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CAPT. HUGO E. FLORES-DIAZ
25th Infantry Division Public Affairs

WHEELER ARMY AIRFIELD— Soldiers and family members gathered at Wheeler Gulch, here, to formally welcome home 353 Soldiers during a redeployment ceremony, Tuesday.

Groups of Soldiers in the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, started arriving in May, and they will continue coming back throughout the coming weeks.

The brigade achieved several significant accomplishments during its deployment. It completed more than 500 missions and traveled more than 3,000 miles on the roads of northern Iraq.

"You took every one of these challenges and never blinked," said Col. Malcolm Frost, commander, 2nd BCT, to his Soldiers. "Your efforts over the past year with our joint, interagency and Iraqi partners resulted in staggering progress. You assisted the Iraqis in putting themselves on an irreversible path that will result in a secure, stable, self-reliant and sovereign nation that is an 'oasis of hope' for the Middle East.

"Be proud of your accomplishments and service with the 'Warrior Bde.' this past year," he continued. "Let there be no doubt, I am proud of each and every one of you. To count myself among you is a highlight of my career and life. I will cherish our service together in Iraq through all my days, and (I) hope to have the honor and privilege of serving with you again."

The 2nd BCT also contributed to more than 100 projects within U.S. Division-North, which helped provide water to villages and school supplies to children, as well as better the Iraqis' overall way of life.

"I think we did a great job," said Col. Mark Boussey, Stability Transition Team, 2nd BCT. "The whole brigade did a super

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Photos Courtesy of 25th Infantry Division Public Affairs

Above — Soldiers from 2nd BCT, 25th ID, form up in front of Gen. Bernard Champoux, commander, 25th ID, along with their families and friends, during their redeployment ceremony at Wheeler Gulch, Wheeler Army Airfield, Tuesday.

Right — Soldiers from 2nd BCT, 25th ID, prepare to board busses to WAAF, after exiting the airplane that brought them home from their yearlong deployment in Iraq.



USAG-HI prepares for Category 4 hurricane

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WHEELER ARMY AIRFIELD — U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii participated in Hawaii's annual hurricane exercise known as Makani Pahili, or strong winds, here, May 23-June 3.

The exercise tested the garrison's capabilities to respond to and sustain life during a hurricane affecting Army installations in the Hawaiian Islands.

The garrison started planning for the yearly exercise in February, the events of which are executed during the Memorial Day weekend.

This exercise involved all directorates and installation tenant units that have emergency support functions in support of Army installations. It gives all

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Albert Balderama | Federal Fire Department

Firefighters of Engine 118, Schofield Barracks, decontaminate personnel from Building 356, Quad C, during a simulated, collapsed building exercise, June 1.

Secretary of the Army kicks off first leg of Pacific tour

Story and Photo by
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HONOLULU — The Pacific area of responsibility, the fifth largest AOR in the world, is important to the U.S. Army — despite the fact that much of it is surrounded by water, said Secretary of the Army John McHugh.

"Look at all the water throughout the Pacific, and you tend to think Navy," McHugh said. "The fact of the matter is, not all of the nations with which we engage or wish to engage (with) have navies — but they all have armies."

McHugh engaged with military leaders and Soldiers throughout Hawaii during the initial leg of his tour through the U.S. Pacific Command, here, June 2-4. He visited the U.S. Army-Pacific Headquarters at Fort Shafter, Tripler Army Medical Center, U.S. Pacific Command's Headquarters, Special Operations Command-Pacific and Joint POW-MIA Command.

"Seven of the 10 largest armies of the world are located in this area of responsibility," he said. "I see the U.S. Army's role in the process of searching for peace to be absolutely critical."

While at TAMC, McHugh visited wounded warriors and hosted a special



Secretary of the Army John McHugh (left) thanks Pfc. Kyle Foster, a Soldier wounded while deployed with the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, and recovering at TAMC, for his service to the country.

luncheon with Soldiers from the Wounded Warrior Battalion.

"It's always a moving opportunity to talk with wounded warriors," McHugh said. "They lifted my spirits with their courage and their determination. And the courage with which they face the challenges before them is just breathtaking."

The next stop on McHugh's tour is U.S. Army commands and Soldiers in

Japan and the Philippines.

McHugh is the 21st Secretary of the Army and has held the position since Sept. 21, 2009. He has statutory responsibility for all matters relating to the U.S. Army, including manpower, personnel, Reserve affairs, installations, environmental issues, weapons systems and equipment acquisition, communications and financial management.

Military keiki benefit from MIC3 signing

HAWAII STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVE
News Release

HONOLULU — Hawaii's participation in the Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission, or MIC3, was reauthorized and signed into law, here, June 3.

Gov. Neil Abercrombie signed House Bill 4 into law at a ceremony in the Governor's executive chambers.

The bill makes Hawaii a permanent member of the national compact. A total of 39 states have already enacted the compact since 2008.

The compact provides for the uniform treatment of military children transferring between school districts and states. It was developed by the Council of State Governments' National Center for Interstate Compacts, the Department of Defense, national associations, federal and state officials, the Department of Education of each state, school administrators and military families.

"Our military children, just like our local children, deserve the very best," said Rep. K. Mark Takai, who coordinated the Hawaii State Legislature's Military Appreciation Package. "We work tirelessly to meet the special needs and demands of being a military child."

Enacted first in 2009, Act 152 allowed Hawaii to join the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children for two years. Act 152 had a lapse date of June 30.

House Bill 4 removes the lapse date and "will permanently ease the transition for the military children, so that they are afforded the same opportunities for educational success as other children and are not penalized or delayed in achieving their educational goals," Takai said.

The bill recognizes and addresses the issues and the uniqueness of Hawaii's statewide school system, such as Hawaii's tuberculosis clearance

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Voices of Ohana



"I keep my emergency kit handy, and I always have canned goods on hand in case of natural disasters."

Nora Dionisio
413th Contracting Support Bde., USARPAC



"We keep our vehicles in good, running order and wear our seat belts. We check our appliances for shorts and keep our stairways clear."

David Hilkert
Historian, USARPAC



"We have smoke detectors and fire extinguishers in the house. With summer approaching, we teach our kids about water safety."

Master Sgt. J.D. Klein
Special Operations, U.S. Pacific Command



"I work in conjunction with the schools, with things like fire evacuations plans that I have maintained since we have been here."

Sgt. 1st Class Jarvis Morrissey
Chaplain's Office, USARPAC



"I keep my mail safe and dispose of it properly."

Spc. Joseph Smith
HHC, 8th TSC

Army launches new ‘don’t ask, don’t tell’ repeal website

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WASHINGTON — In preparation for the repeal of the “don’t ask, don’t tell” policy, the Army has launched a new website to provide service members and their families the most up-to-date information about the change.

The website features current news articles, key facts, frequently asked questions and additional resources. It is just one of the many training resources the Army has implemented to educate the force and minimize misconceptions about the repeal.

“It’s a way for the Army to provide the latest and greatest information about the repeal to Soldiers, family members and the public,” said Lt. Col. Timothy Beninato, public affairs advisor to the assistant secretary of the Army (Manpower and Reserve Affairs) and Army Personnel Headquarters.

Current policies remain in effect. The DADT law will stay in place until 60 days after the president, the secretary of defense and the chairman of the joint

chiefs of staff certify that the repeal can be implemented “consistent with the standards of military readiness and effectiveness, unit cohesion, and military recruiting and retention.”

To ensure the transition is as seamless as possible, the Army has adopted a three-tier training approach.

Tier one targets special staff and key individuals like chaplains, lawyers and inspectors general. Tier two focuses on commanders and supervisors. Finally, tier three focuses on the rest of the force.

Available resources include presentation slides with narrations, scripts, FAQs, vignettes, Department of Defense policy guidance, implementation plans and service-specific material.

The Army’s DADT site also contains a comment section where visitors can provide feedback or ask questions about the policy.

“Currently, the chain of command is the primary means for asking questions, which can significantly limit non-military individual’s ability to ask questions about the repeal,” Beninato said.



The DADT Repeal website can be viewed at www.army.mil/dadt.

He said senior leaders felt it was essential to provide another forum where all interested parties would have the opportunity to ask questions and comment.

Odierno named as incoming CSA

Dempsey promoted to joint chiefs

ARMY NEWS SERVICE
Press Release

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama announced, May 30, that he will nominate Gen. Raymond Odierno as the Army’s next chief of staff.

Obama also announced that he will nominate Gen. Martin Dempsey, the Army’s current chief of staff, to be chairman of the joint chiefs of staff.



Odierno



Dempsey

Dempsey is expected to replace Adm. Mike Mullen when his term as chairman ends, Sept. 30.

The president made the announcements in the White House Rose Garden just before departing to Arlington National Cemetery, Va., for the national Memorial Day ceremony, there.

“I’m announcing my choice for their successors today, because it’s essential that this transition be seamless and that we stay focused on the urgent national security challenges before us,” Obama said.

If the Senate approves the nominations, Odierno — known for overseeing the transition from the surge to stability operations in Iraq — will replace Dempsey as the chief of staff, after just five months of holding the Army’s highest military position. Dempsey became the 37th Army chief of staff, April 11.

Odierno currently serves as commander of the U.S. Joint Forces Command, which is being deactivated no later than Aug. 31.

Gen. David Petraeus, commander of the International Security Assistance Force and U.S. Forces Afghanistan, served with Odierno in the earliest days of the conflict in Iraq, in 2003. During the recent surge in Iraq, Petraeus also served as Multi-National Forces-Iraq commander, while Odierno served as the Multi-National Corps-Iraq commander.

“His leadership of MNC-I was absolutely magnificent, his operational vision was exceptional, his determination was extraordinary and his drive was legendary,” Petraeus said. “It was an enormous privilege to have him as a key member of the team during that pivotal period in Iraq.”

Odierno assumed Petraeus’ position at MNF-I in September 2008 and was there through its transition. Odierno “continued to make a tremendous impact ... as the overall commander there for another two years,” Petraeus said.

In October 2010, Odierno took command of U.S. Joint Forces Command, “shouldering with great skill and vision, the delicate task of transitioning vital capabilities of (U.S. JFCOM) to other organizations, to enable the disestablishment of that command,” Petraeus said.

“In three pivotal deployments to Iraq, he commanded the troops that captured Saddam Hussein, partnered with Gen. Petraeus to help bring down the violence and then transferred responsibility to Iraqi forces, allowing us to remove some 100,000 American troops and end our combat mission,” Obama said.

“After years on the front lines, (Odierno) understands what the Army must do to prevail in today’s wars, to prepare for the future and to preserve the readiness of the Soldiers and families who are the strength of America’s families,” Obama said.



Chris Aguinaldo | Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam

Distinguished visitor

FORD ISLAND — En route to Singapore, U.S. Secretary of Defense Robert Gates (right) toured the USS Battleship Missouri Memorial, here, May 31.

“It seems to me, visiting this ship and looking at the Arizona Memorial is fitting the day after Memorial Day. It serves as a reminder of all of those who serve and made the supreme sacrifice for our country,” Gates said.

Gates acknowledged how the men and women of Hawaii continue to make contributions in service to the country. In particular, he spoke of his recent visit in Iraq with Soldiers from the 25th Infantry Division.

“I just want to thank all the people of Hawaii for the support that you provide to the U.S. military and all the services,” he said.

Personal relationships have easy, hard miles

CHAPLAIN (CAPT.) MARK SEDWICK
65th Engineer Battalion, 130th Eng. Brigade, 8th Theater Sustainment Command

During the month of May, I deployed with my battalion to the Pohakuloa Training Area on the Big Island for four weeks of intense training: weapons qualification, air-to-ground communication exercises, evening drivers’ training and convoy operations and rigorous physical fitness activities conducted at altitudes between 6,000 and 13,800 feet.

The culmination of our four-week deployment included an eight-mile hike up Mauna Kea, beginning at an altitude of 9,000 feet and concluding at 13,800 feet. I was absolutely amazed to discover lots of snow and 30-degree temperatures at the summit.

While traversing the eight, very steep miles up Mauna Kea, I was reminded of running half and full marathons and the dramatic difference between the easy and hard miles.

During the first few easier miles, Soldiers talked with their battle buddies and joked about the winter weather we would find at the summit. As the miles and altitude increased, and the temperature decreased, no one was laughing anymore.

The trek to the top became an internal struggle for each individual Soldier. Most of the young warriors dug deep within themselves and found the strength to

reach the mountaintop, while others succumbed to “tiny-heart syndrome” and quit.

It was my great honor and privilege to offer words of encouragement to the Soldiers or perhaps a brief prayer on their behalf, as we made our way to the elusive summit. I didn’t find too many atheists at 13,000 feet.

Climbing the mountain also reminded me of the old adage often heard during the first few days, weeks and months of a combat deployment: “It’s a marathon, not a sprint.” That philosophy can be applied to Army careers and, in a larger and more important sense, to marriages and other interpersonal relationships.

In all of our personal and professional interactions with others, there will be easy and hard miles. We will enjoy the easy miles, the days of wine and roses, when our love tanks are full, and we feel completely loved and appreciated by our spouse or significant other. Other miles are more difficult, as we argue with one another or prepare to deploy to a combat theater of operation.

I encourage you to approach and embrace your relationship with your spouse or significant other as a marathon, not a sprint. Understand that you will experience easy and hard miles along the journey, and not always at the same time.

Keep your hearts and minds focused on reaching the summit, so you can play in the snow when you finally get there.

During the difficult miles, when you are angry and contemplating giving in to tiny heart syndrome and quitting the race, just keep going for one more mile.

Getting it Straight

Sgt. Kyle Thomas’s unit was misidentified in the “8th TSC names victors in Warrior Challenge,” on page A-4 of the June 3 issue. Thomas serves with the 70th Geospatial Company, 65th Engineer Battalion, 130th Eng. Brigade, 8th Theater Sustain-

ment Command.

The 523rd Eng. Co., 84th Eng. Bn., 130th Eng. Bde., 8th TSC, was misidentified in the article “130th Eng. Bde. repairs roads, updates maps and sets up TAC at PTA,” on page A-6 of the May 20 issue. Also, the name of Capt. Tom Elison, commander, 523rd Eng. Co., 84th Eng. Bn., 130th Eng. Bde., was spelled incorrectly.

June is National Safety Month

How do you keep your family safe?

Photos by U.S. Army-Pacific Public Affairs

Army is still ‘strength of the nation’ after 236 years of history

ERIN O. STATTEL
Army News Service

ARLINGTON, Va. — Combat and humanitarian assistance are just a few of the roles some 1 million members of the U.S. Army perform today, and have been performing for more than 200 years.

The Army celebrates its 236th birthday, June 14, and Army garrisons worldwide will be celebrating 236 years of strong service to the nation.

“From the first battles at Lexington and Concord, to the streets of Mosul and Kandahar, Soldiers have always defended freedom and epitomized what is best about America,” said Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. Martin Dempsey, referring to the past and present role of the U.S. Army.

Dempsey said that as the Army moves forward, it will continue to be the strength of the nation.

“We will remain the nation’s decisive force, the clearest symbol of America’s commitment to freedom and the country’s pre-eminent leadership experience,” he said. “We will remain America’s Army – the strength of the nation.”

Sgt. Maj. of the Army Raymond Chandler reminded everyone that while the Army celebrates, Soldiers are still engaged in theater.

“As we celebrate our Army’s birthday, remember that we still have more than 120,000 Soldiers in Afghanistan and Iraq,” Chandler said. “Happy birthday to those who make the Army what it is today, the premier fighting force in the free world. You are America’s Army and you are ‘Army Strong.’”

Congress created the Army, June 14, 1775, and \$2 million was allocated to support forces positioned around New York and Boston. Congress also voted to bring forth a uniform set of rules and regulations to the newly formed Army, and it authorized the formation of 10



Courtesy Photo

Soldiers enjoy a slice of a colossal Army birthday cake, June 14, 2010, in the Pentagon courtyard. The Army's 236th birthday is this year, and Army commands worldwide will be celebrating more than 200 years of strong history and service to the nation with special commemorations of their own.

companies of expert riflemen from Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia, who would later become known as the 1st Continental Regiment.

Soldiers, family members and Army civilians all over the U.S. and overseas will mark the Army’s 236th birthday with celebrations of their own.



Army Commemoration

U.S. Army-Pacific invites Soldiers, Army civilians and government contractors, retirees, ROTC cadets and family members to celebrate 236 years of Army tradition at the Army Commemoration, 6 p.m., June 10, at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Hotel’s Coral Ballroom, Waikiki.

The evening includes dining, dancing and entertainment. Call 271-5561 or visit www.usarpac.army.mil/



236th birthday.

Attire for military is Army Dress Blues/Mess; for civilians, formal evening wear. Rooms can be reserved at the Hilton Hawaiian Village for \$149, plus tax. Call 949-4321 or visit www.hiltonhawaiianvillage.com for reservations and ask for the “Army Birthday Commemoration.”

For additional information or resources like free Army ringtones, visit www.army.mil/birthday/236.

Army Birthday Menu

In celebration of the Army’s birthday, several dining facilities will have a special menu for their lunch meal, June 14. The cost of the meal is \$7.

Participating DFACs include 2nd Brigade Combat Team, Schofield Barracks; K Quad, Schofield Barracks; 25th Combat Aviation

Brigade, Wheeler Army Airfield; and the Non-commissioned Officer Academy, East Range.

Menu items include salmon primavera, grilled streak, Asian barbecue turkey, eggplant parmesan, shrimp salad, barbecued pork sandwiches and chicken fajitas, along with sides such as salads, fruits, vegetables, desserts and standard options. Call 655-8799.

MIC3: House Bill 4 helps to ease transitions

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requirement and allowing the child of a deployed service member to finish the school year at the school he or she is currently enrolled in, while in the custody of a guardian.

Hawaii’s State Council includes six uniformed military members representing all branches of the military and a member representing the U.S. Pacific Command. The other 38 states only have one military representative serving on their state councils.

“If every state had the organization and structure Hawaii has, there would no challenges,” said retired Brig. Gen. Norman Arflack, the executive director of the National Interstate Compact Commission. “You have broken the code here in Hawaii.”

“Other states monitor what is being done here,” said Rick Masters, legal counsel to the national commission. “This is what the compact is about.”

Since the 2008 legislative session, Takai has worked with numerous organizations and individuals to analyze how Hawaii supports military children who frequently move into and out of Hawaii’s education system.

“Together with Sen. Jill Tokuda, former Sen. Norman Sakamoto and Rep. Roy Takumi, we have worked diligently over the past decade to build a comprehensive partnership between the military and our school system, to understand and recognize the unique challenges facing military children and their families,” Takai said.



- MIC3 resources**
- www.mic3.net
 - www.militaryfamily.k12.hi.us/seminar/interstatecompact/index.htm

Engineers plan several projects on four islands

SPC. BRANDON ROSS

14th Engineer Detachment, 84th Eng. Battalion, 130th Eng. Brigade, 8th Theater Sustainment Command

KWAJALEIN ATOLL, Republic of Marshall Islands — Engineers embarked on their second non-military troop construction master plan mission, here, recently.

The master plan at the 14th Engineer Detachment, 84th Eng. Battalion, 130th Eng. Brigade, 8th Theater Sustainment Command, includes 22 projects, ranging from heavy demolition to building renovations and road repairs on four islands.

With the experience of a previous Pohakuloa Training Area troop construction master plan project under their belts, the engineers were well prepared to begin the mission. They gathered information, assessed facilities and compiled a list of projects.

“The unique aspect of construction projects in Kwajalein Atoll is not all of the projects are on one island,” said 1st Lt. Jason Carney, Public Works engineer, 14th Eng. Det., 84th Eng. Bn., 130th Eng. Bde. “We have identified projects on four islands — Kwajalein, Meck, Enniburr and Carlos, and each island has its own special considerations.”

Kwajalein Atoll is part of the chain of islands that makes up the Republic of Marshall Islands, with its largest island, Kwajalein, measuring less than two square miles. In exchange for military defense and funding for social services, the Republic of Marshall Islands allotted a portion of its land to the U.S. government for military operations.

Since the Korean War, Kwajalein Atoll’s primary focus has been to conduct ballistic missile testing, both nuclear and non-nuclear. Operations conducted there have made major advances to former President Ronald Reagan’s “Star Wars” program for missile defense.

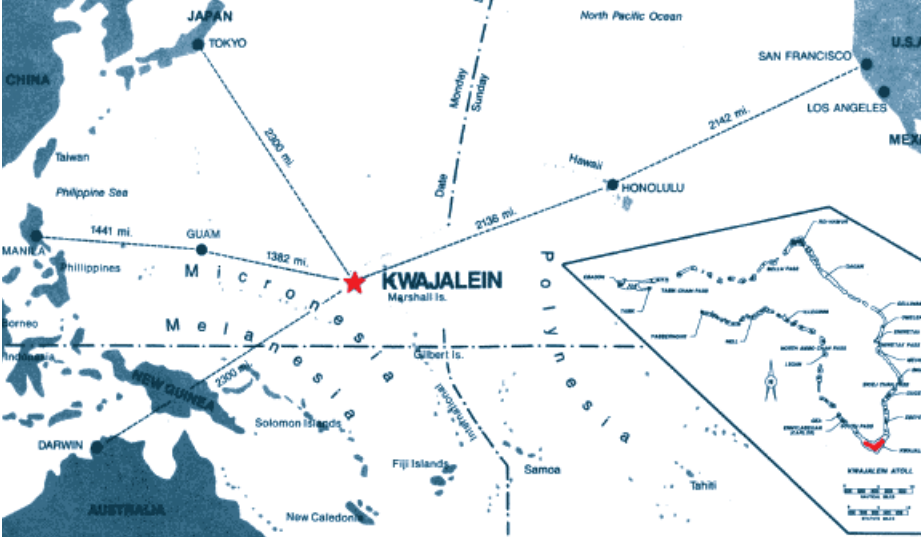
Although Kwajalein Atoll is an ideal testing range for ballistic missiles due to its geography, the small and narrow islands offer very little shelter from the Pacific Ocean’s salt water. Because of the unique corrosive climate of the high-salt content in the atmosphere, and an average annual rainfall of more than 100 inches, the infrastructure of most buildings on the islands have a much shorter life cycle than usual. Corrosion of steel beams and struts are a major concern; mold can infest entire buildings in a matter of months.

Carney explained that Kwajalein Island has most of the construction projects and most of the logistical support, making construction mis-



1st Lt. Jason Carney | 14th Engineer Detachment, 84th Eng. Battalion, 130th Eng. Brigade, 8th Theater Sustainment Command

Above — Sgt. 1st Class Michael Kendall (right) assesses water purification equipment with Maj. Chris Mills, both in the 14th Eng. Det., 84th Eng. Bn., 130th Eng. Bde., 8th TSC, for the Marshallese living on Carlos Island, one of the islands that makes up the Republic of Marshall Islands, depicted below.



sions there relatively hassle-free for units. He said very few Marshallese live on this island, but many of the projects are in environmentally sensitive areas.

In contrast, Carlos Island has virtually no logistical support for construction units, and many

Marshallese children live very close to and play at the demolition site.

The construction projects will be used for either training opportunities for U.S. Army-Pacific engineers in troop-to-task construction projects or be the basis for hiring construction contractors.



Liana Mayo | 311th Signal Command Public Affairs

Reunited

WHEELER ARMY AIRFIELD — A Soldier from the 307th Expeditionary Signal Battalion, 516th Sig. Brigade, 311th Sig. Command, reunites with his child during a welcome home ceremony at Wheeler Gulch, here, June 5, following the 307th's yearlong deployment to Afghanistan.

The unit provided communications support as part of Operation Enduring Freedom. Read more about this homecoming, June 17.

18th MEDCOM welcomes new commander

CAPT. JESSIE R. ROMERO

18th Medical Command (Deployment Support) Public Affairs

FORT SHAFTER — Col. Judith Bock assumed command of the 18th Medical Command (Deployment Support) from Col. Erin Edgar, here, June 3.

Bock comes to the unit from Tripler Army Medical Center, where she was the deputy commander for nursing, and she was the regional nurse executive for the Pacific Region Medical Command.

Edgar will be transferring to U.S. Central Command.

“Edgar has been busy these past two years in standing up the 18th MEDCOM (DS),” said Brig. Gen. Keith Gallagher, TAMC and PRMC. “He has built a tremendously capable mission control headquarters that can deliver medical units, blood, trauma systems, electronic medical records and other key medical components to the U.S. Army-Pacific commander for use on any battlefield or disaster relief mission.”

The 18th MEDCOM (DS) can now establish an operational command post anywhere in theater, with the focus of building capacity for U.S. forces. The unit can also help neighboring Pacific nations train for a variety of missions, including humanitarian assistance, and build their technical proficiency, first responder skills and management capabilities, Gallagher said.

The unit has deployed several senior officers and noncommissioned officers to Cambodia, Vietnam, Mongolia and other countries in the Pacific theater, as part of the Theater Security Cooperation Plan, to build and



Daniel Kawasaki | Tripler Army Medical Center

Brig. Gen. Keith Gallagher (left), commander, TAMC and PRMC, and Col. Erin Edgar (center), outgoing commander, 18th MEDCOM (DS), stand ready to transfer authority to the incoming commander, Col. Judith Bock (right), during the change of command ceremony at Fort Shafter, June 3.

sustain stronger bonds with the medical departments of these countries.

The 18th MEDCOM (DS) staff also participated in the Pacific Integration Conference in early January, setting a positive tone for the entire Army in the Pacific, fostering stronger relationships with U.S. forces in Korea, establishing mutually agreed upon requirements and identifying areas for future discussion and technical review, Gallagher said.

“Today, we welcome the newest commander in the U.S. Army, Col. Judy Bock,” Gallagher said. “(She) brings tremendous leadership, dedication, hard work, process-driven and meticulous methods, and an awesome clinical prowess to the 18th MEDCOM (DS).

“She is an awesome teacher, educator and gifted leader, who will ex-

ercise her staff to the highest standards, especially during the Main Command Post Certification exercise later this summer,” Gallagher continued. “She will indeed prepare the 18th MEDCOM (DS) for any mission given.”

The 18th MEDCOM (DS) has both active and Reserve components. Bock said she looked forward to sharing in the unit’s accomplishments as it moves toward full operational capabilities.

“Soldiers of the 18th MEDCOM (DS), you look magnificent, and I extend to you my admiration for all that you have accomplished in the last couple of years,” Bock said to the attendees. “I feel I have been granted a great privilege to command (you), and I will honor that privilege with everything that I have.”

2nd BCT: Units rise to the occasion, complete missions during deployment

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job; we advised, trained and assisted. ... Each unit had specific missions over there, and whatever that mission was, (the unit) seemed to rise to the occasion. We made Iraq a better country in the year we were there.”

“Once the mission was put before them, (Soldiers) were able to get anything accomplished that needed to get done,” said Sgt. Jeffrey Moore,

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd BCT.

Every Soldier deployed downrange faces different hardships and challenges, and being away from friends and family is the biggest one, according to Spc. Matthew Sparks, HHC, 2nd BCT.

“I think that challenges are numerous for each and every individual,” he said. “(For some, this was) their first deployment, and it’s hard being away, and (for) others, it’s old hat to them.”

“I think it’s the strength of the family back home and the support groups that really made it successful for everybody,” Boussy said.

During deployments, Soldiers’ spouses and families endure many hardships, while offering unwavering support for their loved ones downrange. Moore’s wife, Gina, said that taking care of the kids was the hardest challenge, but added that she has “been waiting a long year for him to come home.”

The 2nd BCT deployed June 2010 for a yearlong

mission to Iraq in support of Operation New Dawn. The brigade conducted stability operations and security force assistance in Diyala, Salah ad Din and Kirkuk provinces, to support Iraq’s continued development as a sovereign nation and strategic partner in the region.

Pfc. Anthony Stephens, Company C, 1st Battalion, 27th Inf. Regt., 2nd BCT, said the brigade’s mission was “keeping the area safe (and) showing our presence as much as possible.”



Courtesy Photo

Pfc. Jeffrey Watts (left), HHC, 3rd BSTB, 3rd BCT, 25th ID, receives his combat patch from his company commander, Capt. Ericka Mier, during 3rd BSTB's combat patch ceremony at FOB Finley Shields, Afghanistan, May 27.

Combat patch ceremony honors ‘Tropic Lightning’

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JALALABAD, Afghanistan – A combat patch ceremony honored “Tropic Lightning” forces at Forward Operating Base Finley Shields, here, May 27.

Soldiers of the 3rd Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 3rd Bde. Combat Team, “Task Force Bronco,” 25th Infantry Division, received and donned combat patches on the right sleeves of their uniforms.

The significance of the combat patch isn’t about adding another piece of cloth to a uniform, but honors warriors who have answered the call of service to the U.S.

“Being able to wear a combat patch is the final touch confirming that I achieved what I set out to do,” said 1st Lt. Blake Dunn, Company A, 3rd BSTB, 3rd BCT. “I have planned, trained and prepared to defend my country, but being able to wear the combat patch means that I am defending my country.”

The 25th ID patch has been worn since the division fought in World War II; its lineage includes Tropic Lightning combat veterans from the Korean War, the Vietnam War and operations Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom and New Dawn.

“I feel a lot of pride in earning my first combat patch, not just any combat patch, but that of the 25th ID,” said Sgt. Ketsarin Panuvong, engagement noncommissioned officer in charge, Headquarters and Headquarters Co., 3rd BSTB, 3rd BCT. “The cultural heritage that ties into the history of Hawaii, even in the shape of the patch being a taro leaf, really shows the true diversity of our great country.”

‘Warriors’ pay tribute during Memorial Day

Story and Photo by

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CONTINGENCY OPERATING BASE WARHORSE, Iraq – Sgt. Robert Marrero remembers 12 friends when he sees the memorial listing of all who paid the ultimate sacrifice for freedom, here.

“I’ve been here four times, and it’s not easy to reflect upon the friends and Soldiers I knew who died out here,” he said, reading the names on the monument. “I think about them every day I serve, and it’s why I still wear this uniform and keep coming back here.”

Marrero, Orderly Room noncommissioned officer, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, joined the ranks of many Soldiers who paid tribute to fallen service members during a Memorial Day ceremony, here, May 30.

Several hundred “Warrior Brigade” Soldiers gathered around the sacred Memorial Gardens monument to reflect upon the sacrifices of men and women in uniform.

Col. Malcolm Frost, commander, 2nd BCT, said the day was to honor those who take the road less traveled – service members. Soldiers are the greatest team on earth, he said, serving the noblest of causes, freedom and justice, and fighting tyranny, terrorism and those who tear away at American values. He added, Soldiers share a camaraderie, esprit de corps and sense of being a part of something greater than themselves.

Frost went on to reflect on the sacrifices of families who have supported those who serve throughout the nation’s history during times of conflict.

“They keep our Army families strong, keep the fires burning, worry and pray for us daily, and do the best they can to keep a sense of normalcy while we are away,” he said.

During the service, Soldiers honored the fallen with tributary volleys and laid special wreaths at the base of the monument, to honor all the fallen men and women of the armed forces serving in Iraq.

“Out here, you honor the fallen Soldiers, daily,” Marrero said. “Each time we put on the uniform, we do our part to complete the mission for them. ... It’s in the back of your mind, (but) you have to focus and look beyond what has happened to find mean-



Col. Malcolm Frost (right), commander, 2nd BCT, 25th ID, and Command Sgt. Maj. William Hain, senior enlisted leader, 2nd BCT, salute the monument of fallen Soldiers during a Memorial Day tribute, May 30, at COB Warhorse, Iraq.

ing in someone’s sacrifice.”

The brigade has endured its share of sacrifices, with five names placed upon the memorial, including 1st Lt. Michael Runyan, Sgt. Jamal Rhett, Staff Sgt. Phillip Jenkins, Pfc. James McClamrock and Sgt. David Luff.

Each has joined the ranks of those who paid the ultimate sacrifice in the name of freedom for their country.

3rd BCT takes steps to help Afghans succeed

Story and Photo by
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KUNAR PROVINCE, Afghanistan — “Task Force Cacti” Soldiers have the daunting task of training Afghan National army, or ANA, soldiers in everything, including medical, logistical and security aspects.

The task, dubbed Operation Stone Steps, comes at a critical time in a critical place, said Capt. Weston Amaya, an Afghan National Security Forces liaison within TF Cacti.

Soldiers from 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry Regiment, TF Cacti, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, traveled by helicopters into the Pech River Valley to train Afghan soldiers at Nangalam Base, here, recently.

“The ANA’s ability to really dominate the terrain out here is going to be a decisive move for them,” Amaya said. “Right now, they are doing a very good job at it. Frankly, they’ve had almost no coalition presence here until Stone Steps began.”

Maj. Mullah Mahbob, operations officer with ANA, explained that the Pech River Valley is more dangerous than other areas because it is an important route for insurgents coming from Pakistan, and the mountains make it difficult to defend.

“We have tried to decrease the enemy situ-



Spc. Joshua McLay (right), infantry squad designated marksman, Company A, 2nd Bn., 35th Inf. Regt., 3rd BCT, 25th ID, shows an ANA soldier how to properly sight an M14 rifle during Operation Stone Steps at Nangalam Base, Afghanistan, May 31.

ation with the support and coordination of coalition forces, and (we) have been successful,” Mahbob said. “Terrorism is not only an Afghan problem, but an international problem.”

During the past few months, the ANA independently conducted several patrols, successful-

ly clearing the area of many insurgents, Mahbob said. He added that if his men aren’t better trained or equipped, they might fail.

“Right now, we’re not going to let (training) falter, and we’re not going to let it fail. I’m not. Not on my watch. I’m going to continue to

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provide those training wheels,” said Lt. Col. Colin Tuley, commander, 2nd Bn., 35th Inf. Regt., 3rd BCT. “We’re going to be out there, every week, and I’m going to keep on being there with them, with the training wheels, (until) at some point in the future, we’ve got to let them do it alone.”

Tuley explained Operation Stone Steps is part of the overarching concept of methodically transitioning to the point where coalition forces are no longer needed.

“I think the toughest part is going to be us, as a parent, letting them be out there on their own,” Tuley said. “We’re afraid of them falling down. We don’t want to watch them fall down and skin up their knees, (but) sometimes, you have to watch them fall, learn and get up and get better.”

After four days of training the ANA, Amaya could already sense a boost in morale.

“We’re not just ... handing this over and saying, ‘Hey, good luck,’” Amaya said. “We’re here for the long haul. We’re their partners. We’re going to do whatever it takes to make sure the ANA is successful in the Pech. I think that means a lot to them.”

Amaya added that when the ANA is able to sustain and take ownership of the Pech, ANA soldiers will serve as a model and shining light for the way ahead.

‘Golden Dragons’ return post to Government of Iraq

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CONTINGENCY OPERATING SITE WARRIOR, Iraq — U.S. forces officially returned Contingency Operating Location Gaines Mills to the Government of Iraq during a transfer ceremony in Kirkuk province, Iraq, June 1.

Lt. Col. Andrew Ulrich, commander, 1st Battalion, 14th Infantry Regiment, “Golden Dragons,” 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, officially signed over stewardship of the compound to Col. Kalaid, executive officer, 47th Bde., 12th Iraqi Army Div.

Kalaid thanked Soldiers of 1st Bn., 14th Inf. Regt., 2nd BCT, and all the other units that served at COL Gaines Mills during recent years, for their support and friendship.

“We remember today, the circumstances our Soldiers went through together,” said Kalaid. “During counterterrorism operations and training, you stood by us. Also by providing logistical

support and intelligence, the American Soldiers have assisted us greatly and shown that they are true friends.”

The return of COL Gaines Mills, known as Tal Awar, to Iraqi Security Forces, or ISF, serves as a symbol of the ISF’s readiness to train and conduct operations independently, Ulrich said, during the transfer ceremony.

“We are very sad today to leave Tal Awar,” Ulrich told ISF soldiers. “It has been our home away from home for the past year now, but we hope you enjoy it for many years to come.”

Golden Dragon Soldiers are the last U.S. forces assigned to COL Gaines Mills; they worked closely with Iraqi troops occupying the rest of the base and assisted them during partnered security operations near Kirkuk.

As U.S. forces transitioned to an advise, train and assist role during Operation New Dawn, Soldiers shifted their focus to the professional development of their Iraqi counterparts, said 1st Sgt. Craig Buck, senior enlisted leader, Company C, 1st

Bn., 14th Inf. Regt., 2nd BCT.

“(The Iraqis) are already handling most operations on their own,” Buck said. “I give all the credit for the success of our mission to my Soldiers, especially my platoon sergeants, who were out there training the Iraqis every day.

“Turning this place over is a boost of confidence to the Iraqi soldiers,” he continued “It signifies a change, not only a change in the property books but (in) the confidence that the Iraqi populace has in its army.”

Ulrich said U.S. Soldiers will continue to train and work with Iraqi units for the duration of OND.

“Every day we spend working together makes us better,” Ulrich said. “Whether it’s training or fighting insurgents, we learn from each other. I hope for a continued, long-lasting relationship between the people and the army of Iraq, and the people and Army of the U.S.”

“We will stay loyal to the people and give our hearts and bodies to making a strong Iraq,” Kalaid said.



Lt. Col. Andrew Ulrich, commander, 1st Bn., 14th Inf. Regt., “Golden Dragons,” 2nd BCT, 25th ID, addresses soldiers assigned to 47th Bde., 12th IA Div., during the COL Gaines Mills transfer ceremony in Kirkuk province, Iraq, June 1.

COE-hosted contracting forum benefits women-owned businesses

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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS – More than 160 small business owners, mostly women, attended the Hawaii Army Industry Day for Women-Owned Small Business at the Nehelani, here, June 1.

Co-hosted by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers-Honolulu District, the 413th Contracting Support Brigade and the Honolulu Minority Business Enterprise Center, the program provided small business owners with the information and resources necessary to pursue government contracts.

“We are very proud of our success awarding work to qualified small businesses, but it takes constant effort on both our parts to keep the program successful,” said Lt. Col. Douglas Guttormsen, commander, USACE-HD, to the attendees.

Recently, the U.S. Small Business Administration expanded federal contracting opportunities for women-owned small businesses. The WOSB Federal Contract program authorizes contracting officers to set aside certain federal contracts for eligible WOSBs, or economically disadvantaged WOSBs, in 83 different industry groups within the North American Industry Classification System.

“This is the first event of its kind in Hawaii,” said Cathy Yoza, deputy director, Small Business and Programs, USACE-HD.

Female contractors also shared their experi-



Lt. Col. Douglas Guttormsen, commander, USACE-HD, welcomes attendees to Hawaii Army Industry Day at the Nehelani, Schofield Barracks, June 1.

ences as small business owners.

“You never thought you’d work so hard in your life!” said Diana Wong, owner and president of D and D Construction Inc., and mother of two children. “I had this innate passion of one day owning my own business.”

Wong advised her fellow female small business owners to find out what their competitive advantages are and to use them.

Julie Beck, of Beck Environmental and Remediation Ltd., emphasized the need for small business owners to become experts in their respective fields and to get to know the “movers and shakers” in those fields.

“Partner with people who are going to let you run your own business,” Beck said.

The third WOSB speaker was Nadine Stollenmaier, owner of Dunhill Professional Staffing of



For more information about USACE-HD’s Small Business Program, call 438-8586 or email CEPOH-DB@usace.army.mil.

Hawaii. Starting off as an office assistant in 1988, Stollenmaier purchased the company in 1993.

Stollenmaier encouraged conference attendees to use the resources available to them through the Department of Labor and the Small Business Administration.

“They’re helping. They are trying to help us ... so give them a call,” Stollenmaier said.

The panelists gave sound advice that could be applied to all business owners, but most of the day was geared toward educating and encouraging female owners of small business to participate in the WOSB Federal Contract Program.

“We were really pleased to exceed our goals for the (last fiscal) year,” Guttormsen said to attendees, “and we look forward to continuing to work with you to exceed those goals again this year.”

News Briefs

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

Today Santos Dumont Construction

– The major closure of Santos Dumont Avenue, Wheeler Army Airfield, from Nakamine Street to Kawamura Gate, will continue through June 10 for drainline construction and road reconstruction.

The section of Santos Dumont Avenue between Warhawk and Nakamine streets will be closed for road reconstruction until June 10.

Get more traffic updates at

www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil; click on “Post Information,” then “Traffic Updates.”

Photos Needed – The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund is working to collect pictures of every casualty for inclusion on the memorial wall in Washington.

Currently, the organization has photos for 55 of the 276 casualties from Hawaii.

Visit www.vvmf.org/pafwan for more details.

Research Study – Civilian spouses or unmarried partners of National Guard and Reserve Soldiers are invited to participate in a nationwide study.

The study, conducted at the University of Hawaii, focuses on post-deployment marital distress and behavioral health issues.

To participate, visit armyspousestudy.com. All data received is anonymous.

14 / Tuesday Luncheon

– The Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association of Hawaii will hold a buffet luncheon, 11 a.m., June 14, at the Hale Ikena, Fort Shafter. Guest speaker is Capt. Nicholas Mongillo, commanding officer, Pacific Missile Range Facility, who will discuss “PMRF – Current Ops and Future Plans.”

Visit www.afceahawaii.org or call 441-8524. All military and civilians are welcome.

Mandatory Training – U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii’s Equal Employment Opportunity Office will conduct EEO/Prevention of Sexual Harassment and No Fear Act training for all civilian employees and military supervisors at Fort Shafter’s Hale Ikena:

- June 15 – Employees: 8:30 a.m. or 1 p.m. Supervisors: 10 a.m. or 2:30 p.m.
- June 16 – Employees: 10

a.m. or 2:30 p.m. Supervisors: 8:30 a.m. or 1 p.m.

A sign language interpreter will be available at the 8:30 a.m., June 15 session. Call 655-9382.

16 / Thursday FBI Recruitment

– Attend an FBI career presentation and learn about the FBI, 10 a.m., June 16, at the Soldiers Support Center, Building 750, 673 Ayers Ave., Schofield Barracks. The next presentation is set for 10 a.m., July 22. Call 655-1028.

17 / Friday Arrival Ceremony

– The Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command will conduct an arrival ceremony, 9 a.m., June 17, Hangar 35, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, to honor fallen U.S. personnel whose identities remain unknown. Call 448-1934 or email pao_mail@

jpac.pacom.mil.

22 / Wednesday Facility Closure

– The Installation Supply Support Activity will be closed June 22-28 for physical inventory. Only high-priority emergency requests will be processed during this time. Normal operations will resume June 29.

For emergency services during this period, call 656-0744 or 656-2277.

23 / Thursday Antiterrorism Exercise

– U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii will conduct its annual antiterrorism exercise, “Rapid Response 2011,” June 23-24, on Schofield Barracks. This exercise assesses and validates emergency response plans and procedures.

The mass notification/giant voice system will begin with

“exercise, exercise, exercise” and will announce general public information and all incidents that have occurred on post.

All Schofield Barracks gates will close at 10:30 a.m. June 23, for about 10 minutes. Motorists should plan for additional travel time due to expected traffic congestion. Call 656-5397/0152.

Career Fair – The Virtual Career Fair for Veterans is set for June 23 at www.veteranscareerfair.com. Participation is free for jobseekers. The fair will bring veteran-friendly public and private employers, veterans and spouses together, as if in person.

Jobseekers can visit employer booths, chat with recruiters, and apply for jobs. Employers are invited to participate. Details are available at www.veteranscareerfair.com.

HUREX: Annual scenario tests USAG–HI’s lifesaving capabilities

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agencies involved the opportunity to test, evaluate and update procedures and to activate memorandums of agreement and memorandums of understanding with partner agencies and the state of Hawaii.

This year’s exercise began with a message sent from Hawaii’s Pacific Disaster Center on a severe weather warning.

From May 23-27, pre-landfall activities were executed to help prepare the installation to sustain a hurricane.

Then, in the scenario, a Category 4 hurricane – with wind speeds up to 150 mph, massive rain and flooding – struck Oahu, May 28.

USAG-HI’s emergency operations center went into post-landfall activities, with damage assessments and possible loss of life and property, May 29-31. The garrison conducted full-scale installation operations to simulate damages and add realism to the scenario.

Soldiers simulated the wounded, moved equipment and personnel from one installation to another, and tested communications between military and civilian authorities.

Tripler Army Medical Center received Soldiers who were flown in for treatment, as units supported the installation with safe-haven operations. Installation family assistance centers processed Soldiers and volunteers to assist with the discomforts and losses that were also simulated during Makani Pahili.

After the HUREX, 12 subject matter experts evaluated and assessed USAG-HI’s preparations for disasters, technical performance and procedural steps.

Together with the garrison commander, Col. Douglas Mulbury, directorates, supporting staff and tenants gathered valuable after-action analysis that will aid readiness and recovery from potential hurricanes.

Hawaii’s hurricane season began June 1 and continues through November 30.



Courtesy of Tripler Army Medical Center Visual Information

The medical staff of TAMC’s emergency room simulate treating a victim of a building collapse on the hospital’s grounds during a mass casualty exercise, June 2.



Courtesy of U.S. Army-Pacific

A U.S. Coast Guard service member (left) gives directions to a U.S. Army-Pacific Deployable Assessment Team driver, as he loads a humvee onto a C-130 for the return flight from the Big Island to Oahu, May 31, after participating in the Makani Pahili hurricane exercise.



Angela Sanders | Federal Fire Department

Members of the Hazardous Material Operation Team, Federal Fire Department, go through the decontamination process after removing a 150-pound chlorine container from a simulated, collapsed building in Quad C, Schofield Barracks, June 1.

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WARRIOR CHALLENGE

USARPAC NCOs, Soldiers display their personal best at annual competition

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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS – Six noncommissioned officers and five Soldiers from throughout U.S. Army-Pacific will have to wait until this evening to find out who is the best of the best.

That's when the 2011 USARPAC NCO and Soldier of the Year will be revealed at the USARPAC Army Birthday Commemoration at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Hotel in Honolulu.

The winners will represent USARPAC at the Armywide competition later this year.

Most of the NCOs and Soldiers started their journeys six months ago when their units conducted their own internal warrior challenges. Competitors vied

with battle buddies in their units to win, before respective winners then moved up to compete in USARPAC's Warrior Challenge.

The Warrior Challenge finds the best NCO and Soldier in the Pacific.

"The importance of the Warrior Challenge is so that USARPAC can select an NCO and Soldier of the Year to represent the command at the Armywide competition," said Sgt. Maj. Steven Hatton, USARPAC Operations, Plans and Training Office.

During the five-day competition, Soldiers

are tested on their Army knowledge and physical and mental stamina. Throughout the week, Soldiers completed Warrior Task Testing, combatives, a physical fitness test, M4 carbine qualification and day/land navigation.

At the end of the competition, points are tallied and the highest-scoring NCO and Soldier are chosen as the Pacific region's NCO and Soldier of the Year.

Each participant can earn a maximum of 500 points throughout the competition.

"Once all the events are completed, the scores are tabulated and the NCO and Soldier with the most points win," Hatton said. "We try to make the Warrior Challenge resemble the (Armywide) competition, so the competitors will know what to expect at the Department of the Army level."

USARPAC 2011 Warrior Competitors

- Staff Sgt. Adam Connolly
Battery A, 2nd Battalion, 11th Field Artillery Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, Schofield Barracks
- Sgt. 1st Class Brandon Cruz
3rd Bn., 196th Inf. Bde., Guam
- Spc. Christopher Hamilton
Company B, 209th Aviation Support Bn., 25th Combat Avn. Bde., 25th ID, Schofield Barracks
- Sgt Enrique Martinez
1st Bn., 1st Air Defense Artillery Regt., Kadena Air Base, Okinawa, Japan
- Spc. Kevin Oppelt
56th Signal Bn., Okinawa, Japan
- Sgt. Suzan Schnuerer
247th Military Police Detachment, Camp Zama, Japan
- Spc. Christopher Side
1st Bn., 1st ADA Regt., Kadena Air Base, Okinawa, Japan
- Sgt. Kyle Thomas
70th Geospatial Co., 65th Eng. Bn., 130th Eng. Bde., 8th Theater Sustainment Command, Schofield Barracks
- Spc. James Wells
95th Chemical Co., 17th Combat Support Sust. Bn., Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska
- Sgt. Jonathan Williams
Co. H, 1st Bn., 501st Inf. Regt., Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska
- Spc. Clarissa Wood
Forward Support Co., 84th Eng. Bn., 130th Eng. Bde., 8th TSC, Schofield Barracks

Visit www.usarpac.army.mil/wc11 to learn more about the competition and the competitors.



Sgt. Phillis White | 8th Theater Sustainment Command Public Affairs

Spc. Jacob Schatz, Headquarters and Headquarters Co., 8th Special Troops Bn., 8th TSC, gets into the kneeling position during the weapons qualification event, while competing for Soldier of the Year in the 2011 8th TSC Warrior Challenge, May 23-25, Schofield Barracks. Winners of this event progressed to the USARPAC challenge.



Sgt. Phillis White | 8th Theater Sustainment Command Public Affairs

Sgt. Kyle Thomas, FSC, 84th Eng. Bn., 130th Eng. Bde., 8th TSC, tries to regain a dominate position during combatives with a "bent arm bar" position on his opponent during the 2011 8th TSC Command Warrior Challenge Competition, Schofield Barracks, held May 23-25.



Russell Dodson | U.S. Army-Pacific Public Affairs

Spc. Kevin Oppelt, 56th Signal Bn., Okinawa, Japan, reassembles a military radio during the USARPAC Warrior Challenge, Schofield Barracks, June 7.



Spc. Hillary R. Rustine | 3rd Brigade Combat Team Public Affairs, 25th Infantry Division

Sgt. Jaunathon Martin (left), 2nd Bn., 35th Inf. Regt., 3rd BCT, 25th ID, measures the distance between the awards and decorations on a candidate's uniform before the brigade's competition, Feb. 23.



Russell Dodson | U.S. Army-Pacific Public Affairs

Sgt. Jonathan Williams (right), Co. H, 1st Bn., 501st Inf. Regt., Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska, is graded as he conducts unmasking procedures while wearing mission-oriented protective posture gear during the 2011 USARPAC Warrior Challenge, Schofield Barracks, June 7.



Today

Survivor Support Group – The Friday with Friends Survivor Support Group will meet 9 a.m.-noon, June 10, at the Fort Shafter Aloha Center, Building 330. Call 438-9285.

11 / Saturday

Boot Camp for New Dads – This class is set for 9 a.m.-2 p.m., June 11, Fort Shafter Aloha Center, and helps new dads to become confident and effective parents. Call 655-0596 to register.

Ceramic Mold Pouring – Stop by the Schofield Barracks Arts and Crafts Center for a session on ceramic mold pouring, 9 a.m.-noon, June 11. Cost is \$25. Call 655-4202 to register.

13 / Monday

Free Hula Classes – The Native Hawaiian Liaison Office, U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii, welcomes all Soldiers and families to participate in free hula classes, Mondays, 5-7 p.m., at Army Community Service, Building 2091, Schofield Barracks. Beginner classes are 5-6 p.m.; advanced classes are 6-7 p.m. Classes feature the different types of hula, fundamentals of hula steps, movement and posture. Call 655-9694 or email nhliaison@gmail.com.

Summer Reading Program – This year's theme is "A Midsummer Knight's Read" and runs June 13-July 16. Participants need to read at least one book a week and visit the library for one prize per week, while supplies last. Registration is mandatory.

Weekly story times at all libraries start at 10 a.m.; free weekly entertainment begins at 3 p.m. Call 655-8002, 438-9521 or 839-2821.

The program is open to the following groups:

- Keiki, ages 3-5 ("Read to Me" program).
- Keiki, ages 6-12.
- Teens, ages 13-18.
- Adults.

14 / Tuesday

Newborn Care II – Class is 9-11 a.m., June 14, Aliamanu Community Center. New parents can learn how to care for a new baby. This class is a two-part series that is offered every month. Call 655-4227.

Bunco – Play bunco 6 p.m., June 14, at the Tropics Recreation Center, Schofield Barracks. All ID card holders 18 and older are welcome. Call 655-5698 for information.

15 / Wednesday

Home Alone Awareness – Class is 9 a.m.-2 p.m., June 15, at the Alia-



Courtesy of Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation

Direct from Hollywood

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — The Wayans brothers, Marlon (left) and Shawn (right) pose with Geraldine Jackson and her daughter Miara, at the Tropics Recreation Center, here, May 18. The Wayans, in Hawaii for a comedy tour, met with and signed autographs for Soldiers and their family members.

Both brothers shared how thankful they are for all the Soldiers and their families. Marlon had a small taste of the Army when preparing for his role in "G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra," and he comically shared his experiences shooting military-grade weapons.

manu Military Reservation Community Center. This workshop is geared toward keiki ages 9-11 and will teach them how to make responsible decisions when staying at home alone during the summer break. Lunch is provided. Call 655-0596.

"Skype to Skin" – This class is 11 a.m.-1 p.m., June 15, Army Community Service, Schofield Barracks. Participants will learn how to transition from online to face-to-face communication after deployment. Call 655-0596.

16 / Thursday

Texas Hold 'em – Games start at 6 p.m., June 16, at the Tropics Recreation Center, Schofield Barracks. All ID card holders 18 and older are welcome. Call 655-5698.

Mom & Tots Art Class – Keiki ages 3-5 can create a fun project, 10-11 a.m., June 16, for just \$4 at the Schofield Barracks Arts and Craft Center. Call 655-4202 to register.

17 / Friday

Family Fun Friday – Enjoy free pizza and games, 6 p.m., June 17, at the Tropics Recreation Center, Schofield Barracks. Call 655-5698.

19 / Sunday

Father's Day Bowling – Bowl with Dad, 10 a.m., June 19, at the bowling center at either Schofield Barracks or Fort Shafter. Call 655-0573 or 438-6733.

Ongoing

Arts and Crafts Contest – The Army's 2011 Arts and Crafts contest is open for entry submission through June 30. Compete for cash prizes against the best artists and artisans in the Army. Enter your 2-D and 3-D original art or craft works in this annual contest.

Visit www.armymwr.com and click on "Arts & Crafts" for entry forms. Call 655-4202.

Kids Bowl Free – Through July, the Fort Shafter and Schofield Barracks bowling centers are participating in the Kids Bowl Free program as a low-cost activity for children up to age 15. Parents must sign their children up at www.kidsbowlfree.com/BowlArmyHI and will then receive weekly coupons via email for two free games per child.

Normal shoe rental rates apply. Additional coupons for discounted bowling are available for other members of the family to bowl.

Kids Bowl Free hours and contact information follow:

- Fort Shafter: Monday-Tuesday, noon-5 p.m.; Wednesday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Thursday-Friday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Call 438-9996.
- Schofield Barracks: Monday-Friday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Call 655-0573.

Newcomers Tour – Sign up for the free newcomers' island tour that departs from Schofield Barracks' Army Community Service, Building 2091, or

Fort Shafter Flats' ACS, Building 1599. Call 655-4227 or 438-4499.

Quilting Workshop – Learn how to make quilts and enjoy quality time with others while quilting, every Tuesday, 6-8 p.m., at the Arts and Crafts Center, Schofield Barracks. Cost is \$25 for the first class and \$5 for subsequent classes. Call 655-4202.

Vehicle Safety Inspection – Don't forget to check your vehicle inspection sticker, located on its right-rear bumper. Is yours about to expire?

Head to your nearest Auto Skills Center. Appointments aren't necessary; first come are first served. Visit www.himwr.com for hours of operation and locations or call 438-9402 or 655-9368.

Auto Skills Center – Rent storage sheds from either the Fort Shafter or Schofield Barracks Auto Skills Center. Call 438-9402 or 655-9368.

Picture Framing – Learn customized framing at the Schofield Barracks Arts and Crafts Center. Cost for one session is \$45 and includes instruction and materials. Framing is available daily, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Call 655-4202.

Homeschool PE Classes – Army Youth Services offers physical education for the homeschooled child, 10-11 a.m., at Aliamanu and Fort Shafter; call 836-1923.

Schofield, Helemano and Wheeler Army Airfield classes are Wednesdays, 11 a.m.-12 p.m. Call 655-6465.

11 / Saturday

Closure – The Paradise Shoppette, located at Schofield Barracks, is closed through June 11 for renovation. During renovation, the Schofield Car Care Center, located at Foote Gate, Schofield Barracks, will be open 24/7. Patrons can also shop at the Kolekole Shoppette and Sunset Mini-Mall, both at Schofield Barracks. Call 423-8632.

13 / Monday

Teens 4 Animals – The Hawaiian Humane Society will hold its inaugural "Teens 4 Animals Summer Experience" for high school students with an interest in animals and animal welfare. This opportunity will provide nearly 90 hours of hands-on time with animals.

Students will be trained in a variety of animal welfare skills and exposed to a broad scope of animal careers. Sessions will run Monday through Friday, 1:30-5 p.m., June 13-July 22.

Cost is \$95. Registration forms are available at www.hawaiianhumane.org/teens4animals.html. Call 356-2206 or email bosaki@hawaiianhumane.org.

14 / Tuesday

PWOC – The Protestant Women of the Chapel will host the following event at the Main Post Chapel Annex, Room 212.

- June 14-July 26, attend Summer Bible Study. Topic is "The Best Question Ever: Learning to Foolproof Your Life."

17 / Friday

Hawaiian Cultural Experience – Bring the entire family to the Armed Services YMCA for a Hawaiian cultural experience, 5:30-7:30 p.m., June 17, at Wheeler Army Airfield.

Worship Services

Additional religious services, children's programs, educational services and contact information can be found at www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil. (Click on "Religious Support Office" under the "Directorates and Support Staff" menu).

- AMR: Aliamanu Chapel
- FD: Fort DeRussy Chapel
- FS: Fort Shafter Chapel
- HMR: Helemano Chapel
- MPC: Main Post Chapel, Schofield Barracks
- PH: Aloha Jewish Chapel, Pearl Harbor
- SC: Soldiers' Chapel, Schofield Barracks
- TAMC: Tripler Army Medical Center Chapel
- WAAF: Wheeler Army Airfield Chapel

Buddhist Services

- First Sunday, 1 p.m. at FD
- Fourth Sunday, 1 p.m. at MPC Annex

Catholic Mass

- Thursday, 9 a.m. at AMR
- Saturday, 5 p.m. at TAMC, WAAF and FD
- Sunday services:
 - 8:30 a.m. at AMR
 - 10:30 a.m. at MPC Annex
 - 11 a.m. at TAMC
- Monday-Friday, 11:45 a.m. at MPC and 12 p.m.TAMC

Gospel Worship

- Sunday, 12 p.m. 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, FS, 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.



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

Today

King Kamehameha Day – In 1871, King Kamehameha V proclaimed June 11 as "King Kamehameha Day" to honor his grandfather, King Kamehameha I. The first King Kamehameha Day was June 11, 1872, and it was one of the first holidays to be proclaimed when Hawaii became a state in 1959.

Events celebrating the holiday follow:

June 10
•3:30 p.m.: King Kamehameha Statue lei-draping ceremony in front of Aliiolani Hale.

June 11
•9 a.m.: 95th Annual King Kamehameha Celebration Floral Parade. Route starts at King and Richards streets, ending at Kapiolani Park via Punchbowl Street, Ala Moana Boulevard and Kalakaua Avenue. Besides floral floats and pau riders (elegantly dressed women riding lei-draped horses), the parade will include a Marine marching band and a 32-man unit.

Free validated parking is available at Restaurant Row.

KFVE will broadcast on air, 9 a.m.-noon; visit www.k5thometeam.com for live streaming.

- 10 a.m.-3 p.m.: King Kamehameha Celebration Hoolaulea (block party), Kapiolani Park, with live entertainment, food booths, cultural demonstrations

and educational exhibits.

DAV Convention – Attend the 60th Hawaii Disabled American Veterans convention, June 10-11, at the Pagoda Hotel in Honolulu. Key events on June 11 include election of new DAV state-level officers at 8 a.m. and the banquet at 7 p.m.

Tammy Duckworth, assistant U.S. secretary, Veterans Affairs, is keynote speaker; Lt. Gen. Francis Wiercinski, commander, U.S. Army-Pacific, is guest speaker. Call 621-8888.

4th of July Train Ride – Reserve your tickets now for the July 4th Patriotic USA Birthday Party Train ride through west Oahu.

A preboarding ceremony featuring a Marine color guard and rifle salute team starts at 9 a.m.

The historic narrow-gauge train will depart the Ewa Train Museum at 9:30 a.m. Adult tickets are \$8.50; tickets for keiki ages 2-12 are \$7.50. Tickets must be booked in advance; email gw@hawaiiin.com. Visit www.hawaiianrailway.com for directions.

"Go Green and Give" – The TriWest Healthcare Alliance's "Go Green and Give" campaign raised more than \$85,000 to help four national military charities: the Armed Services YMCA, Operation Homefront, the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors and the USO.

More than 17,000 Tricare West Region households participated in the three-month effort to go paperless and receive electronic health care statements. To choose paperless health care communications, visit www.triwest.com/GoGreen.

Disney's Lilo and Stitch will be playing on the lawn at 8 p.m.

Immerse yourself in the tastes, activities and sounds of the Hawaiian Islands. Pick up your "Passport to the Islands" for \$6 per person at the ASYM-CA Wheeler branch, which allows you to participate in each of the island activities from paddling lessons to lei making to sampling of Hawaiian foods to take-and-make items for beach-time fun. Call 624-5645.

23 / Thursday

Brown Bag & Buddhism – The Schofield Barracks community is invited to attend "Brown Bags Buddhism," an introduction to Buddhism discussion group, 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m., June 23, at the Wheeler Chapel.

Find out how Buddhism is applicable to our complex modern world. The facilitator will be the resident minister of the Wahiawa Hongwanji Mission. Bring your lunch and questions. Call 656-4481 or visit www.wahiawashinbuddhists.org.

Disaster Preparedness Workshops – Kanu Hawaii and the Hawaii Red Cross will hold several free "Get Ready" workshops at public libraries in June and July, to ensure families, neighborhoods and communities are ready for emergencies and disasters of all types in Hawaii.

- June 23, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Salt Lake Library (3225 Salt Lake Blvd.).

- June 25, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Kapolei Library (1020 Manawai St.).

- July 19, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Kahuku Library (56-490 Kamehameha Hwy.).

The workshops cover key

SEE COMMUNITY CALENDAR, B-4

This Week at the MOVIES Sgt. Smith Theater

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



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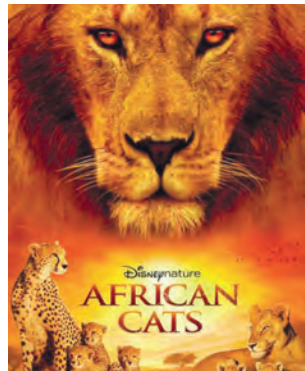
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Fri., June 10, 7 p.m.
Sat., June 11, 7 p.m.
Thurs., June 16, 7 p.m.

Hoodwinked Too! Hood vs. Evil

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Sat., June 11, 4 p.m.
Wed., June 15, 7 p.m.



African Cats

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Sun., June 12, 2 p.m.

No shows on Mondays or Tuesdays.

Mock billing is top concern at 130th Eng. Bde. town hall

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CAPT. STEPHEN ROBINSON

130th Engineer Brigade, 8th Theater Sustainment Command

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — More than 1,200 Soldiers and family members gathered to discuss current issues at the Sgt. Smith Theater, here, May 24.

This town hall was the fourth for 130th Engineer Brigade, 8th Theater Sustainment.

Accompanied by a panel of subject matter experts, Col. Jeffrey Milhorn, commander, 130th Eng. Bde., opened the meeting with a warm welcome to special guests: Maj. Gen. Michael J. Terry, commander, 8th TSC; his wife, Cathy; Soldiers; and family members in attendance.

“As I explained at previous meetings, the brigade is making every effort in keeping our family members and entire community informed by bringing in agency speakers to address any concern brought forward,” Milhorn told the crowd. “Now, before we begin addressing the panel of (SMEs), remember these town halls serve as a tool for relaying information to you, and they also serve as a good platform to get answers to your questions.”

The agenda’s highlights included a three-month calendar review of upcoming activities and projects, Volunteer of the Quarter and the Volunteer of the Year award recognitions, a question-and-answer session and several door prizes.

During the question-and-answer segment, Gordon Wiborg Jr., deputy chief of police, Area-North, Directorate of Emergency Services, answered questions from attendees regarding why a one-stop satellite city hall is not on post to help streamline vehicle registrations for service members and their families.

“The Provost Marshal’s Office is currently collaborating with other agencies to establish one-stop operations for vehicle reg-



The audience waits for opening remarks during the 130th Eng. Bde., 8th TSC, town hall meeting at the Sgt. Smith Theater, Schofield Barracks, May 24.

istration,” he said. “The issue is being worked; however, with budget restraints, there’s no time frame allotted for completion.”

The most pressing concern of the evening was centered about mock billing.

An audience member asked Island Palm Communities’ panel members how utility billing is being defined for on-post housing, especially for homes with higher occupancy.

“Mock billing is currently set on size of home, not occupancy,” said Brad Richards, IPC. “However, personnel can request an en-

ergy assessment if (they are) incurring a high utility bill.”

Milhorn and Command Sgt. Maj. Ray Ward presented Nina Elison, wife of Capt. Thomas Elison, commander, 523rd Eng. Co., 84th Eng. Bn., 130th Eng. Bde, with the brigade’s Volunteer of the Year award.

Valerie Sturgill, Nicole Paradiso and Jamie Cho, all brigade family members, also received Volunteer of the Quarter award recognitions, with a certificate of appreciation, a brigade coin and lei. The next brigade town hall is scheduled for August.



Courtesy Photo

Military youth build confidence and self-esteem while working through a ropes course during a recent OMK family camp. The upcoming survivor family camp will also feature activities like this.

Survivor family camp is taking applications

UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII
News Release

HONOLULU — All military families with youth who have lost a parent during combat or training can apply now for Hawaii’s Operation: Military Kids Family Camp, called OMK.

Scheduled for July 15-17 at YMCA Camp H.R. Erdman on the North Shore, the free camp is sponsored by OMK and Army Community Service’s Survivor Outreach Services.

Youth who have dealt with a loss will learn about resiliency, stress management, nurturing relationships, self-esteem and peer buddy building. Also, youth and their parents/caregivers will learn about military and community resources that promote well-being.

Recreational activities include hiking, a ropes course, swimming, archery, giant swings and kayaking.

Camp Erdman is a full residential facility that provides all meals and lodging. Each camp participant is responsible only for his or her packing items.

Neighbor island families who qualify for this camp can get free

Go to camp

- To apply for OMK’s SOS Family Camp, call 438-1955/9285 or email jennifer.koranyi@us.army.mil.
- To learn more about OMK, call 956-4125 or email omk@ctahr.hawaii.edu.

airfare as well.

OMK is the Army’s collaborative effort with U.S. communities to support children and youth of National Guard, Reserve and active duty families impacted by overseas contingency operations. Partners in the effort include state 4-H military liaisons, the National Guard, the Reserve, the Military Child Education Coalition, the Boys and Girls Clubs of America, the National Association of Child Care Resource and the American Legion. These and other community organizations, along with the Army’s Child, Youth and School Services, support military youth before, during and after the deployment of a parent or loved one.

Family members’ responses crucial to survey

NATIONAL CHILDREN'S STUDY

News Release

HONOLULU — Eligible military families stationed on Oahu are encouraged to participate in the largest, long-term study of children’s health ever done in the U.S.

The study will help provide answers to childhood problems like asthma, autism, obesity and diabetes.

The National Children’s Study will include 100,000 children, from before birth to age 21, in communities across the country. Study researchers hope to learn how children’s genes and their environments work together to affect children’s health and development.

The aim is to improve children’s health and well-being. Seven communities with large concentrations of military families were selected for the study, including the City and County of Honolulu. Military families will remain in the study even though they will probably move several times during the next 21 years.

Study team members have begun recruiting participants and visiting homes on Oahu; 150 families will be enrolled by the end of 2011. An additional 1,000 Oahu families are to be enrolled during the next few years.

The study is currently recruiting women who are or may become pregnant in the next few years.

Participating in the study involves providing information through periodic interviews before and during pregnancy, and as the child grows up. Participants will answer questions about water, house dust, what children eat, how they are cared for, neighborhood safety and how often they see a doctor.

By studying children through different stages of their lives, researchers hope to better understand how these factors affect health and disease.

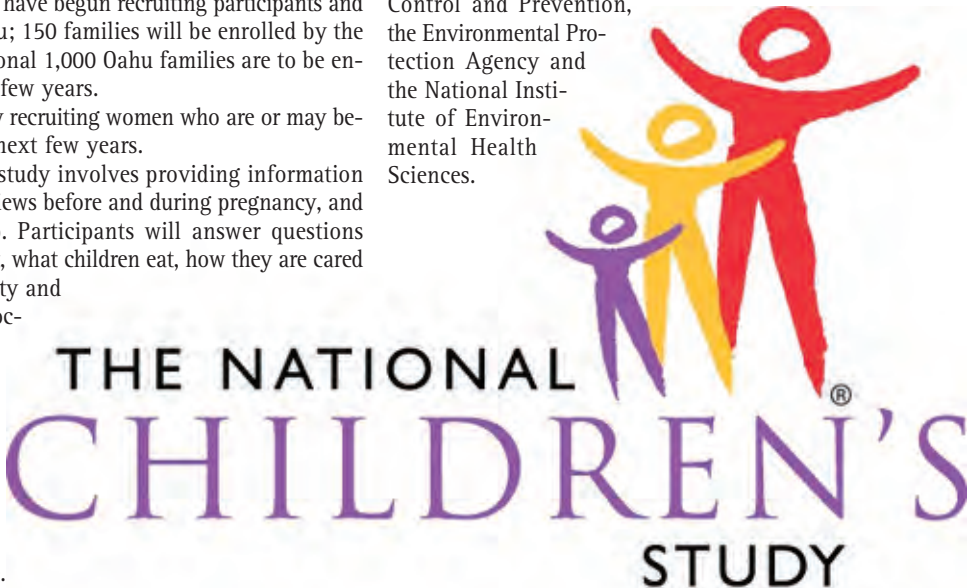
Survey participants

Women who are pregnant or plan to become pregnant in the next few years and who would like to participate in the National Children’s Study can contact the University of Hawaii at Manoa Study Center at 692-1920 or email ncsuhm@hawaii.edu.

Visit HawaiiNationalChildrensStudy.gov to learn more about the study.

Taking part in the study is not a substitute for routine visits to the doctor, and participants won’t be asked to change their medications or treatments.

The University of Hawaii at Manoa is conducting the study locally for the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, which is collaborating with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Environmental Protection Agency and the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences.



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information specific to Hawaii residents, like when and where to evacuate, and clears up the difference between hurricane and tsunami shelters.

Participants will also learn about a “go bag” if home evacuation is needed, and a “stay home” kit when the safest place is off the roads and at home. Email livealoha@kanuhawaii.org or call 343-2428. Visit www.kanuhawaii.org or www.hawaiiiredcross.org.

25 / Saturday Military Appreciation Day

— The USO Hawaii and the Waikiki Aquarium have organized Military Ohana Family Fun Day, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., June 25. A free shuttle service will run from the Pearl Harbor NEX, Schofield Barracks, Fort Shafter and Kaneohe Bay. Live entertainment will start at 10 a.m., and will include the Royal Hawaiian Band, the Air Force Small Kine Ensemble and the Navy Pacific Fleet Band.

Call 422-1213 or email elsmith@uso.org.

Ongoing BayFest 2011

— Join the

Marines and Sailors of Marine Corps Base Hawaii for the largest music festival in Hawaii, July 15-17, aboard MCBH, Kaneohe Bay.

Performers include Cecilio and Kapono, Hoobastank, Puddle of Mudd and Joe Nichols. Besides music, this three-day event includes watersports and contests, carnival rides, midway and military displays.

•**Volunteers Needed:** Military and civilian volunteers are needed for drivers, retail, food and beverage, ticketing and more. Certain positions have age restrictions and other requirements. Various shifts are available. All volunteers receive admission to general BayFest attractions, a T-shirt, meal coupon and more. Call 257-7787/7790.

•**Emcee:** Talented military members are being sought to emcee the BayFest main stage, July 15-17. All active duty, reservists and National Guard members stationed in Hawaii are invited to compete in the Emcee Maniac Contest, 7 p.m., June 30, at Kahuna’s Sports Bar & Grill, MCBH. The contest is limited to the first 20 registrants; sign up by June 27 at BayFestHawaii.com or call 254-7653.

•**Bathtub Regatta:** Build your own boat and race to victory, 12:30 p.m., July 17. Visit BayFestHawaii.com or call 254-7590.