

# Tripler honors fallen behavioral health specialists



Col. Jacqueline Chando (left), commander, Troop Command, TAMC, and Lt. Col. Derrick Arincorayan, social work consultant to the Army's Surgeon General and chief, Department of Social Work, TAMC, place wreaths at the NMC-Pacific, Oct. 29, as part of a tribute to the lives of Lt. Col. David Cabrera and Staff Sgt. Christopher Newman, the first behavioral health specialists to be killed during overseas contingency operations.

Story and photo by  
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HONOLULU — Tripler Army Medical Center hosted a Wreath Laying Ceremony and Fallen Comrade Tribute at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, here, Oct. 29.

The wreaths were laid in memory of Lt. Col. David Cabrera and Staff Sgt. Christopher Newman, the first behavioral health specialists to be killed in overseas contingency operations.

The ceremony was held on the one-year anniversary of the death of the two Soldiers.

Cabrera and Newman were killed in action in Afghanistan on Oct. 29, 2011. They were two of 17 people killed on a busy road in Kabul when a Taliban suicide bomber carrying some 1,500 pounds of explosives rammed into an armored military bus.

Sgt. 1st Class Russell Lane, noncommissioned officer in charge, behavioral health specialist product line, Pacific Regional Medical Command, had been Newman's supervisor prior to his deployment, and was asked to escort Newman's body back to his hometown of Shelby, N.C., for his funeral.

"The important thing is not how long one lives, but what one does within his lifetime," Lane said. "While downrange, he was given the nickname Big Country. He was given that name not only for his 6-foot-6-inch size, but also because of the size of his heart. He was always thinking of others."

"Staff Sgt. Newman only lived to the age of 26, but his presence and influence were profoundly felt by his peers, leaders, community and family," Lane added.

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# Vietnam pavilion dedication is 11th

Mosaic maps will show battlefields

AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION  
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ARLINGTON — This year's Veterans Day ceremony at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific will include the dedication of two new pavilions, including one especially for veterans of the Vietnam War at the Honolulu Memorial.

The new Vietnam War Pavilion, combined with the current Vietnam War Courts of the Missing at the Honolulu Memorial, constitutes the only memorial to veterans of the Vietnam War built solely with federal funds.

The dedication will take place at 10 a.m., Sunday, Nov. 11, at the Honolulu Memorial. The keynote speaker is U.S. Senator Daniel Akaka, and the distinguished speaker is American Battle Monuments Commission secretary and Vietnam veteran Max Cleland, former U.S. senator from Georgia.

"This is especially appropriate as the United States starts its commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War," said Cleland.

Two mosaic maps will be added this year to complete the memorial and help tell the story of those Americans who served in Vietnam. The maps will show the overall theater of the Vietnam War and the sites of major battles fought during the conflict.

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Image courtesy American Battle Monuments Commission

This rendering shows the two new pavilions to be dedicated at the Honolulu Memorial in the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific on Veterans Day. New mosaic maps will honor Vietnam veterans.

# USARPAC medics tested for EFMB

Story and photos by  
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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — U.S. Army-Pacific medical specialists tackled three different combat tactical lanes that included 46 different medical tasks.

The medics passed a written test, day and night land navigation, and then finished a 12-mile foot march before walking onto their graduation field to earn the prestigious Expert Field Medical Badge, Nov. 8.

After a rough week of intensive studying and training during long days and nights, candidates from across the Pacific theater, from many different Army medical disciplines, went through another week of testing to obtain the badge. In 2010, the passing rate by candidates who tested then was 17 percent.

While observing the training, Army Surgeon General Lt. Gen. Patricia D. Horoho, commander, U.S. Army Medical Command, and Brig. Gen. Dennis Doyle, commander, Pacific Regional Medical Command and Tripler Army Medical Center, visited Soldiers on one of the training lanes to provide encouragement.

"The rigorous training and testing for the EFMB is a powerful reminder that



Lt. Gen. Patricia Horoho (standing, center), Army Surgeon General and commander, U.S. Army MEDCOM, and Brig. Gen. Dennis Doyle (standing, left), commander, PRMC and TAMC, observe Soldiers and cadre training for the EFMB, Nov. 1.

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# IMCOM seeks to hire, retain former Soldiers

Jobs! Jobs! Jobs!

**BILL BRADNER**  
Installation Management Command

SAN ANTONIO — Army civilians serve alongside Soldiers every day, in every theater.

From stateside garrisons to forward operating bases in Afghanistan, Army civilians write contracts, deliver goods, manage networks, operate ranges, man-

age business operations and provide support functions that would otherwise present distractions to training and wartime operations.

From the sound of reveille to when a Soldier turns out the lights at the end of the day, Soldiers are supported by their civilian counterparts.

Vacant positions exist throughout the U.S. Army Installation Management Command that need to be filled so IM-

COM can provide world-class customer service and deliver programs and services to Soldiers, civilians and families. Throughout the command, about 40 percent of civilian employees have served in uniform.

For Soldiers considering taking off their uniform, continuing their career with the Army as a civilian is a logical

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BACKTObASICS – What legacy will you leave for others?

COMMAND SGT. MAJ. SHEILA WOODS  
302nd Transportation Terminal Battalion  
303rd Maneuver Enhancement Brigade  
9th Mission Support Command

“Take care of Soldiers, lead from the front, and lead by example!”

These are all phrases used to motivate and encourage our leaders to do the right thing.

When Soldiers move from the ranks of junior enlisted to noncommissioned officer, there comes a pride, or rite of passage, when they put on their chevrons for the first time.

Our sergeants are our first-line leaders. This rank is where we need to invest our time, training and development.

Junior NCOs will one day be sergeants first class, master sergeants, first sergeants and sergeants major. We need to bring them up understanding their role as NCOs.

The role of the NCO seems to have been watered down over the years, and some of our sergeants do not realize the impact they have in their units and with their Soldiers.

Army traditions instill esprit de corps. In my 28 years of military service, I have seen the Army tradition of the NCO induction ceremony fall by the wayside. This ceremony is the one in which we highlight our newly promoted sergeants and task them with the responsibilities associated with being an NCO. This ceremony is intended to let the Soldiers know the importance of their new roles and responsibilities as NCOs.

The NCO induction ceremony is a celebration of the newly promoted Soldier joining the ranks of the professional NCO Corps. The ceremony emphasizes and builds on the pride we all share as members of such an elite corps. The ceremony should also serve to honor the memory of those men and women of the NCO Corps who have served with pride and distinction.

The importance of recognizing the transition from just one of the guys or gals to an NCO should be shared among the superiors, peers and Soldiers of the newly promoted. The ceremony should be held separately, and serve as an extension of the promotion ceremony.

“It’s not just about the rank and pay,” said Sgt. Seaford Herron, who participated in an induction ceremony at Fort Lee, Va. “It’s good for you to feel like you’re a part of something. It’s good to know that we’re a team, and there’s something out there that says ‘yes,’ we are a team, here’s the corps, welcome, be a part of it.”

When I became a command sergeant major in 2005, I started conducting NCO induction ceremonies for the Soldiers of the 1984th U.S. Army Hospital. I felt it was my job as the senior NCO in the unit to instill pride, camaraderie and a lasting legacy for the NCOs in the 1984th.

Junior NCOs are our future leaders. I want to make sure they are able to participate in this time-honored tradition and to remember how it feels to be inducted into the NCO Corps.

One day they will become sergeants major, and my prayer is they will do the same thing for their Soldiers. It is their rite of passage into the NCO Corps, and every NCO needs to take this passage seriously.

As the current 302nd Transportation Terminal Battalion command sergeant major, I will continue to use the NCO induction ceremony as an event that instills pride and a sense of responsibility in our newly promoted NCOs.

This legacy is the one I will leave behind.



Woods

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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Maj. Keven Beattie (front, second from right), executive officer, 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Inf. Division, briefs Gen. Lloyd Austin III (second from left), Vice Chief of Staff of the Army, before touring the facilities here, Nov. 5, to gather a full understanding of the Tropic Lightning Division's status of personnel and its training facility challenges. See more photos online at www.hawaiiarmyweekly.com.

FOOTSTEPS in FAITH

We honor veterans, saints

CHAPLAIN (COL.) PETER MUELLER

U. S. Army Garrison-Hawaii

Sometimes when we hear the word “veteran,” we picture a guy on the side of the road with a sign declaring his homelessness and financial need.

While we certainly want to help every veteran who, for whatever reason, is struggling in life, it is vital to remember hundreds of thousands of veterans who are returning from serving their country down-range.

Now they return to communities to serve, lead, build, raise families and make a real difference because of the values they have learned through discipline, hardship and camaraderie.

Our veterans have been there and done that, through thick and thin, good and bad, life and death. They are the backbone of our communities and the strength of America.

Our nation sets aside November 11th to honor and remember the contributions of our veterans. Truth be told, they deserve our gratitude every day. Yet, most veterans don’t seek recognition, the limelight or make a big deal of their service. That’s because their time of service was just that – service, selflessly given.

They are the true heroes we too often neglect to show our kids, but instead promote athletes and comic book characters. We would do well to learn from our veterans and listen to their experiences, finding our strength by using the same means they employed to survive and thrive through challenges and pain.

We – who form our worldview and lives around our faith in God – also have our veterans, our heroes, who have gone before us, showing us through their very lives just how God transforms a believing heart.

Perhaps it is no coincidence that just 10 days before every Veterans Day, many people of God celebrate All Saints Day. Sometimes we hear “saint,” and we think of a man or woman canonized by the church for doing extraordinary things seemingly beyond our reach. Yet, for every such recognized saint, hundreds of thousands of saints are ordinary people like you and me who struggle, fall, get up and

keep going by trusting God.

Saints are men and women we know and love: grandparents, parents, aunts and uncles, neighbors, pastors and teachers ... millions who have been there and done that, through thick and thin, good and bad, life and death.

They are the backbone of faith communities and the strength of our assemblies. They, too, don’t seek reward, the limelight or anyone making a big deal of their service. They serve in love and faith.

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— Chaplain (Col.) Peter Mueller  
USAG-HI command chaplain

We would do well to learn from them, listening to their experience to find our strength through their struggles, our comfort through their affliction, our hope through their challenges and pain. They know the way; they have walked with God even through the valley of the shadow of death, and they fear no evil.

It is not simply curiosity about the lives of others that we should bring to the remembrance of our veterans and the saints who have gone before us. They can be a source of inspiration, learning, comfort and hope – if we are humble enough to learn from them and have a willingness to pattern our lives after theirs.

Find a veteran in your family or community, and after you tell them thanks, listen to their story and learn their values and perspective on life, family and country. Then, find a veteran of faith in your community or chapel, and take time to listen to them, hearing their story of grace, forgiveness, faith and hope.

Doing so will honor their service and empower us to be the next example of veterans and saints for generations yet to come.

(Editor’s Note: Mueller is the command chaplain for USAG-HI.)



Veterans Day, the annual American holiday honoring military veterans, is observed on Nov. 11, the anniversary of

the end of World War I’s major hostilities.

The following events are scheduled:

Saturday, Nov. 10

•**Arizona Memorial Veterans Day**, 6:30 p.m. The National Park Service will host author and historian Vera Williams, who will discuss Women Air Force service pilots of World War II in commemoration of Veterans Day at the

World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument.

This event is free and open to the public. RSVP at https://www.usmissouri.org/veteransdaysvp or 423-7300, ext. 7048.

Sunday, Nov. 11

•**Governor’s Veterans Day Ceremony**, 1 p.m., Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery, Kaneohe.

•**National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific Ceremony**, 10 a.m., is dedication of Vietnam Pavilion; see related story on page A-1.

•**Battleship Missouri Veterans Day Sunset Ceremony**, 4:30-5:30 p.m. Event is free and open to the public with advance reservations. Guests must

be seated by 4:15 p.m. RSVP at www.usmissouri.org.

Monday, Nov. 12

•**Wahiawa Veterans Day Parade**, 10 a.m., in Wahiawa. The Wahiawa Lions Club will conduct its annual parade.

Saturday, Nov. 17

•**Patriot Run/Walk**, 8 a.m., at the Waterfront, Ewa Beach, www.patriotrunhawaii.com.

Voices of Ohana

Veterans Day is Nov. 11

“Why is it important to show appreciation for military veterans?”

Photos by U.S. Army-Pacific Public Affairs



“Because if it wasn’t for them, we wouldn’t have the freedom and liberties we have today.”

**Sgt. 1st Class Luis Escribano**  
NCO, Plans Office, UARPAC



“The freedom our veterans fight for is the legacy upon which we all stand.”

**Staff Sgt. Robert Ham**  
Broadcast journalist, Headquarters, USARPAC



“They are the only ones who really know what is going on with the wars our country fights. Everyone who runs for public office should serve.”

**Creighton Ho**  
Retired, Air Force



“We honor our veterans to show our appreciation for their sacrifices to our nation.”

**Sgt. Steven Llyod**  
NCOIC, Protocol Transportation, USARPAC



“We have a rich tradition and history of honoring our veterans.”

**Lt. Stephen Marshy**  
with Deputy Chief of Staff for Engineering, USARPAC



# Tropic Lighting sergeant, 30 more, become citizens

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BAGRAM AIRFIELD, Afghanistan — Patriotism means many things to different people; it’s even taken on a political connotation during the past few years.

For service members deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, patriotism means a long journey has finally come to fruition.

Thirty-one service members from 19 different countries became naturalized U.S. citizens in a ceremony at the airfield, here, Nov. 2. Elvis Quiles, the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service’s overseas adjudications officer for Bangkok, Thailand, presided over the ceremony; the Oath of Allegiance was administered by Pius Bannis, the USCIS district director for Bangkok.

Sgt. Grena Kirk, an aircraft electrician with Bravo Company, 209th Aviation Support Battalion, 25th Combat Aviation Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, was one of the proud new U.S. citizens. Kirk is originally from the Philippines and has been serving in the U.S. Army as a legal resident.

Currently assigned to Kandahar Airfield in support of OEF, Kirk traveled to BAF to participate in the naturalization ceremony.

“Becoming a U.S. citizen offers me more free-

dom,” said Kirk. “I can actually vote now. Being in the military, I can now look for different jobs, which require a security clearance.”

People who were not born in the U.S. can become citizens by becoming naturalized. Naturalized citizens swear by oath “to renounce and abjure their allegiance to any foreign prince, potentate, state or sovereignty and swear to support and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States of America against all enemies, foreign and domestic.”

In attendance at the ceremony was recently appointed U.S. Ambassador James Cunningham, who greeted each service member personally with a congratulatory handshake and encouraging words.

“Today is a great recognition; these are always very impressive ceremonies to welcome new citizens into the family of America,” said Cunningham. “To see their desire to become U.S. citizens is always a wonderful thing.”

The newest citizens came from countries as far away as Norway, Jamaica, Laos, Kenya, Japan and Moldova. The service members were very diverse in their heritage, but one common denominator they all shared: their desire to become U.S. citizens.

“Becoming a citizen just opens up more doors and offers me more opportunities,” said Kirk.



**Sgt. Daniel Schroeder** | 25th Combat Aviation Brigade Public Affairs

Sgt. Grena Kirk, aircraft electrician, Co. B, 209th ASB, 25th CAB, checks a cannon plug as part of a phase maintenance inspection, Nov. 8. Kirk was sworn in as a U.S. citizen, at Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan, Nov. 2.

# 1-14th, JGSDF have a blast during Orient Shield 12

Story and photo by  
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139th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

AIBANO TRAINING AREA, JAPAN — Coordinates are barked out and then quickly echoed by a group eager to display their expertise.

Like a surgeon calling for an instrument of precision, the team leader calls for his weapon of choice.

The command to drop is followed by reverberating blasts in the distance. Plumes of smoke reveal the deadly accuracy and effectiveness of the

mortar teams of 1st Battalion, 14th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, Monday, during Orient Shield 12.

Soldiers from 1-14th, out of Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, and troops from the Japanese Ground Self Defense Force took turns displaying their mortar-firing abilities, impacting on the cliffs of a Japanese mountain range.

“Today we are doing a bilateral training mission with the JGSDF,” said 1st Lt. Eli Gaylor, platoon leader, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1-14th. “We are firing our 60 mm and 81 mm mortars during a live-fire exercise while working with our counterparts.”

Although being proficient in their skills is important, in some aspects connecting the two forces is just as important.

According to exercise objectives, forging a friendship and trust that will go beyond the brief training period is paramount. Each interaction or memory created between the two forces helps to solidify a connection that will move into the future.

“I think both countries benefit from the bilat-

eral training we do,” said Pvt. Benjamin Mansfield, mortarman. “We help each other out by improving techniques and procedures. We also create a stronger bond between the two nations.”

Gaylor echoed that sentiment.

“So far, we’ve had a great time training with the Japanese,” said Gaylor. “There is a small language barrier, but we lucked out because our counterparts speak fairly good English.”

In addition to training in live-fire exercises together, the two forces participate in physical training and friendly competitions.

“My guys have had a lot of fun training with the Japanese, racing them in gun drills and doing PT with them,” said Gaylor. “We had a lot of fun listening to Japanese cadences. We didn’t know what they were saying, but it sounded good.”

“On the races,” Gaylor continued, “they were faster on their equipment, and we were faster on ours, which is to be expected, but everyone had a lot of fun.”

Orient Shield 12, the 13th iteration of the bilateral training exercise, concluded Wednesday.



Spc. Devin Tejada (standing), a mortarman with Co. A, 1-14th Inf. Regt., 2nd SBCT, 25th ID, directs his team as they drop mortar rounds on the impact area, here, during Orient Shield 2012. Training with the JGSDF forged stronger Japanese-American bonds.



# Wreath: TAMC comrades honored

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Unlike Lane, Lt. Col. Derrick Arincorayan, social work consultant to the Army’s Surgeon General and chief, Department of Social Work, TAMC, did not know Cabrera very well, but he manages the taskers that deploy social workers overseas and takes each deployment tasker very seriously.

“(Cabrera) was (given) a prestigious assignment as an instructor at the Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences in Bethesda, Md., prior to his deployment,” Arincorayan explained. “As far as being directed to be assigned to a deploying unit, Cabrera really was protected from being selected from any deployment because he was not assigned to the U.S. Army Medical Command.

“However, being an officer who would

not accept no for an answer, and having a sense of duty to care for Soldiers on the battlefield, Cabrera was able to persuade his cadre of supervisors to release him for a six-month deployment,” Arincorayan added.

Arincorayan reminded the Soldiers and staff in attendance how important it is to honor and remember fallen comrades.

“If there are any lessons learned from the deaths of these brave men, it is that we must not only remember the way they died, but most important, remember how they lived,” Arincorayan said. “Courage, compassion, selfless service, loyalty and duty to country are the values they displayed the day they were killed. These values are the fibers that are woven in the fabric of the uniforms that we wear today.”

# Vietnam: Maps show battlefields

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At a cost of \$523,000, the mosaics are unique works of art that are vibrant in colors, keeping in tradition with the World War II and Korean War maps at the memorial.

The method used to produce the new mosaics used a variety of cements, pigments, ground glass and sand to replicate the mosaic maps constructed in the 1960s.

Mary Jacobs of Glenelg, Md., who also created the artwork for the original World War II and Korean War mosaics at the memorial, designed the conceptual art.

The maps will be housed in one of two elegant pavilions being constructed from Travertine stone quarried from Idaho. The Honolulu District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is managing the \$4.973 million construction project for ABMC.

“This memorial would not be possible without the hard work of all government agencies and private contractors involved who worked tirelessly to ensure project completion for Veterans Day,” said Cleland. “We at the ABMC are proud of the new additions to the Honolulu Memorial and feel the additions appropriately

commemorate and honor America’s Vietnam War veterans.”

The Honolulu Memorial was established by ABMC to honor the sacrifices and achievements of American armed forces in the Pacific during World War II and the Korean War. According to ABMC, the numbers will vary as more remains are recovered and identified.

The World War II memorial lists 18,096 individuals missing from the “Nimitz” area of operations; those missing from the “MacArthur” area are honored at the Manila American Cemetery and Memorial. There are 8,200 individuals listed as missing from Korea.

In 1980 the memorial added 2,504 missing service members of the Vietnam War. Since then, according to ABMC, 874 remains have been identified.

<b>Still missing in action/lost at sea.</b>
73,681 from World War II
7,940 individuals from Korean
1,655 missing from Vietnam
126 from the Cold War
6 from Iraq and other conflicts
Total missing: 83,408
<i>Statistics according to the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command</i>



Pfc. Cory Compton, combat medic, 25th ID, finishes an IV on a mannequin arm during training for the EFMB, Nov. 1. Earning the badge is difficult, and the training can mean the difference between life and death for patients.

# EFMB: Medical Soldiers take tough test

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Army medical professionals exist, first and foremost, to save lives,” said Horoho. “The ability to quickly



Lt. Gen. Patricia Horoho (center), Surgeon General and Commanding General of the U.S. Army Medical Command, observes Soldiers and cadre training for the Expert Field Medical Badge, Nov. 1.

intervene and provide lifesaving actions that keep patients alive and stabilized until they’re evacuated to a hospital is mission one for these candidates.”

These interventions buy time for the injured so that the rest of the team can offer definitive care to save lives. Horoho said that these interventions are often accomplished in austere and difficult situations, and the EFMB confirms the Soldiers’ medical abilities.

The hard work of the course cadre, who focused on adhering to the standards for the EFMB, impressed Doyle. Even if Soldiers didn’t receive the badge for any reason, they would still be much better medics for all the training received, he said.

“It makes you think about what a lot of the line medics are doing in their job specialty,” said Staff Sgt. Vance Maxey, dental technician, Tripler Dental Clinic. “Going through this course makes you have an understanding of what they’re doing outside of your military occupational skill.”

The training was motivating, making you want to get dirty and learn new, rather than routine, skills, said Maxey.

Many still went home without the EFMB, but they received a certificate for completing the training.

Doyle stated he was very impressed, as Soldiers (and their families) expect medics and dental techs to be proficient in all skills, even under combat conditions.

The 18th Medical Command (Deployment Support) team performed a magnificent job in training, resourcing and maintaining the standard that the EFMB represents, as well.

*(Editor’s Note: Final EFMB results will be included in an update to the online version of this story.)*







# Jobs: IMCOM offers opportunities

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transition choice, said Col. Francis Burns, Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management, Headquarters, Department of the Army.

“Have you ever wanted to live in Hawaii? Or return to Europe to live and work, while still supporting Soldiers and their families?” Burns asked. “You owe it to yourself to consider using that training and experience you earned in uniform to help you land the perfect job as a civilian.”

Federal service may be an ideal opportunity for wounded warriors and disabled veterans through a process called “schedule A” appointment authority. Using schedule A, qualified candidates with disabilities can be hired noncompetitively. This method speeds up the recruitment process, helping wounded warriors gain employment while filling critical vacancies quickly.

Schedule A benefits both the employer and potential employee by assisting those with disabilities in gaining federal employment and by shortening the hiring process — which averages 102 days using traditional methods.

For example, the IMCOM headquarters placed six interns in less than 45 days using the schedule A appointment authority and the wounded warrior database.

“Schedule A cuts through a lot of the red tape,” said Rufus Caruthers, IMCOM’s Equal Employment Opportunity director. “The hiring action can take as little as two weeks; it can happen just that fast.”

Many opportunities exist for Soldiers transitioning out of the Army, regardless of their status, to continue their service by joining the IMCOM team. Many of the benefits are obvious: paid job-related training and education, comprehensive benefits packages and leave accrual rates based on time-in-service. In addition to opportunities in the U.S., civilians serve around the world, in locations such as Japan, Korea, Europe and Puerto Rico, among many others.

Also, many not-so-obvious benefits abound. The sense of camaraderie and teamwork is strong in the civilian workforce, and is cultivated just as carefully as it is among active duty Soldiers. Another similarity to serving on active duty is the emphasis Army civilians place on values.

“There’s not much difference in how you feel about your job and how you conduct business

“That’s our version of leaving no Soldier behind.”

— Lt. Gen. Michael Ferriter  
Commander, IMCOM



in and out of uniform,” said retired Sgt. Maj. Willie Wilson, who today works for IMCOM and runs the Army’s World Class Athlete Program. “And in most Army civilian positions, you’re still taking care of Soldiers and their families. I’m glad that’s still part of my job description.”

IMCOM leads the way in workforce development initiatives that include yearly opportunities for developmental assignments, structured mentoring programs and an academy dedicated to instruction of installation management professionals.

IMCOM has also developed the IMCOM Enterprise Placement Program to help ensure the command can keep employees in the organization once hired. IEPP matches job vacancies at Army installations around the world with qualified IMCOM employees already serving in another capacity.

The voluntary referral and placement program is designed to give employees affected by structure and resourcing changes the opportunity to relocate and find the best fit to continue serving the Army family. The IEPP enables the command to retain institutional knowledge and preserve its superior workforce, all while continuing the Army’s “I will never quit” philosophy that so many Army civilians take to heart.

“That’s our version of leaving no Soldier behind,” said Lt. Gen. Mike Ferriter, IMCOM commanding general. “We owe it to our dedicated civilians and to the Soldiers we support to do everything we can to keep a highly-motivated, highly-qualified workforce in place to maintain our infrastructure and sustain our Army.”

Ferriter remarked that there are more than 2,000 positions available worldwide today throughout IMCOM.

**IMCOM Enterprise Placement Program**  
To learn more about the IEPP or civilian job opportunities within IMCOM, visit [www.imcom.army.mil](http://www.imcom.army.mil).

## News Briefs

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**10 / Saturday**  
**Arizona Memorial**  
— The National Park Service at the World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument will host author and historian Vera Williams, 6:30 p.m., to discuss Women Air Force service pilots of the war to commemorate Veterans Day.

This event is free and open to the public. RSVP to Amanda Carona at 423-7300, ext. 7048.

**Prescribed Burn**  
—Army fire, safety and environmental specialists will conduct a prescribed burn of approximately 90 acres at the Schofield Barracks live-fire range and impact area to reduce fire danger by eliminating fire-prone vegetation, according to officials of the U.S. Army Wildland Fire Program, the supervising agency.

A contingency date of Nov. 17 is set if rainfall and unfavorable weather occurs two days prior to the target burn date. Residents should not be

alarmed if they see or smell smoke.

**12 / Monday**  
**Veterans Day Federal Holiday** — See p. A-2.

**16 / Friday**  
**The Pacific Regional Medical Command’s**  
— Care Provider Support Program will host “Whole Body Wellness & Resiliency: How to Recover from Illness Naturally,” 1-2:30 p.m., in the Tripler Army Medical Center Chapel, 3rd floor, D wing.

This free lecture features Myra Lewin and will focus on whole body resiliency and Ayurvedic approaches to well-being for doctors, medical staff, care staff and military patients. If interested, call 433-3283 to RSVP by Nov. 14.

**Employee Town Halls**  
—Col. Daniel Whitney, garrison commander, will host employee town halls at 10 a.m., at the Schofield Barracks Main Chapel, and at 1:30 p.m. at the Aliamanu Military Reservation Main Chapel.

**17 / Saturday**  
**Benefit Breakfast**  
— The Hawaii Sergeants Major Association conducts its third annual benefit breakfast, 8-10 a.m., at Mililani Middle School to support Soldiers, families, students and the homeless. Tickets are \$7. Call 433-6646.

**22 / Thursday**  
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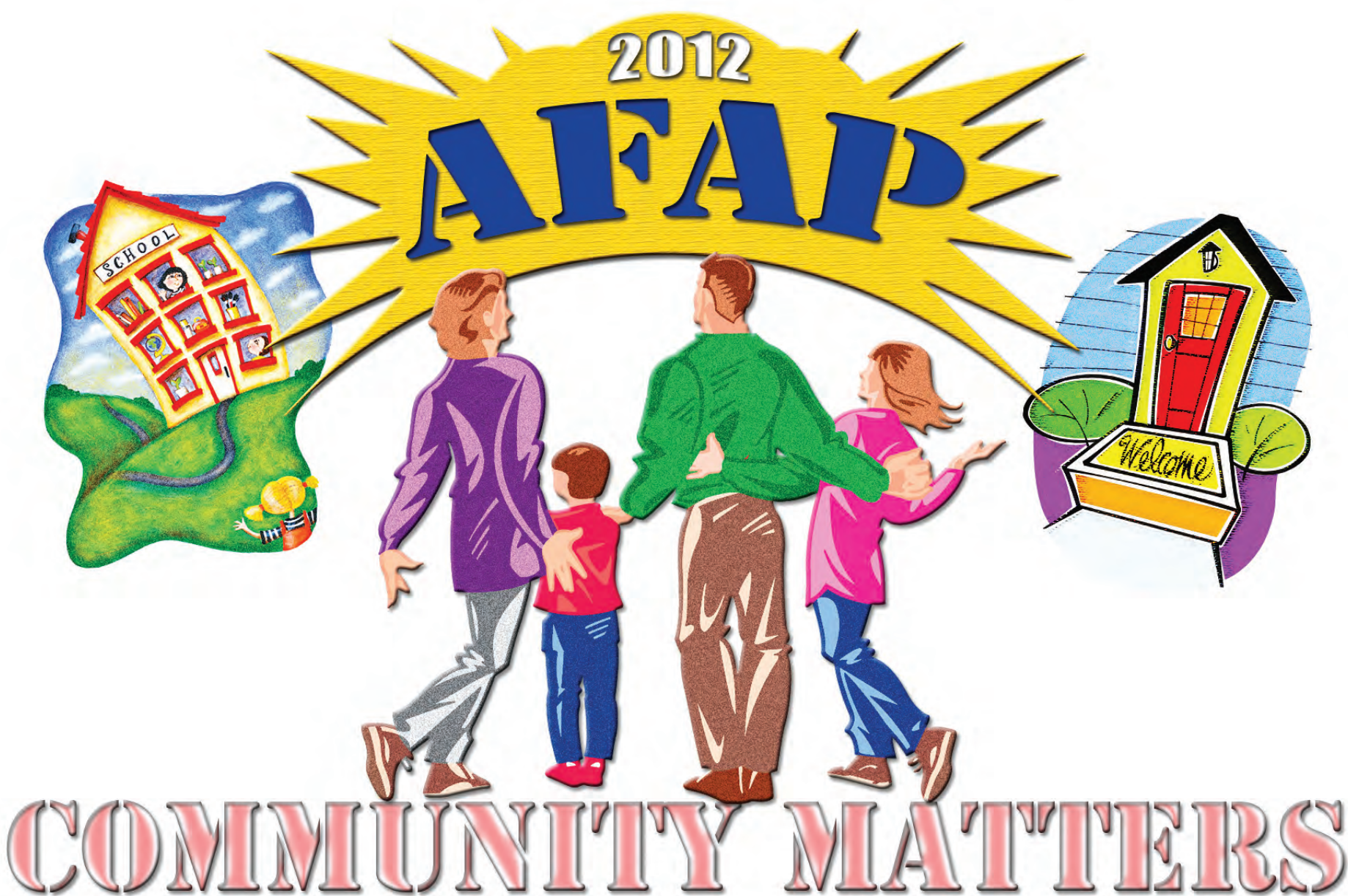
**27 / Tuesday**  
**Facebook Town Hall**  
— Do you have questions about garrison services, facilities or support, or about how to make the installation better? The next online Facebook Town Hall, hosted by the garrison commander, is scheduled from 6-7:30 p.m., at [www.facebook.com/usaghawaii](http://www.facebook.com/usaghawaii), under the “Events” tab.

If your question does not pertain to the public at large, email the Interactive Customer Evaluation System, or ICE, at <http://ice.disa.mil>, or AskTheCommander.usaghi@us.army.mil. Call 656-3153 with questions.

**Ongoing**  
**PCS Survey and Training** — All Soldiers and civilians making a permanent change of station move from all Hawaii units must complete an online out-processing Sponsorship Survey (<https://www.research.net/s/outprocess>) and electronic Sponsorship Application Training, or eSAT, (<http://apps.mhf.dod.mil/esat>) prior to receiving installation clearing papers.

The Military Personnel Division at the Directorate of Human Resources will add the survey and eSAT to the installation’s out-processing clearance checklist. Call 655-1272/8276.





## Part two of the two-part series looks at top issues concerning children, families on installation

**SARAH PACHECO**  
Staff Writer

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — The 2012 Army Family Action Plan conference concluded with a Report Out to garrison leaders at the Nehelani, here, Nov. 2.

Lt. Gen. Francis Wiercinski, commander, U.S. Army-Pacific, and his wife, Jeannine, opened the ceremony, telling the room of delegates and volunteers just how far-reaching the AFAP process is.

“Everyone has an AFAP story,” said Jeannine. “We are a community, (and) everyone is affected.”

She then discussed how downsizing within the Army during the past 18 months has affected priorities, which is “what AFAP has always been doing,” she said.

Indeed, the mission of yearly AFAP conferences is to examine the services and programs offered by the Army and prioritize those that are most valuable to the quality of life for Soldiers and their families.

AFAP delegates – Soldiers, retirees, Department of the Army civilians and family members who represent all areas of Army life – are then tasked with laying the groundwork necessary to resolve these issues.

“It takes a team to get this done,” said Heather Miles, program manager, AFAP; Army Community Service; Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation; U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii.

According to Miles, many hours of work and planning go into the weeklong conference, which was held this year in Building 102 on Wheeler Army Airfield.

“In addition to the delegates, we have about 40 people working behind the scenes,” Miles said of those individuals who volunteered to be

facilitators, recorders, subject matter experts and issue supporters for the six AFAP work groups.

“There are a million different opinions of what issue should be prioritized, and there are probably two or three different opinions per delegate on how to fix it,” Miles explained.

“As you bring subject matter experts in to answer questions, the focus shifts,” she continued, “so the facilitation team has to keep them focused, because you can lose a work group quickly. And then you have the back-staff who are editing the issues and making sure that they’re presentable and grammatically correct.”

The culmination of AFAP is the Report Out, when delegates get the opportunity to have their voices heard by the biggest names on the installation.

### Report Out Issues

Out of 64 total submitted issues, 13 issues were briefed to senior leadership and prioritized in the following order of importance:

- Registered sex offenders living in Army housing;
- Availability of child care;
- On-post school safety;
- Referral process across Military Treatment Facilities, or MTFs;
- Expansion of vision coverage for beneficiaries;
- Dislocation Allowance, or DLA, not considering number of dependents;
- Prorated rent required at move-in for privatized Army housing;
- Army breastfeeding policy;
- Transferability of benefits between Non-Appropriated Fund, or NAF, and Appropriated Fund, or APF, employment;
- Inbound traffic at Schofield Barracks;
- Relocation services for teens;
- Lack of recognition/benefits for same-sex civil unions; and

•Community service opportunities available to teens on USAG-HI through a Teen Service Club.

Noting the heavy emphasis placed on support initiatives for families and children, Miles said, “These are issues that have been repetitive in the past – like the availability of child care (see info box for more), but the recommendations the delegates came up with weren’t repetitive. I think there were newer

recommendations on how to solve the issues.

“A number of the recommendations also were for fixes at a garrison-level, but also were to make a bigger fix within the Army, which is a change. You usually see it either- or,” Miles added.

Any issues not resolved at the installation level will next go to the Major Command, where they again will be prioritized before being passed on to Headquarters, Department of the Army.

“It’s important how you prioritize issues,” Wiercinski said. “You tell us the priority, and that’s where we’re going. We’ve been successful because you’ve been smart with what we put forward.”

“Whether we think of it or not, we’re a service organization in the end,” added Debra

Zedalis, region director, Installation Management Command-Pacific.

“Working for the Army is a team sport,” she continued. “No one does anything on their own. We’re servants and patriots. We’re all in this together.”

### Child care availability

Child care availability has been an ongoing issue in Hawaii, according to Heather Miles, program manager, AFAP.

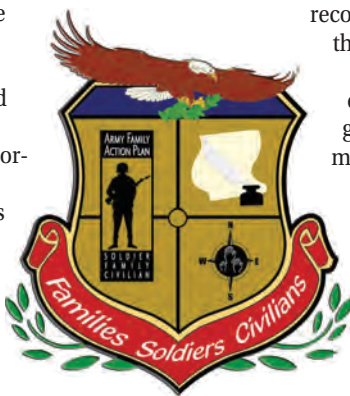
The Bowen Child Development Center on Schofield Barracks was built to increase child care spaces and resolve the issue for Army families; however, staffing shortages have prevented full utilization use of the center and its services.

“It’s the same problem, just a different reason why it’s a problem,” Miles said.

Miles encourages spouses seeking employment to take this opportunity to gain employment and resolve a top AFAP issue by applying for a position as a Child and Youth Program Assistant.

“This is a big deal,” Miles said, “and the community can help resolve this senior spouse issue.”

To learn more, go online to <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/321279500>.



### AFAP info

The Army Family Action Plan is the Army’s primary tool to communicate to leaders issues of importance and to improve the well-being of the U.S. Army family.

What began as spouse action groups now is a three-level process that covers all Army demographics and resolves issues at the installation, Command and HQDA level.

To date, 633 issues have been identified, of which AFAP has driven 107 legislative changes, 154 Army policy and regulatory changes, and 173 improved programs and services, including the Post 9/11 GI Bill, Temporary Lodging Expense, Earned Income Tax Credit and Servicemen’s Group Life Insurance.

To get involved and make a difference for families Armywide, call (808) 655-1703 or go online to [www.himwr.com/getting-involved/army-family-action-plan](http://www.himwr.com/getting-involved/army-family-action-plan).

The 2012 AFAP Conference Report Out also can be found online at this webpage.

To view other issues that have been submitted, resolved, remain open or have been closed, go to [www.myarmyonesource.com](http://www.myarmyonesource.com) and select “Army Family Action Plan” under the “Family Programs and Services” tab.

## Hui offers ‘Make it, Bake it, Fake it’ November fundraiser

**HUI NA O’ WAHINE**  
News Release

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — The Hui O’ Na Wahine all-ranks army spouses club is looking forward to some healthy competition during its annual silent auction fundraiser at the Nehelani, Thursday, Nov. 15.

All members and vendors are asked come and shop items from talented members. Items will range from homemade crafts and cakes to plants and knick-knacks.

The Hui is seeking donated items for the auction. Donations don’t have to be handmade; they can be new items.

“We are looking forward to the beautiful items our members so graciously donate,” said Margaret Trimble, 2nd vice president. “The items bring some friendly competition to the

luncheon and help us raise funds for our scholarship and welfare grants.”

All the proceeds from the luncheon go to welfare and scholarship grants.

The event opens at 10:30 a.m., for shopping, with a buffet lunch from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. The event costs \$20 and covers a delicious lunch provided by the Nehelani.

Participants will have time to shop with vendors and socialize with other spouses. Some of the community vendors include Tastefully Simple, Thirty One Gifts, Creative Memories, Stampin’ Up, Premiere Designs, Silpada, Avon, Stella and Dot, Tupperware, Scentsy, Once in a Blue Moon Designs and Choffy.

For November, the donation basket is for the Armed Services YMCA Food Pantry. Members are asked to bring in boxed and canned non-

perishable foods, personal hygiene products and cleaning supplies, and in return, they will receive free opportunity tickets.

Applications are available online, and annual fees (\$25) will be accepted by mail and at the event.

Hui luncheons are held monthly and range in themes.

### Silent Auction Donations

Donations will be accepted through today. Fresh items will be accepted the morning of the luncheon.

Drop off points for donations are at Schofield and Wheeler; information is available at [huionawahine@gmail.com](mailto:huionawahine@gmail.com) or go to [www.schofieldspousesclub.com](http://www.schofieldspousesclub.com)



Photo courtesy Hui O’ Wahine

Members of Hui O’ Wahine look at items up for auction at the club’s annual Make it, Bake it or Fake it: Denim and Diamonds Basket auction, at the Nehelani, Schofield Barracks, last year.





**Holiday Card Lane** — All units, staff offices, agencies and organizations are invited to participate in Holiday Card Lane displays. Complete and return an entry form by today, Nov. 9, and forward it to the FMWR Special Events Office.

Find the entry form at himwr.com. Fax completed form to 655-1780.

Entries will be judged on craftsmanship/artistic quality, expressiveness of message and overall appearance. Awards will be presented during holiday tree lighting ceremonies, Dec. 4, at Schofield’s Generals Loop, and Dec. 6, at Shafter’s Palm Circle.

**Survivor Outreach Services** — Join ACS SOS for scrapbooking and crafting memories, 9 a.m.- noon, Shafter ACS/Aloha Center, Rm. 104, Bldg. 111. Call 438-4ACS.

**Education and Employment Symposium** — Educators and employers discuss the needs of their schools and companies, and how military spouses can become a part of the team, 9-11 a.m., Nov. 9, Schofield ACS.

**10 / Saturday**  
**Read to the Dogs** — Volunteer therapy and service dogs provide comfort to children who need to practice their reading and improve their fluency. Register for a 15-minute session between 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Nov. 10 or Dec. 8. Call 655-8002.

**Surfing Lessons** — Enjoy a surfing lesson for \$54 with Outdoor Recreation, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Nov. 10. Everything but the sunscreen and snacks is provided. Reservations are needed; call 655-0143.

**13 / Tuesday**  
**BOSS Blood Drive** — Come out and support the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers’ Blood Drive, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. (longer if needed), Nov. 13, Tropics, SB. Call 655-1130.

**14 / Wednesday**  
**Library After School** — Elementary-age children are invited, beginning at 3 p.m., Nov. 14, for Native American stories and a dreamcatcher craft at Schofield’s Sgt. Yano Library. Enjoy holiday stories, Dec. 12, and make home gift boxes. Programs are free; no registration is required. Call 655-8002.

**Credit Report** — Learn about no credit or bad credit, 10-11:30 a.m., Nov. 14, Schofield ACS. This class will

ARBOR DAY 2012



Photo courtesy of Island Palm Communities LLC

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Aleija Duckworth (front left) and Haven Allen help with tree planting efforts in Porter Community, here, in celebration of Arbor Day, Nov. 2. Tree plantings took place across U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii installations to ensure Schofield Barracks retains its prestigious Tree City USA status and to help bring Fort Shafter, Aliamanu, Wheeler Army Airfield and Helemano Military Reservation another step closer to being recognized as a Tree City USA.

The trees were donated by landscaping company Mainscape, which also provided tree planting assistance alongside landscaper LLS Pacific. See more photos online at [www.hawaiiarmyweekly.com](http://www.hawaiiarmyweekly.com).

help you increase your credit score and understand how lenders see you. Bring one copy of your credit report from [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com).

**15 / Thursday**  
**Thanksgiving Crafting** — Make your holiday popcorn cracker, 3 p.m., Nov. 15, FS Library. This activity is fun for the entire family; all supplies are provided. Call 438-9521

**All-Army Boxing Coaches Deadline** — The All-Army Boxing application period for athletes closes Nov. 15.

- Trial Camp is tentatively scheduled Dec. 27-Jan. 27,
- The Armed Forces competition is scheduled Jan. 28-Feb. 3, and
- Nationals are Feb. 24-March 3.

Visit [www.allarmysports.army.mwr.com](http://www.allarmysports.army.mwr.com) or call the Sports, Fitness and Aquatics Office, 655-9654.

**19 / Monday**  
**ACS Financial Training** — Mandatory First-Term Soldier training focuses on basic financial skills to help develop self-reliance and personal responsibility, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Nov.19 and 26, Schofield ACS.

Instruction is offered every Monday (except federal holidays). Soldiers must bring an end-of-month leave and earnings statement, or LES. A certificate is awarded for completion.

**21 / Wednesday**  
**Basic Investing** — Learn to invest 10-11:30 a.m., Nov. 21, Schofield ACS. Learn the basics of the Thrift

Savings Plan and other investment options including stocks, bonds and mutual funds. Call 656-4ACS (656-4227).

**BOSS Meeting** — Single Soldiers and geographic bachelors are invited to Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers meetings, 3 p.m., Nov. 21, SB Tropics, to discuss community service projects and upcoming programs.

BOSS south meetings are held, 10 a.m., AMR Chapel, every 2nd and 4th Wednesday (Nov. 28). Call BOSS president Sgt. Rayburn at 655-1130.

**ACS Aloha Center** — The new phone number for Shafter’s ACS is 438-4ACS (438-4227).

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community Calendar

Send announcements a week prior to publication to [community@hawaiiarmyweekly.com](mailto:community@hawaiiarmyweekly.com).

**Today**  
**Spouses Club** — Reservation deadline is Nov. 9 for the Hui O’ Wahine FS spouses’ annual auction and cocktail social, 6-10 p.m., Nov. 16, Hale Ikena. Open to the public, this year’s theme will be “Denim and Diamonds.”

Tickets are \$25/person, \$40/couple. Participants are encouraged to create gift baskets for auction, but are not required. Auction items must be received by Nov. 12. All proceeds will be used for the Hui’s community scholarship and welfare grants.

RSVP by Nov. 9 to [reservations@huiowahine.com](mailto:reservations@huiowahine.com).

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**Arizona Memorial** — The National Park Service will host author and historian Vera Williams, 6:30 p.m., Nov. 10, to discuss Women Air Force service pilots of World War II in

honor of Veterans Day. This event is free and open to the public. RSVP at 423-7300, ext. 7048.

**11 / Sunday**  
**Veterans Day Special** — Inns and bed and breakfasts across the U.S. and Canada have signed up to participate in the fourth annual B&Bs for Vets program. More than 100 U.S. bed and breakfasts and inns will participate. Visit [www.bnbsforvets.org](http://www.bnbsforvets.org) for participating U.S. inns.

**17 / Saturday**  
**K-Bay Turkey Trot Run** — The 15th annual Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, Turkey Trot 10K Run will be held 7 a.m., Nov. 17, at Dewey Square on base. Open to the public, online registration is available until 4 p.m., Nov. 13. Registration will also be accepted on site, race day.

**Bellows Turkey Trot 5K Run** — This annual event will be held 8 a.m., Nov. 17, at Bellows Air Force Station for all ID cardholders, DOD civilians, family members and sponsored guests. Call 259-4112 or visit

[www.bellowsafs.com](http://www.bellowsafs.com).

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**Thanksgiving** — Four installation dining facilities on Schofield Barracks and Wheeler Army Airfield are welcoming service members, families, retirees and authorized patrons to traditional Thanksgiving feasts, Nov. 22.

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mander, USAG-HI, is scheduled from 6-7:30 p.m., Nov. 27, at [www.facebook.com/usaghawaii](http://www.facebook.com/usaghawaii), under the “Events” tab.

All Soldiers, family members, retirees and civilians in U.S. Army-Hawaii can ask questions, address concerns and get responses. Call 656-3153 with questions.

**December 3 / Monday**  
**Tree Lighting Ceremony** — Tripler Army Medical Center will kick off the holiday season with its annual Tree Lighting Ceremony, 5-7 p.m., Monday, Dec. 3, on the Tripler lawn. After the tree lighting, light refreshments will be served and families will be able to participate in holiday-themed activities. Santa Claus and his elves will also make an appearance. Call 433-5106.

Other tree lighting ceremonies will be held Tuesday, Dec. 4, 6 p.m., Schofield’s Generals Loop and Thursday, Dec. 5, 6 p.m., Fort Shafter’s Palm Circle. Visit [www.himwr.com](http://www.himwr.com).

**Hiking Club** — The Hawaiian Trail and Mountain Club leads weekly hikes around various Oahu locations. Visit [htmclub.org](http://htmclub.org).

worship Services

Additional religious services, children’s programs, educational services and contact information can be found at [www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil](http://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](http://aafes.com) under reeltime movie listing.

**Ice Age: Continental Drift**  
(PG)  
Fri., Nov. 9, 4 p.m.



**The Possession**  
(PG13)  
Fri., Nov. 9, 7 p.m.  
Wed., Nov. 14, 7 p.m.

**Paranorman**  
(PG)  
Sat., Nov. 10, 4 p.m.  
Sun., Nov. 11, 2 p.m.

**Premium Rush**  
(PG13)  
Sat., Nov. 10, 7 p.m.  
Thurs., Nov. 15, 7 p.m.

Calendar abbreviations

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

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

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

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



# ‘Steel’ Soldiers man Pumpkin Carving Festival

Story and photos by  
**SPC. JONATHAN HINOJOSA**  
3rd Battalion, 7th Field Artillery Regiment  
3rd Brigade Combat Team

KANEOHE — More than 60 Soldiers from Bravo Battery, 3rd Battalion, 7th Field Artillery Regiment, “Steel,” 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, volunteered during the 3rd annual Pumpkin Carving Festival, at Windward Mall, here, Oct. 27.

Now in it’s third year, the Pumpkin Carving Festival helps kick off the fall season.

Each year, two charities are selected as the beneficiaries for the festival. The beneficiaries of the 2012 festival are Keiki O Ka Aina Family Learning Centers and the USO Hawaii.

“One of the purposes for this community event was to create a new tradition for families leading into Halloween and Thanksgiving,” said Billie Gabriel, founder.

1st Sgt. Richard E. Hernandez, Btry. B, 3-7th FAR, who has coordinated volunteering with the event for the past three years, since his days as a platoon sergeant, said he sought to infect a positive atmosphere for his unit.

“This event is by far the best we have done on the island,” said Hernandez.

Hernandez stressed the importance of Soldiers having responsibilities not only to the military, but also to their community.

“(Volunteering) gives Soldiers a sense of responsibility and ownership in the community, and it also gives our community a different perspective on our Soldiers and the military,” Hernandez said. “With deployments dwindling down, it’s time to change our image and reintegrate into the communities.”

Volunteer Soldiers set up pumpkins and carving stations; they organized carving kits for families during the annual event.

“I like to volunteer because I love to see kids happy,” said Spc. Jose Villalona, Btry. B, 3-7th FAR, who is also the battalion’s Soldier of the Month.

Hundreds of family members came to the Pumpkin Carving Festival.

The “Steel” Soldiers have a longstanding history of dedication to others in local communities. You can always find them assisting children at their elementary schools and strengthening local ties and partnerships with neighbors, said a Soldier.



KANEOHE — Soldiers from Btry. B, 3-7th FAR, “Steel,” 3rd BCT, 25th ID, volunteer for the 3rd annual Pumpkin Carving Festival at Windward Mall, Oct. 27.



KANEOHE — The end product of a pumpkin carved by Soldiers from Btry. B, 3-7th FAR, “Steel,” 3rd BCT, 25th ID, sits on display at the 3rd annual Pumpkin Carving Festival, Oct. 27.

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## December 3 / Monday

**Basketball Court Closure** — The Martinez Physical Fitness Center (SB) will be closed through Dec. 2 to remove and install eight new

basketball basket support structures/arms. The gym will reopen at noon Dec. 3. Call 655-4804.

## Ongoing

**Pro Bowl Tickets** — 2013 NFL Pro Bowl tickets are available, at the Schofield and Shafter Leisure Travel offices.

**NFL Sunday Ticket Kickoff** — Come to the SB Tropics on Sundays and catch all the games. Facility opens a half hour before the first game starts. Patrons 18 and older are welcome; call 655-5698.



## KILAUEA LIGHT SHOW



Photos courtesy U.S. Geological Survey Hawaiian Volcano Observatory

Photo by Tim Orr

HAWAII NATIONAL PARK, Hawaii — The lava lake within Halema'uma'u Crater at Kilauea, here, continues its current trend of repetitive rising and falling.

Visitors at the Kilauea Military Camp, inside the national park, enjoy a front row seat to the often spectacular light show of recent weeks, shown

above, and located across the road from the DOD-operated facility.

National park rangers urge visitors to obey traffic signs, park only in marked stalls and heed all signs. All visitors who plan to view the dramatic lava glow after dark are urged to bring flashlights, especially those who park at Kilauea Overlook.

"Safety is our No. 1 priority," said Cindy Orlando, park superintendent. "We encourage everyone to visit during this fascinating episode, but to exercise caution. If people come prepared and proceed as directed, they should have an unforgettable experience." Visit [www.nps.gov/havo](http://www.nps.gov/havo) and [kmc-volcano.com](http://kmc-volcano.com).

# TAMC wellness fair reaches out to diabetic patients

**TRIPLER ARMY MEDICAL CENTER**  
News Release

HONOLULU—Tripler Army Medical Center will be hosting a wellness fair in honor of Diabetes Awareness Day, Nov. 17, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., here.

The diabetes fair will take place in Tripler's Anuenue Cafe and is open to all eligible beneficiaries.

The theme of this year's fair is "Do You Know Your Numbers," which will focus on A1C and cholesterol levels. Both of these tests determine if a patient is diabetic or at risk of developing diabetes.

The fair will offer attendees the opportunity to meet with vendors from the Defense Commissary Agency and visit Army Public Health Nursing demonstration booths featuring topics such as foot exams, blood pressure screening, and body mass index screening. Attendees can speak with patient educators about a variety of

topics and learn about disaster planning for diabetics.

In addition to numerous resources that will be available inside the Anuenue Cafe, the Naval Health Clinic Hawaii Health Promotion mobile, the "Wellness on Wheels" van, will be on site outside the Oceanside entrance of the hospital offering A1C cholesterol tests for patients who want to find out their numbers.

"It is important for diabetic patients to understand there is a lot more than just (diet) that impacts your numbers, and it is more than eating right and showing up to your appointments," explained Mary Eiger, fair coordinator and dietitian, Nutrition Care Division, TAMC. "Many things impact your diabetes. It is a lifestyle and there is a culture to diabetes."

Because diabetes becomes a patient's lifestyle, Eiger encourages patients with diabetes to bring their families to the event because it will offer education for family members, as well.

This year is the second that Tripler has hosted a diabetes fair. Last year's was well received, according to Hope Cooper-Oliver, nurse and patient/diabetic educator, TAMC.

Cooper-Oliver said that the incidence of diabetes is high in Tripler's patient population.

"It is important for our beneficiaries to have resources from different vendors, all in one



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Naval Health Clinic-Hawaii's health promotion mobile, "Wellness on Wheels," will be on site at TAMC's diabetes wellness fair, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Nov. 17, outside the Oceanside entrance of the hospital, offering A1C cholesterol tests for patients who want to find out their numbers.

place, so we can provide one-stop-shopping for information and education," Cooper-Oliver said. "I try to coach patients, and know it is a lot of work, but it is better to ... not let it (diabetes) own you. (Diabetics) need to take care of (themselves to) be healthy."

In line with the Army Surgeon General's vision and campaign to influence the life space of Army Medicine's beneficiaries, Eiger said the fair's purpose is to educate people on ways to negotiate their life outside of Tripler when they are dealing with diabetes.

### TAMC Online

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# 25th ID Soldier leads Minnesota into football battle

Lifelong University of Minnesota “Gopher” fan carries nation’s colors, leads team onto field for Big Ten football game

**SGT. HILLARY RUSTINE**  
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MINNEAPOLIS — In the locker room before

the big game, Oct. 27, alongside football players from the University of Minnesota’s “Golden Gophers,” stood a man in a different sort of uniform: an Army Combat Uniform.

Followed by the thundering cheers of thousands of screaming fans, 1st Lt. Trey Van Wyhe, 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division,

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— **Head Coach Jerry Kill**  
University of Minnesota Football

led the team out of the locker room, holding the American flag that he had sent to Head Coach Jerry Kill, as a gift, earlier this year.

Traditionally, when the Gophers take the field prior to a home game, their players lead the team out onto the field carrying an American flag, as well as a flag representing their university, but on this game day, the Golden Gophers shifted from normal protocol.

“This is about our country and representing our troops; it’s an opportunity to show why we get to play,” said Kill. “My father was in the service (Army), and it was always important to remember the sacrifices of our troops.”

The flag held by Van Wyhe, a Gopher fan and a native from Hills, Minn., had been flown in from Afghanistan where Wyhe was recently deployed as part of Operation Enduring Freedom. Van Wyhe had carried the flag with him as a good luck charm when he conducted air assault missions.

“I wanted to give the platoon flag to a civilian organization where they wouldn’t normally receive anything military oriented. It was really good to see that someone was proud to have something of ours to inspire them,” said Van Wyhe.

Upon receiving the gift, Coach Kill told Van Wyhe, via email, that if he was ever in town for a football game, he would be honored to have him lead the Gophers onto the field.

“We wouldn’t have an opportunity to go see a football game if it wasn’t for our troops. If I could have someone in the military to run the flag on the field every weekend, I would,” said Kill.

This particular game wasn’t set aside as a military appreciation game, but for a Gopher fan reaching out from his time in Afghanistan it was an offer of inspiration through a memento of bravery.



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MINNEAPOLIS — 1st Lt. Trey Van Wyhe, 2nd Bn., 35th Inf. Reg., 3rd BCT, 25th ID, leads the University of Minnesota Golden Gophers out onto the field, Oct. 27. Minnesota went on to defeat Purdue, 44-28.