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## Straight Talk

# Knowing how to report a crime makes all the difference

**CHRIS GRAVES**  
Deputy Director, Directorate of Emergency Services, U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii

WHEELER ARMY AIRFIELD — Although all of us hope we never need the police, we should know how to reach them, when to report a crime and how to contact the police.

The local emergency number is 911.

Contact the police as soon as you discover a crime has been committed, when you suspect a crime has been committed or when a crime is in the process of being committed.

Whenever you observe suspicious events, report the incidents to your local police department, even if you are not the only person observing the action. Never assume that the next person will make the call. Don't wait to talk it over with friends or neighbors, because valuable police response time is lost in the process.

When in doubt, call the police.

Suspicious activity includes someone entering your neighbor's home while the family is away, with no apparent lawful purpose of being there, or someone carrying property such as TVs, radios or stereos at an unusually late hour or in an unusual place. Call it in.

Other suspicious activity to report is the sound of shattering glass, which could be the sign of a burglary or vandalism in progress, or anyone being



forced into a vehicle, which could be the victim of a possible abduction. Immediately call the local police.

You will be asked for your name, address and phone number in case additional information is needed from you. However, you may remain anonymous and any information you provide is kept in confidence.

An officer will obtain the necessary information and proceed with an investigation.

Be alert and observant.

Police need to know what happened, where and

### Emergency contacts

Call 911 to report emergencies, or call the Schofield Barracks Military Police Station at 655-7114 or the Fort Shafter MP Station at 438-7114.

when the event occurred, and if anyone was injured. Names or physical descriptions of individuals involved are also helpful. Descriptions include facial features, type of clothing worn and an estimated age of the individuals. Features and physical descriptions can greatly assist police in the apprehension of criminals.

Police also need a description of any vehicle involved, including color, model, year, and most importantly, license plate numbers.

If you are reporting a crime such as a burglary, breaking-and-entering or theft, the police need as much information as possible about the property taken. This information includes a list of the property, value and serial numbers.

Police advise all residents and businesses to maintain an up-to-date record of the serial numbers of all appliances, tools, electronics, firearms and all other valuables. Keep a detailed and accurate description of all valuables as well.

## Stop Loss claims still accepted

**LT. COL. TIM BENINATO**  
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The deadline to submit claims for retroactive Stop Loss Special Pay was recently extended to Oct. 21.

This extension marks the sixth time Congress has extended the deadline.

According to Army officials, more than 100,000 claims from Soldiers, veterans and beneficiaries have been adjudicated, and about \$300 million has been disbursed.

Currently, about 6,000 claims are pending review in the Army's system.

"The Army has made multiple attempts to directly contact those we believe are eligible," said Maj. Roy Whitley, program manager, Stop Loss Special Pay. "We have claims from all 50 states and every U.S. territory. Claims have been submitted from 12 foreign countries."

Still, Army officials are hoping the remaining candidates for Retroactive Stop Loss Special Pay will take action and apply.

The Army estimates a total of 120,000 Soldiers, veterans and beneficiaries may be eligible for the pay.

"We have not received a claim from everyone who may qualify for this pay," Whitley said. "The Army has developed and implemented innovative strategies to identify and notify those eligible. These ef-

Anyone eligible for Retroactive Stop Loss Special Pay receives \$500 for each month he or she held a stop-loss status.

orts have been very successful. However, we have not heard from our entire target population."


The deadline extension gives potential claimants about six additional months to apply for the pay. By law, those eligible for the pay must submit a claim.

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### RETROACTIVE STOP LOSS

For more information on eligibility criteria and to submit a claim, visit [www.stoplosspay.army.mil](http://www.stoplosspay.army.mil) or [www.defense.gov/stoploss](http://www.defense.gov/stoploss).

## Sergeants charged, found guilty of various offenses, pay penalties



**Q:** Why does the Hawaii Army Weekly publish courts-martial findings?

**A:** The Office of the Staff Judge Advocate releases the results of recent courts-martial for publication to inform the community of military justice trends and to deter future misconduct by Soldiers.

The Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, 8th Theater Sustainment Command, publishes the results of the following recent courts-martial:

A sergeant first class from the 95th Engineer Company, 65th Eng. Battalion, 130th Eng. Brigade, 8th Theater Sustainment Command, pled guilty to one specification of Article 128, assault; and one specification of Article 90, disobeying a superior officer. The Solider was sentenced to a reduced grade of specialist and received hard labor without confinement for three months.

A sergeant from the 71st Chemical Co., 8th Military Police Bde., 8th TSC, was found guilty of four specifications of Article 86, being absent without leave; one specification of Article 90, disobeying a superior officer; three specifications of Article 91, disobeying a lawful order and disrespect; and seven specifications of Article 112a, wrongful use and possession of controlled substances. The Soldier was sentenced to a reduced grade of private, confinement for six months and will receive a bad conduct discharge.

In addition to forfeiture of pay, confinement and a punitive discharge, these Soldiers will also have a federal conviction that must be reported when filling out a job application. A federal conviction strips a Soldier of many rights, such as the right to purchase and maintain firearms and the right to vote.

## New Zealand leader visits NCO Academy during Pacific tour

**U.S. ARMY-PACIFIC PUBLIC AFFAIRS**  
News Release

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — New Zealand's sergeant major of the army visited the Noncommissioned Officer Academy, here, June 14, in conjunction with a visit to Pacific Command and U.S. Army-Pacific.

The purpose of the visit was to help build a professional bond between the two countries and to exchange information on their NCO development curriculum.

While at the NCO Academy, Warrant Officer 1 Dannel Broughton, sergeant major of the New Zealand army, was briefed on the Warrior Leaders Course. He was also briefed on the requirements to become a small group leader, which is a designation for NCOs with special instructor qualifications that includes being proficient in their military occupational specialty.

Broughton also showed a strong interest in the U.S. Army's Composite Risk Management, the Army's primary decision-making process to identify hazards, reduce risk and prevent both accidental and tactical loss, as well as the



Sgt. 1st Class Jo Ann Cespedes | U.S. Army-Pacific Public Affairs

Command Sgt. Maj. James Fraijo (left), commandant, NCO Academy Hawaii, presents Warrant Officer 1 Dannel Broughton, New Zealand's sergeant major of the army, with a plaque during his visit to the NCO Academy Hawaii, June 14.

safety of Soldiers both on and off duty. "We look forward to working with the New Zealand soldiers and sharing our curriculum," said Command Sgt. Maj James Fraijo, commandant, NCO Academy-Hawaii.

# Voices of Ohana

### What signifies the start of summer for you?

Photos by 8th Theater Sustainment Command Public Affairs



"Kids getting out of school."

**Sgt. 1st Class Santrel McClusky**  
CBRNE Operations NCO, HHC, 8th TSC



"When the rainy season ends."

**Stafford Montgomery**  
Service manager, Montgomery Motors



"The last day of school for my kids is the start of summer for me."

**Sgt. Yong Oh**  
Visual Information equipment operator, HHC, 8th TSC



"Family get-togethers, bonding and baseball season."

**Keith Robello**  
Fire inspector, Federal Fire Department



"Memorial Day and graduations start it off for me."

**Angela Sanders**  
Fire inspector, Federal Fire Department





Photos by Capt. Christina Douglas | 9th Mission Support Command Public Affairs

Sgt. Daisy Butai (left), interior electrician, 871st Eng. Co., 411th Eng. Bn., 9th MSC, works side by side with her Indonesian counterpart laying tile in the vendor stalls of a public market being built in Situ Gede, Indonesia, as part of a humanitarian civic action project during Exercise Garuda Shield.

# 9th MSC reservists strengthen partnership with Indonesians

## Humanitarian mission helps stimulate local economy

**SPC. ELIZABETH COLE**

9th Mission Support Command Public Affairs

BOGOR, Indonesia — Hawaii-based U.S. Army reservists have partnered with Indonesian soldiers to build a large community center and a public market that will benefit a poverty-stricken community, here.

The Maui and Big Island Soldiers of the 871st Engineer Company, 411th Eng. Battalion, 9th Mission Support Command, are conducting the humanitarian civic action project as part of exercise Garuda Shield.

Garuda Shield is a U.S. Army-Pacific-sponsored, annual, bilateral exercise designed to strengthen relations between the U.S. and the Indonesian Armed Forces.

Working side by side with their Indonesian counterparts, the reservists are forging new relationships, while gaining real-world experience in their trade.

“This is a very unique training experience,” said 1st Lt. Joseph Ruhnke, commander, 871st Eng. Co., 411th Eng. Bn. “We are building relationships and learning new ways to do our job. All different parts of the world use different tactics for completing a job, and we are experiencing that firsthand.”

Although the Soldiers don’t speak the same language, Sgt. 1st Class Todd Uyehara, non-commissioned officer in charge of the project, 871st En. Co., 411th Eng. Bn., explained they are integrating well together and helping each other learn their respective languages.

“The Indonesian soldiers don’t speak English very well, but there seems to be no communication barrier when they are teaching,” said Pfc. Owen Tobias, 871st Eng. Co., 411th Eng. Bn. “We all use hand gestures to communicate.”

With construction scheduled to take less than two months, both U.S. and Indonesian Soldiers are working long hours to complete the mission. Taking notice of all the hard work being done, local villagers are even lending a helping hand to Soldiers.

“The locals are doing anything, from picking up brick at the work site, to preparing food and bringing drinks for the Soldiers,” Uyehara said. “They want to do their part because they know it will benefit them in the end.”

“The locals are very happy about what we are doing here,” said 1st Lt. Nanang Sujarwanto, operations staff engineer and officer in charge, Tentara Nasional Indonesia-IAF. “They show their appreciation by bringing what little food and drinks they have. The community feels a great sense of pride.”

Through this humanitarian mission, Soldiers are helping to provide the community with new buildings and to stimulate the local economy, Ruhnke said.

“We were able to contract with some local vendors and contractors to supply our materials and also help with things like the roofs of the buildings,” Ruhnke said. “It is a real privilege to work with the Indonesians.”

The community center’s opening ceremony was Wednesday.



Brig. Gen. Michele Compton (right), commander, 9th MSC, meets with Village Chief Rusmana (center) and Indonesian citizens to discuss the community center being constructed in Situ Gede, Indonesia, as part of a humanitarian civic action project during Exercise Garuda Shield, recently.

# USARPAC shares C-IED knowledge with IAF

Deployed Forces

**STAFF SGT. KAREN PERSON**

Army News Service

BOGOR, Indonesia — Improvised explosive devices are one of the most dangerous weapons Soldiers encounter during missions around the globe.

Thus, seasoned U.S. Soldiers taught Indonesian soldiers to face that danger, on their own terms, here, June 13.

Counter-IED training is the primary focus of field training exercises during Garuda Shield, which is an annual, U.S. Army-Pacific, bilateral exercise that actively promotes regional stability and security operations, while further strengthening relations between U.S. and Indonesia armed forces.

This year is the first time the two-week C-IED training has been incorporated into Exercise Garuda Shield, directly contributing to the tactical capacity of the more than 200 Indonesian participants.

Leading the FTX effort is USARPAC’s Asia-Pacific C-IED Fusion Center, a unit that provides training programs and intelligence products to enhance survivability for service members from U.S. and partner nations.

The FTX is designed to enable Soldiers to identify and defeat IEDs, according to Sgt. Maj. Cy Ross, FTX officer in charge and sergeant major of the Asia-Pacific Counter-IED Fusion Center.

“We want them to learn to be proactive when encountering IEDs. Having that skill will inevitably save their lives,” Ross said. “Some of these soldiers have never had this type of training before.

“That’s why it’s so important; it prepares

them for the upcoming mission and gives them the confidence to react when necessary,” he said.

For the Indonesian soldiers, many of whom will deploy to Lebanon in support of United Nations’ peacekeeping missions, the training is invaluable.

“This training is a positive experience for our soldiers,” said 2nd Lt. Hendis Asies, platoon commander, 328th Airborne Infantry Battalion, IAF. “We are learning about personnel, vehicle and area searches — knowledge we need to prepare for our mission in Lebanon.”

During the first week of training, U.S. Soldiers instructed IAF platoon and squad leaders in a classroom environment. This train-the-trainer technique allowed the Indonesian leaders to train their own soldiers on the lessons learned in the subsequent week of training.

“We basically give them the tools and information to move forward, and let them impart that knowledge to their troops,” said Sgt. James Williams, FTX instructor, 15th Explosive Hazard Team, 65th Engineer Bn., 130th Eng. Brigade, 8th Theater Sustainment Command.

Williams, an Operation Iraqi Freedom veteran with extensive experience in route clearance, said the Indonesian service members came to the exercise with a great foundation for the training, but his team is able to show them extra techniques to further increase their combat capabilities.

“We are teaching them in gradual steps,” Ross said. “Each step gets harder and harder, so they are able to identify and react to potential threats more quickly. Each day these guys are getting better and better.”

# Cameras strengthen force protection at combined security checkpoints

## Safety of Soldiers still remains of paramount importance

**2ND BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM,**

**25TH INFANTRY DIVISION**

Public Affairs

CONTINGENCY OPERATING SITE COBRA, Iraq — From trip-wire flares to seismic and acoustic sensors, scout platoons use a range of high-tech equipment and low-tech guile to compensate for smaller organization size and to enhance survivability on the ground during operations.

Scouts at combined checkpoints in the Diyala province, here, recently emplaced several Rapid Deployment Integrated Surveillance Systems cameras, which are normally reserved for much larger bases.

“The RDISS provides the checkpoints with an additional set of eyes and enhances the force protection of our Soldiers operating there,” said Lt. Col. Joel Miller, executive officer, 2nd Squadron, 14th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division.

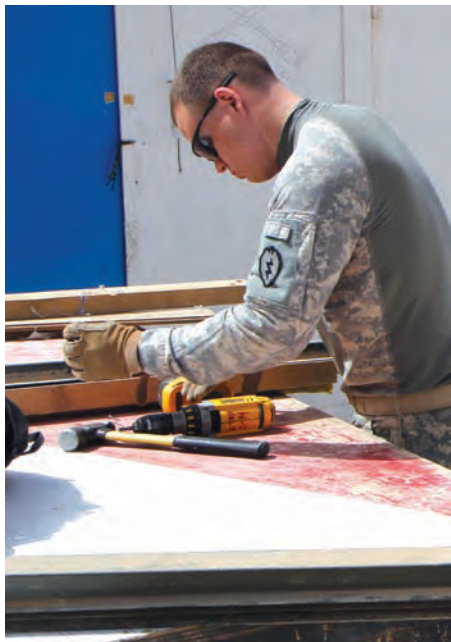
Equipping the checkpoints with RDISS helps protect Soldiers and their Iraqi counterparts and increases their overall situational awareness, Miller said.

“At this point, our platoon checkpoint has just as many force protection assets as a (larger base) in Iraq,” said 1st Lt. Noah Switzer, platoon leader, Troop A, 2nd Sqdn., 14th Cav. Regt., 2nd BCT. “You name it, we’ve got it, and we’re putting it to good use.”

The RDISS consists of durable outdoor cameras that are similar to commercially-available versions often employed in malls and businesses. But like any fielded technology, setup became more complicated in the austere checkpoint environment.

Filling sand bags and building wooden structures for the past 10 months, Soldiers from Troop A, “Aces High,” 2nd Sqdn., 14th Cav. Regt., 2nd BCT, completed the important, yet tedious, work involved in force protection. As some Soldiers worked extra security shifts, others picked up saws and drills to help the field support representatives emplace the RDISS.

“The squadron command is completely dedicated to improving the force protection and securi-



1st Lt. Kyle Miller | 2nd Brigade Combat Team Public Affairs, 25th Infantry Division

Spc. Michael Hubbard, Troop A, 2nd Sqdn., 14th Cav. Regt., 2nd BCT, 25th ID, constructs mounting brackets to support the emplacement of the RDISS at COS Cobra, Diyala province, Iraq, recently.

ty of each one of the checkpoints,” Miller said. “Nothing is more important than the safety of our Soldiers.”

Once in place, the RDISS camera system is simple to use, said Jeff Bowling, a field support representative, comparing its interface with those of modern video games.

Sitting in front of two flat-screen monitors, Staff Sgt. Nicholas Lemay, scout, Troop A, 2nd Sqdn., 14th Cav. Regt., 2nd BCT, navigated the controls. A twist of the joystick zoomed the camera in, while a few mouse clicks brought up the burn CD feature.

“It complements our other force protection improvements,” Lemay said. “If someone is outside our new gate, an operator can check the system and realize it’s one of us and let (them) in.”

# ‘Task Force Bronco’ MPs share tactics, deliver equipment to Afghan customs depot

**COMBINED JOINT TASK FORCE I-AFGHANISTAN**

Public Affairs

JALALABAD, Afghanistan — “Task Force Bronco’s” Military Police Platoon improved security, here, and developed measures for improving the training, equipment and manning of customs police.

MPs with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, helped improve security at the Jalalabad Customs Depot, here, June 11, in a joint effort with Afghan National Security Forces to improve tax revenue for Afghanistan.

The Jalalabad Customs House is one of the largest sources of revenue in Afghanistan, generating a reported \$230 million a year in taxes on transported goods.

“The Afghan customs police showed an incredible amount of motivation and drive to learn

new techniques that can aid them in their mission,” said Staff Sgt. Javier Gutierrez, squad leader, HHC, 3rd BSTB, 3rd BCT. “These techniques will help protect the customs house and the potential money that goes through it on a daily basis.”

The ACP team currently at the depot took over in April.

“Here, we also have a great team of advisers to work alongside,” said Sgt. Shafi Ahmad, assistant commander of the ACP.

In addition to the security training, HHC delivered metal-detecting wands and search mirrors, and the unit taught ACP techniques for using the equipment.

“The (ACP) have said that, for a long time, the customs house has been left to fend for itself, and so they appreciate our interest and desire to assist and mentor them on force protection procedures,” said Sgt. Caleb Meeker, team leader, HHC, 3rd BSTB, 3rd BCT. “That will not

only keep (the ACP) safe, but all Afghans that enter the facility as well.”

MPs taught more than a dozen ACP members

“...The bad guys in the area will have to think twice before they try to disrupt the commerce that runs through this facility.”

— 1st Lt. Zachary Franklin

Platoon leader, HHC, 3rd BSTB, 3rd BCT, 25th ID

hands-on training with the metal-detecting wands and search mirrors, and they integrated new personnel- and vehicle-search techniques.

The ACP was eager to understand and implement the equipment.

“(ACP) were really excited to learn what my noncommissioned officers had to teach them today,” said 1st Lt. Zachary Franklin, platoon leader, HHC, 3rd BSTB, 3rd BCT. “I have no doubt that with more training and more mentorship, the bad guys in the area will have to think twice before they try to disrupt the commerce that runs through this facility.”

The partnership between the MPs and the ACP will continue to move forward during the assessment phase of the partnership, Franklin said.

“Today’s meeting goes beyond delivering equipment or training police,” Franklin said. “It shows how serious our commitment is to working with our Afghan partners, not only on a national level, but also down to the local level, in providing the necessary tools to create a better future for the people of Afghanistan.”



# TAMC graduates are military medicine’s future practitioners

NICK SPINELLI

Tripler Army Medical Center Public Affairs

HONOLULU – Tripler Army Medical Center honored 121 members of the Graduate Professional Health Education Class of 2011 in a commencement ceremony, here, June 17.

In his remarks, Brig. Gen. Keith Gallagher, commander, Pacific Regional Command and TAMC, recognized the growth the graduates have shown during their time, here.

“You were all so very young, inspiring (and) full of energy,” he said. “Over the years, you have absorbed knowledge at incredible speeds and stored tremendous intellect.

“The entire TAMC team has been honored and privileged to serve and train each of you,” Gallagher continued. “We close this chapter and send each of you to the rest of the military and Veterans Affairs, but as a wiser, more confident, accomplished and independent clinician or administrator.”

Col. Charles Callahan, keynote speaker and chief of staff, National Naval Medical Center, in his address, advised the graduates to focus on competence, character and consistency to become the very best leaders they could be.

“These are the foundations of the kind of tactical leaders (that) Army medicine, Navy medicine, Air Force medicine and joint (ventures) will need to help us negotiate the stormy seas ahead,” Callahan said.

Callahan said graduates need to remember why they do what they do, and why they are needed to stay successful.

“Your patients – each one of them – are telling you a story, today, about their lives, their struggles, their pain and their passion,” he said. “All you have to do is ask them and listen ... and you will remember why.”

Students who made the best presentations or developed the best research during the course of the program received awards. In turn, graduates recognized their teachers for faculty excellence.

When the commencement ceremony ended, the graduates joined attendees, special guests and the command staff in celebrating the Army’s 236th birthday.



Daniel Kawasaki | Tripler Army Medical Center

The 121 students of the 2011 Graduate Professional Health Education Class receive recognition during their commencement ceremony, June 17, by the flagpole at TAMC’s Oceanside entrance.

# Specialist counted on training, teammates to survive IED

Attack does not deter patrol, unit morale

Story and Photo by

SGT. GINIFER SPADA

Combined Joint Task Force I-Afghanistan

NANGARHAR PROVINCE, Afghanistan – It was just another day, with another mounted patrol in the mountainous area outside of Combat Outpost Honaker-Miracle, here, recently.

Soldiers in 2nd Platoon, “Renegades,” Company C, 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry Regiment, “Task Force Cacti,” 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, were riding in a mounted patrol when it hit an improvised explosive device.

“Everyone was doing exactly the right thing,” said Spc. Brian Walker, platoon infantry radio operator, about his team and their training. “Everyone fell back on their training and did exactly what they were supposed to do.”

“As soon as everything popped off, everyone did the right thing,” said Staff Sgt. Simon Bachmann, squad leader. “The driver got them through the kill zone, everyone in the truck began buddy aid, they all responded to a ‘T’ (and) they reacted perfectly.”

Four Soldiers received shrapnel injuries. Walker was in the lead vehicle and received minor injuries. He lost consciousness mul-

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times and was sent to the Traumatic Brain Injury Clinic at Bagram Air Field, here, to be assessed and recover. He is now recovering in a hospital.

Walker received the Purple Heart medal from Command Sgt. Maj. Saia Vimoto, senior enlisted advisor, Regional Command-East, and Maj. Gen. Dan Allyn, commander, RC-East and Combined Joint Task Force-1.

“I was honored,” Walker said. “The command sergeant major and commander of the biggest base in Afghanistan ... I was just honored.”

Although the more relaxed battle rhythm at the TBI Clinic – in stark contrast to that of Combat Outpost Honaker-Miracle – is helping Walker recover, he is anxious to get back to his fellow Soldiers and to do his job.

“I know that they need me,” Walker said. “I want to get back and do my job ... get back and be there for the guys.”

Walker and Bachmann both agreed that everyone in the platoon shares the same dedication to each other and their jobs.

The Renegades are at the beginning of their yearlong deployment to eastern Afghanistan. These Soldiers said they believe their perseverance and dedication to each other and their jobs is unstoppable – even when hit by an IED.



Spc. Brian Walker, 2nd Platoon, Co. C., 2nd Bn., 35th Inf. Regt., “TF Cacti,” 3rd BCT, 25th ID, talks about his experience as a Purple Heart Medal recipient and how he is looking forward to rejoining the fight in Kunar province’s Combat Outpost Honaker-Miracle, Afghanistan, recently.

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Courtesy of U.S. Army-Pacific

Marissa Bondaug (center), security officer, K Dock, discusses the procedures for an amphibious craft landing with members of the USARPAC CCP's DAT during the Makani Pahili hurricane exercise on the Big Island, recently.

# USARPAC teams up with U.S. Coast Guard

LT. COL. AL HING

U.S. Army-Pacific Contingency Command Post  
Public Affairs

FORT SHAFTER – The U.S. Army-Pacific Contingency Command Post's Deployable Assessment Team performed a joint task force, disaster-response operation during exercise Makani Pahili 2011, here, recently.

Makani Pahili, or strong winds, is the State of Hawaii's hurricane readiness exercise.

The USARPAC CCP's DAT demonstrated its ability to rapidly deploy to a natural disaster site in the Pacific, while providing command and control support to federal, military, state and local agencies' disaster-relief efforts.

Consisting of nine to 23 Soldiers, the DAT is flexible to tailor to mission requirements and deploys with mission-essential equipment through military or commercial aircraft.

A U.S. Coast Guard C-130 Hercules aircraft provided transportation for the DAT team and equipment. The Coast Guard's enthusiasm to transport the DAT team to the site reflected the exercises' joint

cooperation.

"We do missions around the world all the time; it was great to do a transport mission involving a different service," said Lt. j.g. Dustin Burton, assistant training officer, U.S. Coast Guard. "The Coast Guard's C-130s' normal day-to-day mission is long-range search and rescue, with some drug-enforcement missions."

"This was a first, to work with the U.S. Coast Guard, (while) validating our load plans and transport in a C-130," said Col. Marlin Remigio, maneuver director, USARPAC CCP.

During disaster-relief missions, the C-130 is crucial, as it can reach remote and underdeveloped airstrips that are untouchable by larger aircraft. Instead of waiting for other airstrips to become available, the DAT can reach the affected areas faster and start the relief coordination process quicker during the critical moments after a natural disaster.

"It isn't a case of 'if' the next natural disaster will happen; it is a question of 'when' it will happen in the Pacific," Remigio said.

# 2nd BCT helps Iraqis demonstrate skills

Story and Photos by  
SGT. DAVID STRAYER  
109th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

KIRKUSH MILITARY TRAINING BASE, Iraq – Distinguished visitors witnessed the demonstration of interagency cooperation between the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, and Iraqi Security Forces during Operation Iron Lion, here, recently.

Operation Iron Lion is a series of training exercises conducted throughout several provinces, demonstrating interagency development and cooperation.

"Operation Iron Lion is the provincial-capabilities demonstration for the Diyala province," said Lt. Col. John Ring, chief of security force assistance, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd BCT. "It is an opportunity for the ISF in the province to demonstrate all that they have learned and put their capabilities on display to both local and national Iraqi leaders, as well as the U.S. forces leadership."

During Operation Iron Lion, Iraqi army battalions partnered with other ISF components to display what they have learned from U.S. training here, said 1st Lt. Scott Guo, HHC, 1st Bn., 21st Inf. Regiment, 2nd BCT.

"This is important and different from past exercises, because it demonstrates the ability of the ISF to utilize interagency efforts with efficiency and effectiveness, to accomplish a large-scale mission," Guo said.

"Our partnership allowed us to advise, train and assist these guys to gain a familiarity with a 120 mm mortar system that was new to them," Guo continued, "(to) get them to a proficiency level where they are able to go out and effectively place rounds on a target and provide support by fire to the infantry soldiers."

Guo added, Iraqi army soldiers showcased competence, attention to detail and professionalism, all hallmarks taught by 2nd BCT instructors during the previous month of training.

"This really has been a culminating effort," said Command Sgt. Major Daniel Dailey, senior enlisted leader, 4th Inf. Div. and U.S. Div.-North. "It shows all of the great training that has gone together with the partnership between the U.S. forces and the ISF, and it shows that the ISF are ready to assume the security mission in the Diyala province."



A gun crew member with the 19th Bde., 5th Iraqi Army Div., pulls the lanyard on his M198 Howitzer, sending a 155 mm round toward the target near KMTB, Diyala province, Iraq, recently. Soldiers in the 2nd BCT, 25th ID, trained IA soldiers on how to use the mortar system.



An IA soldier, with the 19th Bde., 5th IA Div., pulls the lanyard on his 120 mm mortar, shaking the earth beneath him and sending a round toward a target, recently.

Ring said Operation Iron Lion provided Iraqi soldiers with a chance to show progress made during the training with their 2nd BCT counterparts throughout Operation New Dawn.

"The effects of this provincial demonstration are profound," Ring said. "Short term, they are building confidence within the Diyala citizens, leaders and within themselves. In the long term, they are building a reputation that will live on and be something that they can draw upon down the road."

Beyond displaying the benefits of training with U.S. forces, Dailey said the live-fire exercise let Iraqi soldiers demonstrate leadership and show their capabilities to the Iraqi population.

"Exercises like this build confidence," Dailey said. "The better trained (the soldiers) are, the more confident they are that they can accomplish the mission. ... This gives them confidence ... that there is going to be security, peace and prosperity in an area that has not seen that in many years."





Vickey Mouzé | U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii Public Affairs

## Construction season

WHEELER ARMY AIRFIELD — Wright Avenue, here, will be closed between Frutchee Road and Sperry Loop for road construction until July 22. It will also be closed on the eastbound lanes between Elleman and Burns roads until Aug. 12. To alleviate traffic, Santos Dumont Avenue has been reopened.

If crossing through WAAF, it is best to stay on Santos Dumont Avenue and exit through Kawamura Gate, as the barracks construction project also may have the other end of Wright Avenue closed during this time.

For additional traffic updates, visit [www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil](http://www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil); click on "Post Information," then "Traffic Updates."

# IPC: Partnership helps conservation

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of 25 percent renewable energy.

The systems are targeted to produce another 14.5 million kW a year, supplying an additional 12.3 percent of demand, with the installation of more photovoltaic and solar hot water systems on the remaining new homes to be constructed, as well as plans to enter into a power purchase agreement.

Other benefits of photovoltaic systems include avoiding carbon, sulfur and nitrogen oxides emissions; an estimated savings of 15,500 barrels of oil each year; zero emissions on-site; no air or noise pollution; and no hazardous waste.

IPC is a leader in sustainable development in more ways than just energy conservation. It participated in the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design for Neighborhood Development pilot. This program provided IPC with an opportunity to help establish the first national rating system for neighborhood design, in collaboration with developers across the U.S.

In April, IPC's Simpson Wisser neighborhood, at Fort Shafter, became one of the first communities to receive LEED-certified neighborhood recognition.

The IPC and USAG-HI partnership has improved the quality of life for military families and positioned families to be leaders in conserving energy and sustaining the environment in which they live and work.



Courtesy of Island Palm Communities

Construction continues in IPCs' housing neighborhoods to meet renewable energy requirements.

## News Briefs

Send announcements for Soldiers and civilian employees to [community@hawaiiarmyweekly.com](mailto:community@hawaiiarmyweekly.com).

**Today**

**Antiterrorism Exercise** — U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii's annual antiterrorism exercise, "Rapid Response 2011," continues through June 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. Call 656-5397 or 656-0152.

**Traffic Delays at PTA** — Oahu-based military units will convoy from Pohakuloa Training Area to Kawaihae Harbor, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., June 24-25, via Saddle Road, Mamalahoa Highway, Waikoloa Road, Queen Kaahumanu Highway and Akoni Pule corridor. Motorists are advised to be alert and drive with care. Call 656-3152 or 387-8511.

**Career Fair** — This career fair, hosted by Transition Careers, is set for 10 a.m.-2 p.m., June 24, Building 4, Pollock Theater, Camp H.M. Smith. It's only

open to job seekers who already have access onto a military installation with a military ID or a common access card. Preregister at [www.transitioncareers.com](http://www.transitioncareers.com).

**26 / Sunday**

**Redeployment Ceremony** — The 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, will host its final redeployment ceremony, 7:10 a.m., June 26, at the Multifunctional Deployment Facility, Wheeler Army Airfield. The ceremony will welcome home Soldiers from their tour of duty in Iraq. Anyone who is interested in greeting returning the returning Soldiers can contact the Blue Star Card program coordinator at 655-0112 or [amand.a.p.montgomery@us.army.mil](mailto:amand.a.p.montgomery@us.army.mil).

**27 / Monday**

**Road Closure** — Sections of Starkey and Melia streets, Wheeler Army Airfield, will be closed to install water valves. Call 655-7393 or email [Claude.N.Matsuo@us.army.mil](mailto:Claude.N.Matsuo@us.army.mil).

Dates and times for the road closures follow:

- June 27-30, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., daily, west intersection of Starkey and Melia streets.
- July 1-5, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., daily, east intersection of Starkey and Melia streets.

**28 / Tuesday**

**POSH** — Civilian employees and military and civilian supervisors need to attend mandatory Prevention of Sexual Harassment, No Fear Act and Equal Employment Opportunity training sessions. Call 655-9382. The following sessions will be held at the Sgt. Smith Theater, Schofield Barracks:

**June 28**

- 8:30-9:30 a.m.: Employees

(A sign language interpreter will be provided.)

**June 29**

- 10-11 a.m.: Supervisors
- 1-2 p.m.: Employees
- 2:30-3:30 p.m.: Supervisors

**July 6 / Wednesday**

**Change of Command** — The 599th Transportation Brigade will host a change of command ceremony, 10 a.m., July 6, on board the Battleship Missouri Memorial. Col. Gust Pagonis will assume command of the unit from Col. Courtney Taylor. Call 656-6420.

ry. 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.

## July

6 / Wednesday

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# AER: Contributions help Soldiers' families

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than 30 days, and their family members; retirees; and surviving spouses and orphans of Soldiers who died while on active duty or after they retired.

Last year in Hawaii, more than 2,430 Soldiers and family members were assisted with no-interest loans totaling \$2,597,199 and grants totaling \$77,372.

In 2010, AER granted \$7.9 million to help meet undergraduate education needs, nationwide, with 3,170 scholarships to Soldiers' children and 1,761 scholarships to Soldiers' spouses.

AER thanks contributors for their continued and generous support. The contributions have made it possible for AER to continue to serve Soldiers and family members.



June is National Safety Month



## Preventing injuries starts at home, work

In the conclusion of this series, DIS looks at walking surfaces

**DIRECTORATE OF INSTALLATION SAFETY**  
U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS – Every year, safety professionals across the Army look at accident statistics to predict what trends are developing, both on and off post.

Not surprisingly, the causes of most accidents remain the same, year after year.

“The biggest cause of injuries, both at home and at work, is slips, trips and falls,” said Sammy Houseberg, director, Directorate of Installation Safety, U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii. “By understanding these primary accident areas, we could reduce many serious accidents and injuries.”

“How many times have you fallen while doing a simple task around the house or at work?” he asked. “What caused the fall? Was it clutter in a walkway? Was the walking surface wet or uneven? Or was it a fall from a ladder or an improvised platform like a desk or chair?”

“These are the leading causes of most of our workplace injuries and many of the injuries at home,” Houseberg said. “We all should take a few minutes, each day, to keep all of the walkways at

home and at work dry and free from clutter.”

Bill Maxwell, safety specialist, DIS, recommends leaving a two-foot-wide walkway in a cluttered garage to avoid injuries and prevent falls.

“Falls happen frequently and may come from improper use of a ladder, failing to use three points of contact when mounting and dismounting a vehicle, or (they may come) from unguarded drop-offs such as a loading dock,” Maxwell added. “Before climbing any ladder or vehicle, be sure you know where your hand and footholds are and how to keep your body centered on the ladder.

“Don’t carry objects in your hands as you climb or descend, and if near a drop-off, never turn your back toward the edge,” he continued. “Be aware at all times.”

“Most of our documented accidents were preventable mishaps ... had the person taken the care to know what the hazards were, make a plan for the risks and learn key skills needed to do the task,” Houseberg said.



Visit <https://safety.army.mil> for more information on accident prevention.

## Alcohol increases summer accidents

**ARMY SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAM PREVENTION TEAM**  
Installation Management Command Headquarters

WASHINGTON – The Army’s 101 Critical Days of Summer, which runs Memorial Day through Labor Day, is a safety campaign intended as a reminder to stay focused on safety while either on- or off-duty.

Prolonged hours of daylight encourage action-packed days, and more activities mean more potential for accidents.

Summer time is one of the most dangerous and deadliest times of the year for Soldiers, families and civilians with family barbecues, swimming, fishing, softball, hiking, boating, skiing and camping.

Time off and sunny skies, when coupled with increased alcohol use, makes the summer season a very grim time for local law enforcement, emergency medical staff, highway safety officials and the friends and families of those who are involved in alcohol-related incidents.

America is at a crucial point; communities and individuals must do more to see a significant

decline in the number of alcohol- and drug-related incidents.

The importance of avoiding alcohol while driving cannot be over emphasized. Impaired driving is one of the commonly committed crimes. According to the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, approximately three in every 10 Americans will be involved in an alcohol-related crash at some time in their lives.

Drinking and driving does not mix; drinking and boating does not mix.

Use common sense, be decisive and don’t let friends drink and drive. If you have been drinking, use a designated driver or call a taxi. If you have a get-together, ensure there is plenty of water available for your guests.

When you have water outings, ensure everyone wears a life jacket. Alcohol was involved in 32 percent of all boating accidents, according to a U.S. Coast Guard report.

It is up to each and every one of us to plan ahead and be prepared. Remember, accidents do not take a summer holiday or time off.

## Safety: Firecrackers require a permit

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fireworks on Independence Day, and more fires are reported on the Fourth of July than any other day of the year, according to the National Fire Protection Association.

Residents are urged to attend professional Independence Day celebrations, such as the Fourth of

**Fireworks display, safety**

Fourth of July and fireworks go together like hot dogs and summer time. Though professional fireworks displays can be spectacular, crowds must be “fireworks smart” and use caution.

The following sources can answer your questions about professional fireworks:

- At the Schofield Barrack’s Fourth of July Spectacular:

Before the event, call USAG-HI’s Directorate

July Spectacular on Sills Field, Schofield Barracks.

Under the new law, off-post permits for firecrackers must be obtained no later than 10 days before the holiday. Those permits can be purchased at satellite city halls, where residents can obtain multiple permits.

*(Editor’s Note: Information was compiled from Honolulu.gov.)*

of Installation Safety at 655-5369. During the event, military police will be patrolling the area, and they will be available at the MP tent.

Visit [www.mwrarmyhawaii.com](http://www.mwrarmyhawaii.com) or call 655-0111/2 for event information.

- At off-post public fireworks events:

Call the Honolulu Fire Department’s Fire Prevention Bureau at 723-7162.

- About fireworks safety:

Visit the National Council on Fireworks Safety at [www.fireworksafety.com](http://www.fireworksafety.com).





# Protecting resources

## Hawaii confronts invasive superweed in Kahukus

JANE R. BEACHY

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

KAHUKU — Chromolaena odorata, an invasive weed, has been discovered in the training area, here, recently.

Staff members with the Oahu Army Natural Resources Program, Directorate of Public Works-Environmental, U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii, discovered a Chromolaena infestation during routine road surveys in the Kahuku Training Area on the North Shore.

OANRP staff submitted the specimen to the Bishop Museum's Oahu Early Detection program, and museum botanists verified that the specimen was Chromolaena — considered one of the 100 worst weeds in the world.

### Origins

Chromolaena thrives everywhere, except in deep shade, and it's toxic to humans, livestock and even other plants. It's native to Central America, but has skipped about the world and across the Pacific, infesting every island it has come into contact with.

Each shrubby plant grows up to 12 feet tall and can produce 800,000 seeds in a year. The small, narrow seeds, topped with a tuft of fibers, are easily dispersed via the wind. The small seeds can burrow into clothing, gear and fur, and they can move quickly along infected trails

and roads. Cut branches can also root and grow into new, healthy plants.

A few plausible scenarios exist as to how Chromolaena got here. Perhaps a contaminated seed was planted in the agricultural area below KTA. Or a seed rode in on a dirt bike, since part of KTA is used for public motocross track on weekends. The most likely cause for the weed infestation, though, is military training.

Occasionally, units from Guam train in Hawaii, so tiny Chromolaena seeds, hidden in packs or boots, could have hitched a ride with one of these units.

### Significance

The discovery of Chromolaena in KTA highlights the importance of maintaining strict sanitation on training ranges.

Soldiers and contractors are asked to take advantage of wash racks at training ranges to clean wheel wells and undercarriages on tactical and other vehicles.

Hikers and range workers are asked to inspect their boots, clothes, packs and other field gear before entering natural areas. They are also asked to clean mud and debris off their gear at the end of every field day, and to wash and vacuum their vehicles at least once a week.

These efforts and those of the OANRP staff and its partners will help prevent species like Chromolaena from invading Hawaii.

OANRP staff, with help from the Oahu Invasive Species Committee, Bishop Museum and the Hawaii Department of Agriculture, is developing a detailed map of the Chromolaena infestation boundaries in KTA. This map will be the first step in creating a comprehensive plan for addressing this highly-invasive species.

Photos Courtesy of Oahu Army Natural Resources Program

Background — The highly invasive weed Chromolaena odorata, discovered for the first time in Hawaii in January, grows along a road in Kahuku Training Area.

Left — A member of the sunflower family, the Chromolaena odorata plant produces tiny — 4 to 5 millimeter — white to pinkish flowers that can produce up to 800,000 seeds per plant.

## PTA staff preserve, protect fragile sites

VICKEY MOUZÉ  
Pau Hana Editor

POHAKULOA TRAINING AREA, Hawaii — A tall, thin woman stood atop sharp-as-broken-glass volcanic rock, here, as she pointed in different directions to bring attention to Native Hawaiian cultural sites, here, recently.

Dr. Julia Taomia's audience, comprised of 15 Army civilians, listened as she explained the cultural artifacts left behind by Native Hawaiians.

Taomia is an Army archaeologist, here, and works for the Cultural Resources section, Environmental Division, Directorate of Public Works, U.S. Army Garrison-Pohakuloa.

The Army civilians are in the USAG-Hawaii Fellows Program. Overseen by USAG-Hawaii's Workforce Development Division, the yearlong Fellows Program helps leaders, supervisors and staff grow.

During the program, fellows visit USAG-HI directorates and activities to learn more about the garrison's mission of supporting Soldiers and their families.

PTA, one of USAG-HI's 22 installations, is the largest military training area in the state. PTA's extensive high-altitude maneuver area replicates the harsh conditions that Soldiers and Marines will encounter in Afghanistan.

Taomia told the fellows about the efforts she and six full-time contract archaeologists conduct.

"Here, at PTA, we occasionally find pottery," she said. "Three thousand years ago, Polynesians were making pottery. The preservation (here) to me is just amazing."

The Cultural Resources Section manages more than 300 state-registered archaeological sites and monitors more than 35 ar-



Courtesy Photo

Staff members with the Cultural Resources section, Environmental Division, DPW, USAG-Pohakuloa, investigate Native Hawaiian cultural artifacts located inside one of PTA's extensive lava tubes. At 32 percent, lava tubes represent the largest percentage of PTA's Native Hawaiian cultural sites.

chaeological sites for effects from troops and hoofed mammals, such as pigs and goats.

Taomia said that carbon dating shows that Native Hawaiians spent time in the area as far back as the 1400s-1600s A.D. These Native Hawaiians left behind cultural shrines, habitation caves, burial sites and pictographs.

"This is one of the sites that we try to protect," Taomia said, as she described a habitation area to the fellows. "Somebody had a house, and then other people were camped out in the lava blisters. There's one here, and there's another one back there with another flat area, with a terrace up next to it. There's actually a wall back there with a fire pit, and the wall has a volcanic glass blade stuck in it."

Taomia said that the Cultural Resources Section will place deadwood or barbed wire over the lava blister pit to keep out animals, but it has recently learned that animals can still sneak through.

Located on the saddle between the Mauna Loa and Mauna Kea mountains, PTA is home to one of the world's rarest ecosystems: a tropical, sub-alpine, dryland ecosystem.

While Taomia's section discovers, preserves and protects PTA's cultural resources, natural resources are also protected and preserved.

Natural Resources staff work to identify, manage and protect 15 threatened and endangered plant species through a cultivation and planting program.





25 / Saturday

**Adventure Kayak II** – Join Outdoor Recreation, 6:30 a.m.-1 p.m., June 25, and learn how to kayak on the ocean. Equipment and round-trip transportation from Schofield Barracks are available. Cost is \$49. To register, call 655-0143.

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

27 / 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 at Schofield Barracks and Aliamanu Military Reservation. 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.

Classes are held at the following days, times and locations:

- Mondays, 5-7 p.m., Army Community Service, Schofield Barracks.
- Tuesdays, 5-7 p.m., Community Center, Aliamanu Military Reservation.

28 / Tuesday

**Creative Art Journaling** – Learn scrapbooking techniques on a different level at the Schofield Barracks Arts and Crafts Center in June, 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m, every Tuesday and Thursday. Teens and adults are welcome. Cost is \$30 for 10 sessions. Call 655-4202 to register.

**Free Bowling** – Countdown another month of deployment with Blue Star Card, 6 p.m., June 28, at the Schofield Barracks Bowling Center. BSC holders will receive one free game of bowling and shoe rental. Space is limited; registration is required. To register, call 655-0112 or email amanda.p.montgomery@gmail.com.

30 / Thursday

**Mom and Tots** – Moms can spend quality time with their keiki and create an art project, 10-11 a.m., June 30. Cost is \$4. Moms and Tots is held every Thursday. Call 655-4202 to register.

**BOSS Movie Night** – Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers, or BOSS, invites single Soldiers to enjoy a movie along with food and drink specials, 6 p.m., June 30, at the Tropics Recreation Center, Schofield Barracks. Call 655-1130.



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

25 / Saturday

**Military Appreciation Day** – The USO Hawaii and the Waikiki Aquarium are hosting organized Military Family Fun Day, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., June 25. See B-3 for details. Call 422-1213 or email elsmith@uso.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 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.).

These workshops cover key information specific to Hawaii residents, like when and where to evacuate, and they clear 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.



Courtesy of Emily Harrison

## Young patriots

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Deanna Whitfield (left), cub master, and Sara Davis (back row), pack trainer, from Cub Scout Pack 166, here, salute the flag during retreat at Weyands Field, here, Flag Day, June 14. Cub Scouts honored the flag while attempting to earn their summertime pack activity award. Search for “Cub Pack 166, Schofield Barracks,” on www.facebook.com to learn more about additional activities.

## July

1 / Friday

**Family Fun Friday** – Enjoy free pizza and activities, 6 p.m., July 1, at the Tropics Recreation Center, Schofield Barracks. Call 655-5698.

4 / Monday

**Fourth of July** – Celebrate the Fourth of July Spectacular, 9 a.m.-9 p.m., at Weyand Field (adjacent to Sills Field), Schofield Barracks.

All gates will be open to the public, but everyone over the age of 16 must have a state or federal government ID card to gain entry on post.

Activities will include rides and inflatables, a military working dog demo, an arts and crafts bazaar, entertainment and professional fireworks.

Call 655-0111/2. Visit www.mwrrar.myhawaii.com to register for the 5K Fun Run and children’s one mile run.

5 / Tuesday

**Open Stage** – Show off your talent, 6 p.m., July 5, at the Tropics Recreation Center, Schofield Barracks. Sessions are every first and third Tuesday. Call 655-5698.

## Ongoing

**Mini Flag Football** – Mini Flag Football registration continues through July 12. Children born in 2006 or 2007

are eligible. Cost is \$15. To register, stop by Parent Central Services at either Schofield Barracks or Aliamanu Military Reservation. Call Youth Sports Office at 655-6465 or 836-1923.

**Summer Reading Program**

– This year’s theme is “A Midsummer Knight’s Read” and runs now through 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, but participants can join anytime.

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.

**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.

**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 crafts work in this annual contest.

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

**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.

**Deploying Units** – The Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation can explain the Blue Star Card at pre-deployment family readiness group meetings. Call 655-0002.

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 www.bayFestHawaii.com or call 254-7653.

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

**Troops to Teachers** – Troops to Teachers directly supports military members who have chosen teaching as a career. This program provides direct resource support, including hiring, and it allows up to a \$10,000 bonus for teaching in high-need schools. Call 586-4054, ext. 409.

**Parent Participation Preschool**

– This program is for children ages 3-4, and it helps preschool children make a smooth transition into the structure of kindergarten. Preschool days are 12-2 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays, Wheeler Armed Services YMCA, Wheeler Army Airfield. Cost is \$40 per month. Call 624-5645 to register.

**Hui Thriftshop** – The Hui Thrift Shop at Schofield Barracks offers great bargains and a chance to volunteer. Located at 2107 Ulrich Way, behind Army Community Service, the shop is open 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays, and the first and third Saturday of the month. Consignment hours are 9-11 a.m. Call 624-3254 or email huithriftshopliaison@gmail.com. Visit www.schofieldspousesclub.com or search for “hui-thrift-shop” on Facebook.

**Zumba** – Classes are offered Saturday mornings at the Armed Services YMCA, Wheeler Army Airfield. Preregistration is required. Cost is \$20 a month and includes the class and on-site child care for the duration of the class. The exact time is tentative; call 624-5645.

## 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.



Call 624-2585 for movie listings or go to aafes.com under reeltime movie listing.



**Priest**

(PG-13)

Fri., June 24, 7 p.m.  
Wed., June 29, 7 p.m.

**African Cats**

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Sat., June 25, 4 p.m.



**Jumping the Broom**

(PG-13)

Sat., June 25, 7 p.m.  
Thurs., June 30, 7 p.m.

**Hop**

(PG)

Sun., June 26, 2 p.m.

No shows on Mondays or Tuesdays.



# New homes at Radar Hill, Rim Loop to open in summer

ISLAND PALM COMMUNITIES  
News Release

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS – Nearly 200 homes within Island Palm Communities will be completed during the next three months, just in time for the summer’s permanent change of station, or PCS, season.

“Summer is peak season at nearly every Army installation, and at (IPC), we’re expecting more than 1,100 families to move to Oahu,” said Mark Frey, project director, IPC.

“Both our construction and renovation teams continue to keep pace with a fairly aggressive building schedule, and (they) have delivered nearly 3,500 new and renovated homes, beautifully-planned communities, amenities and services that families are truly enjoying,” Frey added.

“We’ve been in business for more than six years, and we know families across the Army must be hearing good things about us based on the amount of calls, emails and inquiries we’re receiving on our Facebook page,” said Tom Adams, director, Property Management, IPC. “Hawaii’s a long way from home, but once they get here, see their new neighborhood and settle into their home – and we see that smile – we know IPC is becoming a very desirable community.”

The Radar Hill neighborhood, sitting above Fort Shafter and touting gorgeous views, will wrap up this summer with the completion of 59 homes during the next two months.

In August, the first new homes at Fort Shafter’s Hauoli Heights will be completed.

Just across the freeway, an entire neighborhood, known as Funston, will be completed, offering more than 60 families a beautiful place to live.

At Aliamanu Crater, the Rim Loop neighborhood will get its first homes in July, and a total of 162 will be completed through December.



For resident recourse, maintenance or tips, visit [www.islandpalmcommunities.com](http://www.islandpalmcommunities.com) and/or [www.facebook.com/islandpalmcommunities](http://www.facebook.com/islandpalmcommunities).

## Housing office receives awards

Lend Lease property management developers and Island Palm Communities, its U.S. Army Hawaii community development, are continuing to draw statewide recognition.

- Developer of the Year*

Lend Lease was recently named Developer of the Year by the NAIOP Hawaii chapter, a trade association for professionals in industrial, office and mixed-use commercial real estate, at its annual Kukulu Hale Awards.

The awards recognize individuals and organizations that have made significant contributions to the community and Hawaii’s real estate industry.

- Commitment to Green*

Island Palm Communities was named a finalist in the Pacific Edge Magazine Business Achievement Awards’ Commitment to Green Award category.

The awards showcase innovative business leaders and companies, and their contributions to the Hawaii community.

# Waikiki Aquarium, USO host military ohana fun day

USO HAWAII  
News Release

HONOLULU – Active duty and retired military members and their families are invited to the free Military Appreciation Day, or Family Fun Day, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., June 25, at the Waikiki Aquarium, courtesy of USO Hawaii and Friends of the Waikiki Aquarium.

USO Hawaii is hosting the event for all military and family members as a gesture of thanks and appreciation for all past and present sacrifices and service of U.S. armed forces personnel.

Guests can enjoy free admission to the aquarium, and free hot dogs, snacks and drinks.

Live entertainment is set for 10 a.m.-3 p.m., and will include the Royal Hawaiian Band, the Air Force Small Kine Ensemble and the Navy Pacific Fleet Band. Comedian Frank De Lima will be onstage at 11 a.m.

Trained docents and volunteers will be available for tours and information, 9 a.m-2 p.m.

USO Hawaii will distribute free Disney toys and DVDs, and will raffle off gift packages, courtesy of Kilauea Military Camp, a joint services recreation center located in Hawaii Volcanoes National Park, on the Big Island.

Food vendors and community booths will be set up on the aquarium grounds.



The Honolulu Festival Foundation will showcase Japanese culture with traditional children’s games. Also, keiki can get their photos taken wearing a Japanese yukata, or a casual, summer kimono.

The Waikiki Aquarium is the third oldest aquarium in the U.S. More than 2,500 organisms are featured, such as reef sharks, fish, sea jellies, living coral and the endangered Hawaiian monk seal.

- Free shuttle available
- Service members and their families can take advantage of the following amenities during Family Fun Day:
- The free shuttles departing Fort Shafter are full.
  - Starting at 9 a.m., 11 a.m., noon and 2 p.m., a free shuttle service will run from the Pearl Harbor NEX.
  - Starting at 10 a.m., a free shuttle service will run from the Schofield Barracks Bowling Center. For updated information, call 422-1213 or email [elsmith@uso.org](mailto:elsmith@uso.org).
  - Starting at 10 a.m., a free shuttle service will run from the Main Exchange at Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay.
  - Free parking is available for individuals at Kapiolani Community College, with a shuttle service to and from the aquarium. Limited metered parking is available along Kalakaua Avenue, Honolulu.
  - While reservations aren’t needed for the free event, guests will need to show their military ID.
  - For details, call USO Hawaii at 422-1213 or email [elsmith@uso.org](mailto:elsmith@uso.org).

# Keiki, parents celebrate Army’s birthday at CDC

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FORT SHAFTER – The Army’s 236th birthday was celebrated at the Child Development Center, here, with cake, games and music, June 16.

Keiki and their parents were invited to attend the Army birthday commemoration, where 25th Infantry Division’s Configurations Jazz Combo supplied music.

“This is the first year we have offered a dance in recognition of the Army birthday,” said Christy Morrissey, director, CDC.

“For those who didn’t want to dance, we had other activities available, to include storytelling, (a) tattoo station, cupcake decorating and a pin-on-the-tank game,” Morrissey said.

Food was also available, including a large birthday cake.

“It took us over two months of planning to make this event happen,” Morrissey said. “We are pleased at how well things turned out. I would like to especially thank the 25th Infantry Division’s Configurations Jazz Combo for lending us their musical talents and making this a memorable event.”

“The CDC put together a really nice event honoring the Army’s 236th birthday,” said Sgt. 1st Class Curtistine Chrisp, Logistics Office, U.S. Army-Pacific. “I really enjoyed the 25th ID band. Hopefully, this will become an annual event.”

Based on the responses of parents and the smiles on children’s faces, the CDC does plan on making the Army commemoration an annual event, Morrissey said.



See more photos from this event at [www.flickr.com/photos/usarpac](http://www.flickr.com/photos/usarpac).



Courtesy Photos

Lt. Col. Doug Guttormsen, commander, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers-Honolulu District, watches his son Will decorate a cupcake during the Army birthday commemoration at the CDC, Fort Shafter, June 16.



Children dance to the smooth sounds of the 25th ID Band’s Configurations Jazz Combo during the Army birthday commemoration.



# Ewa Beach offers patriotic, historic rides

**HAWAIIAN RAILWAY SOCIETY**  
News Release

EWA BEACH – Reserve your tickets now for the July Fourth Patriotic USA Birthday Party Train Ride. This special charter ride departs from the Ewa Train Station and travels through west Oahu. The historic train that once transported King David Kalakaua and Queen Liliuokalani will be decorated in patriotic flags and bunting. In addition, a Marine color guard and rifle salute will honor the Marines and Ewa Village civilians who were killed Dec. 7, 1941, at what was then the front gate to Ewa Field, a Marine Corps fighter airfield.

A preboarding ceremony starts at 9 a.m.; the historic narrow-gauge train will then depart the Ewa Train Museum at 9:30 a.m. and at 2 p.m. The ride is 90-minutes long and includes historic narration, grade crossings, train whistles and flag waving, as it passes through Ewa and Kapolei to Kahe Point before returning to the Ewa Train Station.

Other historic points of interest along the trip include the former Barbers Point Naval Air Station, Fort Barrette and Battery Arizona, where guns from the USS Arizona were located. Hot dots, hamburgers and chicken will be served 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.



Courtesy Photo

This historic train, which used to carry Queen Liliuokalani to her North Shore retreat, will offer patriotic rides, July 4.

An “old days” Hawaiian music review and the Ewa Plantation Singers will provide entertainment. The train, more than 100 years old and chartered by King Kalakaua, was used to carry Queen Liliuokalani to

her North Shore retreat. The train travels over a narrow gauge railway. The rails are on the National Historic Register of Historic Places and maintained by the Hawaiian Railway Society.

**July Fourth Patriotic Train Ride**  
Reserve tickets for the July Fourth Patriotic USA Birthday Party Train by emailing gm@hawaiiin.com before the Fourth of July weekend.  
•Adult tickets are \$8.50.

•Seniors (older than 62 years of age) are \$7.50.  
•Keiki ages 2-12 are \$7.50; keiki under 2 years of age are free.  
Visit www.hawaiianrailway.com for directions.

# Army Hawaii sends world-class athletes to international games

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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS – Three U.S. Army-Hawaii Soldiers will compete in the Conseil International DuSport Militaire, or CISM, Military World Games in Rio de Janeiro, July 13-25. The Military World Games are a multisports event, organized every four years, held one year before the year the Olympics take place. Soldier-athletes from 25th Infantry Division and Tripler Army Medical Center are representing their respective sports:  
•Sgt. Gary Ang, Company B, 2nd Battalion, 35th Inf. Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th ID, is competing in sand/beach volleyball.

•Spc. Ashleah Dingle, Medical Co. C, TAMC, is competing in soccer.  
•Sgt. Aubry Johnson, Co. D, 3rd Bn., 25th Aviation Regt., 25th Combat Avn. Bde., 25th ID, is also competing in soccer.

As members of the U.S. Armed Forces National Team, Ang, Dingle and Johnson will compete against military athletes from Asia, Canada, Europe and South America.

The timing of amateur games is important for athletes, in terms of performance, as Olympic coaches observe the games and recruit potential competitors.

For USARHAW Soldiers, the next step after CISM is an invitation to join the Army World Class Athlete Program. If received, that invitation is a call to the 2012 Olympic trials.



# TAMC medic’s dedication to soccer pays off; will play in Brazil

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HONOLULU – For nearly 17 years, Spc. Ashleah Dingle, a medic assigned to Company C, Tripler Army Medical Center, has loved the game of soccer. She played as a child. She played through school. She played in leagues. Now, she plays for the U.S. Armed Forces Soccer Team. Dingle played her first season with the team in 2009, joining shortly after completing her military training and arriving at her first unit. “(My dad) mentioned to me that I could continue playing soccer in the military competitively,” she said. According to Dingle, the team has a lot of similarities to league play, but works on a much higher skill level.

“There are a series of tryouts, training, games and a tournament once a year. We play against some of the best players (from their militaries) around the world,” she explained. As a result, Dingle trains hard, combining her regular physical training regimen with a soccer-focused workout routine. “My unit has regular PT in the mornings, so I try pushing myself to the max when I do PT with them,” Dingle said. “After work, I work out on my own, alternating days of sprints, shuttle runs, middle distance, long distance and CrossFit. After those workouts, I do ball skills/workouts that range from dribbling to shooting.” Dingle believes the training, as well as playing for the team, makes her a better player and Soldier. “They are both quite similar. You have to be mentally, physically and emotionally fit to accom-

plish a mission,” she said. After the 2009 season, Dingle wanted to try out for the 2010 team. However, her duty to her unit came first, and she joined it on a one-year deployment to Al Asad, Iraq. She tried to find a way to do both, but even with the assistance of her unit, it didn’t work out. With her deployment complete and a more predictable work schedule, Dingle was able to apply, tryout and make the 2011 team. Next month, she will join her teammates at MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa, Fla., for a week of intensive training. Then, they head to Rio De Janerio for the Conseil International DuSport Militaire, or CISM, Military World Games, July 13-25. The team will play against teams from Brazil, Germany, Netherlands, Canada, France, South Korea and North Korea.



Courtesy Photo

Spc. Ashleah Dingle, Co. C, TAMC, drives past an opponent while playing for the 2009 All Armed Forces Soccer Team.