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# DOD issues Afghanistan, Iraq campaign stars

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WASHINGTON — Bronze campaign stars are now authorized for service members who have served in Iraq since Sept. 1, 2010, or in Afghanistan since Dec. 1, 2009, Defense Department officials announced, June 30.

The new campaign stars, worn on the Iraq and Afghanistan campaign medals, recognize service during Operation New Dawn in Iraq and the Consolidation III campaign phase in Afghanistan.

OND began Sept. 1, 2010, marking the official end of Operation Iraqi Freedom and U.S. combat operations in Iraq with a new focus on advising, assisting and training Iraqi security forces.

The Consolidation III campaign in Afghanistan began Dec. 1, 2009, the date President Barack Obama committed to sending 30,000 additional troops to Afghanistan, with a plan to begin drawing down that force in July.

Services will announce implementing instructions to their members about wear of the new campaign stars.

Service members who have qualified for the Iraq Campaign Medal and Afghanistan Campaign Medal may display a bronze campaign star on

### Campaign phases

Six other campaign phases were previously identified for Iraq, including these:

- Liberation of Iraq, March 19-May 1, 2003
- Transition of Iraq, May 2, 2003-June 28, 2004
- Iraqi Governance, June 29, 2004-Dec. 15, 2005
- National Resolution, Dec. 16, 2005-Jan. 9, 2007
- Iraqi Surge, Jan. 10, 2007-Dec. 31, 2008
- Iraqi Sovereignty, Jan. 1, 2009-Aug. 31, 2010

In Afghanistan, there are three previously identified campaign phases, including these:

- Liberation of Afghanistan, Sept. 11-Nov. 30, 2001
- Consolidation I, Dec. 1, 2001-Sept. 30, 2006
- Consolidation II, Oct. 1, 2006-Nov. 30, 2009

their medal for each campaign phase in which they participated.

A silver campaign star is issued in lieu of five bronze stars.



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Courtesy of the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation

## Red, white and blue

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — A Soldier holds up “Old Glory” during the “1812 Overture” and 50-state patriotic salute, here, Monday, bringing the 40th Annual Schofield Barracks Fourth of July Spectacular to a close. Read more about this event on page B-1.

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8th Military Police Brigade celebrates its Army family.

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3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, conducts a memorial service for its fallen warriors, 10 a.m., July 12, Schofield Barracks Main Post Chapel.

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Courtesy Photo

The Post Theater, shown here as it appeared until 1935, was constructed in the Art Deco style by the 3rd Eng. Regt. in 1933.

# Sgt. Smith Theater closes for renovation

**VICKEY MOUZE**  
Pau Hana Editor

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — The Sgt. Smith Theater, here, is getting an estimated \$600,000 facelift. The theater will close for renovations July 18-May 2012.

When the historic building reopens, the lobby, restrooms and dressing rooms will have a new coat of

paint, according to David Lee, Construction Management office, Directorate of Public Works, U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii.

DPW is also overseeing the replacement of the hardwood flooring on the stage.

Plus, the lower auditorium will get new, modern

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# USACE-POD greets new commander

Stevens to lead division’s mission

**U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS-PACIFIC OCEAN DIVISION**  
Public Affairs

FORT SHAFTER — Col. Edward Kertis relinquished his position as commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers-Pacific Ocean Division to Brig. Gen. Richard Stevens, during a change of command ceremony, June 30, at historic Palm Circle, here.

With the passing of the ceremonial flag, symbolizing the official change of command, Stevens now leads nearly 1,800 military and Department of the Army civilian engineers, technicians and other professionals in the annual execution of a \$2 billion program.

The mission includes engineering design, construction and real estate management for Army-Hawaii, Army- and Air Force-Alaska, and for all Department of Defense agencies in Japan, the Republic of Korea and Kwajalein Atoll in the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

“I am exceptionally proud to be taking charge of a division that is justifiably regarded as one of the most professional and well-respected public engineering enterprises in the world,” Stevens said. “I am honored.”

Stevens previously served multiple duty assignments within Headquarters, Department of the Army, at the Pentagon, culminating with his most recent assignment as the executive officer to the 36th Army chief of staff, retired Gen. George Casey Jr.

Maj. Gen. Merdith Temple, acting commanding

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# Female ‘Broncos’ build bonds as Afghani girls learn language

Story and Photo by  
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NANGARHAR PROVINCE, Afghanistan — Afghan girls had a case of the nervous giggles, when the Female Engagement Team from “Task Force Bronco” began tutoring them in English, here, recently.

Female volunteers in 3rd Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 3rd Bde. Com-

bat Team, 25th Infantry Division, visited Zangui Village, here, to help Afghan girls, ranging in age from 12-20, learn English.

“Many of the local girls weren’t doing so well in their English class, so the FET said they would help during their summer break,” said 1st Lt. Denise Quigley, 3rd BSTB. “The communication techniques have greatly improved

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Pvt. Erin Murphy (center), combat medic, 3rd BSTB, 3rd BCT, 25th ID, shares a laugh with local girls at Zangui Village, Afghanistan, recently.



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# Voices of Ohana



"Success is not a destination; it's a journey."

**Sgt. Graciano Diaz**  
HHC,  
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8th TSC



"Overcoming an obstacle you thought was impossible."

**Spc. Traneisha Foriest**  
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"One's level of happiness is a greater indicator of success than their net worth."

**Sgt. Christopher Jenkins**  
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"Achieving something you've worked hard for."

**Pfc. Alissa Sinclair**  
25th Trans Co.,  
524th CSSB,  
45th Sust. Bde.,  
8th TSC



"Success is accomplishing everything you put your mind to."

**Sgt. Gerald Sydnor**  
HHC, 45th STB,  
45th Sust. Bde.,  
8th TSC

# Installation Action Council hears community concerns

**U.S. ARMY GARRISON-HAWAII**  
Public Affairs

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — "Why do fire trucks and ambulances sound their alarms in the wee hours of the morning?" and "Why isn't there a farmer's market on post?" were just two topics logged for discussion at the Installation Action Council, or IAC, here, June 27.

The IAC is a community forum that considers issues and concerns that broadly impact North and South Oahu military communities.

Council members — U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii directors, senior staff from garrison organizations and senior leaders from tenant commands, who all serve as subject matter experts — meet quarterly to hear issues that affect the entire U.S. Army Hawaii community of Soldiers, family members, civilians, contractors and retirees. The IAC also includes a Soldier and spouse representative from each brigade and command, and a Soldier and spouse from constituent groups such as retirees, veterans and single Soldiers.

Col. Douglas Mulbury, commander, USAG-HI, and chair of the IAC, asked the council, "Are we doing the right thing? What are we missing? Is there something that you perceive as a gap?" in his opening remarks. He reminded attendees that the IAC is "a communication forum, obviously to hear your concerns and the things you determine to be an issue, but also for us to communicate."

Mulbury explained that some things can and other things can't be accomplished. The community needs to be informed in either case, he said.

During the third quarter of fiscal year 2011, the council heard a total of 32 community issues, 17 of which were submitted during the Army Family Action Plan Conference. Fifteen issues were resolved, or voted as "complete," because the issue was attained or considered unattainable.

Typically, many IAC issues concern parking spaces and traffic flow, maintained by the Directorate of Public Works; military family housing, managed by Island Palm Communities; and speeding, controlled by the Directorate of Emergency Services. This quarter's council was no different; it reviewed many new issues, too.

New issues included IPC community centers, carports, lost keys and school bus stops. The Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation responded to questions about on-post home-based businesses; the Schofield Barracks Commissary answered questions about organic produce; and DES explained reasons for early morning sirens and why the Wheeler Army Airfield gate in the Wili Wili community does not remain open to improve traffic flow.

"Fire and police emergencies occur at all hours," said Chris Graves, DES deputy director. "Any emergency response requires the use of lights and sirens when clearing intersections, regardless of the traffic flow."

He added that DES is determining if emergency responders can use just lights, instead of sirens, during early morning

### Community resources

For more information about the IAC, or to see if your unit is represented, call 655-9033, email [Roselina.Stone@us.army.mil](mailto:Roselina.Stone@us.army.mil) or visit [www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil/sites/directorates/customer.asp](http://www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil/sites/directorates/customer.asp).

- IAC issue sheets, past issue information and results are available at [www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil/sites/services/iac.asp](http://www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil/sites/services/iac.asp).

- Access the Interactive Customer Evaluation, or ICE, system at <http://ice.disa.mil>.

- Email [AskTheCommander.usaghi@us.army.mil](mailto:AskTheCommander.usaghi@us.army.mil).

- The next Fort Shafter PXMarket Council Meeting is 10:15 a.m., Aug. 3, at the Hale Ikena, Fort Shafter. The meeting is open to patrons.

hours. Also, he said, DES has been assessing the traffic flow off WAAF and believes that opening up Wili Wili Gate would require a signal light. The DES is looking at other ways to reduce the traffic flow.

Commenting upon feral pigs in the Fort Shafter area, Graves stated that DES has an aggressive animal control program. The directorate is actively working toward the removal of feral pigs, but the project is ongoing. Because the issue is not a short-term one, the council voted it remain "open-active."

Residents can call Animal Control, 655-7114 or 655-4007, about any feral animal concerns.

Susan Campbell, store manager for the Schofield Barracks Commissary, said the commissary, here, receives organic produce through a sole source contract — to ensure all produce meets and is maintained according to USDA inspection standards.

"Thirty percent of the produce we receive and sell in the commissary is locally-grown produce," Campbell said, adding that labels identify which items are locally grown. "The commissary has a list available of 864 items that are identified as organic, wild and free range. Copies of the list will be placed at the ID door for our patrons."

Mulbury commented that patrons should take advantage of a farmer's market in their local off-post community. Doing so, he said, is what being a good neighbor is all about.

Rounding out June's council meeting, DPW said a contract has been awarded to install left turn signals to traffic lights at the intersections of Kolekole Avenue and Flagler and Humphreys streets in fiscal year 2012.

Many other directorates, organizations and tenant units are working behind the scenes to support the USARHAW community. As well, the Interactive Customer Evaluation, or ICE, system; community and employee town halls; the "Ask the Garrison Commander" email; and the Fort Shafter PXMarket Council Meeting are other resources available to support the community and address issues.

*(Editor's Note: Rosey Stone, USAG-HI Plans, Analysis and Integration Office, contributed to this article.)*



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Leon Panetta (right) takes the oath of office as the 23rd U.S. secretary of defense, given by Jeh Johnson, general counsel, DOD, during a ceremony at the Pentagon, Friday.

## Panetta pledges support

**JIM GARAMONE**

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — New Defense Secretary Leon Panetta pledged there will be no hollow force on his watch.

He said he will be a tireless advocate for service members and their families.

The secretary made the commitment in a message to the Defense Department, after he took the oath of office, Friday. The oath transferred responsibility for the depart-

"(There is) no higher responsibility for a secretary of defense than to protect those who are protecting America."

— **Honorable Leon Panetta**

23rd secretary of defense

ment from Robert Gates.

"You and your families will always be foremost on my mind and at the top of my agenda," Panetta said.

He added that he will not hesitate to do what needs to be done to defend America and will fight for the needs "of the men and women who serve in harm's way, and the families who support them."

"We will persist in our efforts to disrupt, dismantle and ultimately defeat al-Qaida," he said. "The successful operation that killed Osama Bin Laden — a mission that showcased American military strength and precision — is a major step toward that goal."

Panetta said service members

must continue to work with Afghan security forces and coalition partners to transition the security responsibility to the Afghans by 2014. The goal must be of an Afghanistan that never again becomes a safe haven for terrorists.

"As we continue our transition out of Iraq, we must cement a strategic relationship with the Iraqi government, one based not solely on our military footprint there, but on a real and lasting partnership," Panetta said. "It is in America's interests to help Iraq realize its potential to become a stable democracy in a vitally-important region in the world, and to reinforce that responsibility ... for the future security of Iraq must belong to the Iraqis themselves."

The secretary, who served as the director of the CIA, has been involved with operations around the world since the beginning of the Obama administration. He has a long public service career that began as an Army intelligence officer in 1964. He also served in the House of Representatives, as director of the Office of Management and Budget, and as White House chief of staff in President Bill Clinton's administration. Throughout his career, he said, he has focused on being disciplined with the taxpayers' money, but not short-changing security.

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"We must preserve the excellence and superiority of our military, while looking for ways to identify savings," he said. "While tough budget

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## Believers, followers should look for truth in the whale's belly

**CHAPLAIN (MAJ.) STEVE HOMMEL**

Brigade Chaplain, 500th Military Intelligence Brigade

While on deployment with the Joint Special Operations Task Force-Philippines, on the island of Mindanao, I was asked an interesting question during lunch.

As we broke lumpia together, two friends teasingly asked me, "Come on, 'Chaps,' do you really believe Jonah was swallowed by a whale, or what?"

I told them that in Jonah 1:17, "The Lord appointed a great fish to swallow Jonah, and Jonah was in the stomach of the fish three days and three nights."

I am not sure if the creature that swallowed Jonah was actually a whale or not, although I think it likely. The Hebrew words "gadol dawg" are translated as "whale" in the King James Version of the Bible and, more accurately, as "great fish" in the New American Standard Bible.

This translation could be referring to a whale, but it could also be used for several other kinds of large sea creatures.

In addition, Dr. John Morris, president of the Institute for Creation Research, wrote, "There are several species of whale and of sharks alive today, with gullets large enough to swallow a man whole."

The point is, the story is not impossible.

Clearly this event was miraculous and not a natural phenomenon. Thus, we don't have to give it an explanation limited by modern experience or knowledge.

Could a man survive for three days and three nights in the belly of a fish? The Biblical idiom "three days and three nights" does not necessarily mean three, 24-hour days. It means any part of three days. But could a man survive even that long?

There are historical accounts from whalers during the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries that record sailors being swallowed by whales and recovered alive, many hours later, when the creatures were processed.

For Christians, the account of Jonah and the whale, or a great fish, has an added significance.

Jonah is the only Old Testament prophet whom Jesus likened to himself. Matthew 12:40 states, "For just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the sea monster, so will the son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth."

Jonah's ordeal was a sign of Christ's own death, burial and resurrection.

While the Bible does, from time to time, employ metaphors and other figures of speech, according to interpretation, Jonah's ordeal should be taken literally. The Biblical account is not intended to be symbolical or metaphorical. It is a literal, historical account of something that actually happened.

While Jonah's experience was indeed miraculous, it is also not beyond the realm of natural possibility.

One should not get lost in the dramatic details of being swallowed and vomited up by a great fish — no matter how gross that must have been. The real importance of Jonah's story is that it served as a prophetic foundation for the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ, the Messiah.



# 25th CAB puts its air assault, endurance skills to the test

Mobile team brings tough course to Hawaii Soldiers and Airmen

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WHEELER ARMY AIRFIELD – “Air Assault!”

Recently, Soldiers from all over the Pacific region were able to attend the Air Assault Course, held at the East Range Training Complex on Schofield Barracks.

The Company B, Air Assault Mobile Training Team from Fort Benning, Ga., taught the course.

“It was a great course,” said Spc. Richard Earl, petroleum supply specialist, Company E, 3rd Battalion, 25th General Support Aviation Regiment, “Hammerhead,” 25th Combat Aviation Brigade, 25th Infantry Division. “I thought it was going to be tough, but I did not expect it to be this hard.”

The Air Assault Course is comprised of “Day Zero” and three phases.

During Day Zero, participants conduct an inventory of equipment, navigate through the obstacle course and perform a physical fitness test.

“Phase one was the technical part of the course, but still important for what the class encompasses,” Earl said.

Phase two is the hands-on part of the training. The Soldiers are tested on various sling-loads for Army aircraft, proper hand and arm signals for ground-guiding aircraft, and proper hookup procedures.

“Phase two was my big obstacle to overcome, mainly the exam,” said Staff Sgt. Cain

Right — 1st Lt. Tamatane Letuli, HHC, 25th CAB, 25th ID, climbs the rope of the “Tough One” on the Air Assault Obstacle Course at Schofield Barracks, recently.



Soldiers from 2nd Assault Helicopter Bn., 25th Avn. Regt., “Diamond Head,” 25th CAB, 25th ID, prepare to rappel out of a UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter at the East Range Training Complex, Schofield Barracks, recently.

Hennings, Headquarters Support Co., 209th Avn. Support Bn., 25th CAB. “The class is hard.”

In the exam, students inspect various sling-loads and display hand-and-arm signals for ground-guiding aircraft, according to Sgt. Kyle Lewis, a phase two senior instructor, Co. B, Air Assault MTT.

“Phase two is the phase where the students will learn the most for use after this course,” he said.

Upon completion of phase two, Soldiers move right into phase three, which is the rappelling instruction block. During this phase, the class is required to successfully tie a Swiss seat, hook in properly and complete four different rappels.

Before the course is complete, students have one more obstacle to tackle, a 12-mile ruck march.

“The only thing that could prepare you for the 12-mile ruck march is going out and doing it in your spare time,” Earl said.

Of the 238 who attended the course, only 176 Soldiers graduated.

“It was a great opportunity to come out here and teach this class to Soldiers and Airmen who would have had to travel long distances for this course,” Lewis said. “The students did great with the training; (they were) willing to learn and pushed to excel.”



With guidance from the Air Assault Course MTT, Soldiers from 2nd Assault Helicopter Bn., 25th Avn. Regt., “Diamond Head,” 25th CAB, 25th ID, prepare to rappel out of a UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter at Schofield Barracks, recently.

## Reserve, National Guard launch first-ever IRR Affiliation Program

**ARMY RESERVE COMMUNICATIONS**  
News Release

WASHINGTON – Individual Ready Reserve Soldiers and their families can now tap into a geographically-local military network of support to ensure well-being and readiness.

“IRR Soldiers and their families don’t have easy access to military installations,” said Brig. Gen. Leslie Purser, deputy chief, U.S. Army Reserve. “Through the IRR Affiliation Program, they’ll be able to turn to fellow Soldiers living nearby for information.”

Purser explained that local reserve units will help connect affiliated IRR Soldiers and their families with the resources to address physical and psychological health needs, career issues and family concerns.

“IRR members are usually coming off of an active duty tour, and they aren’t aware of all the programs in place to assist Re-

serve Soldiers and families,” Purser said. “Putting them in contact with a Reserve unit means they get to talk to people who have already successfully integrated their military and civilian lives.”

Affiliated IRR Soldiers will be under no obligation to participate in unit training or to maintain contact with the unit. They will only be required to acknowledge the program, their affiliation to a Reserve component unit and their understanding that resources and support will always be available to them while assigned to the IRR.

Since Friday, IRR Soldiers are being affiliated with Army reserve units. While several Army National Guard units will also participate in this initial program, the National Guard intends to include all its units in the program later this year.

IRR Soldiers need only to meet their statutory and regulatory requirement of notifying U.S. Army Human Resources Com-

mand of any changes to their contact information and personal status. HRC will notify IRR Soldiers of the unit to which they are affiliated.

Beginning December 1, Soldiers separating from the active component and entering into the IRR will be affiliated at transition points.



For more information on the IRR, visit the HRC website at [www.hrc.army.mil](http://www.hrc.army.mil).

## 65th Eng. Bn.’s HHC trained, ready for CBRN attacks

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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS – “If a chemical attack happens here,” asked Sgt. Jason Weaver, as he pointed to a spot on the map, “how far will the fallout travel in two hours?”

On cue, Soldiers from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 65th Engineer Battalion, 130th Eng. Brigade, 8th Theater Sustainment Command, broke out their compasses and began calculating the fallout radius.

These Soldiers learned about chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear hazards during three weeks of “Sergeant’s Time Training.” The training then culminated with a gas chamber exercise, where Soldiers learned to trust in their CBRN protective equipment.

“If there are chemicals in the air, you’re going to know it,” said Spc. Tyler Steele, operations, 65th Eng. Bn. “Being trained to detect and react to the chemicals can save our lives. This block of training has made us all a little more confident in our detection equipment.”

Although the majority of these Soldiers are engineers, the training they receive is critical.

“I learned how and when to send up a situation report, which would keep others from being contaminated,” said Spc. Robert Workman, armorer, HHC, who added that he now feels more prepared to react to a CBRN situation.

Although the CRBN threat has been diminished, the danger of such weapons remains a significant concern.

Sgt. Isaac Degracia, supply sergeant, HHC, emphasized the importance of keeping a clear head during a CBRN attack, and how composure is necessary for “clear communication and ... maintaining the tactical position.”

Leaders know this composure comes from Soldiers being familiar with their equipment and proficient in their ability to employ CBRN gear.

“A chemical or biological attack is always a possibility,” Weaver said, CBRN trainer, HHC. “It could turn into a really dangerous situation really quickly.

“What we’re teaching, here, gives Soldiers the confidence to get the mission accomplished and might even save their lives,” he said.



Sgt. Eddie Newman, HHC, 65th Eng. Bn., 130th Eng. Bde., 8th TSC, learns how to calculate the fallout radius of a CBRN attack during “Sergeant’s Time Training,” recently, at Area X, Schofield Barracks.



# Sergeant major of the Army visits 25th ID

Chandler addresses concerns about ‘don’t ask, don’t tell,’ sexual assault, downsizing

Story and Photo by  
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BAGHDAD — Sgt. Maj. of the Army Ray Chandler visited with Soldiers from 25th Infantry Division, recently, at Camp Liberty, here, to discuss the future of the Army and ongoing changes that many Soldiers may face.

Chandler's focus for the trip was to grasp a better understanding of Soldiers' views on subjects.

“My job is to be a scout,” Chandler said, referring to his duty to hear the concerns of Soldiers. “I go out and perform reconnaissance.”

During his visit, Chandler addressed some of the top issues facing the Army today. The first was sexual assault amongst Soldiers.

“We’ve still got sexual assaults happening in our formations every day, and that’s not okay,” Chandler said. “I have zero tolerance for anyone who sexually harasses or assaults another Soldier.

“We’re supposed to be professionals. We’re supposed to be Soldiers who live by an ethos. We’re supposed to be looking out for each other, but we still have stuff like this going on every day,” he added.

Chandler charged all Soldiers, from privates to senior noncommissioned officers, to hold people accountable for their actions.

“I need you to be aware that sexual assault is more prevalent than you probably realize,”

Chandler said. “You have an active role to prevent it, to intervene, to act and to motivate others (to intervene).”

The second topic of discussion was changes to the “don’t ask, don’t tell” policy.

“There are three things that continually come up that Soldiers are concerned with,” Chandler said. “One is cohabitation, the other is standards of conduct and the third is cross-dressing.”

Chandler emphasized that the same standards of conduct apply to all Soldiers, regardless of sexual orientation.

He described couples greeting each other at a homecoming ceremony after a deployment: first, a heterosexual couple pushing the limits of propriety on the parade field, and secondly, homosexual couples being discretely affectionate on the parade field.

Chandler used this example to show Soldiers that they know “what right looks like.”

He emphasized, what right looks like isn’t sexual orientation-specific.

The third issue was downsizing the Army.

“We’re going to bring the size of the Army down,” Chandler said. “We’re going to eliminate about 50,000 positions in the next five years, and that’s the active component only.”

Downsizing will take place in recruiting less new Soldiers and retaining less people.

“If you’re not performing, you’re probably not going to be offered the privilege of re-enlisting,” Chandler said. “If you are performing at an average (level), you’re at a risk of not being able to re-enlist. If you’re a retirement-eligible person and you’re doing an average job, we’re going to tell you, ‘Okay, you can go ahead and



Soldiers with 25th ID listen intently as Sgt. Maj. of the Army Ray Chandler (standing) discusses the Army's future during his visit to Camp Liberty, Iraq, recently. Chandler discussed topics ranging from the new Physical Readiness Test to the changes in the "don't ask, don't tell" policy.

retire now.”

Chandler then listed a description of Soldiers who would be welcome to re-enlist.

“If you’re physically fit, meeting the standards of height and weight; if you’re a disciplined Soldier; if you’re seeking greater opportunities; (and) if you are seeking military and civilian education, then we’re probably going to keep you on the

team,” Chandler said. “We’re only going to retain the best people.”

But no matter what the changes, Chandler said that knowing and enforcing the standards will mean continued success for the Army.

“Know the standard, set the standard, enforce the standard,” he said. “You do those, and this Army will be fine.”



Courtesy Photo

An iPhone user prepares to set goals on the Army's new resiliency app for Comprehensive Soldier Fitness. The resiliency app will soon be available for Droid users.

## Resiliency app available on smartphones

**MEGAN NEUNAN**  
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Being able to set goals and build resiliency is now just an app away.

The free app for iPhones and iPads, developed by a team at the Maneuver Center of Excellence, Fort Benning, Ga., and the Signal Center of Excellence at Fort Gordon, Ga., was recently released one month ago.

The app is an electronic version of the Resilience Goals Book under the Comprehensive Soldier Fitness, or CSF, program.

The app allows users to set goals within their personal beliefs and then set up electronic reminders to stay on top of them.

Soldiers can also email the goals directly to first-line supervisors.

“It’s the first thing a Soldier can help himself with,” said Sam Rhodes, the action officer responsible for a mobile-phone app that sets resilience goals. “I think it provides a high degree of structure that everyone needs ... as we return from war and prepare to go to war.”

Rhodes retired as a command sergeant major and was diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder, or PTSD, in 2005. Now he works for the Directorate of Training and Doctrine at Fort Benning. He specifically mentioned that the

### Download

The resiliency app can be downloaded at [www.apple.com/itunes/affiliates/download/](http://www.apple.com/itunes/affiliates/download/). Search “Goal Setting-Comprehensive Soldier Fitness” for iPhones and iPads.

An Android-compatible version will be released in the near future.

app is a small way to combat increasing suicide rates and PTSD in the Army.

He said goal-setting is the No. 1 way to enhance Soldier performance in all aspects of CSF.

The resiliency app exhibits a trend toward the innovative use of existing resources to help Soldiers. At least, that is Rhodes' thinking. He only wishes goal-setting were emphasized when he returned from theater.

“I didn’t have any of that,” he said, but added, since the Army realized what was happening with PTSD, it has been great about helping Soldiers.

The hard-copy goal book has been out for more than a year and can be downloaded as a 44-page PDF, too.

## Analysts create maps, resources for tsunami aid, rescue, response

Story and Photo by  
**2ND LT. KYLE SUCHOMSKI**  
65th Engineer Battalion, 130th Eng. Brigade,  
8th Theater Sustainment Command

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — While thousands of service members have served numerous humanitarian functions in Japan to support Operation Tomodachi, two Soldiers helped provide important capabilities there, recently.

Typographical analysts, Sgt. Jonathan Hughes and Spc. Joseph Carnes, both of the 70th Geospatial Company, 65th Engineer Battalion, 130th Eng. Bde., 8th Theater Sustainment Command, were part of a joint-service team, including Air Force and Navy analysts, which gave relief planners a bird’s-eye view of a disaster area.

Japan’s March 11 earthquake and the resulting tsunami caused widespread devastation and destruction across much of the country. As a result, the U.S. sent members from all armed forces branches to support Japan in the humanitarian mission.

Just 11 days after the devastating earthquake, Hughes and Carnes were en route to Yokota Air Base, Japan. There, the pair helped create terrain products, using advanced satellite imagery, which allowed local officials to quickly gather more information about the rapidly unfolding situation.

“I definitely saw lots of things out of place over there,” Carnes said. “There were boats on land and a ton of trash and debris everywhere. You could see the high-water marks on all the buildings. ... It was like everything above the second floor was virtually untouched by the tsunami.”

In addition to providing a view of the unfolding situation, 70th Geospatial Co. Soldiers had an impact on other aspects of the response effort. Their team produced maps of helicopter landing zones, which enabled rescuers to reach civilians affected by flooding and the earthquake.

Additionally, they generated map overlays, depicting radiation levels taken to analyze radioactive activity in the area surrounding the



Spc. Joseph Carnes, 70th Geospatial Co., 65th Eng. Bn., 130th Eng. Bde., 8th TSC, uses terrain modeling software to analyze the area along the eastern coast of Japan, as part of Operation Tomodachi. The area was devastated by the March 11 earthquake and tsunami.

Fukushima Nuclear Reactor.

“Operation Tomodachi was a great opportunity to deploy Soldiers at a moment’s notice, in support of humanitarian efforts,” said Capt. Nolan Peterson, executive officer, 70th Geospatial Co. “It allowed us to test and validate the unit’s standard operating procedures, particularly humanitarian operations in a joint environment. The guys came back with lots of valuable knowledge, (making it) a truly worthwhile experience.”

“I learned a ton about serving in a humanitarian-aid role,” Carnes said. “It was a whole different perspective than looking for an enemy threat. We were actually looking for ways to help people.”

## Military docs share breakthrough findings in mental health, brain injury treatment

Psychotherapy teleconferencing is part of PTSD discussion

Story and Photo by  
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16th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

KANDAHAR AIRFIELD, Afghanistan — Among all the injuries service members sustain during a combat deployment, the most common are concussions, post-traumatic stress and other difficult-to-detect behavioral health issues.

Studies show that anywhere between 10 and 20 percent of deployed service members will sustain a concussion, said Col. Jamie Grimes, theater neurologist, “Task Force 44 Medical Brigade,” recently.

“If you think about the 1.6 million service members who have already deployed, even 10 percent is a very large number,” Grimes said. “Without the right systems of detection in place, they’re at greater risk of being sent back into the fight too early.”

Unfortunately, the most significant findings about battle injury treatments are not published until months or even years after a combat health professional returns from a deployment, said Navy Cmdr. Benjamin Griffith, head of mental health, Role 3 Multinational Medical Unit, here.

Service members are working to break these traditions.

Nearly 100 military health care professionals



(From left to right) Lt. Col. Kirk Phillips, behavioral health consultant for U.S. Forces-Afghanistan; Navy Capt. Michael McCarten, commanding officer, NATO, Role 3 Multinational Medical Unit; and Navy Rear Adm. David Smith, chief of the International Security Assistance Force, Combined-Joint Medical Branch, listen to a brief during the inaugural Behavioral Health and Concussion Care Conference at Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan, June 25.

from across Afghanistan met, here, to discuss their cutting-edge findings and innovative techniques for behavioral health and concussion care, June 24. It was the first time such an event has occurred in Afghanistan.

“This conference represents military medicine moving forward,” Griffith said. “You’re seeing a multinational group meet, in real time, to discuss, ‘How can we do what we do better?’ It’s not, ‘What could we have done three years ago,’ it’s,

‘What are we going to start doing tomorrow, for the Soldier serving right now?’”

The conference brought service members from private first class to rear admiral together to discuss real cases from the combat zone.

“Just being here, surrounded by all these professionals, I get to learn a lot,” said Pfc. Stephanie Lora-Surun, behavioral health specialist, Company C, 325th Brigade Support Battalion, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division. “Bookwork is bookwork. I can read it, but getting told how to actually deal with a patient, it’s a huge benefit since ... I’m seeing Soldiers with symptoms and problems related to war.”

Grimes said that first-line Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines, like Lora-Surun, have the most influence when it comes to prevention and identification.

Typical service members are more willing to listen to someone they know — rather than a television commercial or a high-ranking stranger — to get the help they need.

One of the most innovative ideas discussed during the conference was the concept of psychotherapy teleconferencing, a video chat counseling session that works like Skype. With the new technology, Soldiers would be able to speak with a psychologist, instantly, from anywhere in the world.

Military psychologists are already putting the idea to use and making this service available to service members currently deployed in hostile areas.



# Theater: Improvements create more leg room

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and more spacious seating. While the seating capacity will decrease from 1,500 to 1,328, knee and leg space will increase. Other upgrades to the auditorium include new carpeting and the installation of LED floor lights. The Exchange, the entity that operates the theater, is also contributing to the venue’s modernization with a digital sound system for the digital/3-D projection system that is planned for 2013, according to Lori Maggard, food court manager, Hawaii-Exchange. The concession stand will be also upgraded and re-configured. Constructed by the 3rd Engineer Regiment in 1933 in the Art Deco style, the theater was later renamed to honor Platoon Sgt. Elmelindo Smith, according to Kathleen Ramsden, curator, Tropic Lightning Museum. Smith was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor, Feb. 16, 1967, for his heroic actions in the Vietnam War with the 4th Infantry Division.



Courtesy Photo

The Post Theater, as it looked in 1939, was later renamed to Sgt. Smith Theater, as it is still known today.



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Brig. Gen. Richard Stevens (center right) receives the Army colors from Maj. Gen. Merdith Temple (center left), during a change of command ceremony, June 30, at Palm Circle, Fort Shafter. Col. Edward Kertis (left) relinquished command of the USACE-POD to Stevens, who became the 30th commander of the division.

# POD: Kertis led projects

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general, USACE, hosted the ceremony and expressed his confidence in Stevens' leadership. “Your leadership, technical savvy and ability to build (a) productive partnership will absolutely ensure the success of the POD,” Temple said. Temple then thanked Kertis for his focused and insightful leadership. “POD’s efforts and leadership are an important and positive component of our national strategy in this increasingly vital part of the world,” Temple said. “We are grateful for the leadership of Col. Kertis. He stepped into command in this position and never missed a beat.” Kertis expertly directed a full range of engineering capabilities throughout the U.S. Pacific Command’s area of responsibility. He directed the two largest host-nation military construction projects in the history of the USACE, including the \$10.4 billion Korea Transformation Program, which will relocate U.S. troops from various bases in Korea to an expanded U.S. Army Garrison-Humphreys in the Republic of Korea, and a \$15 billion Defense Policy Review Initiative in Japan. Kertis also led the division in executing 100 percent of its civil works, and its American Recovery and Reinvestment Act projects, which helped put local contractors to work in Hawaii and Alaska. The division also completed more than 130 humanitarian assistance projects in Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Vietnam, Cambodia and Indonesia, totaling \$36 million. For his exceptional service from July 2010 to June 2011, Kertis received the Legion of Merit award. Kertis will deploy to Afghanistan, as USACE’s assistant division commander for operations of the Trans-Atlantic Division.

# Broncos: Culture limits effective communication

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from the first class.” Even after the second class, the FET said improvements were noticeable. Both Soldiers and local girls were more comfortable with each other, in comparison to their first meeting. “We are at a starting point,” said Pvt. Erin Murphy, combat medic, 3rd BSTB. “When they start understanding, they smile and get excited. “This time, there was more interaction, and the girls were less shy and tried to communicate more,” she said. “We are excited that we are learning English from other wom-

en (who are) Americans,” said one of the Afghan girls. The interaction between the FET and local women is special. Due to cultural differences, men are not allowed to directly interact with women, thus losing the ability to effectively communicate with half the population, Quigley said. “I’m trying to better Afghanistan a little bit before I leave,” Murphy said, who also volunteers to teach a younger group of girls, ages 4- 12, on Saturdays. The Soldiers said they believe bonds created through tutoring are starting to bridge cultural and language barriers. They hope, that with time, these bonds will grow into a true friendship.



### Options for movies

The Exchange won’t be airing movies during the closure; patrons are urged to use the theater on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Visit [www.shopmyexchange.com](http://www.shopmyexchange.com), click on “Reel Time Movies,” and then select region and location from the drop-down menu.

### Options for places to hold meetings

- Contingency Warehouse, Building 1052, Wheeler Army Airfield Gulch. Call 656-2275/2274.
- Post Conference Room, Building 584, Trimble Road,

- Schofield Barracks. Call 655-5061.
- Conroy Bowl, Building 555, Trimble Road, Schofield Barracks. Call 655-8880.
  - Installation Training Center, Building 896, Menoher Road, Schofield Barracks. Call 655-6500.
  - Mission Command Training Center, Building 1503, Trimble Road, Schofield Barracks. Call 655-2810/2689.
  - 9th Mission Support Command, Fort Shafter Flats. Call 438-1600.
  - Brigades have conference rooms; plus, most battalions have conference rooms and classrooms. Dining facilities are also an option.



# Gates ends historic term as defense secretary, thanks two presidents

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American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Robert Gates is the only man to thank two presidents for the privilege of serving as secretary of defense.

At the Armed Forces Farewell Tribute on the Pentagon's parade field, June 30, Gates thanked President George W. Bush for nominating him for the job in 2006, and then thanked President Barack Obama for retaining him in the position in 2009.

At farewell tribute, Obama praised Gates' bipartisanship and awarded him the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest award a president can offer to a civilian.

Gates used the occasion to address those who would have the U.S. withdraw from world affairs and retreat to isolationism. He quoted Gen. George Marshall, defense secretary and Army chief of staff during World War II. He used Marshall's "musts" for a generation, which included the development of a sense of responsibility for world order and security, and the development of a sense of importance for America's actions and failures to act.

"Now, as when Marshall first uttered those words, a sense of America's exceptional global responsibilities and the importance of what we do or do not do remain the great 'musts' of this dangerous new century," Gates said. "It is the sacred duty entrusted to all of us privileged to serve in positions of leadership and responsibility, a duty we should never forget or take lightly, a duty (that) I have every confidence you will all continue to fulfill."

Gates said his service as secretary of defense "has been the greatest honor and privilege of my life,



Mass Communication Spc. 1st Class Chad J. McNeeley | U.S. Navy

Secretary of Defense Robert Gates (center) reviews troops at the Armed Forces Farewell Tribute at the Pentagon, June 30.

and for that, I will always be grateful."

The transition from the Bush to the Obama administration was the first such change that happened during a war, in nearly 40 years, Gates said, and it showed how people in both parties came together to do good for the country.

"The collegiality, thoroughness and professionalism of the Bush-Obama transition were of great benefit to the country and were a tribute to the

character and judgment of both presidents," he said.

Gates said he benefited from the great team in the department when he arrived in 2006, and the great team that came in under the Obama administration. He thanked the political appointees of both parties and the career civil servants in the Pentagon for their efforts to provide for those serving on battlefields in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Gates has spent much of the last few months

visiting with American service members around the world. "Though I was only able to meet a small sample of those who deployed downrange, it was important to meet, to look them in the eye

"I will think of these young warriors — the ones who fought, the ones who keep on fighting, the ones who never made it back — until the end of my days."

— **Honorable Robert Gates**  
22nd secretary of defense

one last time and let them know how much I care about them and appreciate what they and their families do for our country," he said. "I'll just say here that I will think of these young warriors — the ones who fought, the ones who keep on fighting, the ones who never made it back — until the end of my days."

Gates praised his successor, Leon Panetta, who was sworn in as the 23rd defense secretary, Friday.

"This department and this country are fortunate that a statesman of Leon Panetta's caliber and experience has agreed to serve once again, and at such an important time," Gates said. "My parting advice for Leon is to get his office just the way he likes it; he may be here longer than he thinks."

## News Briefs

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

**Today First-Term Financial Training** — This mandatory eight-hour training will be held 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., July 8, Army Community Service, Schofield Barracks. Attendees will learn basic financial skills, develop self-reliance and personal responsibility, and learn financial planning. Call 655-4227. Register at [www.acsclasses.com](http://www.acsclasses.com).

**Change of Responsibility** — The 94th Army Air and Missile Defense Command will host a change of responsibility ceremony, 10 a.m., July 8, at Building 320, Fort Shafter.

Command Sgt. Maj. Phillip Rowland will relinquish responsibility to Command Sgt. Maj. Tedd Pritchard. The retirement ceremony for Rowland will be held immediately following the 10 a.m. ceremony. Call 438-4145 or email [94thaamdcp.rotocol@hawaii.army.mil](mailto:94thaamdcp.rotocol@hawaii.army.mil).

**Warrant Officer Anniversary** — Service members and civilians are invited to the U.S. Army-Pacific's Hawaii-based Warrant Officer Corps 93rd birthday celebration ceremony, 3:30 p.m., July 8, at the Palm Circle gazebo, Fort Shafter. Call 438-1995/5630/5559.

**12 / Tuesday 3rd BCT Memorial Ser-**

**vice** — The 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, will conduct a memorial service for its fallen warriors, 10 a.m., July 12, at Schofield Barracks Main Post Chapel. 3rd BCT Soldiers, their family members and friends are invited. Call 655-9307.

**Employee Town Hall Meeting** — Col. Douglas Mulbury, commander, U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii, will host an employee town hall, July 12, 10-11 a.m., Fort Shafter Religious Activities Center, to present garrison updates.

**AFCEA Luncheon** — This Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association event is 11 a.m., July 12, Hale Ikena, Fort Shafter. Guest speaker is Rear Admiral Dixon Smith, commander, Navy Region Hawaii, and commander, Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific. Smith will present an overview of Navy Region Hawaii. Call 441-8524 or visit [www.afceahawaii.org](http://www.afceahawaii.org).

**13 / Wednesday 2nd BCT Memorial Rededication Ceremony** — The 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, will conduct a memorial rededication ceremony for five Soldiers lost during combat operations in Iraq, 10 a.m., July 13, Schofield Barracks.

The location is on the south side of Kolekole Avenue at the 2nd BCT Memorial, near the barracks belonging to 1st Battal-

ion, 14th Inf. Regiment, 2nd BCT, 25th ID, and across the street from the Martinez Physical Fitness Center.

The westbound lane of Foote Avenue will be closed 11 a.m.-1 p.m., July 12, in support of the full dress rehearsal.

Two outbound lanes on Kolekole Avenue will be closed 9 a.m.-noon, July 13; two inbound lanes will be closed for 30-60 minutes during the actual ceremony, July 13. Proceed with caution. Call 655-9200.

**14 / Thursday Alcohol and Drug Awareness** — The next training topic is "American Made," set for 1-2:30 p.m., July 14, Sgt. Smith Theater, Schofield Barracks. Attendance will satisfy

two of the four hours of a unit's annual alcohol and drug awareness training requirement.

**2nd BCT Redeployment Ceremony** — The redeployment ceremony for 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, will be held at 2 p.m., July 14, at Weyand Field, Schofield Barracks.

Immediately following the ceremony, the "Stryke Back Bash II" will take place at the Nehelani, Schofield Barracks.

The bash will feature free food and musical entertainment; activities for the keiki include bounce houses and face painting. All Soldiers and their families and friends are invited to honor the 2nd BCT's redeployment from Iraq.

## Panetta: Protecting the force is top priority

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choices will need to be made, I do not believe in the false choice between fiscal discipline and a strong national defense. We will all work together to achieve both.

"To be free, we must also be secure," Panetta said. "As Americans, (we need to) come together to commemorate what we and (what) those before us have accomplished.

"And as I take on my new role, my thoughts are with you and your families," he said. "You are making personal sacrifices to preserve our liberty, serving on front lines around the world. You are fighting to keep America safe. Rest assured that I will fight with you and for you."

Panetta noted there's "no higher responsibility for a secretary of defense than to protect those who are protecting America."





Photos by Spc. Marcus Fichtl | 8th Military Police Brigade Public Affairs, 8th Theater Sustainment Command

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Soldiers and families of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 8th Military Police Brigade, 8th Theater Sustainment Command, play a game of dominoes during HHC’s Organizational Day at Richardson Pool, Schofield Barracks, June 29. “Watchdog” families celebrated camaraderie amongst the unit with food, games and friendly competitions.



2nd Lt. Felix Almonte, executive officer, HHC, 8th MP Bde., 8th TSC, receives a pie to the head.



Left — Sgt. Joseph Moses, HHC, 8th MP Bde., 8th TSC, ducks under the limbo bar.



Below — Children, family members and Soldiers with HHC, 8th MP Bde., 8th TSC, enjoy lunch. Other events of the day included finger-painted face-paint carnival masks and games like spades.







# 40TH ANNUAL FOURTH OF JULY SPECTACULAR

## Patriotic spirit is alive, well

VANESSA LYNCH  
News Editor

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Blue skies and summer temperatures painted the scene for a picture-perfect, 40th Annual Fourth of July Spectacular, here, Monday.

Soldiers, families and community members donned their best red, white and blue attire and converged on Weyand, Sills and Desiderio fields, here, in celebration the nation's 235th birthday.

The day was packed with food, music, rides and the patriotic spirit. Keiki enjoyed pony rides, a petting zoo and getting their faces painted, while big kids reveled in entertainment from the local music scene, as well as midway rides and games put on by unit family readiness groups.

"Events like this lift our spirits and get us out the house," said Tammy Carter, who brought her two sons Kadin, 3, and Wyatt, 2, out to enjoy what Schofield Barracks had to offer.

Her husband, Sgt. Zachory Carter, has

recently deployed with Company C, 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division.

Attendees to the event, which was organized by the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, were treated to entertainment and music from several acts, including the 25th ID Configurations Jazz Combo, Nesian N.I.N.E., Rebel Souljahz, Flux Capacitor and Natural Vibrations.

Kicking off the day's events was a 5K run, which boasted 226 adults, as well as a children's "1-Mile Fun Run," which featured 150 participants.

The 13th Military Police Detachment, 728th MP Bn., 8th MP Bde., 8th Theater Sustainment Command's working dogs dazzled the crowd with a demonstration.

Skydive Hawaii's parachute jump and an aerial show made spectators "ohh" and "ahh," as the trio landed on Sills Field with a giant American flag in tow.

"We are allowed to do this today, because ... we have Soldiers in harm's way from (25th Infantry Division) and from all over U.S. Army-Pacific," said Lt. Gen. Francis Wiercinski, commander, USARPAC, during a Fourth of July reception at

SEE FOURTH, B-5

Vanessa Lynch | Honolulu Star-Advertiser

A skydiver with Skydive Hawaii makes a patriotic entrance onto Weyand Field, Schofield Barracks, Monday, with a giant American flag in tow. Three skydivers jumped from an altitude of 6,000 feet and left the crowd in awe. The trio landed safely in their designated landing zone.



Sgt. Jesus J. Aranda | 25th Infantry Division Public Affairs

The U.S. Division-Center color guard salutes the U.S. national colors and the Iraqi national colors during the Independence Day celebration at Camp Liberty, Iraq, Monday. Local Iraqi spiritual leaders, government officials and Iraqi Security Force leaders were invited to the event to share in the celebrations with 25th Infantry Division Soldiers.



Sgt. Jesus J. Aranda | 25th Infantry Division Public Affairs

The Lightning Warrior Dancers, Soldiers of the 25th Infantry Division representing American Samoa, perform a traditional Samoan dance in honor of the division's Pacific heritage during the U.S. Division-Center Independence Day celebration at Camp Liberty, Iraq, Monday.





**Today**  
**Employment Orientation** – This event is 9-10:30 a.m., July 8, Army Community Service, Schofield Barracks. Get a resource packet to get you started on your career search here in Hawaii. Call 655-4227.

**9 / Saturday**  
**Boot Camp** – This event is for new dads, 9 a.m.-noon, July 9, at the Fort Shafter Aloha Center. This class offers hands-on training for new dads to become confident and effective parents. Call 655-0596 to register.

**Adventure Surfing Lessons** – Are you comfortable in the water and ready to take the next step? Let Outdoor Recreation assist you with your adventures, 6:30-11:30 a.m., July 9. Cost is \$48. To register, call 655-0143.

**10 / Sunday**  
**Adult Book Club** – “Lincoln Lawyer” by Michael Connelly will be discussed 3:30-5 p.m., July 10, Fort Shafter Library. Call 438-9521.

**11 / Monday**  
**First-Term Financial Training** – This class is a mandatory eight-hour program, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., July 11, at Army Community Service, Schofield Barracks. The class teaches first-term Soldiers basic financial skills and personal financial literacy. Call ACS at 655-4227 or register at [www.acsclasses.com](http://www.acsclasses.com).

**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](mailto:nhliaison@gmail.com). Classes are held at the following days, times and locations:

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

**12 / Tuesday**  
**AFTB** – Army Family Team Building, or AFTB, Level 1 classes will be held 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m., July 12-13, Army Community Service, Schofield Barracks. Level 1 is an introduction to the military lifestyle. While the training is designed for those new to the Army, all are welcome. To register or learn about volunteer opportunities, call 655-1703 or email [ferne.r.conroy@us.army.mil](mailto:ferne.r.conroy@us.army.mil).

**Newborn Care II** – Learn how to create a safe and clean home environment for the whole family, especially for your newborn baby, 9-11 a.m., July 12. Call 655-4787 or 655-1551.

**Money Management** – This workshop is 9-10:30 a.m., July 12 and



Sgt. 1st Class Matthew Mitsu (right), from the Hawaii Army National Guard, teaches first aid to Kahuku High School JROTC cadets by demonstrating how to use a pressure dressing to stop bleeding. The cadets went through first aid stations as part of their training.

## Cadets conduct multifunctional drills

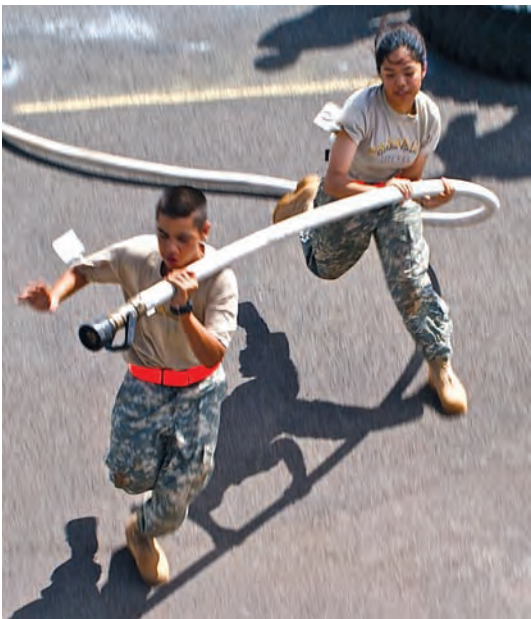
Story and Photos by  
**RETIRED LT. COL. TIMOTHY SCHILLER**  
Kahuku High School JROTC

KALAELOA – Cadets from 16 high schools participated in the JROTC Advanced Leadership Training Challenge 2011, or ALTC 2011, at the Youth Challenge Academy, here, June 20-25. Upon arrival, cadets immersed themselves in the ways of the Army. They began physical training, drill and ceremony, which instilled self-discipline and prepared them for the rigors and challenges of the upcoming week. While most high school students probably do not wake up until 10 a.m. during their summer break, these cadets started their day at 4:30 a.m. They stood in a battalion formation, saluted the flag during reveille and engaged in grueling fitness sessions run



See more photos and video of this event at [www.altc2011.weebly.com](http://www.altc2011.weebly.com).

by retired Maj. Cory Marlowe, senior Army instructor, McKinley High School. Following breakfast, room inspections and personnel hygiene, the next 12-15 hours consisted of training activities that focused on developing the cadets' leadership. Cadets attending ALTC said they were transformed by the rigorous training, and they developed their potential in important mental, physical and emotional ways. The course also fully prepared them to run their battal-



JROTC cadets engage in a fire drill obstacle course at the Seafarers Training Center located at Kalaeloa, the former Barbers Point Naval Air Station. The center trains U.S. merchant mariners in Hawaii and the Pacific region.

ions at their high schools, in positions of responsibilities ranging from squad leader to battalion commander. When school starts, the cadets will immediately assume their roles as leaders, so the lessons they learned at ALTC will especially benefit the newest cadets in the 9th grade. The benefits of ALTC will extend well beyond high school years into any career cadets choose, they said, including ROTC.

26, Army Community Service, Schofield Barracks. Learn how to decrease your expenses and make your money work for you. Call ACS at 655-4227 or register at [www.acsclasses.com](http://www.acsclasses.com).

**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.

**13 / Wednesday**  
**Outdoor Adventure** – Teens can learn how to surf with EDGE! (Experi-

ence, Develop, Grow and Excel) and Outdoor Recreation, 8 a.m.-noon, July 13. Call 655-0143.

**Oogles n Googles** – Oogles n Googles will present preschool enrichment programs, 10 a.m., July 13, at the Sgt. Yano Library, Schofield Barracks. These programs are open to preschool-age children, 3-5 years old. Call 655-8002.

**Secrets of Car Buying** – This workshop is 10:30 a.m.-noon, July 13, Army Community Service, Schofield Barracks. Learn how to negotiate the best deal and find out how much car you can afford. Call 655-4227 or register at [www.acsclasses.com](http://www.acsclasses.com).

**Autism Support Groups** – This group will meet 6-7:30 p.m., July 13, Schofield Barracks Main Chapel. Families can share experiences, gather new information and become knowledgeable about community resources. Call 655-4777/1551.

**Hot Monogamy** – This new workshop will help couples bring the passion back to their marriage. While couples don't have to attend together, it's encouraged. Call 438-3344. The following sessions are set for July 13:

- Schofield Barracks, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
- Fort Shafter Aloha Center, 1-2:30 p.m.

**14 / Thursday**  
**Waikiki Aquarium Summer Concerts** – The Waikiki Aquarium oceanside summer concert series continues with some of the islands' top performers, including Amy Hanaialii, July 14; Napalapalai and Mailani, July 28; and the Brothers Cazimero, Aug. 11. Doors open at 5:30; performances begin at 7 p.m. Visit [www.waqaquarium.org](http://www.waqaquarium.org) and click on "What's New & Events."

**Brown Bags in Buddhism** – The next open discussion at Wheeler Chapel is July 14, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Call 656-9307.

**15 / Friday**  
**Survivor Family Camp** – Survivor Outreach Services and Operation Military Kids are hosting a family camp at Camp Erdman on the North Shore for all youth who have lost a parent in the military. This camp, July 15-17, will give children the chance to meet other youth who have dealt with a loss. Spaces are limited. Call 438-1955/9285 or email [jennifer.koranyi@us.army.mil](mailto:jennifer.koranyi@us.army.mil) or [omk@ctahr.hawaii.edu](mailto:omk@ctahr.hawaii.edu).

**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 will receive free admission to attractions and more. Call 257-7787 or 257-7790.

**Zoo Summer Concert Series** – This series is 6 p.m., each Wednesday, through Aug. 10 at the Honolulu Zoo, with different performers each week. Cost is \$3 per person; packed dinners are welcome or enjoy one of the zoo concessions. Visit [www.honolulu zoo.org](http://www.honolulu zoo.org), email [education@honzooc.org](mailto:education@honzooc.org) or call 971-7195.

ly-oriented event is 9 a.m.-noon, July 9, Kaneohe District Park, 45-660 Keaahala Road, Kaneohe. Hosted by the Kaneohe Lions Club and Kaneohe Complex, this event features entertainment, food, carnival games, pool rides and activities. Call 233-7306.

**Hula Festival** – The 10th Annual Hula Hoolauna Aloha Festival will feature a dance exhibition by Japanese and local halau, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., July 9, at Ala Moana Center's Centerstage, Honolulu. A dance competition among visiting Japanese halau and a Hawaiian craft and products sale at the Royal Hawaiian Hotel's Coconut Grove, follow, noon-6:45 p.m., July 10. Call 926-4504.

**Korean Festival** – This event is 10 a.m.-9 p.m., July 9, Kapiolani Park in Honolulu. See live Korean dance performances, martial arts demonstrations, cultural exhibits and sample cuisine. Visit [www.koreanfestivalhi.com](http://www.koreanfestivalhi.com).

**10 / Sunday**  
**Lanikai 8K** – Show up and race the Lanikai Bike Path 8K, 7 a.m., July 10, in Kailua. The course starts at the top of the hill entering Lanikai. Runners will run two loops of the Lanikai Bike Path, and finish near Kailua Beach boat ramp. Visit [www.mprrc.com](http://www.mprrc.com) and click on "Race Schedule."

**"For the Love of Hula"** – Ahihi Lehua ("For the Love of Hula") event is 4 p.m., July 10, Hawaii Theater, 1130 Bethel St., Honolulu. Dancers and chanters will entertain, with Hawaiian music by Robert Cazimero, Kawika Trask & Friends and

## Worship Services

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

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

**Buddhist Services**  
•First Sunday, 1 p.m. at FD  
•Fourth Sunday, 1 p.m. at MPC Annex

**Catholic Mass**  
•Thursday, 9 a.m. at AMR  
•Saturday, 5 p.m. at TAMC, WAAF 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, noon, at MPC  
•Sunday, 12:30 p.m. at AMR

**Islamic Prayers and Study**  
•Friday, 1 p.m. at MPC Annex  
•Friday, 2:30 p.m., TAMC  
•Saturday and Sunday, 5:30 a.m.; 6, 7 and 8 p.m. at MPC Annex

**Jewish Shabbat (Sabbath)**  
•Monday, 6 p.m. at PH (Bible Study)  
•Friday, 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, 8:15 a.m. at PH

**Pagan (Wicca)**  
•Friday, 7 p.m. at MPC Annex

**Protestant Worship**  
•Sunday Services  
-9 a.m. at FD, MPC and TAMC chapels  
-9 a.m. at WAAF chapel, Lutheran/Episcopalian  
-10 a.m. at HMR  
-10:30 a.m. at AMR

**Single Soldiers' Bible Study**  
•Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. at SC; lunch is provided.

**Worship Service**  
•Sunday, 6 p.m. at SC.

## community Calendar

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

**Today**  
**Surf Film Festival** – This event runs July 8-21, daily, at the Honolulu Academy of Arts, 900 S. Beretania St. The Honolulu Surf Film Festival is back with 22 feature and short films, 16 of them never before screened in Hawaii. Visit [www.honoluluacademy.org](http://www.honoluluacademy.org) for showings and pricing.

**9 / Saturday**  
**Free Screening** – The Schofield Barracks Exchange is hosting a studio advance appreciation free screening, July 9, at Sgt. Smith Theater. Doors open at 4 p.m. with snacks and a trivia and movie theme costume contest; showtime is 6 p.m. Banners at the Schofield Barracks Exchange and the theater reveal the name of the movie. Pick up tickets at the Schofield Food Court, Popeyes/Burger King, Exchange Customer Service and the Tripler Army Medical Center Food Court. Tickets are limited to 10 per person; patrons must show valid military/Department of Defense ID. Non-ticket holders will be admitted 30 minutes prior to showtime if seating is still open.

**Makahiki Fun Fair** – This fami-

## This Week at the MOVIES Sgt. Smith Theater

Call 624-2585 for movie listings or go to [aaefes.com](http://aaefes.com) under realtime movie listing.



**Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides**  
(PG-13)  
Fri., July 8, 4 p.m.  
Sun., July 10, 7 p.m.

**The Hangover Part Two**  
(R)  
Fri., July 8, 7 p.m.  
Wed., July 13, 7 p.m.

**Studio appreciation: Free advance screening**  
(PG-13)  
Sat., July 9, 6 p.m.  
(Doors open at 4 p.m., with snacks and contests. Non-ticket holders will be admitted 30 minutes prior to show time, if seating is still open.)

**The Conspirator**  
(PG-13)  
Thurs., July 14, 7 p.m.

No shows on Mondays or Tuesdays.



# Supporting military is one of many top concerns at Leilehua



Michael Young | Kamehameha Schools

Samiann “Aloha” Coleman stands in front of Leilehua High School after being selected as Hawaii’s 2011 High School Principal of the Year.

## School boasts 2011 state high school principal of year, many military transition programs

MARK MADDOX

Child, Youth and School Services; Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation; U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS – Leilehua High School boasts amenities for military youth and, now, principal of the year, too.

Leilehua Principal Samiann “Aloha” Coleman has been selected as Hawaii’s 2011 High School Principal of the Year.

Leilehua, with a student population of 1,900, has the most diverse student body in the state, with no ethnic majority and with students from all over the world. Strong military and community partnerships help strengthen the learning experiences for this ethnically- and culturally-diverse student population.

About 25 percent of the student body is from military families stationed at Schofield Barracks, Wheeler Army Airfield and the Naval Communication Station in Whitmore, according to the school’s website.

Supporting military families is a high priority at Leilehua.

Principal Coleman herself is familiar with the hardship of military deployment; she has a son in the Army who has served in both Iraq and Afghanistan.

“Our entire staff understands the military lifestyle, and they are compassionate regarding the transitions each family faces every time they move to a new duty station,” Coleman said.

The school’s Transition Center welcomes all new students with a tour and orientation to the school, and continues support as students transition into the new school setting.

Leilehua offers a variety of electives in world languages and fine arts, as well as a gifted and talented program and advanced placement classes.

“In addition, we recognize the struggles caused for families when a family member is deployed multiple times during the course of a child’s life,” she said. “Since education is a top priority for a family’s quality of life, we assure our deployed Soldiers that their children are well supported while they are away.”

The Registrar’s Office and all the school’s counselors are familiar with accommodating students at all times of the year, and they ensure students meet the academic requirements of graduation. The counselors provide additional support to students having difficulty coping with the deployment of a parent.

While being honored as principal of the year, Coleman praised the adults on campus who care about students.

“They love the children they work with and will do anything possible to help them be successful,” she said. “I enjoy finding ways to empower and support the staff (members) to take their own initiative to enhance their craft and deliver quality educational services in a nurturing environment.”

Coleman credits much of her success to varied mentors who believed in her and encouraged her to try.

“I learned a lot from watching others, reflecting on their experiences, applying that to the situations I faced, then reflecting on the effect,” she said.

As Hawaii’s principal of the year, Coleman will go on to compete in the national competition.

# IPC residents share ideas, opinions through survey

ISLAND PALM COMMUNITIES

News Release

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS – Within just a few weeks of launching Island Palm Communities’ “Let Your Voice Be Heard!” resident survey, nearly 200 residents have shared feedback and recommendations on programs, support services and amenities they would like to have available in their community.

The ideas and suggestions continue to come in, including dog parks, tot lots, a resident marshal program, fitness and cooking classes, child care during those classes, more street lighting and police patrols to enhance safety.

“The survey is telling us what’s important and what’s truly needed to enhance and build community among our families,” said Tom Adams, director, property management, IPC.

“It’s also helping us identify where the greatest needs are, so we can prioritize our work with the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation; Army Community Service; and community organizations inside and outside the gate to make programs and services available to families,” Adams added.

Besides feedback about programs and support services, many residents also are sharing concerns about their community.

“While the survey is focused on programs and support services, we will look into concerns in coordination with our neighborhood Resident Advisory Panels,” Adams said.

Residents who complete the survey will be automatically entered into a random drawing. Prize giveaways include \$100 gift cards to Roy’s Restaurant and annual passes to Wet ‘n Wild Hawaii.

The “Let Your Voice Be Heard!” online survey is available through July 15. Log on to [www.islandpalmcommunities.com](http://www.islandpalmcommunities.com) and click on the survey icon.

# Experience leads to commitment, award

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8th Military Brigade Public Affairs, 8th Theater Sustainment Command

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS – The Dr. Mary E. Walker award was presented, here, June 29, to an Army spouse in the 8th Military Police Brigade, 8th Theater Sustainment Command.

Jami Fordice, family readiness group leader, 58th MP Company, 728th MP Battalion, 8th MP Bde., received the award.

The award’s namesake, Walker, served as a field surgeon during the Civil War and is the only woman to have ever received the Medal of Honor. Established in 1996, the award honors Army spouses whose service merits special recognition for their work toward the betterment of life for Soldiers and their families.

Fordice’s creativity, charisma and dedication were noted as exemplary, earning her the commendation. She encouraged camaraderie and resiliency for Soldiers and their families, not only in her capacity as an FRG leader, but within all her volunteer work during the last 10 years, said Maj. Scott Koast, rear detachment commander, 728th MP Bn.

As an FRG leader, Fordice raised more than \$3,000, through morale and welfare events, like bake sales and Halloween haunted houses.

While she may not have been crossing enemy lines or dodging bullets to administer medical aid like Walker did during the Civil War, Fordice’s obstacles and time restrictions could make the most-hardened volunteer think twice.

When the 58th MP Co. asked her to build an FRG from the ground up, Fordice was already juggling two kids, a 30-hour-a-week job and volunteer commitments to youth sports leagues and local schools. However, the loss of the little free time she had didn’t cross her mind.

“Somebody had to step up and do it; why not me?” Fordice said.

She had firsthand experience in how important the FRG is.

“(During) my first experience with deployment, I didn’t know what an FRG was, and I didn’t stay involved,” she said. “When my husband came back from his deployment, I wasn’t there; I didn’t know they were coming back that day. We were embarrassed, and we felt isolated. I don’t want any young couple to live through anything like I did.”

With her husband, Master Sgt. Justin Fordice, operations sergeant, 58th MP Co., just beginning his deployment with the unit in Afghanistan, the award is bittersweet and humbling.

“The Army has given us a lot; I do this not for how it makes me feel, I do it for the other spouses,” she said.

The company’s FRG plans to be active during the unit’s deployment; events include FRG members walking the equivalent of the distance to Afghanistan.

The award was presented at the brigade’s 3rd quarter Sgt. Audie Murphy and Dr. Mary E. Walker Award Ceremony at the Martinez Gym, here.



Walker





Courtesy of 25th Infantry Division Public Affairs

Almost 25,000 Soldiers, families and community members converge on Schofield Barracks, Monday, to celebrate the nation’s 235th birthday with the 40th Annual Fourth of July Spectacular, a day-long bash complete with music, games and rides.

# Fourth: Event celebrates American spirit

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the Nehelani Conference Center, here.  
“As the 45th Sustainment (Brigade, 8th Theater Sustainment Command) and our (25th Combat Aviation Bde., 25th ID) prepare for another rotation, I asked that you keep them in your hearts and minds,” he said.  
The evening brought a 50-state patriotic salute, with cannons firing and a professional fireworks display illuminating the night sky.

As fireworks boomed overhead, the 25th ID Home Front Brass Band and Harrison High School capped off the evening with a concert.  
*(Editor’s Note: Russell Dodson, USARPAC Public Affairs, contributed content to this article.)*

See more photos from this event at [www.flickr.com/usaghawaii](http://www.flickr.com/usaghawaii) or [www.flickr.com/25th\\_infantry\\_division](http://www.flickr.com/25th_infantry_division).



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Kicking off the day’s events is a children’s “1-Mile Fun Run,” which featured 150 participants. This year’s winner was Kurt Naumann, 11, who crossed the finish line in 6 minutes, 54 seconds.



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Emma Joly, 8, tests her climbing skills on a rock climbing wall, one of the many activities available for U.S. Army-Hawaii families.