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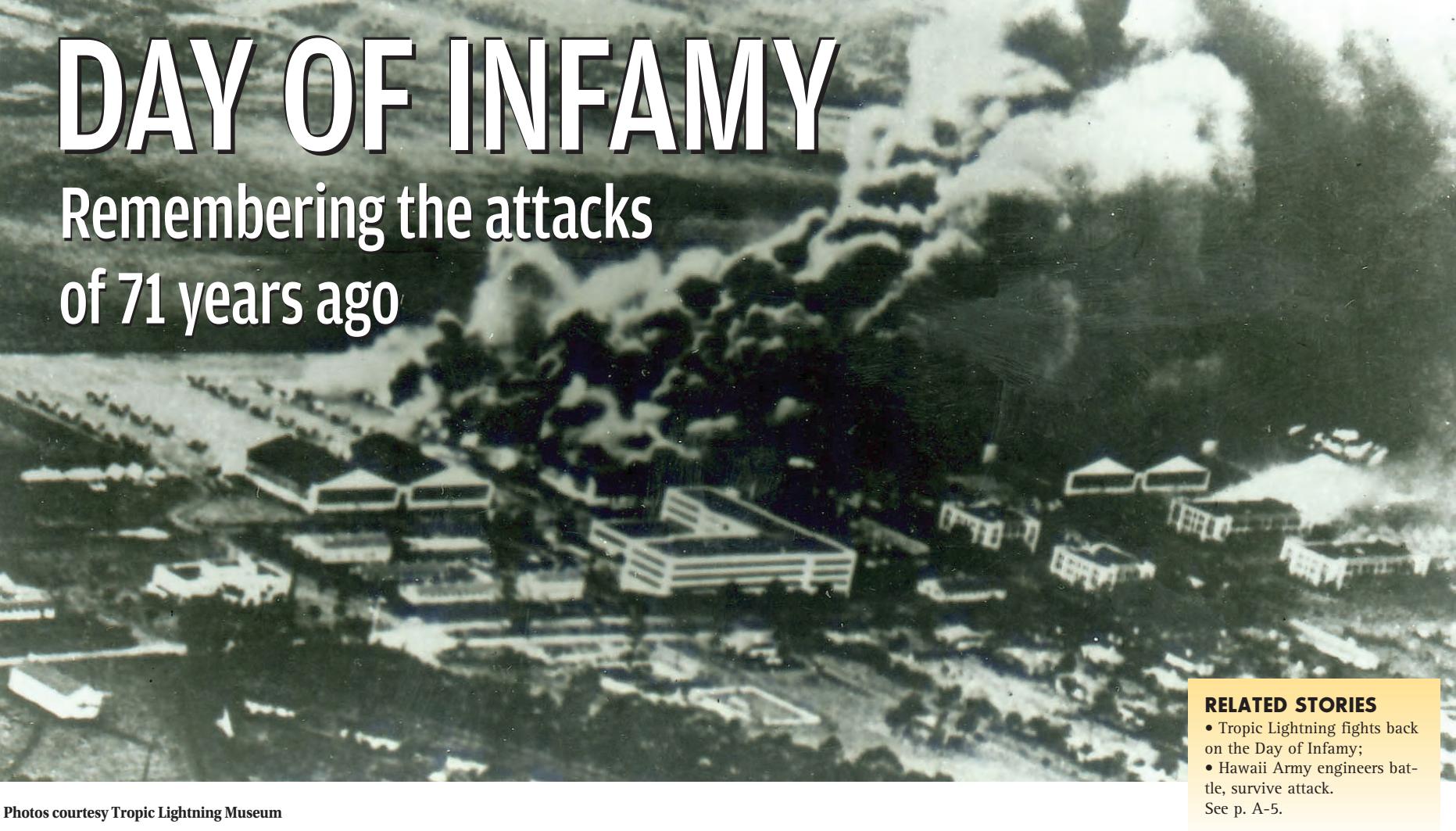
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## DAY OF INFAMY

### Remembering the attacks of 71 years ago



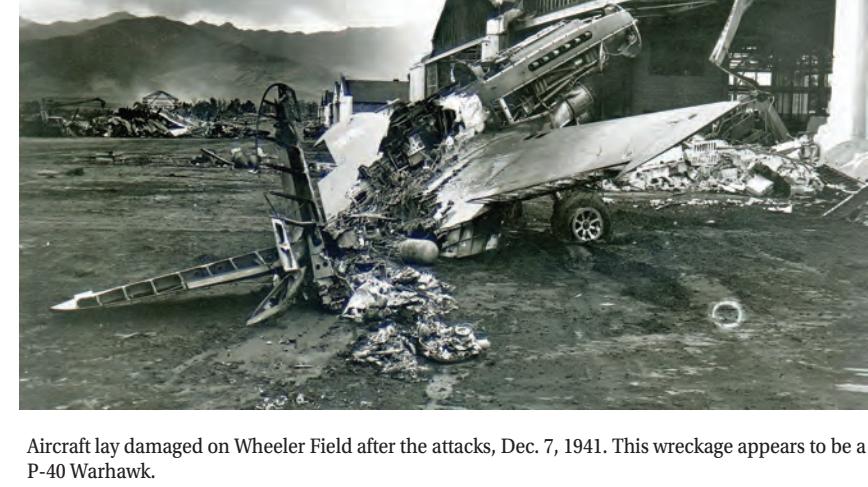
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An aerial photo taken after the first wave of attacks shows a large cloud of smoke filling the sky over Wheeler Army Airfield the morning of Dec. 7, 1941.

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When Wheeler Army Airfield is hit by enemy bombing and strafing Dec. 7, 1941, ammunition stored in Hangar 3 explodes, sending shrapnel in the direction of tents (background) where most Soldiers are still residing in the early morning of the attack.

Aircraft lay damaged on Wheeler Field after the attacks, Dec. 7, 1941. This wreckage appears to be a P-40 Warhawk.

## FET ramps up in 2nd Brigade

Story and photo by

**STAFF SGT. SEAN EVERETTE**

2nd Brigade Combat Team Public Affairs

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — When an Army patrol walks into a village in Afghanistan, one of the things Soldiers look and listen for is information that can help the mission.

A standard patrol made up of combat arms Soldiers, however, can only talk to half of the population of a village.



Spc. Elly Tessendorf (left), 185th MI Co., 2nd Sqdn., 14th Cav. Regt., 2nd SBCT, 25th ID, keeps pace with Master Sgt. Laura Shade during the Female Engagement Team ruck march.

Afghan women are culturally off-limits to male Soldiers, so with the addition of a female engagement team, or an FET to a patrol, suddenly that other half of the population becomes accessible, and the information they have about what is going on in their communities is within reach.

The 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team is in the process of selecting Soldiers, here, for the FETs it will use during future operations in Afghanistan. The last round of selections ended Nov. 14, and will resume in the coming weeks.

Capt. Katherine O'Brien, 2nd SBCT provost marshal and FET officer in charge, said she is looking for a certain kind of female Soldier.

"Our FET selection is focused on finding Soldiers who have great physical ability, but who also have really good interpersonal communications skills, have the ability to build rapport, and are mature," O'Brien said.

To assess these factors, FET candidates performed an Army physical fitness test, a 10.7-mile ruck march, an interview and a counseling packet review to get Soldiers who are most likely to excel in this position, said O'Brien.

Sgt. Maria Guajardo, 556th Signal Co., 2nd Battalion, 11th Field Artillery Regiment, 2nd SBCT, 25th ID, has already been through this process and was selected for what she believes to be a very important job. She thinks FET members will be able to reach Afghan women in a way a male Soldier never would.

"It's definitely a lot easier on Afghan women to have a woman to talk to, instead of a man, and they want to be like us, so they'll be more likely to talk to us and give us the information we need," Guajardo said.

O'Brien said that being on an FET doesn't just benefit the Army, but also benefits the Soldier.

"It gives them leadership experience and leadership abilities," said O'Brien. "They're able to cross-train and use equipment they would normally use. They can use vehi-

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## USACE deploys to support northeast

### U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

Honolulu District Public Affairs

FORT SHAFTER — Fifteen U.S. Army Corps of Engineers-Honolulu District personnel deployed to support recovery efforts in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy in the northeast.

The Power Planning and Response Team, or Power PRT from

the District, includes specialists for contracting, liaisons, mission management, data management, logistics and quality assurance.

This specialized management cell team works with the 249th Eng. Battalion, contractors, and state and local entities to assess, install and maintain emergency genera-

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Photo courtesy U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Philadelphia District

MANTOLOKING, N.J. — A U.S. Army Corps of Engineers employee inspects a breach, here, as a result of Hurricane Sandy. The island has been cut off since the breach flooded the area at the end of the bridge.

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# Gunners battle for top gun

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KANDAHAR AIRFIELD, Afghanistan — Black Hawk crew chiefs and door gunners of the 25th Combat Aviation Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, shot it out in the first 25th CAB Top Gun Competition, here, Nov. 28.

The purpose of the contest was to bring together the best UH-60 door gunners representing each task force in a friendly head-to-head competition to determine the 25th CAB's "Top Gun."

"The Soldiers were chosen from each task force based on their demonstrated performance and proficiency as door gunners," said Staff Sgt. Dennis Frazee, 25th CAB standardization noncommissioned officer. "This was a perfect time to recognize the Soldiers after a year of direct fire engagements and test fires."

The leadership chose 12 Soldiers out of 150 eligible door gunners and crew chiefs. Each Soldier received two 100-round belts for the competition to engage makeshift targets. The door gunners shot at the targets from a Black Hawk as it made two passes to simulate receiving small arms fire while flying to, and landing at, an objective.

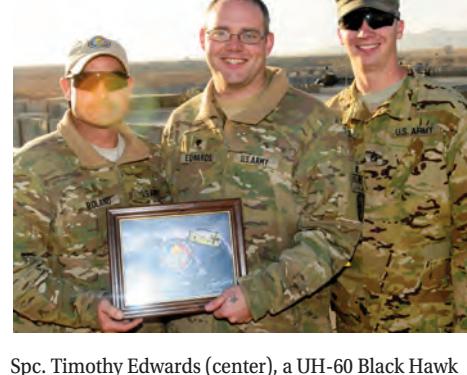
"It was really great to be a part of this competition," said Spc. Timothy Edwards, a crew chief assigned to Company A, 2nd Battalion, 25th Avn. Regt., Task Force Lightning Horse, 25th CAB. "After long hours performing missions and conducting maintenance, it was a big morale boost."

The idea for the competition came from events conducted by Task Force Diamond Head in pre-

vious years to build esprit de corps and increase the proficiency of door gunners. This year the contest was opened to all door gunners across the brigade.

Edwards was named the winner of the Top Gun Competition by putting seven rounds in the target torso, one in the head, and setting off a smoke grenade — with one burst.

"Everything I learned was from Staff Sgt. Frazee and Sgt. Hardwick, when they were trainers," said Edwards. "From here, I want to go from crew chief to trainer and then to company standardization trainer. I want to pass on my knowledge to others."



Spc. Timothy Edwards (center), a UH-60 Black Hawk crew chief assigned to Co. A, 2nd Bn., 25th Avn. Regt., "Task Force Lightning Horse," 25th CAB, is named the "Top Gun" for the first 25th CAB Top Gun Competition in Afghanistan, Nov. 30. Edwards put seven rounds into a target on the ground.



Photos by Capt. Richard Barker | 25th Combat Aviation Brigade Public Affairs

A door gunner loads a 100-round belt of ammunition for his qualification pass as he competes against other door gunners in the first 25th CAB Top Gun Competition in Afghanistan, Nov. 30.



Staff Sgt. Steve Kalfman (left), paralegal, 3rd Bn., 25th Avn. Regt., 25th CAB, assists Afghan soldiers from the Kandahar Air Wing with locating basic terrain features on a map during a class on understanding basic land navigation during Wing Operation Cell training, Nov. 21.

## KAW conducts WOC training

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**SGT. DANIEL SCHROEDER**  
25th Combat Aviation Brigade Public Affairs

KANDAHAR AIRFIELD, Afghanistan — Soldiers of the 25th Combat Aviation Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, recently conducted Wing Operation Cell training with the Kandahar Air Wing, an element of the Afghan air force.

The Afghan soldiers learned how to track aircraft and ground forces on the battlefield and coordinate with both.

"The training is great for us to have," said Afghan Lt. Col. Wazir Mohammad. "This training is very important for our job. The students are working hard to learn the tasks being taught."

The class was the third in an eight-week training course.

"We teach them aviation tasks and sub-tasks they need to know for their job," said Master Sgt. Shane Waite, operations noncommissioned

officer, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 25th CAB. "This week we covered how to locate terrain features on a map. Although land navigation is a sub-task for wing operations, they have to be able to read a map, so they can coordinate the forces on the battlefield."

Each week, 10 to 12 Afghan soldiers participate in WOC training. The tasks covered by the training are communications, land navigation, map reading, and operations and planning.

"The goal of the training is to teach these soldiers the necessary tasks, so they can teach others in their unit to do the same," said Waite. "They ask for materials at the end of each class, so they can practice in their free time."

As the Afghan soldiers continue training, their relationship and trust grows with U.S. and coalition forces.

"We are thankful and pleased to be working with our coalition partners," said Mohammad. "We look forward to continuing the training."

## CAB certifies KAW flight medics

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25th Combat Aviation Brigade Public Affairs

KANDAHAR AIRFIELD, Afghanistan —

Medics of the Kandahar Air Wing were certified during flight medic training with Company C, 3rd Battalion, 25th Aviation Regiment, Task Force Hammerhead, 25th Combat Aviation Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, Nov. 28.

KAW flight medics learned how to receive a 9-line medevac request and perform necessary treatment on a casualty. The KAW is an element of the Afghan air force providing aviation support to Afghan forces in southern Afghanistan.

"The training is great for us to have," said Afghan Sgt. Fazal Haq Maftoon, a flight medic with the KAW. "I learned a lot that I did not know before. The patient assessment is the biggest part of being a flight medic."

To date, flight medics from C/3-25th Avn. have trained 15 KAW flight medics.

The Afghan soldiers conducted medical and trauma assessments, basic life-support procedures and combat lifesaver tactics.

"The most important thing for a health care provider is the assessment of a patient," said Staff Sgt. Miguel Valdez, a flight medic assigned to C/3-25th Avn. "The training has evolved from having the flight medics learn flight medic procedures to treating patients on a real-time medevac call."

Afghan flight medics completed an in-flight scenario. They received two simulated casualties and provided necessary care during transport to the nearest medical facility.

"The goal of the training is to teach them to be able to provide critical care to a patient in transit and to develop an assessment rhythm," said Valdez. "Once you develop a rhythm, you will not miss anything ... making you a better health care provider."



Staff Sgt. Miguel Valdez (right), flight medic, Co. C, 3rd Bn., 25th Avn. Regt., "Task Force Hammerhead," 25th CAB, oversees Afghan Sgt. Fazal Haq Maftoon, flight medic, Kandahar Air Wing, as he performs his initial assessment on a simulated patient as part of his final test.



Spc. Kelsey Huck, "Charlie Med," 225th BSB, 2nd SBCT, provides oxygen to a patient with simulated injuries during a mass casualty exercise in Makua Valley. This type of training prepares medical Soldiers for mass casualty scenarios in combat or to respond to any Pacific region humanitarian mission.

## Meds train for MASCAL

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2nd Brigade Combat Team Public Affairs

MAKUA VALLEY — The Warrior Brigade deployed, here, to prepare Soldiers for operations as a level-two treatment facility.

The training helped prepare Soldiers of Company C, 225th Brigade Support Battalion, 2nd Stryker Bde. Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, for challenges they will face when they deploy with the brigade, or on humanitarian missions in the Pacific.

"This type of exercise is vital," said Capt. Ted Walker, commander, C/225th BSB. "We seldom get the opportunity to operate in these types of conditions in between deployments. This simulates what we will be doing downrange."

"This is their first stop," said Spc. Kihei-Nalani Kalauli, a medic. "We have everything that is vital to help a patient to survive."

Realistic training is important for Soldiers to prepare them for combat operations. Scenarios such as this mass casualty exercise give them that training.

"This is a full-dress rehearsal," said Walker. "This stresses our capabilities and puts us in the most realistic scenario in order to do the mission we would perform when deployed."

Charlie Med is set up in its entirety as a level-

two treatment facility for the field, Walker continued. It is prepared to receive patients from a mass casualty scenario, triage them and package them for the next level of care.

Deployments are not the only situation this type of training proves as useful.

"As a Charlie Med in a Stryker brigade, we can be called upon to deploy with or without the brigade," said Walker. "We are capable of being deployed to any area in the world, and able to set up a level-two treatment facility wherever we are called to serve."

While in the Makua Valley, noncommissioned officers and Soldiers took it upon their own initiative to learn additional skills; those with special skill sets conducted small classes and peer training.

"If we see something we know we're good at, we will immediately make a class," said Kalauli. "There is a lot of cross training going on, in addition to the mass casualty exercise."

The training has also helped to foster a team mentality. Medics typically work alone or in small groups; training like this allows them to come together and share collective knowledge.

Whether a deployment to Afghanistan or a humanitarian mission in the Pacific Region, Charlie Med is prepared to save lives wherever the Army needs it.

## Broncos recognize troops, civilian employees

### 3BCT awards kick off with esprit de corps run at Watts

#### SPC. JOSHUA A. WESTFALL

3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Before recognizing some exemplary performers, the Bronco Brigade joined elements of other brigades to participate in a three-mile esprit de corps run in the early hours of Nov. 29.

The 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, runners took a route that began at Watts Field and wound through Schofield Barracks.

The run then ended with a competition that required teams from each battalion to pull large troop vehicles across a line to emerge victorious.

"There was an air about the Soldiers as they supported each other and helped push each other through the exhausting run," said Col. Brian Eifler, commander, 3rd BCT, 25th ID. "They demonstrated outstanding teamwork that is frequently seen within this brigade."

The events helped the Broncos strengthen ties within the brigade and develop teamwork and camaraderie with their fellow Soldiers, while inspiring a bit of competitiveness amongst battalions.

"The competition helped make the battalions feel honored to be a part of 3rd BCT," said Command Sgt. Maj. David Clark, senior enlisted leader. "I'm extremely proud of the Soldiers of this brigade and our ability to integrate new Soldiers into our formations."

"The Soldiers entered into the new quarter very

well," Clark added, "and I expect them to continue the hard work."

In an awards ceremony at Sgt. Smith Theater, Eifler presented awards to 35 Soldiers for their performance during a recent training exercise at Pohakuloa Training Area on the Big Island, and to those who made the Commandant's List for Warrior Leadership Course, for completion of Ranger School, and more.

"I'm proud of these Soldiers who proved themselves above and beyond the requirements of their duties," said Eifler.

Additional awards were presented to Ken Torre from Range Control, who assisted the brigade by organizing Soldiers who had deployed to PTA, and to Connie Pampalone, Island Palms Communities, for arranging the housing needs for Soldiers and their families.



Col. Brian Eifler (front, right), commander, and Soldiers from 3rd BCT, 25th ID, return to Watts Field after an esprit de corps run, Nov. 29.

## FET: Female Soldiers to serve forward

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cles. They can go on patrols. They can do things outside of their MOS that will make them a more well-rounded leader and a more well-rounded Soldier."

The 2nd SBCT is still looking for Soldiers to be part of the FET; formal training doesn't begin until January. Female Soldiers in the 2nd SBCT who are interested in trying out need to see O'Brien at 2nd SBCT headquarters.

"It's going to give them a really unique experience," O'Brien said. "We're coming out of Afghanistan, and there are going to be limited opportunities to do these kinds of missions in the future. So, if there's anybody who's interested in being a part of this team, I'd like them to come and see me, and see if we can put together a training package and incorporate them."

## Sandy: USAEC deploys for hurricane relief support

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tors at critical facilities.

The Power PRT will work with the Corps' New York District, which has ongoing projects in the state, to identify, assign and resolve existing and incoming FEMA mission assignments, as well as other assignments or projects related to Hurricane Sandy.

Corps infrastructure teams are conducting engineering assessments of public works facilities that may have sustained hurricane damage, to include water treatment plants, medical facilities and public safety build-

#### Corps FEMA Support

Under the National Response Framework and in support of FEMA, the Corps is the responsible agency for Emergency Support Function 3, Public Works and Engineering.

FEMA has assigned 65 missions to

the USACE following Hurricane Sandy for \$249 million. To date, missions have included dewatering, debris management, emergency infrastructure assessment, emergency temporary power, bottled water, critical public facility assessments and regional activation.

ings.

The Corps of Engineers has been on the scene from the beginning, supporting FEMA and state and local officials, to provide con-

tracting and management oversight to debris removal and clearance missions, infrastructure and coastal assessments and technical assistance work in the state.

## Stop the presses!

Subscribers will receive *The Military Star*, Dec. 21 and 28, when the *Hawaii Army Weekly* takes its two-week hiatus.



You Drink.  
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Alcohol-related motor vehicle crashes kill someone every 31 minutes and nonfatally injure someone every two minutes.

— National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

# Tropic Lightning fights back on the 'Day of Infamy'

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25th Infantry Division

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Japanese forces attacked Oahu, Dec. 7, 1941, thrusting the United States into World War II.

The 25th Infantry Division was barely two months old when it would earn the nickname "Tropic Lightning."

The 24th and 25th IDs were born during a time of increased tension in the Pacific. The U.S.

and Japan were at odds over the 1937 invasion of China, and the threat of war loomed by late 1941.

To underscore those tensions, a War Department telegram from Washington, received in Hawaii, Nov. 27, 1941, alerted forces that negotiations with the Japanese had all but broken down, and that "hostile action was possible at any moment."

Dec. 7 was a Sunday, normally a relaxed day for Schofield Barracks Soldiers.

A few minutes before 8 a.m., many Soldiers were still in their bunks or were slowly making their way to the mess halls.

"Sunday breakfasts were different; hot cakes cooked on the stovetop were served. This was a slow process, which the cooks hurried up by not completely cooking them," said Charles Palmer, who was serving with the 21st Inf. Regiment. "This Sunday morning, just after payday, I was lying in bed contemplating half-raw hot cakes or a decent breakfast at a restaurant, when I heard a plane diving, then pulling out.

"Sounds like a dive-bomber, I thought. Then, I heard the explosion," Palmer said.

He heard Japanese aircraft attacking Wheeler Field, where fighter aircraft were stationed on Oahu. Wheeler was a high-priority target for the Japanese, as American fighter aircraft posed the greatest threat to their forces.

Tech. Sgt. Jack Spangler was caught in the open at Wheeler Field as the attack started. He was walking down Wright Avenue to meet a friend for breakfast when he heard the first explosions. What he saw next was a plane dropping a bomb, and it was headed right for him.

"I saw the bomb release from the plane as the pilot pulled up to the right to avoid the bomb

blast," Spangler said. "As the bomb was falling, it seemed like it was suspended for an eternity, falling directly overhead.

"My life flashed before my eyes, and I thought I was going to die," he continued. "All I could remember was seeing the flash. When I came to, the bomb had landed directly across the street from me between two homes."

During the next two hours, military facilities on Oahu were bombed and strafed, with the main focus on Pearl Harbor. Schofield Barracks was not a primary target, but was subjected to strafing runs by Japanese aircraft and collateral damage from the strike at Wheeler.

Amid the confusion, Soldiers grabbed their rifles and began shooting at enemy aircraft as they flew over. After overcoming the initial shock, units organized and began deploying to assigned positions to defend against an anticipated invasion.

Wild reports and unconfirmed rumors continued as the day wore on, and everyone felt an invasion was now imminent.

The 25th ID daily staff journal was filled with entries of saboteurs operating, airborne troops landing and enemy troop ships off the coast of Barbers Point.

That night, the 25th ID manned positions from Hanauma Bay to the Waianae Coast, waiting for the enemy.

No invasion was ever launched, but World War II had begun, and the first lines of the 25th ID's story were soon underway.

(Editor's note: Elia is the historian for the 25th ID. Article information, including first-person accounts, are archived in the Tropic Lightning Museum.)

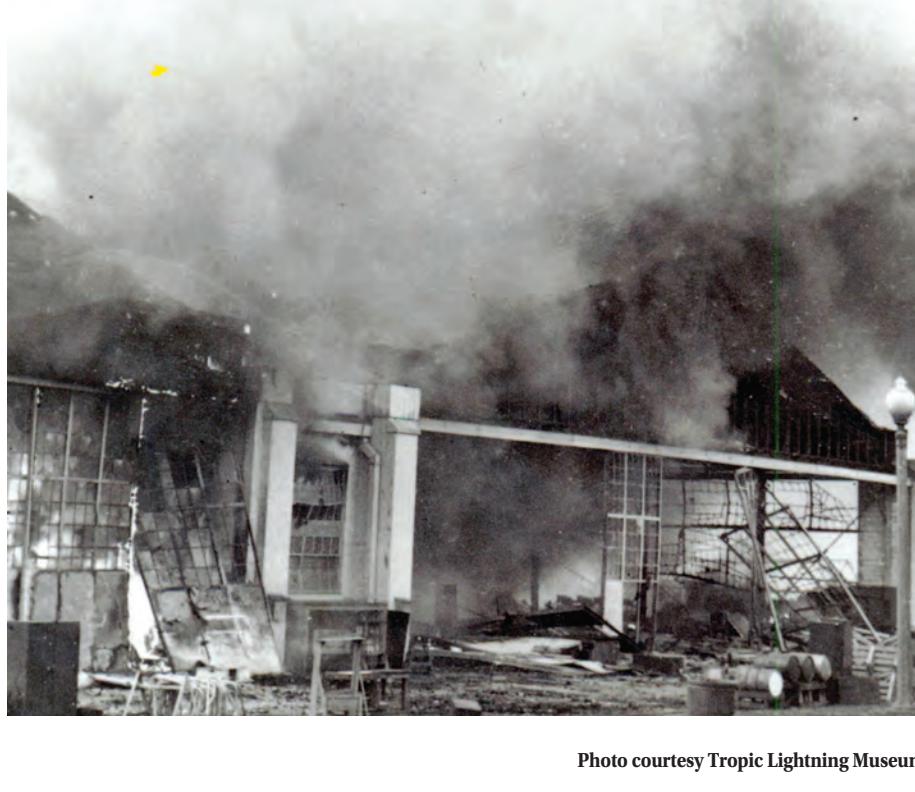


Photo courtesy Tropic Lightning Museum

Fire erupts in Wheeler's Hangar No. 3 when ammunition stored within exploded during the surprise attack, Dec. 7, 1941. Battle damage to Wheeler Army Airfield is still evident today.

## HI Army engineers battle, survive attack 12/7/1941

### U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

Honolulu District Public Affairs

FORT SHAFTER — Seven December 1941 was the opening scene of World War II, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, or USACE, was there.

At 7:55 a.m., two waves of Japanese warplanes from a naval task force about 250 miles north of Hawaii appeared over Oahu. Some headed for Pearl Harbor and Hickam Field; others hit Schofield Barracks, Wheeler Field and Bellows Field.

The USACE in Hawaii consisted of Soldier-engineers in the Army's Hawaiian Department,

and the Corps' Honolulu Engineer District, then part of the South Pacific Division.

Col. Albert K.B. Lyman, a native Hawaiian who later attained the rank of general officer, was the Army's Hawaiian Department engineer with offices at Fort Shafter. He commanded the 34th Eng. Combat Regiment, the 804th Eng. Aviation Battalion, plus the 3rd Eng. Cbt. Bn. of the 25th Infantry Division.

All of Lyman's engineers were at Schofield Barracks. These military engineers were enlarging and modernizing facilities at Fort Shafter and Schofield Barracks, building anti-aircraft gun

sites and bombproofing coastal fortifications.

On the civil side, Lt. Col. Theodore Wyman, the Honolulu District engineer, had offices at the Alexander Young Building in Honolulu, employing 10 officers and 400 civilians.

Many District team members were at work that morning; there had been a rapid increase in defense projects after France fell in 1940.

No District team members or engineers were killed, but there were close calls. Paul J. Lynch, the area engineer in charge of construction at Bellows Field, watched with horror as Japanese planes strafed the field, destroying most of the P-40

Warhawk fighter planes. Lynch directed dispersal of his equipment, and because of his efforts, none were lost.

1st Lt. Harvey R. Fraser found his men in the street shooting at attacking planes. Fraser told the supply sergeant to give weapons to anyone who asked and to tell them to shoot at the Japanese planes. He almost had to pay for the weapons, because no one had issued receipts!

All Hawaiian Dept. engineer units served in the war; 34th Eng. landed on Kwajalein, 804th Eng. went to Saipan, 3rd and 64th Eng. fought in the Solomons, New Guinea and the Philippines.

# CID warns women against romance, other scams

## Female victims are getting cyber-robbed by thugs

### U.S. ARMY CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION COMMAND

News Release

QUANTICO, Va. — Special agents from the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command are once again warning Internet users to be vigilant and not to fall prey to scams or impersonation fraud, especially ones promising true love that end up breaking hearts and bank accounts.

CID continues to receive hundreds of reports of various scams involving persons pretending to be Soldiers serving in Afghanistan or somewhere else in the world.

The victims are most often unsuspecting women, 30 to 55 years old, who think they are romantically involved on the Internet with an American Soldier, when in fact they are being cyber-robbed by perpetrators thousands of miles away.

"We cannot stress enough that people need to stop sending money to persons they meet on the Internet and claim to be in the U.S. military," said Chris Grey, CID spokesman. "It is heartbreaking to hear these stories, over and over again, of people who have sent thousands of dol-

lars to someone they have never met — and sometimes have never even spoken to on the phone."

The majority of the romance scams are being perpetrated on social media, dating-type websites where unsuspecting females are the main targets. The perpetrators will often take the true rank and name of a Soldier who is honorably serving his country somewhere in the world, marry that up with some photographs of a Soldier off the Internet, and then build a false identity to begin prowling the Net for victims.

"We have even seen instances where the Soldier was killed in action, and the crooks have used that hero's identity to perpetrate their twisted scam," said CID Special Agent Matthew Ivanjack, who has fielded hundreds of calls and emails from victims.

The scams often involve carefully worded romantic requests for money from the victim to purchase special laptop computers, international telephones, military leave papers and transportation fees to be used by the fictitious "deployed Soldier," so the false relationship can continue.

Once victims are hooked, the criminals continue their ruse.

"We've even seen instances where the perpe-

trators are asking the victims for money to purchase "leave papers" from the Army, help pay for medical expenses from combat wounds or help pay for their flight home so they can leave the war zone," said Grey.

Along with the romance-type scams, CID has received complaints of other types of scams with a cyber crook impersonating a U.S. service member. One version usually involves the sale of a vehicle. After sending bogus information regarding the vehicle, the seller requests the buyer complete a wire transfer to a third party to complete the purchase. In reality, the entire exchange is a ruse for the crook to get the wire transfer and leave the buyer high and dry — with no vehicle.

Army CID is warning people, once again, to be very suspicious if they begin a relationship on the Internet with someone claiming to be an American Soldier.

"These are not Soldiers; they are outright thieves," said Grey. "If someone asked you out on a first date, and before they picked you up, they asked you for \$3,000 to fix their car, to come get you, many people would find that very suspicious and certainly would not give them the money. This is the same thing, except over the Internet."

Reporting thefts to the Federal Trade Com-

mission helps law enforcement officials across the U.S. in their investigations.



## News Briefs

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

### Today

**CPAC Closure** — The Civilian Personnel Advisory Center will be closed 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Dec. 7, for its annual Christmas party. For emergencies, call 557-6341.

### 10 / Monday

**FEHB Election** — The open season for Federal Employee Health Benefits (insurance) ends Dec. 10. Employees should complete form SF-2809 at the Army Benefits Center, via

its integrated voice response system or online through Employee Benefits Information System. Visit <https://www.abc.army.mil/Health/HowDoIEnroll.htm>.

Employees should not wait until the last days of open season, as these days are the busiest and customers may experience long wait times via telephone and/or slow access to EBIS.

### 11 / Tuesday

**CID Recruitment** — The Army's Criminal Investigation Command, or CID, is seeking qualified, high-caliber Soldiers for CID special agents. Recruiting briefings are at 9:30 a.m., Tuesdays, at the Hawaii CID Office, Bldg. 3026, Schofield Barracks.

Visit [www.CID.army.mil](http://www.CID.army.mil) or call 655-1989.

## Ongoing

**VRAP** — The Veterans Retraining Assistance Program's goal is to train a total of 99,000 veterans during the next two years. The FY 2013 application approval process is currently underway.

VRAP allows qualifying veterans to receive up to 12 months of education assistance equal to the current full-time Montgomery GI Bill, at an active duty rate of \$1,546 per month.

The program of study must lead to an associate's degree, a non-college degree or a certificate for a high-demand occupation as defined by the Dept. of Labor.

Potential applicants can learn more about VRAP and apply online at [www.benefits.va.gov/VOW](http://www.benefits.va.gov/VOW), or call the VA toll-free at 1-800-827-1000.

**DPW Hours Change** — As of Dec. 1, the Directorate of Public Works service order desk hours of operation are weekdays from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. Regular service requests will be processed during these hours and are available by phone at 656-1275 or through customer walk-ins at 947 Wright Ave, Wheeler Army Airfield, Bldg. 104, 1st floor.

After-hours operations are weekdays from 5-6 p.m., to include weekends and holidays. Only emergency calls will be processed after hours and will continue to be redirected to the garrison's Installation Operations Center.

**Barracks Survey** — The First Sergeants Barracks Program 2020 is a partnership between garrison and brigade-level units to achieve efficient and

quality property management in housing for unaccompanied Soldiers. Currently, a USAG-HI Unaccompanied Housing Resident Survey seeks essential customer feedback to identify and communicate issues and inefficiencies in Soldier barracks.

All barracks residents are encouraged to complete and submit this simple survey within 30 days of occupancy at [www.surveymonkey.com/s/XYQ55TJ](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/XYQ55TJ).

**Veteran and Small Business Forum** — The general admission fee is \$150 for this forum, which includes breakfast, lunch, general admission and access to exhibits, as well as morning and afternoon keynote speakers.

The event will be held at the Hale Koa Hotel. Fee for general admission with access only to workshop sessions is \$75.

Those interested in attending can register online via the Hawaii Procurement Technical Assistance Center at <http://hip.tac.ecenterdirect.com/Conferences.action>, or call Erin Kanehira at 596-8990, ext. 1008. Deadline to register is March 21, 2013.

### Dealing With Stress

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

### Mystery Customer Program

USAG-HI is looking for volunteers to participate in a new program aimed at evaluating customer service in its facilities. The program helps the garrison provide world-class customer service. Call 655-9026.

# 'Operation Toy Drive' is launched by 84th Engineers

Story and photo by

**2ND LT. CARLIE TURNIDGE**  
84th Engineer Battalion, 130th Eng. Brigade,  
8th Theater Sustainment Command

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — The "Never Daunted" Battalion combined physical readiness with holiday spirit to benefit some families in Hamilton housing, here, Nov. 28.

Members of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 84th Engineer Battalion (Construction Effects), 130th Eng. Brigade, 8th Theater Sustainment Command, lined the streets with Christmas spirit as they marched to deliver donations of children's gifts to less fortunate military families.

HHC Soldiers of the 84th Eng. Bn. gave back to the military community that supports them. During their 5K ruck march, Soldiers carried donated toys to drop off at the Hamilton Housing Community Center.

"We wanted to give back to our military community and give back to those who are in need during the holiday season," said Sgt. 1st Class Francisco Campos, noncommissioned officer in charge of the event, who was shocked with the positive turnout.

The designated van was loaded with gifts for children.

"It's a great feeling to know that we have the chance to help our own Soldiers," Campos said. "The amount of support received from the company was overwhelming."

Spc. Daryl Shook carried an assortment of toys for both boys and girls in his ruck sack: a Barbie, a Hello Kitty doll, a Big Foot Monster truck and some Legos. Shook was all smiles participating in this unit event that deviated from the norm.

"It was fun," he said. "People decorating their rucksacks and wearing Santa hats made the ruck march more enjoyable than usual."

Rucksacks, too, were decorated with wrapping paper, lights and Christmas tinsel, and Christmas carols filled the street as Soldiers marched for a great cause.

Service members helping other service members was a rewarding experience for all, said Sgt. Dennis Marceley.

"It was great because we got to get out and get some exercise while helping other Soldiers in need," Marceley explained.

The 84th Eng. Bn. will be deploying to Guam early next year. HHC Soldiers expressed appreciation for the unit cohesion generated during the gearing up for their deployment.



Soldiers from HHC, 84th Eng. Bn. (Construction Effects), 130th Eng. Bde., 8th TSC, set out on a 5K ruck march while carrying Christmas presents, for less-fortunate military families, in their rucksacks as part of Operation Toy Drive, Nov. 28.

## Holiday Spirit Shines



Inset photo by Steve Takekawa | Family and Morale; Welfare and Recreation

Kendra Murray (left) and children (from left) Dallin, 9; Dathan, 3; Koen, 6; and Mikaylee, 12, pose with Santa during FMWR's annual Tree Lighting Ceremony, Tuesday. Father, Spc. Mikal Murray, Company D, 3rd Battalion, 25th Aviation Regiment, 25th Combat Avn. Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, is currently deployed to Afghanistan.



Sarah Pacheco | Honolulu Star-Advertiser

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — The Murray ohana pushes the button to light up the holiday tree, here, during FMWR's annual Tree Lighting Ceremony, Tuesday.

## 65th brings toys, holiday cheer

Story and photo by  
**STAFF SGT. GAELEN LOWERS**  
8th Theater Sustainment Command  
Public Affairs

MILILANI — Getting into the Christmas spirit, the Soldiers of the 65th Engineer Battalion, 130th Eng. Brigade, 8th Theater Sustainment Command, and the students of their partnership school, Mililani Middle School, came together to hold a toy drive, Nov. 30, for two organizations that embody the true nature of Christmas: Toys for Tots and the Make a Wish Foundation.

Community supporters brought and gave more than 500 toys during the

drive; toys ranged from an action figure to full-youth bicycles.

"It's a really special event," said 1st Lt. Courtney Heaps, assistant plans officer, 65th Eng. Bn., 130th Eng. Bde.

"Many people have tunnel vision when it comes to their family and their community, so we are trying to get these kids to see that a lot of other children are not as blessed and not as fortunate, and the response has been overwhelmingly positive. They are seeing that they can really make a difference and make

See TOYS B-6



Soldiers with the 65th Eng. Bn., 130th Eng. Bde., 8th TSC, carry student-donated toys around the Mililani Middle School soccer field, Nov. 30.

## SNOW DAY



Photos by Jenny Duong | Family and Morale; Welfare and Recreation

ALIAMANU MILITARY RESERVATION — Volunteers create a winter wonderland out of snow, donated by the Hui 'O Na Wahine spouses club, for the Holiday in Paradise family-fun event, at the AMR Community Center, here, Saturday.



Keiki sample the Hawaiian winter wonderland, featuring snow donated by Hui 'O Na Wahine, during the Holiday in Paradise family-fun event, at AMR Community Center, Saturday.



## Briefs

### 8 / Saturday

**Army-Navy Football** — Watch America's game at 10 a.m., at SB's Kolekole Bar & Grill, FS's Mulligan's Bar & Grill or SB's Tropics Warrior Zone. Breakfast and lunch will be served along with pupu and drink specials.

Play pool for prizes at Tropics. Grand prize is two tickets to the 2013 Pro Bowl. Call 655-4466 (SB), 438-1974 (FS) or 655-5698 (Tropics).

**Read to the Dogs** — Sgt. Yano Library hosts this program; volunteer therapy and service dogs provide nonjudgmental and comforting support to children who need to practice their reading. Children who are able to read on their own can sign up for a 15-minute session, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Preregister at 655-8002.

**Intro to Kayaking** — Enjoy a kayaking lesson, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., \$59. Outdoor Recreation provides everything but the sunscreen and snacks. Slots fill quickly; call 655-0143.

### 11 / Tuesday

**BOSS Blood Drive** — Support the BOSS Blood Drive, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. (longer if needed), at Tropics. Call 655-1130.

### 12 / Wednesday

**After School** — Elementary-age children are invited to join Sgt Yano Library staff, beginning at 3 p.m., for holiday stories and a craft activity. Free and no registration required. Call 655-8002.

**Keiki Night** — Every Wednesday night, 5-8 p.m., kids under the age of 10 can eat from the keiki menu for \$2.99 at the SB Kolekole Bar and Grill and the FS Mulligan's Bar and Grill. Call 655-0660 (SB) or 438-6712 (FS).

### 13 / Thursday

**Meet Santa Claus** — Santa will be visiting all good boys and girls, 3-4 p.m., at Fort Shafter Library. Get your

## HAWAII ARMY WEEKLY

### FISHER HOUSE ALOHA



Staff Sgt. David Padilla | 500th Military Intelligence Brigade Public Affairs

HONOLULU — 500th Military Intelligence Brigade family readiness group volunteers gather in front of a Christmas tree after decorating the Tripler Army Medical Center Fisher House library, here, Nov. 26. The volunteers were part of a group who gave their time to decorate the comfort home. The Fisher House Foundation enables family members of hospitalized Soldiers to be able to be with their family while receiving medical treatment. Pictured are (standing, from left) Maile Butt, June Sweeney, Dawn McCraw, Meaghan McCraw, Fisher House manager Theresa Johnson, (sitting) retired Lt. Col. Kathy Fox and Andrea Fortner.

list ready. Call 438-9521.

### Ongoing

**Pro Bowl Tickets** — 2013 NFL Pro Bowl tickets are available at the Schofield and Shafter Leisure Travel offices. Call 655-9971 (SB) or 438-1985 (FS).

**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.

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

**9 / Sunday**

**Honolulu City Lights Trolley Tours** — Tour the Honolulu City Lights display nightly; first tour departs at 6:30 p.m., through Dec. 30 (except Dec. 24-25), from Ward Warehouse. Cost \$6, free to children 3 and under. Proceeds go to the Hawaii Food-bank. Visit [www.wardcenters.com](http://www.wardcenters.com) for ticket information.



### 8 / Saturday

**Athletic Booster Club Craft Fair** — Features craft items and food booths, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Dec. 10, Mililani High School, 95-1200 Meheula Pkwy. Call 627-7369.

**Santa at Ala Moana** — Photos with Santa, 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Mondays through Saturdays, and 10 a.m.-6

p.m. Sundays, through Dec. 24, near Centerstage. Packages start at \$22.99.

**Santa at Pearl Highlands Center** — Saturdays, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Dec. 8, 15, 22. Photos from \$5-7.

**Honolulu Handbell Ensemble** — Christmas concert, noon, Hawaii State Library, downtown Honolulu. Call 586-3520.

**Kapolei Tree Lighting & Block Party** — Entertainment, keiki games, treats and a visit by Santa Claus begins at 7:30 p.m., following the 6 p.m. parade.

### 9 / Sunday

**Honolulu Marathon** — Plan for road closures as 30,000 athletes run through downtown Honolulu, from 5 a.m.-1 p.m. Special traffic controls will be in effect in the downtown, Kakaako, Ala Moana, Waikiki, Diamond Head, Kahaala, Aina Haina, Niu Valley and East Honolulu areas. Visit [www.honolulumarathon.org](http://www.honolulumarathon.org).

### 14 / Friday

**Honolulu Gift Fair** — Features more than 300 booths at Blaisdell Exhibition Hall, 777 Ward Ave., Honolulu. Dates and times follow:

- Dec. 14, 3-9 p.m.
- Dec. 15, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.
- Dec. 16, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

### 15 / Saturday

**Honolulu Hosts Santa** — Free photos with Santa, 7-9 p.m., Dec. 15 and 22 at Honolulu Hale (City Hall). Honolulu City Lights is free and open to the public through Dec. 31.

**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**

### HOLIDAY PARADES

**Today, Wahiawa Town Parade** — from 6:30-8:30 p.m., Dec. 7, Kaala Elementary School to Center Street.

**Dec. 8, Aiea Town Parade** — 9-10 a.m., Pearlridge Elementary School to Aiea Sugar Mill.

**Dec. 8, Gentry Waipio Parade** — 10-11:30 a.m., Gentry Waipio Shopping Center.

**Dec. 8, Waipahu Christmas Parade** — 2-4 p.m. Waipahu District Park to Leoluia Street (behind

Waipahu Town Center).

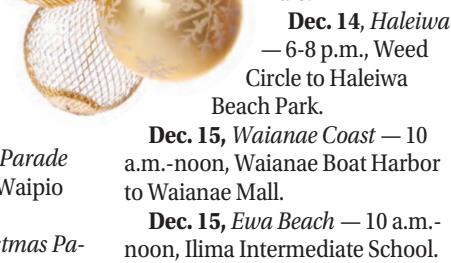
**Dec. 8, West Oahu Holiday Electric Light Parade** — 6-8 p.m., Kapolei Fairgrounds to Kapolei Hale.

**Dec. 14, Haleiwa** — 6-8 p.m., Weed Circle to Haleiwa Beach Park.

**Dec. 15, Waianae Coast** — 10 a.m.-noon, Waianae Boat Harbor to Waianae Mall.

**Dec. 15, Ewa Beach** — 10 a.m.-noon, Ilima Intermediate School.

(For a complete list, visit [www.honolulu.gov](http://www.honolulu.gov).)



### “Merriest Hawaiian Christmas”

The Honolulu Boy Choir presents its annual concert, Dec. 15, Central Union Church, 1660 S. Beretania St., Honolulu. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.; concert starts at 7 p.m. No admission charge. Open to the public. Visit [www.honoluluboychoir.org](http://www.honoluluboychoir.org).

Performances every 30 minutes, 7-9 p.m., Dec. 21-24, Wioli Gardens, 2950 Manoa Road. See 30th anniversary re-enactment of the first Christmas with actors, live animals and Christmas carols. Call 988-2136.

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### 16 / Sunday

**Bishop Museum** —

Free museum admission for military with valid ID, Dec. 16, is in celebration of Bernice Pauahi Bishop's birthday.

A special program will take place from noon to 1 p.m. and will feature oli (chant), hula and mele (song) by Bishop Museum staff and the Kamehameha Alumni Glee Club; 1525 Bernice St., Honolulu.

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### 21 / Friday

**Salvation Army Live Nativity** —

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**25 / Tuesday**

**Single Soldiers' Christmas Breakfast** — Single Soldiers can eat a free breakfast, 9-11 a.m., SB Main Post Chapel, Bldg. 790.

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## 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)**

• Friday, 7:30 p.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,

# CYSS 'Parent to Parent' offered

**STACY CAIN AND MARK MADDOX**  
Child and Youth Support Services

Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation  
SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Research has shown Army dependent children attend on average seven to nine schools between kindergarten and 12th grade.

The focus of Parent to Parent, which is funded by the Department of the Army and falls under the Child, Youth and School Services, or CYSS umbrella, is to empower military parents to become their child's best educational mentor.

The Parent to Parent initiative provides timely and relevant information to enhance the knowledge of parents, and gives them the skills to be their child's best advocate, not only for immediate transitions but also throughout the child's school years.

More than 100,000 parents have been trained since the program began in 2006.

The Schofield Barracks Parent to Parent cadre is a team of selected individuals committed to the mission of serving and training parents of military-connected children by developing and presenting interactive, research-based workshops. They are authorized to present workshops at any school on Oahu that has a minimum Army dependent population of 25 percent enrollment.

These workshops are designed to help parents support their children's educational process. The team presents workshops that focus on varied objectives:

- the importance of early literacy;
- the benefits of open communication between students, parents and the school;
- how to prepare your child for kindergarten;
- stepping up to middle school;
- how to get the most from parent-teacher conferences;
- the educational benefits of cooking with your children;
- teaching children time management;
- effective techniques for test taking;
- how to avoid homework hassles;
- charting the educational course; and
- tips to make school transitions as smooth as possible, including transitions with special needs children.

The local Parent to Parent cadre partners with the CYSS School Liaison Office, here, to enhance outreach efforts in order to get transition assistance information to military families.

## Military Child Education Coalition

Parent to Parent is a part of the MCEC, a nonprofit, worldwide organization that is designed to provide positive leadership and military child advocacy. The organization's work is focused on ensuring quality educational opportunities for all military-connected children affected by mobility, family separation due to deployments and transition.

The MCEC performs research, conducts professional institutes and conferences, and develops and publishes resources for all constituencies.

In addition to workshops, the Parent to Parent team organizes MCEC's "Tell Me A Story" events, which empower children by using literature and children's own stories in a way that fosters resilience skills, strong peer and parent connections, a sense of pride and accomplishment, and a caring community.

These stories are intended to open family discussions on potentially difficult topics, including family separation, deployment, moving, grief and crisis.

## Parent to Parent Program

For more information on P2P and the wide variety of workshops it provides, email [ptop.schofield@militarychild.org](mailto:ptop.schofield@militarychild.org).



# Hui's 'Great Chase' race scheduled

## FORT SHAFTER HUI O WAHINE

News Release

FORT SHAFTER — Didn't make it on the "Amazing Race"?

Don't sweat it because the Great Chase is coming to Waikiki to join forces with the Hui O'Wahine on Jan. 12, 2013.

The Great Chase gives teams of two or three — with children under 10 years of age allowed to join teams, free of charge — a chance to compete against others in a mad dash to the finish line. This scavenger chase consists of 10 tricky clues and fun tasks — up, down and all around your local city — designed to challenge each team's wits

and teamwork.

This event is an excellent and fun activity for friends, couples, families and co-workers.

The Great Chase team will be coming all the way from Las Vegas to help the Hui O'Wahine support its scholarship and welfare grant programs.

Last year, the Hui O'Wahine awarded more than \$44,000 in scholarships to military family members and welfare grants to the military and local community, such as to Army Community Service, Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation; the Boy Scouts of America; Tripler's Fisher House; and more organizations.

In keeping with its 2012-2013 motto, "Strength in Service," the Hui O'Wahine is dedicated to volunteer and community service, and to bringing camaraderie to ever-transient military spouses, with exciting club activities.

The first place winner of the Hui O'Wahine Great Chase Scavenger Race will receive a trophy and an entry into the National Great Chase race in Las Vegas with a chance to win \$10,000.

## Race Registration

Cost is \$49 per person to register. From this, \$20 for each paid registration will go towards the Hui O'Wahine, for its scholarship and welfare grant program with a goal of \$2,000 and 100 participants.

Purchase tickets at <http://agreatchase.com/> and use the special promo code of WAIKIKI.

The Hui O'Wahine is a private 501(c) 4 private organization located on historical Fort Shafter. Membership includes all ranks, active duty, retired personnel and spouses.

The 2012-2013 Fort Shafter Hui motto is "Strength in Service." The Hui's objective is to support charitable and educational endeavors as part of a military and community network of inspired and experienced individuals. Call 785-320-0399.



Photo courtesy Hui 'O Na Wahine

WAIKIKI — Hui 'O Na Wahine board members team up in preparation for the Great Chase Scavenger Race, to take place at various locations here and around Honolulu, Jan. 12, 2013.

# Schofield thrift store to close during break

## HUI 'O NA WAHINE

News Release

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — The Hui 'O Na Wahine thrift store, here, is holding several winter blow-out shelf-clearing sales before its winter break closure, Thursday, Dec. 20.

The store will reopen again after its winter break and roof replacement Jan. 3, 2013.

Specials include the following:

- Thursday Dec. 13 is the Hawaiian bag sale. All the clothes you can fit into a bag for \$5. A limited amount of bags will be provided but exclude military uniforms, gowns and consignment.

- Dec. 15 and 18, Christmas items will be 75 percent off and all clothes and shoes will be 50 percent off.

- All sales exclude consignment items and must have black a Hui 'O Na Wahine-branded reusable bag.

Revenue generated from the thrift shop is used to support the Hui's mission to support the local community through program, scholarship and welfare grants.

By purchasing, consigning, donating and volunteering, the Hui is able to give its profits to those in need. Last year, \$169,000 was distributed in the form of welfare grants and scholarships. The club is aiming to succeed that amount this year.

"Without the thrift store, the Hui would not be able to serve our community to the extent that we do," said Hui President Marti Ragano.

All gently used items are accepted during regular business hours, but the Hui cannot accept mattresses, cribs, car seats of any kind and any safety gear, like helmets. Dirty, broken, soiled items will also not be accepted.

Consignment services are also offered during regular business hours.

## Hui Thrift Store

The Schofield Barracks thrift store is volunteer-supported and is looking for people during its regular hours: 9 a.m.-1 p.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, and the first and third Saturday of the month. The store is closed on the third Thursday for Hui 'O Na Wahine events.

Call the thrift store at 624-3254. Get Hui O Na Wahine details at its Facebook group page, via email at [huionawahine@gmail.com](mailto:huionawahine@gmail.com) or on the Web at [www.schofieldspousesclub.com](http://www.schofieldspousesclub.com).

## Parent to Parent Program

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## CHAPEL HOLIDAY SERVICES

The U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii Religious Support Office will offer varied holiday services in North and South Oahu locations.

### South Oahu

*Aliamanu Military Reservation Chapel*  
 Dec. 24 5 p.m. Children's Mass (*Catholic*)  
 Dec. 24 7 p.m. Christmas Eve Service (*Protestant*)  
 Dec. 31 5 p.m. New Year's Eve Mass (*Catholic*)  
 Dec. 31 10 p.m. New Year's Eve Service (*Gospel*)

### Fort DeRussy Chapel

(Across the street from the Hale Koa Hotel, Waikiki)  
 Dec. 8 5 p.m. Immaculate Conception Mass (*Catholic*)  
 Dec. 24 5 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (*Protestant*)

### Tripler Army Medical Center

Dec. 24 5 p.m. Christmas Children's Mass (*Catholic*)  
 Dec. 24 6:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (*Protestant*)  
 Dec. 25 11 a.m. Christmas Mass (*Catholic*)

### North Oahu

*Schofield Barracks Main Post Chapel*  
 Dec. 13 6 p.m. Community Menorah Lighting (*Jewish*)  
 Dec. 24 5 p.m. Christmas Children's Mass (*Catholic*)  
 Dec. 24 6:30 p.m. Candlelight Service (*Protestant*)  
 Dec. 25 10:30 a.m. Christmas Mass (*Catholic*)  
 Jan. 1 11:45 a.m. Mary Mother of God (*Catholic*)

### Wheeler Army Airfield Chapel

Dec. 24 10 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass (*Catholic*)

### Schofield Barracks Soldiers Chapel

Dec. 24 7 p.m. Christmas Eve Service (*Protestant*)

For questions about the holiday schedule, contact the chapel staff at 655-9307.

## JEWISH CELEBRATIONS

A holiday Menorah lighting ceremony will be held, beginning at 6 p.m., Dec. 13, at the Schofield Barracks Main Post Chapel. This event includes the lighting, potato latkes and dreidels for all, followed by a movie for keiki.

For free menorah, candles and dreidels for active duty, call 348-4560.

### Hanukkah Events

*Schofield Barracks Main Post Chapel*  
 Dec. 13 6 p.m. Menorah lighting ceremony for military personnel

### Chabad of Hawaii Synagogue, Ala Moana Hotel, 735-8161

Dec. 8 7 p.m. Channukah Bash, with buffet, keiki games  
 Dec. 12 5:30 p.m. Car Menorah Parade, lighting ceremony at King Kalakaua Park  
 Dec. 15 8 p.m. Singer-songwriter Saul Kaye

### Temple Emanu-El, Honolulu, 2550 Pali Highway, 595-7521

Dec. 8 7 p.m. Rock of Ages Hanukkah concert  
 Dec. 14 6 p.m. Potluck followed by services

## SUGAR PLUM FAIRIES



Photo courtesy of Hawaii State Ballet Junior Company

HONOLULU — Ballerinas perform "Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy" in a scene from "The Nutcracker," presented by the Hawaii State Ballet Junior Company, at Saint Louis School's Mamiya Theatre, here, Dec. 15, 16, 21, 22 and 23. Active or retired military personnel receive a discounted ticket price (\$20 adults, \$15 military, children 12 and under) during a Military Night performance, 7 p.m., Dec. 21. Military ID must be presented. Call the box office at 550-8457 and mention the Military Night special. For additional show times, ticket prices and information, visit [www.hawaiistateballet.com/tickets](http://www.hawaiistateballet.com/tickets) or call 947-2755.

## Community Calendar

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### Ongoing

**Operation Postcards**  
 — Operation Postcards is a free service that allows anyone to send real, personalized postcards to active duty U.S. military personnel with an APO or FPO address. Visit [www.operationpostcards.com](http://www.operationpostcards.com), select a photo, fill in the mailing address for any active U.S. service member with an APO or FPO designation, type a brief message and then send it.

A real, personalized postcard will be delivered to the Soldier, Airman, Sailor or Marine in a matter of days, via the U.S. Postal Service.

### Food for Families —

ASYMCA at WAAF has an emergency food locker to assist military families in need. Call 624-5645.

### Exchange Holiday Layaway —

Schofield shoppers can select their gifts for layaway by stopping by customer service to complete the layaway process for free.

Visit Exchange Customer Service for details and eligibility.

### Military Spouse of the Year —

Military Spouse Magazine has opened nominations for its "2013 Armed Forces Insurance Military Spouse of the Year Award."

The sixth annual award will honor military spouses from all branches of the service of all ranks.

Nominations may be sub-

mitted at [msoy.militaryspouse.com](http://msoy.militaryspouse.com) through Jan. 4. Installation, state and district winners will be selected via an online vote on Jan. 22.

### Military Order of the Purple Heart —

Are you on active duty or a veteran that has been wounded in combat? Have you been awarded a Purple Heart for those wounds? If so, you are invited to join the Military Order of the Purple Heart.

The Oahu chapter meets the second Saturday of every month. Visit [www.purpleheart.org](http://www.purpleheart.org) or call 433-0428 or 772-1963.

### Military Order of Foreign Wars —

The MOFW has established a command in Hawaii. Commissioned and warrant officers from all armed services who served overseas during foreign wars

(and their hereditary descendants) are eligible. Email [HI\\_MOFW@army.com](mailto:HI_MOFW@army.com).

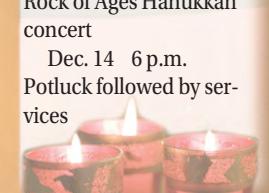
### Military Women of America —

The Military Women of America, Hawaii Chapter, meets the second Saturday of each month, 11 a.m., at the Oahu Veterans Center in Foster Village.

Members provide information and support to women who are currently serving or have served in the military. Call 422-4000.

### Naval Air Museum —

This nonprofit museum, located in Building 1792, Midway Road, Kalaolea Airport, Kapolei, focuses on the history of aviation in Hawaii. Cost is \$7 adults and \$5 for keiki under 18. Visit [www.nambp.org](http://www.nambp.org) or call 682-3982.



# 8th TSC Soldier shines, wins multiple karate gold

Years of training result in four gold medals in weapons category

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FORT SHAFTER — Martial artists from around the world traveled to Oahu to compete in the 53rd annual All-Hawaii State Karate Championships/2012 Honolulu International Karate Championships, Nov. 17.

Amongst these competitors was Sgt. Randal Kumagai, military intelligence, 8th Theater Sustainment Command, who has been competing and studying Karate for years.

Kumagai was ready to take on the challenge.

"It's about developing yourself, developing character," said Kumagai. "A lot of things you learn about yourself are primarily through hard training and competition. I enjoy the competition ... testing of your spirit against another. ... Oftentimes, it's like a chess match; you go up against someone who is better, faster, stronger, but you have to find a way to beat them."

And find a way, he did. Each participant competed in three categories: Kobu-do, or weapons; long and short Kata; and Kumite.

Kumagai walked away from the internation-

al tournament winning four gold medals and an outstanding male color belt trophy in the competition.

"Karate events like this offer participants a wonderful opportunity to test their skills and determination," said J.B. Mirza, national chairman of the Amateur Athletic Union and USA Karate, and also the honorary tournament president for the 53rd HKC, during a message to the participants in the tournament's program.

"The quality of athletes and karate-ka at this event are of the highest caliber, and is only surpassed by the hospitality, sportsmanship and budo spirit that resonate throughout," Mirza said.

Karate is not only about finding yourself, but also about helping those around you understand and find their purpose in karate.

Kumagai had his own bit of guidance from an experienced Karate-ka champion.

"Frank Smith, at one point, was called the best karate-ka the United States ever produced, back in the 1960s when he was champion," he said. "A word of advice he gave me was 'training is for life.' For me," Kumagai added, "training isn't just a young man's sport. It's more of a lifelong thing. It's always striving to improve."

Being the founder and president of the International Karate Federation and the Amateur Athletic Union National Executive Committee



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8th Special Troops Battalion,  
8th Theater Sustainment Command

and Technical Director, Chuzo Kotaka knows well what it takes to be a champion at karate-ka.

"Karate is a lifelong progression of learning and betterment," he said in the 2012 program. "It takes a lot of determination, perseverance and, most importantly, self discipline.

These are important qualities of a champion, but they are also the qualities of everyday karate-ka. No matter what your goals in karate are, always remember to keep those qualities dear to your heart, and

you will always go far."

These qualities not only follow Kumagai in his karate, but they follow him into his military life, as well.

"Personally, I think karate is a good way to prepare your mind for combat or any high pressure situation," Kumagai said. "A lot of time, when you go to tournament, you're not necessarily competing with someone else; you're competing with yourself. You have to have control and know what to do under pressure. Karate helps you get to that state of mind."



Sgt. Randal Kumagai, 8th Special Troops Bn., 8th TSC, holds his stance during the Kata portion of the 2012 Honolulu International Karate Championships/All State Hawaii Karate Championships, Nov. 17.

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

## Toys: 65th Engineers team with community to generate keiki holiday aloha

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someone's Christmas a little bit better."

The battalion visited the school a week prior to get the kids excited about the upcoming drive, and for every three toys donated, the students and Soldiers would make a lap around

their school's soccer field. The two organizations split the toys that were donated, and each was very appreciative of all the community support.

"The only way Toys for Tots can work is if the community is involved," said Edward Hans, primary Toys for Tots coordinator for

Maui and Oahu. "Without events like this, it doesn't work. We really rely on these events to get our toys and help the community."

Lori Anderson, official wish granter with the Make a Wish Foundation, echoed Hans' comments.

"This is just a fantastic opportunity for us,"

she said. "We are in need of toys for our toy closet. We have about 70 kids spread across the island that are waiting for their wishes to be granted."

I can't tell you enough how much this means to our kids. We can't show our appreciation enough."

# Secondhand smoke offers danger for nonsmokers

Estimates suggest the risks of lung cancer increases 20 to 30 percent for those living with smokers

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Do you know if the following statements are true?

- Nonsmokers who live with smokers are more likely to develop lung cancer.
- If you have asthma, secondhand smoke can make your breathing problems worse.
- Children exposed to secondhand smoke in the home are more likely to have ear infections.

The answer is yes to all three statements.

Secondhand smoke is a mixture of the smoke from the burning end of a cigarette, pipe or cigar combined with the smoke breathed out by a smoker. Secondhand smoke is also known as environmental tobacco smoke, involuntary smoke or passive, side-stream smoke.

## Do you know what you're breathing?

Secondhand smoke contains more than 60 chemicals that are known to cause cancer. A few of the chemicals follow:

- Arsenic (a hazardous gas);
- Benzene (a hazardous gas);
- Beryllium (a toxic metal);
- 1,3-Butadiene (a hazardous gas);
- Chromium (a metal);
- Ethylene oxide (a gas);
- Nickel (a metal); and
- Vinyl chloride (a hazardous gas).

## Do you live with a smoker?

The U.S. Surgeon General estimates that living with a smoker increases a nonsmoker's chances of developing lung cancer by 20 to 30 percent. According to the American Cancer Society, approximately 3,400 nonsmokers die from lung cancer each year.

Some research also suggests that secondhand smoke may increase the risk of breast, nose and throat cancers, as well as leukemia.

Secondhand smoke contributes to various health problems in adults and children. It irritates the airways and makes respiratory conditions worse for people who have lung diseases, such as asthma or chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. Secondhand smoke also damages a person's heart and blood vessels and interferes with circulation, increasing the risk of heart disease and heart attack.

In children, secondhand smoke can cause ear infections, frequent and severe asthma attacks, shortness of breath, bronchitis and pneumonia, and increased risk for sudden infant death syndrome.

A baby who lives in a home where one or both parents smoke is more likely to have lung disease. A child with lung disease usually requires treatment in a hospital for his or her first two years of life.

Secondhand smoke also slows the growth of children's lungs and can cause them to cough, wheeze and feel out of breath.

## Say no to secondhand smoke

An estimated 46,000 nonsmokers die annually from heart disease because of secondhand smoke. Here are some ways to protect yourself and those you love from secondhand smoke:

- Don't allow smoking in your home by family members, babysitters or guests. Ask them to step outside.
- Don't allow smoking in your vehicle. If a passenger must smoke on the road, stop for a smoke break outside of the car.
- Avoid places that allow smoking. Choose smoke-free facilities for dining, child care and elder care. Request non-smoking hotel rooms.

•If you have a partner, family member or other loved one who smokes, offer encouragement and support to help them stop smoking.

## What are other challenges?

You can ask others nicely not to smoke around you or your children. Let smokers know that you're having problems because of their smoking, such as coughing or itchy

eyes. If possible, socialize outdoors.

Smoke-free areas can be tough on smokers, too, so to cope, smokers should do something different to take their mind off of smoking. Drink a glass of water. Take a walk or stretch.

If you must smoke, make sure you are in a designated smoking area. Completely put out a smoldering cigarette.

Still, try to quit smoking, if just for a day. Army Public Health Nursing offers varied programs to help you with quitting. Call 433-1498 to get a listing of smoking cessation classes.

Help prevent lung cancer and lung diseases. Take action and reduce or eliminate the risk of exposure to secondhand smoke.

## Online Resources

For more information about secondhand smoke, visit these sites:

- American Cancer Society, [www.cancer.org/docroot/home/index.asp](http://www.cancer.org/docroot/home/index.asp);
- American Lung Association, [www.lungusa.org/](http://www.lungusa.org/);
- Become an EX, Online Tobacco Cessation Program, [www.becomeanex.org](http://www.becomeanex.org);
- Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids, [www.tobaccofreekids.org/index.php](http://www.tobaccofreekids.org/index.php);
- U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, [www.cdc.gov/tobacco](http://www.cdc.gov/tobacco);
- National Cancer Institute, [www.cancer.gov](http://www.cancer.gov);
- Quit Tobacco—Make Everyone Proud, 24-hour quit line assistance, [www.ucanquit2.org](http://www.ucanquit2.org); and
- Environmental Protection Agency, [www.epa.gov](http://www.epa.gov).

