

19th MP Bn. (CID) prepares for overseas deployment

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WHEELER ARMY AIRFIELD — The 19th Military Police Battalion (Criminal Investigation Detachment), 6th Military Police Group, cased its colors and prepared for nine months overseas during a deployment ceremony, here, Aug. 3.

The more-than-30-Soldier-strong unit will take charge of CID operations in Afghanistan and Kuwait in support of operations Enduring Freedom and New Dawn, respectively.

The 19th “Pacific Justice” Bn. (CID) — a unit focused on technical capability versus sheer strength of force — will experience its second deployment after transitioning from Korea to Hawaii in 2009.

The battalion also holds the title of the first CID battalion headquarters deployed to OEF.

“This formation in front of you has been tasked with a challenge of supporting our nation’s and coalition’s warfighters as they continue the important mission to provide stability, security, rule of law and an opportunity to a people,” said Lt. Col. Shannon-Mikal Lucas, commander, 19th MP Bn. (CID). “They will deploy to a country that is at war within itself and from outside.

“(We) will deploy and spend the next nine months conducting felony criminal investigations and support efforts associated with forensic application, biometrics and execute investigative mentoring throughout the U.S. Central Command theater of operations,” Lucas added.

To support the coalition mission, the unit gathered volunteers from CID units across the Army and attached them to increase their mission capability.

The unit and its augmenters trained for months to build unit cohesion under the guidance of the 6th MP Group at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash., and with the support of the 8th MP Brigade, 8th Theater Sustainment Command, here.



Lt. Col Shannon-Mikal Lucas (left), commander, 19th MP Bn. (CID), and Command Sgt. Maj. Henry James (right), senior enlisted leader, 19th MP Bn. (CID), prepare to case the battalion’s colors during the unit’s deployment ceremony at Wheeler Gulch, Wheeler Army Airfield, Aug. 3.

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Courtesy photo 8th Military Police Brigade, 8th Theater Sustainment Command

Spc. Sierra Moody (left), Forward Support Company, 65th Eng. Battalion, 130th Eng. Bde., and Pfc. Avreyunna Thomas (second from left), rear detachment, Headquarters and Headquarters Co., 45th Sustainment Bde., both members of the 8th MP Bde., 8th TSC field feeding team, serve breakfast during the USARPAC’s 2012 Philip A. Connelly Field Feeding Team competition at Schofield Barracks, recently.

8th MP Bde. field feeding team wins USARPAC Connelly award

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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — No military axiom may hold truer than “an Army fights on its stomach.” And no military job may keep truer to the concept of a Soldier being a master of his technical craft and war than an Army cook.

The cooks of the 8th Military Police Brigade, 8th Theater Sustainment Command field feeding team demonstrated their ability to back up every rifle with a hot meal when they won the U.S. Army-Pacific’s 2012 Philip A. Connelly Field Feeding Team category, here, July 31.

The 10-member team comprised of Soldiers from all three 8th TSC brigades and led by Sgt. 1st Class Lakeisha Parker, senior food operations sergeant, 8th MP Bde., and Staff Sgt. Ricardo Cabrera, shift leader, 130th Engineer Bde., served everything from southwest skillet potatoes to shrimp scampi with pasta, all with a side of body armor and an M4 carbine rifle.

While all the feeding teams combated austere conditions, what separated these cooks from the rest of the Pacific could be summed up in one word: cohesion.

“We’ve had the same team members since the beginning of April,” Cabrera said. “We’ve shared tears, sweat and blood out there, digging holes, putting up tents (and) camouflage nets, doing fuel runs and chow runs. It brought the whole team together.

“Cohesion is our secret weapon, the ‘Bam!’ touch,” Cabrera added.

While the Bam! touch brought an extra punch to the fighting positions, the primary enemies the team combated were weather and sanitation.

Parker said the team’s ability to operate with proficiency and expediency allowed them to stay ahead of the bugs and the weather.

These tough standards may deter the average

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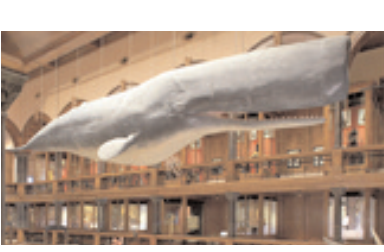
“Golden Dragons” practice mortar skills as part of gunners’ certification.

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94th AAMDC supports UFG

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FORT SHAFTER — The Integrated Control Element, or ICE, from the 94th Army Air and Missile Defense Command deployed July 30 to Korea for the upcoming exercise Ulchi Freedom Guardian, or UFG.

The ICE Soldiers deployed early to set up areas, from communications to lodging, for the main element of Soldiers deploying to South Korea in the coming months.

“This is my first UFG, and I’m looking forward to learning my role and how everything works together ... I hope to gain some good training experience out of this exercise,” said Staff Sgt. Joshua Myrice, attack operations noncommissioned officer in charge.

As with any exercise, UFG has many Soldiers participating who have different skill sets and various levels of training to accomplish the mission.

“My job is to keep accountability of personnel, coordinate all vehicle transportation and ensure that all lodging and food requirements are taken care of so that the main element will have a smooth transition so they can start their mission,” said Sgt. 1st Class Robert Ybarra Jr., field first sergeant.

When Soldiers deploy from their home station, they have several different methods of preparing themselves.

“I prepared for this exercise by ensuring that all my training was up-to-date and collected all the email account requests so that the accounts can be made,” said Staff Sgt. Travis Barriga, information technology specialist.

“Also, my role for this exercise is to maintain communications between Soldiers participating in the exercise in Korea, and their counterparts working in Hawaii,” Barriga added.

UFG is an annual command post exercise organized by the Korea-U.S. Combined Forces Command. The exercise is held yearly to maintain a joint defense posture and guarantee the security of the Korean Peninsula.

Antiterrorism Awareness Month begins

SARAH PACHECO
News Editor

WHEELER ARMY AIRFIELD — The Department of the Army has declared August Antiterrorism, or AT, Awareness Month to increase awareness and vigilance in protecting Army communities from acts of terrorism.

This designation is appropriate given that August falls one month before the anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks in September, according to Army officials.

This year marks the third annual observance.

In support of the national monthlong initiative to combat terrorism, U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii directorates and chiefs will ensure their directorates and divisions conduct AT training and education, here and throughout the garrison, through Aug. 31.

“The purpose of AT Awareness Month is to create an awareness of antiterrorism throughout the entire department of the Army,” said Donald Murry, antiterrorism officer, Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security, USAG-HI.

According to Murry, most training and education exercises for USAG-HI Soldiers and personnel were held last month during the annual AT exercise “Ikai-ka”; however, everyone is encouraged to actively participate in iWatch Army, a key component of the AT awareness campaign.

Billed as the 21st century Neighborhood Watch, iWatch is a community terror-watch program that utilizes Soldiers, their families and civilians as the garrison’s “eyes and ears” to report any suspicious activity to base authorities.



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BACK TO BASICS

What ‘Back to Basics’ means to our Army community

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Ask any Soldier in our Army what “Back to Basics” means, and you will likely receive a variety of responses.

That is to be expected. Our Army is composed of individuals from various backgrounds and experiences, so it is only natural that we have some different ways of defining such a term.

However, if we look within the various responses, from Soldiers past and present, we should be able to identify some common themes that will help us truly define what Back to Basics means to our Army and how it can make our Army even stronger.

Having said that, here is the way I see it: Back to Basics is not about going back to Basic Combat Training. Rather, it is about getting back to some of those basic, everyday actions that served as the bedrock of our forces for many years, but were somewhat eroded during years of persistent conflict.

So what are some of these basic, everyday actions? I actually enjoy writing, so this could get lengthy, but here is just a little food for thought.

“What we’ve got here is a failure to communicate.” Yes, I stole that line from Hollywood, but seriously, we live in a connected world where computers, smart phones and social networking are the norm, and your thoughts are instantly dispersed to your organizations and families. But are we really communicating with them?

Don’t get me wrong here; I just spent half of my morning on the computer, and it is certainly a very useful tool — one of my most valued, in fact. But has some of the information been lost in translation?

What about the person who types on the computer while simultaneously holding a conversation with another? Many of us have done it, all the while forgetting that



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physical barriers to communication (i.e. the computer screen itself) can and do exist.

The answer to that one is fairly simple: Take a break from typing, look the other person in the eye, listen and then provide guidance.

Now what about during counseling? Are we properly communicating our message to our subordinates? Why is it that some Soldiers appear surprised to hear they were not recommended for promotion? What about a noncommissioned officer who seems utterly shocked when he or she is presented with an evaluation for signature? If we communicate properly with our subordinates, both verbally and in writing, there should not be any surprises.

Now let me take this in a totally different direction. Let’s talk about inspections. Are we conducting uniform inspections, room inspections, weapons inspections, privately owned vehicle inspections, counseling packet inspections and so forth? More importantly, are leaders at all levels physically checking these areas themselves? Do we know what to look for during an inspection? What does “right” look like?

Again, the answer here is fairly simple: Leaders at all levels need to be educated on what the standard is and then ensure the standard is being met. If you don’t know what the standard is, then communicate with your chain of command or NCO support channel, and find the answer.

I realize I placed a large amount of questions in this article, but there is a reason behind it. I don’t have all the answers here, but it is my hope that these questions may inspire you to take some time to reflect on what Back to Basics means to you and your organization, and that you will discuss it with your subordinates, peers and supervisors. Surely you will find amongst you some common ground upon which you can implement positive changes in your formations.

Thank you for all that you do for our nation and our Army each and every day. Always Out Front! Army Strong! HOOAH!

LEADERS CONFERENCE



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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Maj. Gen. Kurt Fuller (left), commander, 25th Infantry Division, and Col. Thomas Mackey (right), commander, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 25th ID, review and discuss the brigade’s future training plans with brigade staff and battalion command teams during a Leaders Conference held in the post conference room, here, Aug. 1-2. Leaders Conferences such as this allow the brigade’s leaders to set up coherent plans for the future of the unit’s Soldiers, which helps ensure the 2nd BCT is prepared for all future contingency missions and deployments.



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FTSTEPS in FAITH

Should you say yes to opportunity?

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One of the greatest things in the world to receive is a gift. Most everyone I know loves to receive a present from someone. In fact, the greater the present, the more significant the reaction will be. This is particularly true if the gift is something that has been desired for a long period of time.

One of the greatest gifts we receive is opportunity. Many people get excited when a great opportunity presents itself. If it seems like a once-in-a-lifetime deal or something people do not ordinarily receive, the tendency is to accept this gift without thinking about the opportunity’s long-term cost.

The question we must ask ourselves is this: “Should I accept or decline this opportunity?”

So many of us know people or have heard stories of individuals who have lived their lives chasing opportunities. We marvel at their stories and are amazed by their resumes. In many cases, they seem like impressive individuals because they have all the trappings of success. They have rank, position or status; they have possessions; they may even have special authority or connections with others who have even greater authority.

However, their lives also tell a cautionary story. Upon closer examination, we often see their lives are full of regret and brokenness. Their families are fragmented — spouses who once enjoyed each other’s company now look forward to times of separation; children may not relate well to the absent parent and may regard this parent as a stranger; friends who were once great buddies are now shadows of remembrance and perhaps even unwanted because of moral or ethical compromises made for the sake of the “opportunity.”

A wise man once said, “What you compromise to keep, you will lose.” Sometimes, the gift or opportunity may end up being a burden.

Perhaps that is why James 1:17 states, “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the father of lights, with whom is no variable-ness, neither shadow of turning.”

Loosely translated, when God gives a gift, no variables need to be considered, no contingencies need to be made, and no worst-case scenarios need to be explored.

In other words, when the gift or opportunity comes from God, it will always be good, always right, always exactly what we need.

This is the standard we use when evaluating opportunities and gifts. We evaluate on the basis of motives and consequences. We examine the multiple implications — career, personal goals and, most of all, family.

We hope to attain blessings like promotions and advancement through good and moral motives and means. These personal goals give us a sense of fulfillment when they come to fruition, but caring for our family along the way is also vital.

One day we all retire and leave the Army. When that happens, we hope that the family we have worked hard to support will still want us around and enjoy our presence.

Sometimes, instead of an immediate “yes and thank you” to an opportunity, through prayer and careful consideration, the better answer just might be “thank you, but no thank you.”



Byrd

Voices of Ohana

National Smile Week is Aug. 5-11.

“Name three things that make you smile.”

Photos by 8th Theater Sustainment Command Public Affairs



“Promoting my Soldiers; getting all ‘1s’ on my NCOER; getting ‘ZONKed.’”

Sgt. Jeremy Bell
HHC, 307th ESB,
516th Sig. Bde.,
311th Sig. Cmd.



“My kids; having a positive attitude; greeting new people.”

Maj. Marae Cabel
TAMC



“Friends; family; being an American.”

Sgt. Tre Reese
39th MP Det.,
728th MP Bn.,
8th MP Bde., 8th TSC



“Signing out to take leave; when our first sergeant calls ‘ZONK’; getting released early for the day.”

Pvt. Gerardo Vargas
HHC, 307th ESB,
516th Sig. Bde.,
311th Sig. Cmd.



“My faith in Jesus; my wife; waking up in Hawaii.”

Ian Wheeler
Civilian contractor

‘Golden Dragons’ conduct mortar training on WAAF

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WHEELER ARMY AIRFIELD — Soldiers of 1st Battalion, 14th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade



Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, conducted mortar training, here, during the first week of August as part of their gunners’ certification process.

The “Golden Dragon” Soldiers used the M224 60mm mortar, M252 81mm mortar and the Stryk-

er-mounted RMS6L 120mm mortar for the training. The variation in sizes allows for more efficient deployment of indirect fire.

“Mortar provides indirect fire,” said Lt. 1st Class Eli Gaylor, officer in charge for the range. “This allows us to provide superior firepower to units on the ground.”

“When we’re downrange, the Stryker platform allows us to be a lot more mobile,” said Sgt. Thomas White, an instructor for the gunner’s exam. “We can get the gun into action a lot quicker than if we were using a ground-mounted platform.”

Indirect fire is an essential tool for ground forces, as it allows superior firepower to be available to Soldiers in any size element.

“We allow forces downrange to engage enemy forces that may be superior in number or firepower,” Gaylor said.

“Our most essential task when receiving a fire mission is mounting the mortar system and getting the gun into action in the least amount of time possible,” White said.

Spc. Michael Jones, infantryman, Company A, 1st Bn., 14th Inf. Regt., 2nd BCT, 25th ID, conducts timed drills using the M224 60mm mortar system as part of his gunners’ certification, on WAAF, recently.

The Stryker platform allows Soldiers to perform this essential task quickly.

“With the Stryker-mounted system, we can occupy and start launching round within 15 to 20 seconds,” White said.

Mortar fire can be extremely accurate and provide much-needed firepower to an overwhelmed force.

“We use lightweight handheld mortar ballistic computers to quickly and accurately calculate our fires,” Gaylor said. “It is possible to do all the calculations by hand using a plotting board, but there is a lot of math and takes longer to do.”

“You have to train, and you have to stay effective in whatever your system is,” White said. “It doesn’t matter whether you’re a clerk in the personnel section or an infantryman on the ground.”

Training and certification of Soldiers on the many aspects of the duties downrange ensure they are prepared and capable of delivering effective lethal measures in combat.

“When we get downrange, (this training) will ensure that when the situation gets tough, the fundamentals are second nature and the Soldier can perform,” White said.

Ensuring these Soldiers have the training they require is just another way the 2nd BCT is providing security in the Pacific region.

Program will help transitioning service members get jobs

‘Transition GPS’ will steer Soldiers toward civilian careers

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WASHINGTON — A redesigned program for service members separating from the military will help veterans better apply the experience they’ve gained in uniform, Defense Secretary Leon Panetta said.

President Barack Obama announced the revamped program, called “Transition GPS,” in a speech at the Veterans of Foreign Wars national convention in Reno, Nev., July 23.

“I applaud the leadership of President Obama to bring together government agencies around the goal of enhancing career opportunities for service members,” Panetta said. “Our personnel have developed extraordinary technical expertise and world-class leadership skills that are in high

demand. Transition GPS will help military members apply their experience to additional training, formal education and develop successful civilian careers.”

Transition GPS is the first major overhaul of the military’s Transition Assistance Program, or TAP, in nearly 20 years. TAP was developed by an interagency team from the departments of Defense; Veterans Affairs; Labor; Education; and Homeland Security, as well as with the Office of Personnel and Management and the Small Business Administration.

Eric Shinseki, secretary, Veterans Affairs, said the redesign will better ensure veterans today and in the future will receive the care and benefits they have earned.

“One of our fundamental responsibilities as a government is to properly prepare and support those serving in our military so they are career ready as they transition back into civilian life,” Shinseki said. “This collaborative effort will have an impact well beyond this current generation of

individuals returning from combat.”

The redesign is being developed by the Veterans Employment Initiative Task Force, which was created in August 2011 to help separating service members successfully transition to the civilian workforce, start a business or pursue higher education.

TAP consisted of pre-separation counseling and a voluntary, three-day workshop from the departments of Labor, Defense and Veterans Affairs that was presented at selected military installations and attended by nearly half of service members who separated from the services each year.

Transition GPS is designed to strengthen, standardize and expand counseling and guidance for service members before leaving the military, and transform the military’s approach to education, training and credentialing.

Transition GPS is to be implemented throughout the military by the end of 2013. It will:

- Extend the current three-day transition program to five to seven days in length;

- Offer individual assessment and counseling, including an individual transition plan;
- Include a five-day curriculum of financial planning, available veterans’ benefits and services, and a redesigned employment workshop;
- Include a “Military Occupational Code Crosswalk” to translate military skills, training and experiences into civilian occupations and credentialing;
- Include optional training specific to pursuing higher education, technical skills and training, or starting a business;
- Include a “capstone” event to verify that the participant is career-ready;
- Give a “warm handover” to appropriate government agencies and organizations for continued benefits, services and support of veterans; and
- Create a “Military Life Cycle Transition Model” to incorporate career readiness and transition preparation early into a service member’s career.

500th MI Bde. hosts ROKA representatives

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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — The 500th Military Intelligence Brigade hosted a command briefing to members of the Republic of Korea Army, or ROKA, intelligence and operations section at the brigade’s conference room, here, July 25.

The briefing marked the first opportunity for Col. William Mangan, commander, 500th MI Bde., to engage with allies of a foreign military service since taking command July 17.

ROKA representatives visited the brigade as part of a U.S. Army-Pacific-hosted visit focused on enhancing U.S.-ROKA interoperability.

“This was a great opportunity to team up with USARPAC intelligence and the 25th Infantry Division intelligence to enhance relationships with key leaders from the ROKA intelligence and operations,” Mangan said.

Before the briefing, Mangan provided ROKA representatives history on the brigade and cited some of the brigade’s past commanders. After completing the command hallway tour, Mangan presented a command brief to ROKA representatives to communicate the brigade’s core competencies and operational capabilities.

The briefing provided the ROKA team a better understanding of the brigade and is the stepping stone for possible future collaborations.

“We hope to cultivate a relationship with ROKA in the immediate future by responding to questions they have in reference to how we fight and lessons we have learned,” Mangan said. “I expect we will grow that relationship in conjunction with our fellow military intelligence brigade in South Korea in ways that allow for greater interoperability between U.S. and ROKA intelligence organizations.”



Col. William Mangan (left), commander, 500th MI Bde., points out former brigade commanders to Maj. Gen. Jong-Soo Yang (right), chief of intelligence and operations, ROKA, during a tour of the brigade’s command hallway at Schofield Barracks, July 25.

Antiterrorism: iWatch requires community’s help

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Reports are then passed on to the FBI’s eGuardian system, which connects law-enforcement agencies and intelligence organizations at all levels of government across the U.S.

The iWatch program is comprised of two elements: passive and active involvement.

The passive element involves individual situational awareness of surroundings and requests individuals be alert at all times for suspicious activity.

The active element requires individuals to take action and report these observations to law enforcement for further investigation.

“The key to applying iWatch methods is for every individual to get

self-educated about the indicators of terrorist activity and about reporting suspicious activity,” Murry said. “Everyone can make a difference by recognizing what to report and reporting it to security or law enforcement personnel.

“Law enforcement personnel cannot be everywhere, and they need the eyes and ears of the entire installation community to help in quelling terrorism,” Murry added. “Remember, if you see something, say something.”

Behaviors Army community members should be on the lookout for include:

- Strangers asking security-related questions;
- Unfamiliar people in secure areas;
- Loitering;

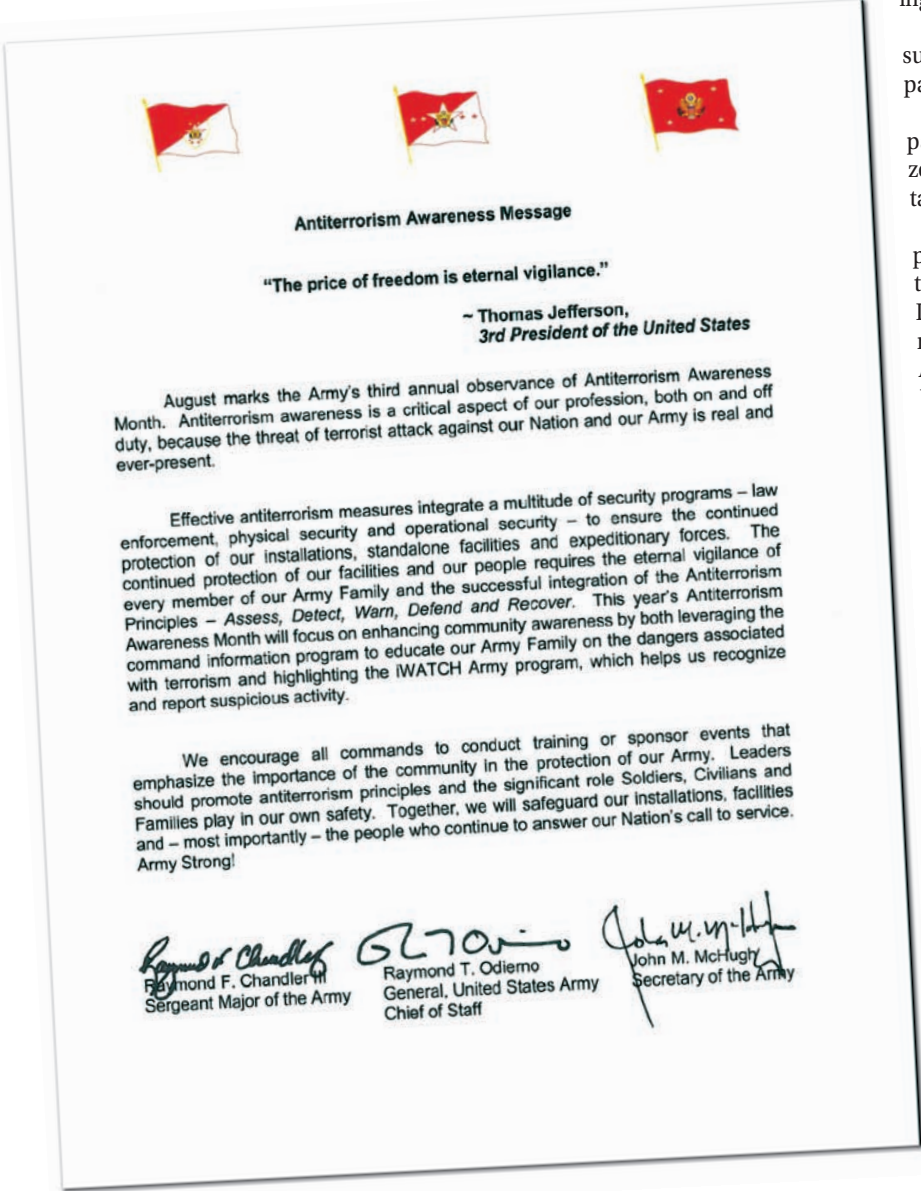
iWatch Contacts
To report a suspicious activity or behavior,
•Call police at Fort Shafter, 438-7114; or
•Call police at Schofield Barracks, 655-7114.

- Anyone drawing or taking photos of important buildings, sensitive areas or access control points;
- People wearing bulky, ill-fitting or unseasonable clothing;
- Chemical smells;
- Individuals purchasing supplies or equipment that can be used to make bombs or weapons, or buying uniforms without having the proper credentials;
- Unattended briefcases, suitcases, backpacks or packages; and
- Unattended cars left in parking lots, no-parking zones or in front of important buildings.

“Antiterrorism is about people saying something,” said Maj. Gen. David Quantock, provost marshal general of the Army and commander, U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command, in a recent Army news release.

“I think in this time, in this day and age, where there are people out there who mean us harm, it requires all of us to be part of this antiterrorism effort and keep our vigilance and our focus up,” Quantock said.

“All I would say is if you see something, say something,” Quantock added. “Get involved; don’t be a bystander. Make a difference out there for your community, make a difference out there for your Army, and make a difference for your nation. By doing that, you may save someone’s life some day.”





Soldiers of the 19th MP Bn. (CID) stand in formation during the unit’s deployment ceremony at Wheeler Gulch, WAAF, Aug. 3. The unit will take charge of CID operations in Afghanistan and Kuwait.

Deployment: ‘Pacific Justice’ battalion will handle CID operations in Middle East

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“We are a team that consists of organic Soldiers from the battalion, perfectly augmented with skills and talents from the 6th MP Group and CID units across the Army,” Lucas said. “We are a police justice ohana.”

The 19th MP Bn. (CID) gelled and stands ready to deploy, ac-

cording to Col. Robert Burk, commander, 6th MP Grp.

“They are a team; they are prepared to serve their fellow Soldiers and their commanders; they will continue the legacy of those who went before them; and they are ready,” Burk said. “I can tell you I’m very proud of their accomplishments.”

As the battalion headquarters deploys, two pillars of strength will keep the unit focused — a strong rear detachment that will over-

see CID operations in the Pacific, and strong families who will propel the deployed Soldiers forward.

A sense of mutual sacrifice, Lucas said, allows the Soldier and families to survive.

“It is pride and pride alone, not pay or fame, that lives at the heart of our duty,” Lucas said. “It’s our passion and fire that fuel what needs to be done.”

Army Chief of Staff discusses new initiatives

U.S. ARMY TRAINING AND DOCTRINE COMMAND

FORT EUSTIS, Va. — Army Chief of Staff Gen. Raymond Odierno traveled to U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command headquarters, here, July 31, to receive briefings on TRADOC initiatives that impact both the current force and the Army of 2020.

Gen. Robert Cone, commander, TRADOC, welcomed Odierno and hosted the sessions, which included updates on the Warrior Leader Course, Army physical fitness training, Doctrine 2015, sexual harassment/assault response and prevention, and the latest on the Asymmetric Warfare Group, or AWG.

The first item of discussion was the proposed extension of the Warrior Leader Course, or WLC. Previously set at 17 days, the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy revised the pilot WLC program of instruction due to several factors, including changes in doctrine, emerging trends and Noncommissioned Officer Academy feedback, as well as input from numerous working groups and questionnaires.

“The force really wants more map reading and land navigation,” said John Sparks, director, Institute for Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development.



Odierno

“The (AWG) is exactly what we need to look at the future complexities of war.”

Gen. Raymond Odierno
Army Chief of Staff

Based on this feedback, three iterations of the 22-day WLC were conducted at Fort Hood, Texas, March 27-June 14. The modified courses included land navigation, Army PT and increased leadership counseling; academics were limited to 8.5 hours per day.

“The challenge is to continue building upon the instruction after leaders return to their operational units,” Odierno said.

TRADOC is also preparing to re-establish the Master Fitness Trainer Course, or MFTC, which will provide commanders at all levels with certified fitness advisers, resulting not only in an increase in readiness, but more importantly, an overall increase in the health of the force.

“It’s not just about physical readiness training; it’s about health, fitness and well-being,” said Maj. Gen. Brad May, deputy commander, Initial Military Training, TRADOC.

The Initial Military Training Center of Excellence is initiating a pilot MFTC this summer to ensure appropriate steps are being taken to restore the physical fitness asset to all units.

Additionally, the program is expected to generate significant cost saving and cost avoidance for the Army through decreased accession losses, reduced injury rates, standardization of unit training, easier integration of new personnel into operational units, increased physical readiness of the force and increased discipline.

During the briefing, Odierno received an update on prevention efforts throughout TRADOC to reduce and eliminate sexual harassment and assault within the force.

Current efforts include cadre training on SHARP, values, ethos and prohibited practices, as well as the mandated use of “battle buddies” to reduce the likelihood and opportunity for sexual harassment and misconduct. Leadership will also conduct Quick-Look Assessment visits to ensure compliance with policies, procedures and treatment of Soldiers in training on installations.

Next, Lt. Gen. David Perkins, commander, Combined Arms Center, TRADOC, updated Odierno on Doctrine 2015, an effort to overhaul and streamline Army doctrine through a simplified, common, professional language.

“Within 90 days, we’re going to release to the force an unprecedented amount of doctrine,” Perkins said.

The goal is to create a top-to-bottom echelon of publications and manuals that provide top-level, easy-to-read doctrinal principals with supporting references that increase in length and depth of information.

Doctrine 2015 will make these references available at the point of need through interactive media, such as mobile applications, and explain the fundamental principles that guide the actions of military forces in support of national objectives.

The last item on the agenda was operational advising. Often called the “crown jewel of TRADOC” by Cone, operational advising is the core competency of the AWG, which conducts worldwide tactical observations and translates them into initiatives that contribute to future unit successes on the battlefield.

“The AWG is TRADOC’s direct link to the operational force and the operational environment,” said Col. Patrick Mahaney Jr., commander, AWG.

The AWG uses its core functions — observing and analyzing; identifying vulnerabilities and capability gaps; and developing solutions — to enhance Soldier survivability and effectiveness and enable the defeat of current and emerging threats.

“The (AWG) is exactly what we need to look at the future complexities of war,” Odierno said.

According to the command, TRADOC is leading the Army’s transition into the future by shaping the Army of 2020, developing adaptive leaders and organizations, modernizing equipment and revolutionizing training.

Connelly: DFAC uses teamwork in kitchen

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Soldier, but the field kitchen is a place Cabrera and Parker, who have deployed four times together, prefer to be every time they serve troops.

“(The field kitchen environment) brings more cohesion and teamwork, and that brings everything else together,” Parker said. “When you deploy together, you are a family. You have no one but each other.”

“You have the extra time to be personal with each other (that) you don’t find in garrison,” Cabrera added.

The team will have plenty of time to get even more personal as they refine their menu and step up to the Department of the Army competition in November.

But rest assured, whatever the outcome, the Soldier, wherever he or she may be — foxhole, mountain or desert — will find a combat cook nearby.



Courtesy photo 8th Military Police Brigade, 8th Theater Sustainment Command

Soldiers enjoy breakfast served by the 8th MP Bde., 8th TSC field feeding team during USARPAC’s 2012 Philip A. Connelly Field Feeding Team competition on Schofield Barracks, recently.

News Briefs

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

Today

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 next online Facebook Town Hall, hosted by Col. Daniel Whitney, commander, USAG-HI, 6-7:30 p.m., Aug. 29, at www.facebook.com/usaghawaii, under the “Events” tab.

All U.S. Army-Hawaii Soldiers, family members, retirees and civilians can ask questions, address concerns and get responses. If your question does not pertain to the public at large, please

email the Interactive Customer Evaluation System, or ICE, at <http://ice.disa.mil>, or Ask the Garrison Commander at AskTheCommander.usaghi@us.army.mil. Contact 656-3153 or lacey.a.justinger.civ@mail.mil with questions or concerns.

13 / Monday

HMR Road Closure

— Helemano Military Reservation Mua Road between Paalaa Pupukea Road and Hihi Court will be closed 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Aug. 13-16, for electrical line installation work. Mua Road will reopen after 4:30 p.m. Traffic control measures will be in place.

15 / Wednesday

Change of Command

— Brig. Gen. William Scott, commander, 311th Signal Command (Theater), will relinquish command to Maj. Gen. James Walton, 10 a.m., Aug. 15. The ceremony will take place at Palm

Circle, Fort Shafter.

17 / Friday

Road Closure

— Sections of Airdrome/Latchum roads will be closed 24/7 during reconstruction through Aug. 17. Airdrome Road will be closed between both sides of Denny Road through Aug. 17. Closures are subject to change, pending weather delays.

Ongoing

Temporary Schofield VCC

— Due to construction on Lyman Gate, the Schofield Barracks Visitor Control Center, or VCC, has relocated to Kawamura Gate, Wheeler Army Airfield. Construction began July 5 and will last six-eight weeks. During this time, visitors and contractors who require an installation pass to SB must use the temporary VCC located at WAAF’s Kawamura Gate.

Drivers should anticipate a change

in traffic patterns on the installation and allow for extra time in their commute.

For current traffic advisories, visit www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil/default.htm.

Tricare Fees

— The fiscal year 2013 Tricare Prime enrollment fees for uniformed service retirees and their families go into effect Oct. 1. Tricare Prime enrollment fees for 2013 are \$269.28 for retirees, and \$538.56 for retirees and their family members. Visit www.tricare.mil.

Dealing With Stress

— Visit the Employee Assistance Program office, Building 2091, Schofield Barracks, for help and ideas for dealing with stress or other issues affecting job performance. Call 655-6047/6046.

Personal Relationship Worries

— Tripler Army Medical Center’s mar-

riage and family therapists, as well as licensed clinical social workers, provide individual, couples and family counseling to help military personnel and family members.

TAMC can help with communication, conflict resolution, parenting and deployment issues. No referrals are required. Call the Social Work Outpatient Services Clinic at 433-6606.

Unemployed Veterans Education Assistance

— Veterans ages 35-60 can now apply for new benefits to cover education costs up to one year through a joint Department of Veterans Affairs and Department of Labor program. As part of a provision of the Veterans Opportunity to Work to Hire Heroes Act of 2011, the Veteran Retraining Assistance Program allows qualifying veterans to receive up to 12 months of assistance equal to the full-time Montgomery GI Bill - Active Duty rate, currently \$1,473/mo.

Networked vehicle production is in full swing

Story and photo by
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System of Systems Integration Directorate; Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology

ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, Md. — In October, the Army will begin fielding the first integrated group of networked technologies — radios, sensors and associated equipment and software — that will, for the first time, deliver an integrated voice and data capability throughout the entire brigade combat team, or BCT, formation — from the brigade commander to the dismounted Soldier.

This networked package, known as Capability Set 13, or CS 13, is the Army’s tactical network baseline designed to extend the network down to the individual Soldier and significantly enhance Mission Command On the Move and Soldier connectivity.

The connectivity, architecture and components of CS 13 were validated at the service’s most recent Network Integration Evaluation, or NIE 12.2, conducted May-June at White Sands Missile Range, N.M, but the ongoing integration and planning work

began months before.

In May, the Army completed the mine-resistant, ambush-protected vehicle, or MRAP, final design review, which solidified how CS 13 assets will be integrated into that vehicle platform.

Currently, the first five “super configuration” MRAP prototype vehicles are being built at the U.S. Army Tank Automotive Research, Development and Engineering Center, or TARDEC, in Warren, Mich. The five MRAP super configurations include Soldier Network Extension, as well as Point of Presence, Vehicular Wireless Package, MaxxPro and MRAP-Lite.

“This project is considered a level one because it’s so large,” said Marc Mroczka, project engineer, Center for Ground Vehicle Development and Integration, TARDEC. “There are five trucks, a lot of electronics equipment, a lot of design and a lot of integration.”

Each BCT has more than 300 vehicles, and under the current construct there are 42 combinations under the five super configurations, which allow the Army to build any combination within each configuration without altering the vehicle.

“This allows you to change what you put in a vehicle while

protecting the vehicle space,” Mroczka said. “For example, if you needed to swap out a radio for a different one, it can easily be done.

“There is some overlap in the individual systems, but it wasn’t necessary to put every CS 13 system on every vehicle in the NIE,” Mroczka added. “The main thing we had to do was figure out how to pull all those systems together afterward. That’s how we designed the super configurations.”

Soldier feedback has been invaluable, as it has led to many significant design and user interface improvements that are currently being incorporated into the final MRAP configurations.

“One of the things we learned was that both the commander and the driver need to be able to see the display screen in an MRAP,” said Jerry Tyree, lead engineer, System of Systems Integration Directorate, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology.

“Based on Soldier feedback, we were able to move a screen to the back of the seat so the commander and the driver could see what was going on,” Tyree said.

These screens, known as Multi-Domain Atlas, were not part of NIE 12.2, but they will be installed on the CS 13-equipped vehicles.

TARDEC is also working on the design for networked Humvee platforms that will be used as training sets by continental U.S.-based units as they prepare to deploy.

The remaining prototype vehicles to be equipped with CS 13 will be built at the Navy’s Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command, in Charleston, S.C., and the Red River Army Depot in Texarkana, Texas.

Once fully built, they’ll be shipped to Aberdeen Proving Ground, where they will undergo initial safety release and network verification testing beginning mid-August. The last set of vehicles will be shipped mid-September.

Following this, the vehicles will be turned over to the 3rd and 4th brigades from the 10th Mountain Division to begin new equipment training, Oct. 1. The units will train on the equipment until they deploy with CS 13 assets in 2013.

The Army will field CS 13 to eight BCTs, with priority going to deployed forces, units scheduled to deploy next, a forward-stationed brigade in Korea and the 2nd Heavy BCT, 1st Armored Division, which was the first unit to receive CS 13 equipment during NIE 12.2.

The Army will program to field up to six BCT sets of network equipment per year for the fiscal year 2014-2018 Program Objective Memorandum to better synchronize its platform and network modernization efforts.



Pictured is the Prototype Integration Facility at the U.S. Army TARDEC, in Warren, Mich., where the first five “super configuration” MRAP prototype vehicles equipped with CS 13 assets are being built. The MRAP configurations include Soldier Network Extension, Point of Presence, Vehicular Wireless Package, MaxxPro and MRAP-Lite.

U.S. PACIFIC COMMAND COMMANDER VISITS



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FORT SHAFTER (Far left) — Navy Adm. Samuel Locklear III (left), commander, U.S. Pacific Command, addresses Soldiers with the U.S. Army-Pacific Contingency Command Post, or CCP, Humanitarian Assistance Survey Team during a visit to the USARPAC CCP, here, Aug. 1.

(Left) Locklear (second from left) and Lt. Gen. Francis Wiercinski (right), commander, USARPAC, discuss the CPP, which consists of more than 90 personnel able to provide forward command post capability focused on small-scale contingencies like supporting humanitarian assistance, disaster relief and peace operations.

Museums offer summer discoveries



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The Tropic Lightning Museum (above), Bldg. 361, Schofield Barracks, offers visitors the opportunity to access historical artifacts electronically (right).



Photo courtesy Tropic Lightning Museum

Museums offer new technology, military incentives

U.S. ARMY GARRISON-HAWAII

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Learning about the history of Hawaii, not to mention the Army in Hawaii, has never been easier to access — or more affordable — for members of the military community.

Summer is peak season for many museums, a time when family outings serve as an opportunity to connect with heritage and history.

Local and national museums are providing new technologies, innovations and enticements to remind both military residents and visitors about the history Hawaii and of the military in Hawaii.



Photo courtesy Tropic Lightning Museum

Tropic Lightning Museum

Bldg. 361, Corner of Waianae Avenue and Flagler Road, Schofield Barracks, 655-0438

The Schofield Barracks Tropic Lightning Museum is making strides to leverage the latest tablet technology. Originally the post library, the nearly 100-year-old building is undergoing continuing renovations and upgrades and reopened in the spring after structural renovations.

Located in the recently designated Schofield National Historic District, here, visitors can personalize their experience and explore, more deeply than ever before, artifacts from the museum's archives.

The interactive timeline wall features a series of tablets that allows visitors to explore different eras of Schofield history. Each wall-mounted tablet displays a small selection of various documents and photographs dedicated to the 25th Infantry Division, Schofield Barracks, or Wheeler Army Airfield — all subjects within the timeline that stretches from 1909 to 2009.

“(Visitors can search) maps, Christmas menus, photographs of old units, yearbooks and documents in a way they never could before,” said Kathleen Ramsden, curator, Tropic Lightning Museum, Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security, U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii. “Because of the fragile nature and volume of many artifacts and documents, we simply could not make many of them available until now.”

“New technology makes this possible,” she added.

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Kathleen Ramsden

Curator, Tropic Lightning Museum
DPTMS, USAG-HI

It took more than half a dozen volunteers almost two years to carefully scan and upload documents for the interactive wall.

The seductively serene exterior of the museum belies other new commitments and expansion.

A temporary exhibit of the 25th Infantry Division's role in the fight against global terrorism will result in a new full-time exhibit that is under construction and scheduled for completion within the next two years with a new museum wing, according to Ramsden.



Photo courtesy U.S. Army Museum of Hawaii

U.S. Army Museum of Hawaii at Fort DeRussy

Kalia Road, Fort DeRussy, Waikiki
955-9552, www.hiarmymuseumsoc.org

The U.S. Army Museum of Hawaii at Fort DeRussy is one of the best-kept secrets in Waikiki, according to museum sources.

The museum is housed in Battery Randolph, a massive reinforced concrete emplacement with roofs as much as 12-feet thick. The battery was built around 1911 to protect Hawaii from invading forces, and featured two 14-inch guns that could fire projectiles as far as 14 miles.

Today, Battery Randolph serves as a home for a museum that tells the military story in Hawaii, from the early Native Hawaiian warriors to Soldiers who fought in the Gulf War, Iraq and Afghanistan.

Some of these special stories are featured in the Gallery of Heroes, which is set aside from the other exhibits. The Gallery of Heroes solemnly honors the recipients of the Congressional

Medal of Honor and the Distinguished Service Cross.

In total, the museum's 18 exhibits annually attract more than 100,000 visitors from around the world. Audio tours are available in English and Japanese.

The museum is located beachfront adjacent to the Hale Koa Hotel and park. The surrounding grounds includes shade trees and open grassy areas. Tables and benches are abundant throughout the park for relaxing or for picnics.

Admission to the museum is free, but donations are appreciated.



Photo courtesy Honolulu Museum of Art

Honolulu Museum of Art

900 S. Beretania St., Honolulu
532-8734, www.honolulumuseum.org

This world-class art museum presents international-caliber special exhibitions and features a collection that includes works by Hokusai, van Gogh, Gauguin, Monet, Picasso and Warhol, as well as traditional Asian and Hawaiian art. The museum also offers a summer special for members of the military and family members.

For the third year, the Honolulu Museum of Art is participating in the national Blue Star Museums collaboration between the National Endowment for the Arts, Blue Star Families and the Department of Defense.

As part of the program, the museum is one of six Hawaii institutions (one of three on the island of Oahu), and 1,500 museums nationwide, to offer free admission to all active-duty military personnel and their families from Memorial Day through Labor Day.

The Honolulu Museum of Art was formerly known as the Honolulu Academy of Art. In 2011, the Contemporary Museum gifted its assets and collection to the museum, and in 2012, the combined museum changed its name to the Honolulu Museum of Art.

Located in two of Honolulu's most beautiful buildings, the museum includes two cafés, gardens, and hosts various films and concerts.

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Briefs

Today

Flag Football League — The USAG-HI Sports Office is accepting applications for the 2012 flag football league. The season starts Sept. 10. Entry deadline is Aug. 24. Call 655-0856/655-9652.

Summer Splash — Bring a bathing suit and enjoy the adult slip ‘n’ slide starting at 1 p.m., Aug. 10, at the Tropics Warrior Zone, SB. Includes bathing suit runway contest. Tropics is an 18-and-older facility. Call 655-5698.

Friday Night Entertainment Series — New acts each week at Kolekole Bar and Grill, SB. Call 655-4466.

- First Friday, Comedy Night (mature audiences only);
- Second Friday, live bands;
- Third Friday, Colby Benson band; and
- Fourth Friday, Taking Care of Business band.

11 / Saturday

Learn to Swim Lessons — Registration ends Aug. 11 at TAMC’s pool for Session 6 classes, Aug. 13-24. Keiki must be registered with CYSS. Visit www.himwr.com.

National Bowling Day — Download a voucher for a free game of bowling at www.gobowling.com and bring it to an Army Bowling Center for National Bowling Day, Aug. 11. Call 655-0573 (SB) and at 438-6733 (FS).

Kolekole Saturday Nights — The Saturday Night Spotlight features a variety of entertainment at Kolekole Bar and Grill, SB. Enjoy pau hana specials before the show.

- First Saturday, Old School Soul Night with deejay Bennie James;
- Second Saturday, Country Night;
- Third Saturday, Hip-Hop/Rhythm and Blues Night; and
- Fourth Saturday, Karaoke Night.

12 / Sunday

NFL Fantasy Football — Pick a fantasy team at 1-4 p.m., Aug. 12, and follow them throughout the season at Tropics Warrior Zone, SB. Tropics is an 18-and-older facility. Call 655-5698.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT



Sgt. Marcus Fichtl | 8th Military Police Brigade, 8th Theater Sustainment Command Public Affairs

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — A keiki high-fives Scruff McGruff the crime dog as he teams up with the military police from the 8th Military Police Brigade, 8th Theater Sustainment Command and the Directorate of Emergency Services to protect the local community during National Night Out at the Kalakaua Community Center, here, Aug. 7. Local law enforcement and emergency service communities across the nation host National Night Out the first Tuesday of August every year to build trust and community with the families they serve. The event aims to teach children that the police and firefighters are approachable.

Sunday at the Clubs — Enjoy Sunday breakfast 9 a.m.-1 p.m., at Kolekole Bar and Grill, SB; or Sunday brunch 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Hale Ikena, FS. Call 655-4466 (SB) or 438-1974 (FS).

13 / Monday

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, SB Kalakaua Community Center; and
 - Tuesdays, AMR Community Center.

Mongolian Barbecue — Dinner is served starting at 5 p.m., Mondays, at Kolekole Bar and Grill, SB; and Thursdays at Mulligan’s Bar and Grill, FS. Cost is 65 cents per ounce. Call Kolekole at 655-4466 or Mulli-

gan’s at 438-1974.

15 / Wednesday

Teen Wednesdays — Teens can bowl at Wheeler Bowling Center, WAAF, 2-4 p.m., Wednesdays. Teens can cosmic bowl for \$2. Free shoes with a two-game minimum. Call 656-1745.

16 / Thursday

Zumba — The FS Physical Fitness Center offers Zumba classes, 4:45-5:45 p.m., Thursdays. Cost is \$4 per person. Call 438-1152.

17 / Friday

New Outdoor Rec. Opens — Outdoor Recreation is moving to 435 Ulrich Way, Bldg 2110 (right behind the ACS building), SB. During the move, the facility will be closed Aug. 11-16; and will open Aug. 17. Call 655-0143.

FS Training Day Bowling — Enjoy free games with the purchase of

the daily lunch special or any sandwich combo meal deal, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Aug. 17, FS Bowling Center. This offer is subject to availability. Call 438-6733.

18 / Saturday

DFMWR Mega Swap Meet — Excess inventory sale is 8 a.m.-2 p.m., July 18, at Bldg. 1598, FS Flats. All sales are final and in “as is” condition. Cash or credit card only. Time of entry is 8-9 a.m. for active duty, retirees and an active Blue Star Card holder. Veterans are also welcome (bring discharge certificate or form DD-214); general public from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., call 438-3503.

Kayak Snorkeling— Enjoy the coastline and dolphins with Outdoor Recreation, 7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Aug. 18. Cost is \$49. Call 655-0143.

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community Calendar

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Today

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 next online Facebook Town Hall, hosted by Col. Daniel Whitney, commander, USAG-HI, 6-7:30 p.m., Aug. 29, at www.facebook.com/usaghawaii, under the “Events” tab. Contact 656-3153 or email lacey.a.justinger.civ@mail.mil.

Boot Donation — In memory of fallen service members, the TAMC Fisher House is collecting more than 6,500 pairs of boots for the 2012 Fisher House Hero and Remembrance Run, scheduled Aug. 18. The original deadline for collecting boots was Aug. 4, but in order to meet their goal of more than 6,500

pairs, the Fisher House is still accepting boot donations. Drop off boots at either the TAMC Fisher House or mail to 317 Krukowski Rd., Honolulu, Hawaii, 96819.

Each pair of boots represents a service member who has died since Sept. 11, 2001, and will be displayed with a photo of the service member. The boots will line the path of the run. Call 561-7423, or email theresa.m.johnson2@us.army.mil.

Two Museums and a Royal Palace — The Bishop Museum, Honolulu Museum of Art, and Iolani Palace are joining forces the evening of Aug. 10, until 10 p.m., for a night of cultural exploration and fun. Free shuttle buses will transport event goers between the three venues. Admission is \$10 and includes entry to both museums and the palace, which would normally cost \$47.95 for adults. See related story on B-1.

11 / Saturday

MCB Hawaii Triathlons — The Keiki Tradewind Triathlon is 6:30 a.m., Aug. 11, and the adult Tradewind Triathlon 6:30 a.m., Aug. 12, Hangar 101 Pad, Marine Corps Base, Kaneohe. Online registration has closed but registration will be accepted on site, race day. Visit www.mccshawaii.com or call 254-7590.

14 / Tuesday

Girl Scout Super Recruitment — The Kolekole Service Unit will hold a recruiting event, 4-7 p.m., Aug. 14, at the SB Scout Hut. For details, email schofield-girlscouts@yahoo.com.

AFCEA Monthly Luncheon — This Armed Forces Communications and Electronics event is 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Aug. 14, at the Hale Ikena, FS. To register, visit www.afceahawaii.org. All military and civilians are welcome.

15 / Wednesday

Featherwork Workshop — Learn Hawaiian featherwork, 5:30-7 p.m., Aug. 15, AMR Community Center. Hulu manu, or bird feathers, were among the most esteemed and cherished belongings of Native Hawaiians. This workshop teaches the history and art of hulu. To register, email hwnworkshops@gmail.com

16 / Thursday

Spouses Club Sign Up — FS’s Hui O’Wahine will host its annual Super Sign Up and Information Fair 5-8 p.m., Aug. 16, at the Hale Ikena, FS. Visit www.huispirit.com or search

for Fort Shafter Thrift Shop at www.facebook.com.

17 / Friday

Made in Hawaii Festival — This celebration, Aug. 17-19, will feature more than 400 exhibitors of Hawaiian products at the Neal Blaisdell Hall and Arena, 777 Ward Ave., Honolulu. Admission is \$4. Visit www.madeinhawaii festival.com.

18 / Saturday

Little Ford Island Airshow — High flying activities run from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Aug. 18-19, at the Pacific Aviation Museum, Ford Island. More than 100 remote control 1/5th scale warbirds, jets and helicopters will be performing aerial combat, stunts, aerobatics and candy bombings for keiki. Includes military helicopter and jet flyovers and static displays, a free concert, museum and hangar tours, food and drink booths. Call 441-1013 or visit www.pacificaviationmuseum.org.

Ongoing

Tunnel to Towers — Runners will cross the Ford Island Bridge during this Pearl Harbor 5K race, 7 a.m.,

See Community Calendar, B-3

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 reeltime movie listing.



The Amazing Spider-Man

(PG-13)

- Fri., Aug. 10, 4 p.m.
- Sat., Aug. 11, 7 p.m.
- Sun., Aug. 12, 2 p.m.
- Thurs., Aug. 16, 7 p.m.

Magic Mike

(R)

- Fri., Aug. 10, 7 p.m.

The Avengers*

(PG-13)

- Sat., Aug. 11, 4 p.m.

*Family Matinee: all admissions \$2.50 for 4 p.m. show

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- Wed., Aug. 15, 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
- ASYMCA: Armed Services YMCA
- BCT: Brigade Combat Team
- BSB: Brigade Support Battalion
- Co.: Company
- CYSS: Child, Youth and School Services
- EFMP: Exceptional Family Member Program

- FMWR: Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation
- FRG: Family Readiness Group
- FS: Fort Shafter
- HMR: Helemano Military Reservation
- IPC: Island Palm Communities
- SB: Schofield Barracks

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

Joint Spouses’ Conference to feature Mrs. Hawaii

Annual event offers networking, workshop opportunities

KAREN SPANGLER
Contributing Writer

JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM — Stacey Bass Snee, who is the current Mrs. Hawaii, will be guest speaker for the Joint Spouses’ Conference Hawaii 2012, here.

The conference, themed “Anchors Away in Paradise,” is Oct. 20 at the Ford Island Conference Center, here; online registration starts Sept. 7.

Snee, who is a Navy spouse, mother of two children, former naval officer and veteran, will offer her insight on the role of military spouses in their communities.

The annual JSC provides a forum for spouses of active duty, reserve and retired military members of all services and ranks to learn, network and help each in their roles as spouses, parents, professionals and community leaders.

Spouses can choose from more than 25 workshops held at such venues as the Battleship Missouri Memorial, Pacific Aviation Museum, control tower and hangar 79, Navy Lodge, Rainbow Bay Marina and Pearl Harbor barges. Each spouse can select four workshops from a variety of disciplines, including photography, interior decorating and art.

A workshop featuring a remembrance tour of Dec. 7, 1941,

will provide an opportunity for conference attendees to board a VIP Navy barge and receive a narrated tour of Pearl Harbor.

“We’re very excited about the workshops at the upcoming conference,” said Joanne Neyland, Army spouse and co-chair, JSC workshops committee. “Our talented and enthusiastic presenters will appeal to mind, body and soul, so we hope spouses from all over the islands will join us for a memorable day on beautiful and historic Ford Island.”

“With two plus months to go, the level of creativity and commitment from our team of 50 joint service spouse volunteers continues to amaze and inspire me daily,” said Kim Becker, Navy spouse and director, JSC. “The hard work and attention to detail is often complex and time consuming, but we keep a sense of humor and are motivated to deliver.”

“As an Army wife, I’m thankful to have the fantastic opportunity to share time with spouses in the sister services,” added Gretchen Escribano, Army spouse and deputy director, JSC.

“I’ve been particularly impressed with the collaboration among this joint service team.”



Lance Cpl. Tyler Main | U.S. Marine Corps

A Center for Cultural Interchange representative provides information to a military spouse at the Officer’s Club during the 2010 JSC information expo, at Marine Corps Base, Hawaii. The 2012 JSC will provide attendees a Pearl Harbor tour, a choice of 25 workshops and feature keynote speaker Stacy Bass Snee, 2012 Mrs. Hawaii and military spouse.

Joint Spouses’ Conference Hawaii 2012
Online registration begins Sept. 7; visit
•www.jschawaii.com; or
•www.facebook.com/JointSpousesConferenceHawaii2012

CHAPLAIN CORPS’ ANNIVERSARY



Photo courtesy of Chaplains’ Office, U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii

WAIALUA — U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii’s chaplains welcome community members as they celebrate the Chaplain Corps’ 237th anniversary, July 27, at the Hawaii Polo Club, here. The celebration began with a Chaplain Corps run for unit members and families, a history presentation of the corps, and childrens’ games and activities.



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Sept. 8. Register at www.tunneltotower.srun.org. Call 294-6321.

Food for Families — The ASYMCA at WAAF has an emergency food locker that assists military families experiencing financial difficulty. Canned goods, frozen food, dry goods and personal care items are available. Donations are always accepted. Call 624-5645.

Children’s Waiting Room — The ASYMCA Children’s Waiting Room offers on-site child care for healthy children whose parents or siblings have medical appointments in any of the Schofield clinics or at TAMC. No fee is charged for this service, but donations keep the programs running.

Monday-Friday hours for the SB Health Clinic Children’s Waiting Room are 8 a.m.-noon, and 1-4 p.m.; TAMC hours are 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Call 624-5645 for SBHC, or 833-1185 for TAMC.

Free Study Programs — In alliance with the Department of Defense, eKnowledge is donating \$200 SAT and ACT training programs to military families worldwide. Students select the training they need and study at their own pace. Call (951) 256-4076.

State Parks — Summer hours for eight Oahu state parks have started and run through Sept. 5 (Labor Day). Hours are 7 a.m.-7:45 p.m. for Keaiwa Heiau, Malaekahana, Puu Ualakaa, Sand Island, Wahila Ridge, Wahiawa Freshwater, Kahana Beach Park, Ka Iwi Shoreline and Makapuu Lighthouse.

Visit www.hawaiiistateparks.org.

Food Drive — During August, military customers and federal employees can donate nonperishable food and personal hygiene items to the Commissary using

marked bins located at the entries or exits. Donations help charitable organizations such as local food banks. The DoD 2012 Feds Feed Families campaign has set its goal at 1.5 million pounds. The most needed items for donations include canned vegetables, fruit and proteins, soups, condiments, individually packed snacks, multi-grain cereal, 100 percent juice, grains and hygiene items.

Parent Participation Preschool — Parent Participation Preschool, 9 a.m.-11 a.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays, is for children ages 3-4. Classes help preschool children make a smooth transition into kindergarten. Sponsored by the WAAF ASYMCA, classes are \$30 a month. Call 624-5645.

Operation Kid Comfort — Comfort, create and unite with Operation Kid Comfort, which creates comfort quilts and pillows for children of deployed service members and offers an opportunity for America to unite in support of military families. Contact the ASYMCA at 473-3398 or email pearlharbor@asymcahi.org.



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10-Mile Race Around Wheeler — Cheer on your favorite runner, starting at 6:45 a.m., Aug. 19, at the Army 10-Mile Race Around Wheeler. Call 655-0856/9914.

Ongoing

New Menus — New menus are now available at Kolekole Bar and Grill, SB, and Mulligan’s Bar and Grill, FS. Call 655-4466 (SB) or 438-1974 (FS).

Keiki Night — Every Wednesday night, kids under the age of 10 eat from the keiki menu for only \$1.99, 5-8 p.m., at Kolekole Bar and Grill, SB; and Mulligan’s Bar and Grill, FS. Call 655-0660 (SB) or 438-6712 (FS).

Reduction in Services — Despite staff reduction, the FS ACS and Survivor Outreach Services, FS Aloha Center, continue providing services for south side units, Soldiers and families.

Information, Referral and Relocation, and Financial Readiness staff are available and provide initial in-processing and EFMP paperwork. Classes continue to be held with personnel from both SB and FS.

Auto Detailing — The SB Auto Skills Center specializes in tinting and full-vehicle detailing. Call 499-7633.

New Gym Hours — New HMR and AMR physical fitness center hours are 6 a.m.-9 p.m., Monday-Friday, and closed Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.

Call HMR at 653-0719 and AMR at 836-0338.

Golf Special — Pay for nine holes and play 18, Monday-Friday, except holidays, at the Nagorski Golf Course, FS. Course is open to the public. Limited-time special. Call 438-9587.

Museums: military specials provide affordable opportunities for exploration

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Photo courtesy Bishop Museum

Bishop Museum
1525 Bernice St., Honolulu
847-3511, www.bishopmuseum.org

Honolulu’s Bishop Museum is Hawaii’s largest museum dedicated to studying and preserving the history of Hawaii and the Pacific. Originally designed to house the extensive collection of Hawaiian artifacts and royal family heirlooms of Princess Bernice Pauahi Bishop, a descendent of King Kamehameha I, the museum is now the premier natural and cultural history institution in the Pacific.

The museum holds millions of artifacts, documents and photos about Hawaii and other Polynesian cultures.

The newly renovated Hawaiian Hall offers an immersion into Native Hawaiian culture and history by showcasing a variety of important artifacts. The planetarium shows how voyagers navigated the Pacific using the stars. The Science Adventure Center demonstrates Hawaii’s unique natural environment through a variety of interactive exhibits.



Photo courtesy Friends of Iolani Palace

Iolani Palace
364 S. King St., Honolulu
522-0822, www.iolanipalace.org

Iolani Palace, the official residence of Hawaii’s monarchy, is a marvel of opulence, innovation and political intrigue. Meticulously restored to its former grandeur, this National Historic Landmark in downtown Honolulu tells of a time when King Kalakaua, who built it in 1882, and his sister and successor, Queen Liliuokalani, walked its celebrated halls.

Iolani Palace participates in the Blue Star Museums program and offers free admission to active duty military personnel and their families Memorial Day-Labor Day.

The Royal Hawaiian Band presents free concerts on the palace grounds most Fridays, weather permitting, from noon to 1 p.m.

Iolani Palace offers guided and self-led tours approximately 60 minutes in length. Reservations are required.

Hawaii Blue Star Museums 2012
Six Hawaii museums are participating in the 2012 program:

- Hawaii State Art Museum, Honolulu;
- Honolulu Museum of Art, Honolulu;
- Iolani Palace, Honolulu;
- Lyman Museum and Mission House, Hilo, Hawaii;
- Laupahoehoe Train Museum, Laupahoehoe, Hawaii; and
- Alexander and Baldwin Sugar Museum, Puunene, Maui.



Photo courtesy Friends of Iolani Palace

Iolani Palace is the only official state residence of royalty in the United States. The grand staircase leads to the second story of the four story, 105 room palace that features a living space of more than 34,000-square feet.

Fall photo exhibition captures life of combat service

‘Courage and Strength’ opens in September as museum officials reach out to the military community

HONOLULU MUSEUM OF ART
News Release

HONOLULU — The Honolulu Museum of Art will present the contemporary photography exhibition “Courage and Strength: Portraits of Those Who Have Served,” here, Sept. 6-Feb. 24, 2013.

The exhibition features work by Nina Berman, Ashley Gilbertson, Peter Hapak, Tim Hetherington, and Suzanne Op-ton. These artists explore the contradictions of war through powerful images that provide an intimate, personal look at American men and women who have served in Iraq and Afghanistan. Hetherington, co-director of the award-winning documentary “Restrepo,” was killed while on assignment in Libya in 2011.

Over the last decade, the world has seen in the media thousands of images of war, mostly in the context of the theater of combat and its aftermath in Afghanistan and Iraq. Much less covered are images that convey the stories of returning and deceased Soldiers and war’s long-lasting repercussions on their everyday circumstances and those of the survivors of the dead.

“The photographs on view do not depict the tension and horror of combat, but rather offer glimpses into the minds and hearts of service members in quiet moments during and after their tours of duty,” said James Jensen, exhibition curator.

“Some of the images are accompanied by texts written by the portrait subjects describing their experiences and feelings, and reflecting on the effects of war for them and those involved in their lives,” Jensen said. “The subjects in the images have had as important a role in shaping the works as the photographers who took them. Their willingness to sit, lie down, stand and bare themselves heightens our attentiveness and leads the eye and mind to a deeper, richer place, where we might not otherwise linger.”

The exhibition is part of the Honolulu Museum of Art’s effort

to deepen its relationship with Hawaii’s military community. The museum is participating in Blue Star Museums, a collaboration among the National Endowment for the Arts, Blue Star Families and the Department of Defense that offers all active-duty military personnel and their families free admission to the museum Memorial Day-Labor Day.

The museum is extending this free admission policy for military personnel through Feb. 24.

‘Courage and Strength’ Photo Exhibition
Runs Sept. 6-Feb. 24, 2013, at the Honolulu Museum of Art, 900 South Beretania St., Honolulu.
Visit www.honolulumuseum.org, or call 532-8700.

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Immunizations essential for children’s school safety

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ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, Md. — For many, the month of August symbolizes the end of summer and the start of a new school year for most of the nation’s children. Parents, eager to ensure their child has a safe and successful



school year, scramble to fulfill school supply lists and face long lines at the mall to purchase new school clothes. Immunizations, however, are also a vital piece to children’s safety and protection at school. One might think, “How are immunizations important in keeping a child safe?” Immunizations, also called vaccines or shots, help protect individuals from serious diseases. Immunizations can prevent infectious diseases like measles, diphtheria and rubella. People in the U.S. still die from these and other vaccine-preventable diseases. It’s extremely important to know which shots your child and you need, and when to get them. This is why August is recognized as National Immunization Awareness Month. It is the time to encourage family, friends and co-workers to protect their health by getting caught up on their shots. Most immunizations work best when they are given at certain ages. Here are some general guidelines:

Young children
Children under age 6 get a series of immunizations that protect against a variety of diseases such as measles, pneumonia, polio, chickenpox and hepatitis. Visit your health care provider to get a complete list of all recommended vaccines for children under age 6.

Preteens and teens
All 11- and 12-year-olds need immunizations to protect against tetanus, diphtheria, whooping cough and meningitis. Doctors recommend girls and boys get the human papillomavirus, or HPV, vaccine to protect against HPV-related diseases.

Adults
Immunizations aren’t just for babies and children. Adults also need immunizations to protect against serious diseases and illness. Everyone over 6 months old needs a seasonal flu shot every year. Besides the flu shot, adults need to be aware of other recommended immunizations. A one-dose shingles vaccine is recommended for adults age 60 and older. Adults should get a tetanus shot every 10 years. Adults should also talk to their health

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Maj. Kyndra Jackson
Army public health nurse, USAPHC

provider about the pneumonia or pneumococcal vaccine. Pneumonia is still a major cause of illness and death in the U.S. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that pneumonia caused 43,500 cases and 5,000 deaths among persons of all ages in 2009. Adults ages 19-64 with certain medical conditions, those who smoke cigarettes or adults with asthma should get the vaccine. Adults 65 years and older should get the one-time shot. Research shows that these groups of adults are at a higher risk of getting pneumonia. Immunizations apply to all individuals — from infants to seniors. When people remain timely with their shots, it not only protects the individual and family, it also protects the community as a whole. Talk to your doctor or nurse to find out which immunizations you need. For more information, visit your local military treatment facility or community health department. The Internet also provides a lot of information about immunizations.

Editors note: The U.S. Army Public Health Command focuses on promoting health and preventing disease, injury and disability in Soldiers and military retirees, their families, and Army civilian employees. As well, the USAPHC is responsible for effective execution of full-spectrum veterinary services throughout the Department of Defense. The USAPHC was created from the merger of the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine and the U.S. Army Veterinary Command.

Hawaii School Flu Vaccination Dates		
Mokapu Elementary Oct. 16, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Solomon Elementary Nov. 1, 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Iroquois Elementary Nov. 15, 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Barbers Point Elementary Oct. 19, 8-11 a.m.	Hickam Elementary Nov. 8, 8:30-11:45 a.m.	Mokulele Elementary Nov. 15, 8:15-11:15 a.m.
Pearl Harbor Kai Elementary Oct. 26, 8-11 a.m.	Moanalua Middle Nov. 9, 8:15-11:15 a.m.	Shafter Elementary Nov. 16, 8-11 a.m.
Kailua Intermediate Oct. 30, 8 a.m.-noon	Wheeler Elementary Nov. 14, 8:15-11 a.m.	Hale Kula Elementary Nov. 27, 8 a.m.-noon
		Navy Hale Keiki School Nov. 29, 8:30-10:30 a.m.

Immunization Information

To learn more about immunizations, visit:
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Vaccines and Immunizations

- www.cdc.gov/vaccines

2012 Immunization Schedules

- www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/index.html

