate and execute during a maritime emergency in Hawaii.

To begin the scenario, the two teams took a barge from the pier to the EX-USS Duluth, a decommissioned amphibious transport dock, where they prepared to enter the narrow caverns of the ship. Immediately, the teams hit the ground running.

The 71st Chem. Co., 8th Military Police Brigade, 8th Theater Sustainment Command, developed a rest, work cycle and prepared to enter the ship as the 85th CST used its expanded capabilities to react to a hostage situation in the bowels of the ship. To increase the capabilities of both teams, the survey teams were integrated.

After the 85th CST rescued the hostage, the 71st and the 85th launched their survey teams to canvass the ship for potential biological labs and contamination.

“The benefit from having someone from the CST is, they have the ability to go quite a bit more technical than us,” said Staff Sgt. Cameron Tinker, 71st Chem. Co. “They have the science and medical officers who can find out what we are sampling before we actively sample it. They could key us in on things we may not have been able to recognize.”

The teams faced unique challenges, like low lighting, tight spaces and an environment where everything looked the same as they entered the ship.

However, these obstacles didn’t daunt Tinker’s team.

“In hallways, there’s no air moving. It’s hot, it’s tight and it’s cramped,” Tinker said. “They can hear me (on the deck of the ship), but they can’t really understand me. If there was something major to tell them, I couldn’t. My team was more or less on its own.”

Coupled with a bread trail of chemical lights, radios and cameras used to canvass the labs, the survey teams persevered and laid the path for the sampling team that would follow later in the night.

As the two teams enhanced each other’s technical ability, a more important tool was forming between the teams: the ability to work together.

“There was no territory,” said Capt. Spencer Marsh, 85th CST. “(There was) no ‘you’re going to do what we say.’ No ‘you’re National Guard; we’re active duty.’ We looked at what needed to be done and accomplished the task. We took notes from each other and drove on.”

As the day turned into night, camaraderie and the sheer will to finish the mission became as important as the technical abilities of either team.

“If we are ever asked to come train with the 71st again, we won’t hesitate,” Marsh said. “The motivation they have, you can tell they like their jobs.”



Staff Sgt. Cameron Tinker, 71st Chem. Co., 8th MP Bde., 8th TSC, surveys the inside of the EX-USS Duluth for biological labs and contamination during KOH 2012. The unit teamed up with the 85th CST, Utah National Guard, to react to a mock biological incident, April 24.



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EOD: Unit decommissions State Dept. limo

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One tool they trained on, the flex-linear shape charge, an explosive designed for precision cutting, provided an opportunity for the Soldiers to see its effects on armored doors and glass.

“A big part of our job is understanding explosive properties and how things work,” Kennedy said. “You have to have a brain to do this job. You need to think, because there’s never a single answer for any problem.”

While the EOD Soldiers may never have to destroy an up-armored vehicle during a deployment, they may need to dispose of an improvised explosive device with an armored plating or as-

sist in a hostage rescue in a shielded bunker.

“The Soldiers get to see the capabilities of the tools of their disposals,” Flowers said. “They get to see what they read in practice. On a force protection standpoint, if our Soldiers have the abilities to defeat and mitigate terrorist threats, large or small, it ultimately keeps our installation and all of our government interests safer.”

As the State Department scratches a limousine off its books, the Soldiers of the 74th EOD Co. are better prepared to face threats across the Pacific.

“Real training is the best training,” Kennedy said.



The Combined Forces Military Band performs during the 27th Annual Combined Forces Military Band Appreciation Concert at the Hale Koa Hotel in Waikiki, May 2. The concert launched a monthlong celebration of military appreciation in Hawaii.



A joint service color guard prepares to parade the colors during the 27th Annual Combined Forces Military Band Appreciation Concert.

Military bands wow Waikiki audience during concert

Story and Photos by
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WAIKIKI — Military service members, along with families and friends, attended the 27th Annual Combined Forces Military Band Appreciation Concert, May 2, at the Hale Koa Hotel, here.

The Combined Forces Military Band consists of service members from the 25th Infantry Division Band, the U.S. Navy Pacific Fleet Band, the U.S. Marine Forces Pacific Band and the U.S. Air Force Band of the Pacific.

“These Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and Airmen are the best of their trade,” said Maj. Gen. Kurt Fuller, commander, 25th ID. “They’ve been selected through auditions, and they represent their services with great pride. They are some spectacular musicians.”

Chief Warrant Officer 3 Lisa Guynn, 25th ID Band, led this year’s concert.

“It was wonderful, (and the concert) represented the best of the best,” said Rear Adm. Frank Ponds, commander, Navy Region-Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific. “They say music is the universal language ... and it was just wonderful.”

The concert, hosted by the Honolulu Council of the Navy League, is the kick-off event for Military Appreciation Month in Hawaii.

“There’s nothing that we can’t do together that, separated, we couldn’t possibly do,” said Maj. Michael Willen, U.S. Air Force Band of the Pacific. “We salute each of the armed forces tonight. Whether we go to fight or whether we go to help people recover, we all go under the same flag.”

RELATED STORY

- To view a complete list of HMAM events, see page B-4.

National Military Appreciation Month

The Senate first passed a resolution in 1999 designating May as National Military Appreciation Month.

That declaration encouraged U.S. citizens to observe the month in a symbol of unity, to honor current and former members of the armed forces, including those who have died in the pursuit of freedom and peace.

The Army has consistently honored the contributions and sacrifices of Soldiers, family members, civilians and veterans. The theme of this year’s commemoration is “Resiliency: Honoring the Perseverance of Soldiers, Family Members, Civilians and Veterans Since the Birth of our Nation.”

The month of May is characterized by six national observances highlighting the contributions of each segment of the Army community. This month ties in many Army themes, including physical fitness, public service recognition, loyalty to the nation and remembrance

of our veterans.

Through the years, the Army has answered this nation’s call, and Soldiers, families and civilians have never wavered in their support and patriotism, despite the many challenges they have faced.

The month of May includes the following observances that make up National Military Appreciation Month:

- May 1: Loyalty Day,
- May 6-12: Public Service Recognition Week,
- May 8: Victory in Europe Day,
- May 11: Military Spouse Appreciation Day,
- May 19: Armed Forces Day, and
- May 30: Memorial Day.

The Army is remembering the sacrifices and victories of the past, and saluting Soldiers, families, civilians and veterans for their resilience since 1775.

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

Distinguished safety officer visits 94th AAMDC, praises unit

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

FORT SHAFTER — The Army’s top safety officer visited the 94th Army Air and Missile Defense Command, here, April 27.

Brig. Gen. William Wolf, commander, U.S. Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center and director, Army Safety, attended the 94th AAMDC unit safety award ceremony.

“We have learned the key to Soldier safety is engagement by three crucial groups: leaders, fellow Soldiers and family members,” Wolf said. “They all work together to create a culture of safety.”

On and off the job, leaders can have a great impact on their Soldiers by correcting unsafe

behavior and taking a personal interest in each Soldier’s life.

“Safety is a part of life and not just an Army thing,” said Master Sgt. Daniel Chaviera, operations noncommissioned officer, 94th AAMDC.

Fellow Soldiers often are critical in helping their “battle buddies” make the right decisions whether on or off duty.

Safety Award Winners

The Soldiers and subordinate units, below, received awards for their exceptional, meritorious safety actions while assigned to the 94th AAMDC.

5th Battlefield Coordination Detachment
Lt. Col. Robert Buscher
Col. Stephen Myers

Maj. Joshua Severs
Staff Sgt. Joseph Steele

10th Missile Detachment
Brett Bernier

94th AAMDC
Master Sgt. Daniel Chaviera
Jarrod Strickland
Staff Sgt. George Torres

“Safety means looking out for others because, we, as Soldiers, are guardians of the country,” said Staff Sgt. George Torres, health care NCO, 94th AAMDC.

According to Wolf, safety is not about a dollar figure or increased productivity.

“Our bottom line is ensuring every Soldier within our formations is there every day, safe, strong and ready to execute the mission,” Wolf said. “The American people have entrusted us to protect their sons and daughters, and that is a responsibility all of our leaders take very seriously.”

“Military service is a deeply personal and selfless commitment, and taking care of one another is a guiding principle in everything we do,” he added.

ACAP: Program sets goals

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connect with 50,000 employers who have vowed to employ them.

ACAP is here to help you learn about and make the most of these and other opportunities. The key is to get to ACAP early — at least 12 months out for separating Soldiers or two years out for re-tiring Soldiers.

Talk with an ACAP counselor about your goals, continuing military service, getting a job, going back to school or starting a business, and lay out a plan to get there. For transitioning Soldiers looking to enter the civilian job market, it’s good news to hear about employers lining up to participate in job fairs on our installations: 92 employers at a Fort Polk, La., job fair in January; 75 at Fort Jackson, Ga., March 6; and 122 at Fort Campbell, Ky., March 21-22, to name recent examples.

It’s even better news ... great news to hear the success stories that come out of these events. For example, employers made at least 300 job offers during Fort Campbell’s job fairs in September, and the ACAP Office is still hearing from Soldiers who received job offers.

ACAP offices regularly support these events on our installations and success stories come out of every one. Of course, this great news is predictable. You have an incredible skill set – leadership, adaptability, ingenuity and dedication – before we even get to the technical skills. Employers recognize that you bring something extra to the table. We know that when they meet you, they will want you.

Thank you to the great teams, the folks at ACAP and our departments of Labor and Veterans Affairs partners, who are helping transitioning Soldiers reach their goals.

What you do – polishing resumes and interview skills, researching opportunities and building connections – is invaluable to helping Soldiers translate their Army experiences into success after the Army.

Thank you to all the leaders doing right by our transitioning Soldiers. We’re looking for concrete outcomes for all transitioning Soldiers, like a solid resume and measurable progress towards their goals, whether it’s a job offer, a business plan or an acceptance letter from a school.

With your involvement and support, we all win. Thank you for setting Soldiers up for success. That’s a real example of taking care of Soldiers.

Thank you for your service.
Support and Defend!

News Briefs

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situation; ongoing personnel realignment efforts; Voluntary Separation Incentive Pay/Voluntary Early Retirement Authority, or VERA/VSIP; plans to conduct a mock reduction-in-force, or RIF; U.S. Army Installation Management Command’s Employee Placement Program/and other pertinent topics.

AER Campaign — The AER campaign ends May 15. Your voluntary contribution is wanted and allows AER to fulfill its mission of helping Soldiers in time of distress and misfortune.

Soldiers can contact their unit points of contact. Call 655-7132

16 / Wednesday
Memorial Ceremony — The memorial ceremony for the four Soldiers assigned to the 25th Combat Aviation Regiment, 25th Combat Avn. Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, is 10 a.m., May 16, Schofield Barracks Main Post Chapel.

The Army Hawaii community will remember Chief Warrant Officer 2 Nicholas Johnson, Chief Warrant Officer 2 Don Viray and Sgt. Chris Workman, all assigned to Company A, 2nd Battalion, 25th Combat Avn. Regt.; and Sgt. Dean Shaffer, Co. B, 2nd Bn., 25th Combat Avn. Regt.

The Soldiers, who were supporting Operation Enduring Freedom, died April 20 in southwestern Afghanistan of wounds suffered when the UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter they were in crashed.

17 / Thursday
TARP Training — Hawaii’s Army Counterintelligence Office holds monthly Threat Awareness and Reporting Program, or TARP, training throughout different locations in Hawaii. All classes begin at 9 a.m. Dates and locations for May follow:

- May 17, Main Post Conference Room, Schofield Barracks.
- May 24, Main Auditorium, Camp Smith.

Call 655-1306/9501.

19 / Saturday
Living History Day — The U.S. Army Museum of Hawaii, Fort DeRussy, Waikiki, will commemorate Armed Forces Day, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., May 19. Events include military

memorabilia, re-enactors in period uniforms from the Civil War, the Spanish-American War and Vietnam; and hands-on displays of military artifacts. Email judith.a.bowman.civ@mail.mil or call 438-2822.

Ongoing

PTA Change of Command — Lt. Col. Rolland Niles, commander, U.S. Army Garrison-Pohakuloa Training Area, will relinquish command to Eric Shwedo at PTA, 10 a.m., July 10.

RSVP by June 24 to shiela.y.yangilmau.civ@mail.mil or call 969-2423/2426/2428.

Attire is duty uniform for military and aloha attire for civilians.

Personal Relationship Worries — Tripler’s marriage and family therapists, as well as licensed clinical social workers, provide individual, couples and family counseling to help military personnel and family members.

Tripler medical personnel can help with communication, conflict resolution, parenting and deployment issues. No referrals are required.

For more details, call the Social Work Outpatient Services Clinic at 433-6606.

Voting Assistance — Visit the Federal Voting Assistance Program website at www.FVAP.gov for help with absentee voting. You can also call the FVAP at (703) 588-1584 or (800) 438-VOTE (8683); email vote@fvap.gov.

Voting materials are available at U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii Records Holding Area/Forms Center, Building 6042, 1976 Higgins Rd., East Range, Schofield Barracks, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday. Call 656-0334.

Civilian GAT — The Global Assessment Tool, or GAT, is now available for Army civilians.

The civilian GAT provides immediate results that allow individuals to identify their personal strengths and weaknesses.

Individuals can immediately begin training on online comprehensive resilience modules. Visit <https://www.sft.army.mil/> or call 438-4177.

Deployment Books and Audiobooks — The Sgt. Yano Library, Schofield Barracks will issue paperback books and “Play Away” audiobook kits to deploying units. Call 655-9143.



Photographs Courtesy of Oahu Army Natural Resources Program, Environmental Division, Directorate of Public Works, U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii

Kim Welch (red shirt), environmental outreach specialist, OANRP, Env. Div., DPW, USAG-HI, leads volunteers on a tour of the upper

elevation rare plant nursery in the Waianae mountains. The OANRP staff processes and cares for seeds collected from endangered

plants in the wild at the greenhouse. Some of the plants and seeds are stored, while others are planted back into the forest.

OANRP RECOGNIZED FOR SUPERIOR WORK

U.S. ARMY GARRISON-HAWAII PUBLIC AFFAIRS

News Release

WHEELER ARMY AIRFIELD — The Army's Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Environment, Safety and Occupational Health presented the Natural Resources Conservation Team Award for 2011 to the Oahu Army Natural Resources Program, or OANRP, and U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii, here, May 5.

In accepting the award from Hershell "Hew" Wolfe, Col. Douglas Mulbury, commander, USAG-HI, noted that the award recognizes the "phenomenal job" performed by the OANRP team.

"Recognition by the Secretary of the Army as having one of the finest natural resources programs in the Army is a public testament to the commitment, professionalism and dedication of the Natural Resources staff of USAG-HI," Mulbury said. "From my perspective, the OANRP's efforts allow us to train our Soldiers to prepare them for whatever mission our nation asks of our Soldiers."

The award, announced in January, is part of the annual Secretary of the Army Environmental Awards Program that recognizes and rewards excellence for the development, management and transferability of environmental programs that increase environmental quality, enhance the mission and help make the Army sustainable.

Wolfe said that, while there are many good environmental programs in the Army, the Secretary of the Army staff looks for differentiation among the entries.

"Some of those qualifiers might be some-

thing significant or even small," Wolfe said.

He explained that what set USAG-HI apart from other entries was the way the OANRP approaches its natural resource challenges found only here in Hawaii, challenges such as invasive species that destroy plants, trees and bushes.

"USAG-HI needs to be proud of its environmental staff," Wolfe said.

"We're doing something special, and that's what motivates us each and every day," said Michelle Mansker, chief, OANRP Environmental Division, Directorate of Public Works, USAG-HI. "When we're out in the field with our hands in the aina (or earth), we're making a difference. We've actually saved two species from extinction; that's huge. Words can't describe how satisfying the feeling is."

The OANRP balances the military mission with managing more than 60 federally listed species on more than 50,000 acres of land, with an annual budget of about \$6 million. The team supports six Army training ranges on Oahu through management of natural resources, enabling about 20,000 service members from the Army, Marines, Navy, Air Force, National Guard and Reserves, as well as local law enforcement, to conduct missions critical to training.

Fifty-one native plants, seven kahuli tree snails, the Oahu elepaio bird, the Hawaiian

hoary bat, two picture wing flies, and one damselfly keep the OANRP's staff busy, ensuring the survival of these unique Oahu species.

What began as a small staff of four in 1995 has now grown to more than 50 personnel, comprised of species experts, a fence crew, three resource management crews, and a nursery/seedbank management crew.

Ninety percent of the staff is in the field daily, working with rare species in remote areas of the island across the Waianae and Koolau mountain ranges.

Major 2010 and 2011 team accomplishments included collecting 5,800 endangered plants for genetic storage, the outplanting and reintroduction of 8,500 endangered plants to their native habitat, and the fencing of more than 1,200 acres of endangered species habitat to stop destruction by wild goats and pigs.

The OANRP has now been recognized by Department of Defense.

As of May 1, the OANRP was selected as a winner of the 2012 Secretary of Defense Environmental Awards in the individual/team category.



Wolfe

Sustainability

To view photos, videos and learn more about Army natural resource efforts in Hawaii visit:

- <http://www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil/sustainability>.



Dan Foreman, natural resource management specialist, OANRP, Env. Div., DPW, USAG-HI, monitors the health of an endangered akoko plant, in a remote native forest of the Waianae mountains. The OANRP staff regularly measures plant growth, health and reproductive status to gauge the success of plants that they re-introduce in the wild.

70TH ENG. CO. GOES GREEN

Story and Photo by
2ND LT. LAUREN LOOPER

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

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Engineers demonstrated their commitment to the environment by participating in Earth Month activities with U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii's Directorate of Public Works, here, recently.

Soldiers with the 70th Engineer Company (Geospatial), 65th Eng. Battalion, 130th Eng. Brigade, 8th Theater Sustainment Command, helped clean up a bio-retention project in a parking lot near their company area.

Hayley Diamond, Clean Water Program specialist, DPW, USAG-HI, said the Soldiers refurbished a bio-retention system that treats storm water runoff and pollutants from the parking lot. Bio-retention is the use of plants to help with drainage and keep pollutants out of the water.

DPW installed the bio-retention area in 2008

as part of the Clean Water Act Permit program and used hibiscus bushes to help filter water. The area also includes a drain for overflow.

"The hibiscus dilutes the toxins and keeps pollutants out of the water," said Pfc. Nathan Carter, 70th Eng. Co.

Bio-retention facilities work best when they're maintained regularly. Scheduled maintenance includes replacement of mulch once a year and weeding, when necessary.

Throughout the morning, Soldiers pulled weeds and cut out plants that were interfering with the bio-retention area.

Sgt. 1st Class Walter Hill discussed how the project showed the commitment of the 70th Eng. Co. to be green.

"1st Sgt. Todd Jackson, 70th Eng. (Geo.) Co., is really good about this stuff. We have recycling bins for everything," Hill said.

The money from the company's recycling program goes to fund its Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers, or BOSS, program.



Soldiers from the 70th Eng. Co., 65th Eng. Bn., 130th Eng. Bde., 8th TSC, work with a member of USAG-HI's DPW Clean Water Act Permit Program to improve the bio-retention area.



MWR Briefs

Serving America's Army in Hawaii

Today
Ten Mile Race around Wheeler — Deadline is 4 p.m., Aug. 9, to register for this race; race starts at 6:45 a.m., August 19, WAAF.

The following are eligible to enter: active duty Soldiers, retired Soldiers, other military working or residing on an Army installation, National Guardsmen, Army Reservists and their adult family members (18 and older); and Department of Defense and Army and Air Force Exchange Service civilians working on an Army installation in Hawaii.

Active duty Soldiers with the fastest race time will be considered for Team Army Hawaii that will enter the Army Ten-Miler in Washington, Oct. 24.

Interested active duty Soldiers must submit their commander's authorization to be considered for the team.

Register and pay fees at the fitness centers at Schofield Barracks and Fort Shafter.

Call 656-0086 or email james.h.burghardt.naf@mail.mil.

Bowling Specials — USAG-HI's bowling centers offer a variety of specials for all ages, including Cosmic Bowling for teens and Friday Night Fever.

Military spouses can bowl free this month in honor of the Military Spouse Appreciation Day, Monday-Friday, with proper ID.

Call 438-6733 (Fort Shafter) or 655-0573 (Schofield Barracks) for this and other bowling specials.

Military Spouse Appreciation Day bowling special:

- Fort Shafter Bowling Center, noon-4 p.m.
 - Schofield Bowling Center, 1-5 p.m.
- Special is offered provided lanes are available and can't be combined with additional discounts or offers. Shoe rental isn't included.

Friday Night Entertainment Series — See new acts each week at 8 p.m., Kolekole Bar and Grill, Schofield Barracks. Pau hana specials run before the show. Call 655-4466.

- 1st Friday is Comedy Night (for mature audiences only).
- 2nd Friday is live bands.
- 3rd Friday is Colby Benson Band.
- 4th Friday is Taking Care of Business Band.

community Calendar

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

Today
Air Show — Girl Scout Cadette Troop 164 is hosting an Interfaith Forum, 6-8 p.m., May 11, Main Post Chapel, Schofield Barracks.

Religious leaders from various faith communities will give speeches on their faith followed by a question and answer time. Email koleko letrp164@yahoo.com.

Air Show — Tickets are now on sale for the Kaneohe Bay Air Show, Sept. 29-30. This event features the Navy's Blue Angels and static displays ranging from jets to helicopters, and transport craft to classic military aircraft. Free and open to the public. Call 257-INFO (4636) or visit www.KaneoheBayAirshow.com.

12 / Saturday
Pineapple Festival — Celebrate Wahiawa's agricultural heritage, 9 a.m.-8 p.m., May 12, Wahiawa District Park, 1129 Kilani Ave. Parade starts at 9 a.m. from lower California Avenue, near Kaala Elementary School. Jam with Hawaii Bluegrass,



Spc. Tiffany Dusterhoft | 8th Theater Sustainment Command Public Affairs

Soldiers of the Legal Office, 8th STB, 8th TSC, perform a mock trial for the students of Hale Kula Elementary School, here, recently. The mock trial, held in honor of Law Day (May 1), teaches students about courtroom procedures.

Wolf found guilty; pig set free

SGT. GAELN LOWERS

8th Theater Sustainment Command Public Affairs

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — With a huff and puff, the Soldiers of the Legal Office, 8th Special Troops Battalion, 8th Theater Sustainment Command and the students of the Hale Kula Elementary School found the defendant, Mr. B. B. Wolf, guilty of all charges, here, recently.

Or, rather, they would've if the trial had been real, but this trial was all a demonstration to show kids exactly how a real courtroom operates.

"It gave them a chance to see attorneys in action and a few basic things like what trial even is," said Capt. Erik Smith, administrative law attorney, 8th STB. "They see things on TV and it looks fun and exciting, but they may not completely understand what is really going on. We introduce to them the different roles and actions that take place in the courtroom."

The mock trial commemorated Law Day, May 1, when the U.S. reflects on the role of law in the foundation of the nation.

This year's theme is "No courts. No justice. No freedom."

"This year's theme deals with budgetary cuts," Smith said. "As courts lose money, it's hard for them to keep their doors open. As a result, many courts may find other alternatives to raise the necessary income by raising filing fees or furloughing their employees. These additional measures make it difficult for people to access the courts."

"So the greater idea of this year is that within the fiscal realm of cutting back the budget, we must be careful, because the courts doors need to stay open in order to provide justice," Smith explained.

To make the mock trial fun and entertaining, 8th STB Soldiers decided to put a twist on a classic fairy tale.

"We all know the story of the three little pigs and the big, bad wolf," Smith said. "In this case, the pig was the bad guy and was trying to cook the (trespassing) wolf."

But despite all the evidence in his defense, the students delivered a guilty verdict for the wolf.

"The wolf was guilty because it's not right to break into someone's house," said Sorennna Jean, a fourth-grade student at Hale Kula Elementary School. After all the discussion and deliberation, the real verdict of the day was fun.

"It was really entertaining," Jean said, "especially the pig, because she had the funny walk and she even snorted. I could even see ... all the kids were smiling."

Smith agreed the mock trial was a lot of fun and all got lost within their roles.

"We were all having a blast," Smith said. "The attorneys were adlibbing; I can tell you a lot of what was said was not in the script."

"At some point," Smith continued, "the attorneys got personally invested in their clients and really tried to convince the children they were representing the innocent party. I can't wait to do this again next year."

All Army Sports — The USAG-HI Sports Office is now accepting applications for men's and women's golf, marathon and softball, men's rugby and women's soccer. Call 655-0856/9914.

12 / Saturday
Saturday Night Spotlight — The Saturday Night Spotlight's schedule at Kolekole Bar and Grill, Schofield Barracks, follows:
•1st Saturday, Old School Soul Night with deejay Bennie James.

- 2nd Saturday, Country Night with Nashville Waikiki's deejay.
- 3rd Saturday, Hip-Hop/R&B Night.
- 4th Saturday, Karaoke Night.
- 5th Saturday, Jazz Night.

Read to the Dogs — Keiki who can read on their own can sign up for a 15-minute session to read to a dog, 10 a.m., May 12, Sgt. Yano Library, Schofield Barracks. Preregistration is required. Call 655-8002.

13 / Sunday
Mother's Day Brunch — Celebrate Mom with Sunday brunch at the Hale Ikena, Fort Shafter, or at the Nehelani, Schofield Barracks. Reservations are required. Call 438-1974 for Hale Ikena or 655-4466 for Nehelani seating times.

14 / Monday
Free Hula Classes — The Native Hawaiian Liaison Office, USAG-HI,

See FMWR Briefs, B-5

COMMUNITY SUPPORT



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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Col. Douglas Mulbury (center), commander, U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii, accepts a \$169,094 check from Monica Land (left center), manager, Hui O Na Wahine Spouses Club Thrift Shop; and Jennifer Kelling (center, right), president, Hui O Na Wahine as Hui Thrift Shop employees look on, here, May 11.

The donation was generated from Thrift Shop sales, March 2011-April 2012.

Among the recipients are:

•Scholarships of \$50,500 to 11 individuals (either graduating highschool seniors or individuals continuing their education).

•Welfare grants in the amount of \$43,000 to local schools including Leilehua High; Wheeler Middle and Elementary; Hale Kula Elementary.

•\$40,000 to private organizations, including American Red Cross, local Boy Scout troops, and Tripler Army Medical Center Fisher House.

•\$25,600 to government associations including 25th Infantry Division's 3rd Brigade Combat Team Bronco Memorial Association and Sgt. Yano Library.

•\$8,750 to for profit organizations including USAG-HI's Native Hawaiian Liaison Office.

1-5 p.m.
Festival includes craft and gift fair, food vendors, live music and keiki activities. Visit www.wahiawapine fest.com.

Mililani Orchid Club Show — Features displays, lectures, demos and plant sale, 8 a.m.-2

p.m., May 12, Mililani Mauka Elementary School, 95-1111 Makaikai St.; \$1 donation. Call 623-1114.

Sounds of Aloha Chorus — The Sounds of Aloha Chorus and quartets will take you on a musical train ride into the past, present and future, 2:02 p.m. and 7:32 p.m., May 12, Hawaii Theatre. Visit www.hawaiiitheatre.com.

13 / Sunday
Sprint Triathlon — Support your favorite athlete, 6:30 a.m., May 13, Marine Corps Base Hawaii-Kaneohe Bay. This triathlon includes a 500-meter swim in



See CALENDAR, B-5

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
USARPAC: U.S. Army-Pacific
WAAF: Wheeler Army Airfield

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)

•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.



Wrath of the Titans

Fri., May 11, 7 p.m.
Sun., May 13, 2 p.m.
Thurs., May 17, 7 p.m.

Dr. Seuss' The Lorax

Sat., May 12, 4 p.m.
Family Matinee Day; all admissions \$2.50 for the 4 p.m. show

21 Jump Street

Sat., May 12, 7 p.m.
Wed., May 16, 7 p.m.

No shows on Mondays or Tuesdays.

U.S. Army Museum of Hawaii to bring history to life



File Photo

Military artifacts line the ground during a previous Living History Day at the U.S. Army Museum of Hawaii. This year’s event will offer similar displays, along with military reenactors and other activities.

U.S. ARMY MUSEUM OF HAWAII

News Release

HONOLULU — The U.S. Army Museum of Hawaii, located on the grounds of the Hale Koa Hotel and the Fort DeRussy Recreation Center, is honoring Armed Forces Day at the 12th Annual Living History Day, here, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., May 19.

Staged each year on the museum’s front lawn, Living History Day is a free event at historic Battery Randolph where Army history comes alive.

“We invite the public to relive military history and chat with the dedicated members of Hawaii’s historical and preservation organizations and reminisce or simply enjoy the memorabilia on hand,” said Judith Bowman, director, U.S. Army Museum Hawaii. “It is truly a unique way to honor our military on Armed Forces Day.”

See re-enactors roaming the museum grounds dressed in vintage war uniforms from the Civil War and Spanish-American War to Vietnam, creating a nostalgic atmosphere for visitors.

Enjoy the interactive displays of ancient Native Hawaiian fighting weapons, restored military vehicles from World War II and beyond,

classic war films, large-scale working aircraft models, and Soldiers in modern combat gear. Get behind the wheel of an Army tactical vehicle, or position yourself at the .50 caliber machine gun mounted on the vehicle. Or, sit back and watch military police working dog demonstrations. Call 438-2821 or email mike.egami@us.army.mil.

Hawaii Army Museum of Hawaii

The Hawaii Army Museum of Hawaii is located in Honolulu on the grounds of the Hale Koa Hotel and the Fort DeRussy Recreation Center. Admission is free, however, donations are always welcome. The museum is housed in Battery Randolph, a massive, reinforced concrete emplacement. The battery was built around 1911 for two, 14-inch guns that could fire projectiles as far as 14 miles. It was part of a coastal defense system engineered to protect Honolulu Harbor from invasion. For more info visit: www.hiarmymuseumsoc.org.

Army celebrates its military spouses with special events

Army leaders have set aside May 11 to express their gratitude to Army spouses for their support of Soldiers. By observing Military Spouse Appreciation Day, the Army reaffirms its commitment to supporting and honoring spouses of Soldiers who are stationed stateside and overseas, and those deployed to combat zones. Locally, Army Community Service, Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii, hosted Military Spouse Appreciation Day, May 9, at Fort Shafter’s Hale Ikena. Jeannine Wiercinski, spouse of Lt. Gen. Wiercinski, commander, U.S. Army-Pacific, discussed “Real Life Solutions for Military Spouses.”

“Being a military spouse is the greatest profession,” Wiercinski said. “It’s a daily challenge, but it has huge rewards.” Supporting spouses is critical to the Army. The strength of our Soldiers comes from the strength of their families. Army spouses routinely put the welfare of their Soldier, family and nation above their own.

The Army recognizes the important role spouses play in today’s military. Army spouses are community leaders, mothers, fathers and Soldiers. They keep Army

families on track. Also, the Army recognizes its surviving spouses. Their loved ones made the ultimate sacrifice. Survivors carry on with a devotion to their families and the nation, beyond their period of grief and sorrow. They live the cost of freedom. The Army continues to support its spouses with programs such as the Army Family Covenant and the Army Community Covenant. These covenants in part recognize the commitment and increasing sacrifices of Army families. The Army will continue to provide families a strong, supportive environment. The Army is committed to improving family readiness through funding of programs, better health care, housing, schools, youth services, child care, education and employment opportunities, and will continue to build upon and improve the tenets of the Army Family Covenant. *(Editor’s Note: Compiled from Army news release.)*




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Jeannine Wiercinski (center standing, white blouse) a senior spouse and wife of Lt. Gen. Francis Wiercinski, commander, USARPAC, poses with military spouses at a Military Spouse Appreciation Day ceremony, Fort Shafter, May 9. Wiercinski was the guest speaker.

Programs for Military Spouses

ACS offers offer a variety of programs and events, such as military spouse career expos, tailored to Army spouses. Call 655-4227 or visit: www.himwr.com.



Hawaii Military Appreciation Month Events

The state of Hawaii has declared the month of May as Hawaii Military Appreciation Month to honor Hawaii-based troops and their families.

Local government officials and business and civic leaders, along with military leadership, have planned the following events:

Honolulu Zoo — Located at 151 Kapahulu Ave., the Honolulu Zoo will host a free day for all military ID cardholders and their families, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., May 19. One ID cardholder can bring the entire family.

Free entrance for military ID cardholders will be located at the Monsarrat Gate.

A free shuttle departs at 9 a.m. from the Bowling Center, Schofield Barracks. Call 655-0002 to registration for transportation.

For Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam shuttles, call 423-3215; for Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe shuttles, call 257-8832. For general information, email ota.elaine@yahoo.com or call 486-9640.

Living History Day — The U.S. Army Museum of Hawaii, Fort DeRussy, Waikiki, will commemorate Armed Forces Day, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., May 19, with re-enactors in period uniforms and displays of military memorabilia. Call 438-2822.

Polo — The Army will play the Navy, noon, May 27, at Mokuleia Polo Field.

‘WOLFHOUND’ CELEBRATION



Pfc. David Barosky | 27th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Lt. Col. Daniel Wilson (left front), commander, 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment, “Wolfhounds,” 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, and Maj. Chris Choi, front right, operations officer, 1st Bn., 27th Inf. Regt., 2nd BCT, lead their respective units on the Wolfhounds regimental run, here, May 1. The run celebrates the regiment’s 111th anniversary and kicks off a week of activities where to build esprit de corps.

Mililani Middle School students learn about Army engineers

2ND LT. LAUREN LOOPER
65th Engineer Battalion Public Affairs, 130th Eng. Brigade, 8th Theater Sustainment Command

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Middle school students operated a robotic arm, a military radio and a mine detector; tried on a dive helmet; watched how maps are created; and sat in the cab of a backhoe loader.

Thirty students from Mililani Middle School experienced all of these activities during a field trip to the 65th Engineer Battalion, 130th Eng. Brigade, 8th Theater Sustainment Command, here, April 25.

The field trip took place on Leaders Field as part of the battalion’s school partnership with Mililani Middle School.

Each of the battalion’s companies ran a station

that showcased its capabilities.

The 34th Eng. Company operated an improvised explosive devise using the arm on a surrogate buffalo. Students then used the arm to pick up a tire being used as a simulated IED

Using a Digital Topographic Support System-Light, the 70th Eng. Co. created maps of Hawaii for each student.

Students also learned about the 82nd Eng. Support Co.’s construction capabilities, to include a heavy loader and backhoe loader.

At the 7th Dive Detachment’s tent, students watched a video with footage showing unit dive operations. After the video, students tried on a large yellow dive helmet.

The Forward Support Co. demonstrated how to

communicate with military radios.

At the last station, operated by Headquarters and Headquarters Co., students operated hand-held mine detectors.

The field trip concluded with students having lunch with some of the Soldiers under camouflage nets.

“This is a great opportunity to see how the material the students learn in the classroom applies in real life,” said Kory Aoki, chaperone and student activities coordinator at Mililani Middle School.

“Chatter about what goes on at the 65th Eng. Bn. is still ongoing,” said Errol Hahn, vice principal, Mililani Middle School. “Students and teachers were very impressed with the equipment, Soldiers and displays.”



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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.

15 / Tuesday
Children’s Book Club — Keiki ages 8-12 can enjoy their own book club, 3:30 p.m., May 15, at Sgt. Yano Library, Schofield Barracks. Includes a craft activity. The book club will go on summer hiatus due to the Summer Reading Program.

Financial Readiness Program — A financial counselor is available at the Shafter ACS office, Room 111, every Tuesday until further notice, to help with financial actions other than Army Emergency Relief loans. To make an appointment, call 438-9285.

18 / Friday
Intramural Sports — USAG-HI’s Sports Office is now accepting applications for the Army Hawaii men’s and women’s volleyball leagues and the Army Hawaii’s men’s and women’s 30 and Older Basketball Tournament. Entry deadline for volleyball is May 18. Entry deadline for basketball is June 29.



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K-Bay, followed by an 11.1-mile bike ride around the flight line, and then culminates in a 5k run that ends on the Bravo Taxi Way at Hangar 101. Call 254-7590.

20 / Sunday
Bluegrass Hawaii — Jam with this group, 1-4 p.m., May 20, St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church, 1679 California Ave., Wahiawa. All who enjoy acoustic bluegrass, newgrass, mountain, roots, traditional country, Hawaiian, Americana, folk, Western, Celtic and Irish music are invited to jam or sing or clap along. Musicians of all skill levels are welcome to attend with their acoustic stringed instruments. Visit www.BluegrassHawaii.com.

28 / Monday
Lantern Floating Ceremony — Thousands will gather, 6:30 a.m., May 28, at Ala Moana Beach Park for this annual ceremony that honors those who gave their lives in conflict. Event allows for reflection on the memories of loved ones and dedicates prayers for a peaceful and harmonious future. Free and open to all. Visit www.lanternfloatinghawaii.com.

June
2 / Saturday
Battle of Midway — To commemorate the 70th Anniversary of the Battle of Midway, the Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor is featuring a Midway Symposium, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., June 2-3. The symposium is included with museum admission, and is free to museum members, and open to the public. Also, June 2, the Museum will unveil its new 40-foot diorama of “The Battle of Midway.” Visit www.PacificAviationMuseum.org.

Call 655-0856/9914.

21 / Monday
Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month — This yearly commemoration celebrates Asians and Pacific Islanders in the U.S. The “Asian Pacific Islander” designation encompasses more than 50 ethnic or language groups.

Today, Asian-Pacific Islanders make up 4 percent of the active and reserve force of the Army and 2 percent of the National Guard. USAG-HI’s DFMWR has planned the following events:

- Afterschool, 3-3:45 p.m., May 16, Sgt. Yano Library, Schofield Barracks. Elementary-age keiki can listen to tales of Asia and the Pacific Is-

lands. Call 655-8002.

- Pacific Tattoos, 6:30-7:30 p.m., May 21, Sgt. Yano Library, Schofield Barracks. A local tattoo artist will discuss Pacific tattoos. Must be at least 18 years of age to attend. Call 655-655-8002 to register.
- Samoan Art, 4:30-5:30 p.m., May 24, Fort Shafter Library. Learn about Samoan art and culture with a

hands-on program, Make your own fabric print; keiki will get artificial arm band tattoos. Call 438-9521 to register.

- Hanafuda, 5-7 p.m., May 29, Sgt. Yano Library. Learn to play Hanafuda, a traditional Japanese card game; cards will be provided. Open to ages 12 and up. Call 655-655-8002 to register.