

INSIDE

New secretary of defense pays a visit to 25th ID



Lost mail

To ensure packages arrive to service members downrange, senders must address them properly.

A-5

Town hall

Check in with the garrison to see how it will continue its mission of supporting Soldiers and families.

A-7



Going for glory

130th Engineer Brigade builds esprit de corps through good, old-fashioned competition.

B-1

Happy birthday

Help Army Community Service celebrate its 46 years of service to Soldiers and families.

See **MWR Calendar**, B-3

This issue

Footsteps in Faith	A-2
Deployed Forces	A-5
News Briefs	A-6
FMWR	B-2

SPC. BREEANNA DUBUKE
29th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

BAGHDAD — Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta met with Soldiers from the 25th Infantry Division at Camp Victory, Iraq, here, Monday, to discuss the goals he has for the U.S. armed forces.

Panetta’s visit to Camp Victory was part of his first trip as the new secretary of defense to tour Afghanistan and Iraq.

“I wanted to take my first trip to the war zones, Panetta said. “I wanted a chance to meet with the men and women who are putting their lives on the line for our country.”

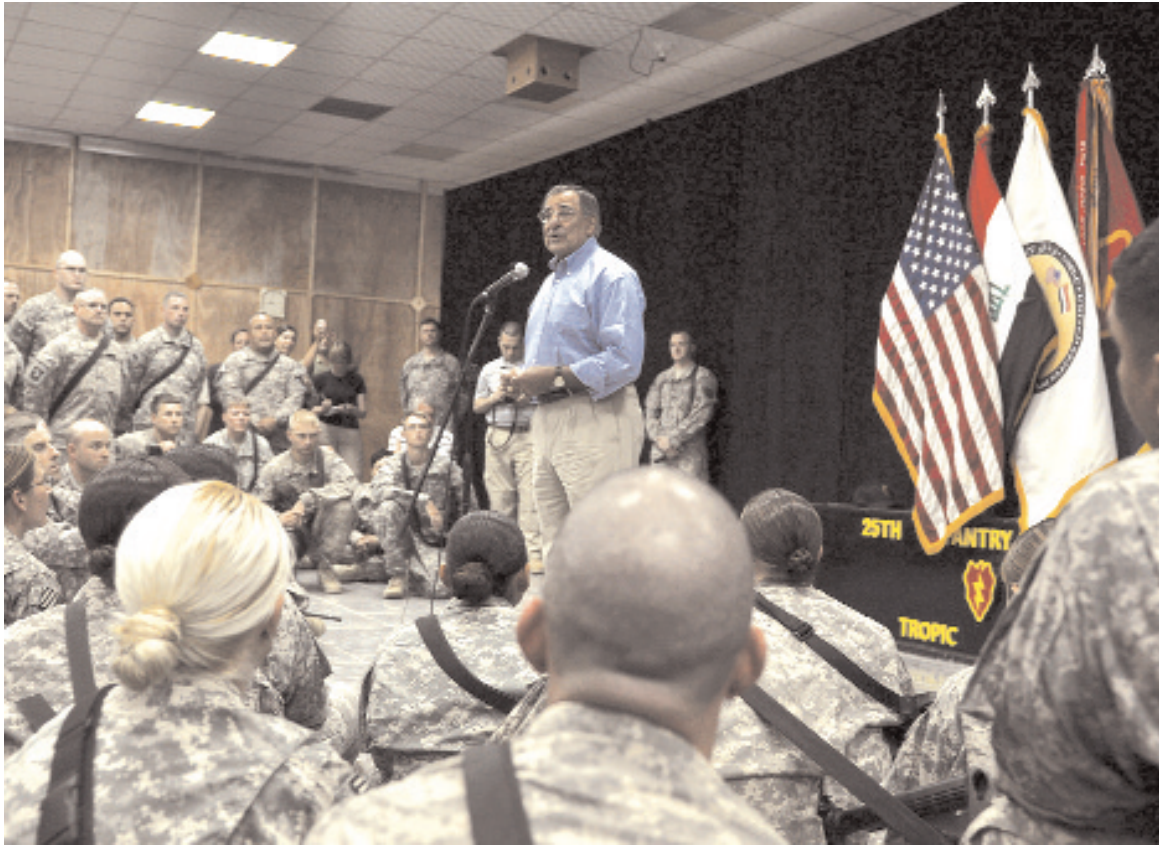
During his visit, Panetta expressed his gratitude for the commitment service members have serving their country.

“First and foremost, I want to express my deepest thanks for what you do,” Panetta said to the Soldiers who crowded in around him. “Thanks for your service; thanks for your sacrifice.

“I thank you for giving something back to this country, which is what public service is about. There’s nothing better in public service than men and women in uniform fighting for what they believe in,” Panetta said.

“What you are fighting for here is to make sure that our children have a safer, better life back in America,” Panetta said. “I appreciate that.”

SEE 25th ID, A-5



Courtesy of 25th Infantry Division Public Affairs

Soldiers with 25th ID listen intently as Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta (standing) discusses the goals he has for the U.S. armed forces during his visit to Camp Victory, Iraq, Monday. Camp Victory was one of Panetta’s stops during his first tour of Iraq as the secretary of defense. See more photos from this event at www.flickr.com/25_infantry_division.

Ordnance Reef technology is set to remove underwater military munitions

Story and Photo by
RUSSELL DODSON
U.S. Army-Pacific Public Affairs

FORD ISLAND — The Ordnance Reef technology demonstration, which will be used during a three-week demonstration of remote recovery and barge-mounted destruction technologies of munitions near the Waianae coast, received a Hawaiian blessing during its debut, here, Friday.

The Ordnance Reef demonstration will allow the Army and the Department of Defense to determine whether these technologies meet DOD’s requirements for safe and remote recovery of underwater military munitions, said Hershell Wolfe, deputy assistant secretary of the Army for environment, safety and occupational health; Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations; Energy and Environment.

“This demonstration is an exciting part of a larger effort of the DOD, as it seeks to develop a better understanding of sea-disposed munitions in an ocean environment,” he said.

After several years of close coordination and planning with Leeward communities and state and federal agencies, the Army plans to conduct the 21-day technology demonstration to assess the feasibility of adapting remotely-operated technology, or robots, according to Wolfe.

The technologies being demonstrated during the three-week demonstration are the remotely operated underwater munitions recovery system, or ROUMRS, and the energetic hazards demilitarization system, or EHDS.

ROUMRS is an innovative use of



ROUMRS, a remotely-operated vehicle, is part of a 21-day demonstration of remote recovery and barge-mounted technology for military munitions off Ordnance Reef near the Waianae coast. The vehicle was on display, July 8, at Ford Island, where it received a Hawaiian blessing.

off-the-shelf commercial technology that employs a remotely-operated vehicle and techniques adapted from underwater search and recovery efforts.

EHDS consists of a band saw and radiant/convection batch ovens, or RCBO. EHDS’s cutting technology is designed

SEE ORDNANCE, A-3



For more information, visit ordnancereefhawaii.org.

74th EOD Co. returns safely to Hawaii

Unit made more than 1,200 explosive devices safe for coalition forces

SGT. 1ST CLASS JOSEPH GARCIA
45th Sustainment Brigade Public Affairs,
8th Theater Sust. Command

WHEELER ARMY AIRFIELD — As the theme song from “Rocky” filled the large hanger, here, a group of Soldiers marched in formation and centered themselves on the podium.

The families released cheers of excitement and relief, as Soldiers from the 74th Explosive Ordnance Disposal Company, 303rd EOD Battalion, 45th Sustainment Brigade, 8th Theater Sust. Command, returned after a yearlong deployment to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, July 7.

Soldiers of the 74th EOD Co. were responsible for route-clearance missions and improvised explosive device/unexploded ordnance removal missions throughout Afghanistan’s Regional Command-East and RC-Southwest regions, said Maj. Kenneth Sosa, rear detachment commander, 303rd EOD Bn.

The 74th EOD Co. successfully rendered more than 1,200 explosive devices safe, removed explosive hazards from 116,584 sq. kilometers of kinetic battle space and ensured freedom of movement for more than 30,000 coalition and Afghan security forces, Sosa said.

“It feels good to be back,” said Staff Sgt. Michael Smith, EOD team leader, 74th EOD Co. “It’s nice to get out of the

SEE 74th EOD, A-3



Sgt. Chris Huddleston | 45th Sust. Bde.
Public Affairs, 8th TSC

Sgt. Robert Vordtriede (right), his wife Kate, and their son Colin are reunited during the 74th EOD Co., 303rd EOD Bn., 45th Sust. Bde., 8th TSC’s, welcome home ceremony July 7.

Court orders halt to ‘don’t ask, don’t tell’ enforcement

JIM GARAMONE
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The 9th Circuit Court of Appeals has ordered the government to stop enforcing the terms of the law that prevent openly gay service members from being in the military.

The Defense Department will comply, and it is informing commands worldwide of the court’s order, said U.S. Marine Corps Col. Dave Lapan, Pentagon spokesman.

The court lifted a “stay” that was put in place Nov. 1; DOD and Justice Department lawyers are now studying the ruling.



The stay was put in place after 9th Circuit Judge Virginia Phillips ruled the “don’t ask, don’t tell” law was unconstitutional. The case went to a three-judge panel on the Court of Appeals, which released its ruling July 6.

Since the court issued the stay in November, Congress passed and President Barack Obama signed the repeal of the 1993 law.

“In the meantime, implementation of the DADT repeal — voted by the Congress and signed into law by the president last December — is proceeding smoothly, is well under way and (the) certification is just weeks away,” Lapan said.

The repeal calls for training the force and for the chairman of the joint chiefs of staff and the secretary of defense to certify to the president that the conditions for repeal are met.

We want to hear from you...

The Hawaii Army Weekly welcomes articles from Army organizations, announcements from the general public about community events of interest to the military community, and letters and commentaries.

If you have newsworthy ideas or stories you'd like to write, coordinate with the managing editor at 656-3488, or e-mail editor@hawaiiarmyweekly.com.

The editorial deadline for articles and announcements is the Friday prior to Friday publications. Prior coordination is mandatory.

Articles must be text or Word files with complete information, no abbreviations; accompanying photographs must be digital, high resolution, jpeg files with full captions and bylines.

The Hawaii Army Weekly is an authorized newspaper and is published in the interest of the U.S. Army community in Hawaii.

All editorial content of the Hawaii Army Weekly is the responsibility of the U.S. Army, Hawaii Public Affairs Office, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii 96857. Contents of the Hawaii Army Weekly are not necessarily the official views of, or endorsed by, the U.S. Government or the Department of the Army.

The Hawaii Army Weekly is printed by The Honolulu Star-Advertiser, a private firm in no way connected with the U.S. Government, under exclusive written agreement with the U.S. Army, Hawaii.

The Hawaii Army Weekly is published weekly using the offset method of reproduction and has a printed circulation of 15,300.

Everything advertised in this publication shall be made available for purchase, use or patronage without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, marital status, physical handicap, political affiliation, or any other non-merit factor of the purchaser, user or patron.

The appearance of advertising in this publication, including inserts and supplements, does not constitute endorsement by the Department of the Army, or The Honolulu Star-Advertiser, of the firms, products or services advertised.

HAWAII ARMY WEEKLY

Commander, U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii
Col. Douglas S. Mulbury
Director, Public Affairs
Dennis C. Drake
Chief, Internal Communication

Aiko Rose Brum, 656-3155
aiko.brum@us.army.mil

Managing Editor
Lacey Justinger, 656-3488
editor@hawaiiarmyweekly.com

News Editor
Vanessa Lynch, 656-3150
vanessa@

hawaiiarmyweekly.com
Pau Hana Editor

Vickey Mouze, 656-3156
community@
hawaiiarmyweekly.com

Layout
Nicole Gilmore
Web Content

Stephanie Rush, 656-3153
stephanie.anne.rush@
us.army.mil

Advertising: 529-4700
Classifieds: 521-9111
Editorial Office: 656-3155/3488

Address:
Public Affairs Office
742 Santos Dumont Ave.,
WAAF

Building 108, Room 304
Schofield Barracks, HI
96857-5000

Website:
www.hawaiiarmyweekly.com

Nondelivery or distribution problems in Island Palm Community housing areas? If so, call 656-3155 or 656-3488.

290 days since last fatal accident

Number represents fatal accidents as defined by Army Regulation 385-10, which is inclusive of all active component U.S. Army units and personnel. Current as of 7/14/11.

White House policy changes on condolence letters for suicide

MEGAN NEUNAN
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Family members of Soldiers who commit suicide in combat zones will now receive letters of condolence from the president — just like families of those who die in other ways.

“Every day we have honored those fallen in combat, now, in accordance with our commander-in-chief, we will honor all those who have fallen in service to our great nation,” said Gen. Peter Chiarelli, vice chief of staff of the Army, in a White House blog post about the change in policy.

The White House officially changed policy July 6, a move in keeping with the military’s efforts to eliminate any stigma associated with service members seeking treatment.

“This issue is emotional, painful, and complicated, but these Americans served our nation bravely. They didn’t die because they were weak; And the fact that they didn’t get the help they needed must change,” said President Barack Obama in a statement.

The secretary of the Army and the chief of staff of the Army have already been sending letters of condolence to the next of kin of Soldiers who commit suicide. Since January 2010, they have been sending letters of condolence to families of all Soldiers who die on active duty, without regard to cause of death.

Chiarelli, has been fighting the stigma of invisible war wounds — like depression, anxiety, and post-traumatic stress — since he took office. In his White House blog, he recalled “the greatest re-

gret” of his military career:

“I lost 169 Soldiers during that yearlong deployment,” he wrote of commanding the 1st Cavalry Division in Iraq from 2004-2005. “However, the monument we erected at Fort Hood, Texas, in memoriam lists 168 names. I approved the request of others not to include the name of the one Soldier who committed suicide. I deeply regret my decision.”

Chiarelli said he supports sending letters to all grieving families no matter how their loved ones died. He called it a “monumental step” toward reducing stigma.

The Army confirmed 125 suicides in 2010, and continued to research 31 more potential active duty suicide cases beyond January 2011. A 2009 Department of Defense press release on suicides reported 102 confirmed for that year and 127 confirmed for 2008.

“I’ve been committed to removing the stigma associated with the unseen wounds of war,” Obama said in a statement about the letters of condolence, “which is why I’ve worked to expand our mental health budgets, and ensure that all our men and women in uniform receive the care they need.”

Chiarelli agreed in his White House blog.

“We remain committed to raising awareness, helping individuals increase their resiliency, while ensuring they have access to the right support services and resources,” he wrote. “That said, if we hope to truly have an impact we must continue to do everything we can to eliminate the stigma.”

‘Flying V’ ceremony welcomes USARPAC deputy commander

U.S. ARMY-PACIFIC PUBLIC AFFAIRS
News Release

FORT SHAFTER — Lt. Gen. Francis Wiercinski, commander, U.S. Army-Pacific, will host a “Flying V” ceremony to honor and welcome Brig. Gen. Robert Mathews, deputy commander, USARPAC, at Palm Circle, here, at 10 a.m., July 18.

The Flying V refers to the way commanders, service members and colors are posted during the ceremony, which is in a V-shaped formation. The Flying V ceremony is a tradition to bid farewell to or welcome senior Army officials when they depart or assume

duties at an Army command.

Before returning to Hawaii, Mathews served as the commandant, U.S. Army Air Defense Artillery School, Fort Sill, Okla. He served previously as the commanding general, 94th Army Air and Missile Defense Command, here, from July 2007-August 2009.



Mathews

Getting it Straight

Jami Fordice, family readiness group leader, 58th Military Police

Company, 728th MP Battalion, 8th MP Brigade, 8th Theater Sustainment Command, was misidentified in a photo outline in, “Experience leads to commitment, award” on page B-3, in the July 8 edition.

Straight Talk

Residents need to be trained, prepared for cooking fires

CHRIS GRAVES

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

Cooking fires remain one of the most common sources for home fires throughout the U.S.



Graves

This fact is true for north and south areas of Oahu, too, based on the number of recent fire-related incidents.

Even with innovations in home safety and cooking appliances, more than 150,000 cooking fires are reported in the U.S. annually.

The majority of these fires start on the range tops of stoves, which accounts for more than 89 percent of cooking fire fatalities.

The National Fire Protection Agency publishes tips that are good steps to

take in the event of a cooking fire:

- Always keep a lid nearby when cooking. If a small grease fire starts in a pan, smother the flames by carefully sliding the lid over the pan. Turn off the burner and do not move the pan. To keep the fire from restarting, leave the lid on until the pan has completely cooled.

- Never pour water on a grease fire.
- Never discharge a multipurpose fire extinguisher onto a pan fire. This action can spray or shoot burning grease around the kitchen, causing the fire to spread.

- In case of an oven fire, turn off the heat and keep the door closed. Call 911 immediately. After a fire, the oven should be checked and/or serviced before being used again.

When a home fire gets out of control, just get out of the house. When you leave, close the door behind you to help contain the fire. After you leave, call 911 or the military police at 655-7114 (Schofield Barracks) or 438-7114 (Fort Shafter).



Marc Parrone | Department of the Army Photo Lab, U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii

Changing commands

FORD ISLAND — Maj. Gen. Kevin Leonard (right), commander, Surface Deployment and Distribution Command, Scott Air Force Base, Ill., passes the flag to Col. Gust Pagonis, incoming commander, 599th Transportation Brigade, during a change of command ceremony on board the USS Battleship Missouri Memorial, here, July 6.

FOOTSTEPS in FAITH

God helps us to answer the call of duty, prepares us for sacrifice

CHAPLAIN (CAPT.) MARK MCCORKLE

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

The battle at Pearl Harbor was a time when we saw many of our fine service men and women give their lives. Counted among them was Chaplain (Maj. Gen.) Terrence Finnegan.



McCorkle

He was en route to conduct a service when he noted a “hushed beauty in the Hawaiian sky” on that early December 7th morning.

He thought American planes were approaching and diving close to the ships anchored in the harbor. Then, a fighter jet turned towards him and swooped so low that he could see the pilot: an enemy of America.

Two other chaplains gave their lives during the first wave of Japanese torpedo planes and bombers: chaplains Capt. Thomas Kerkpatrick and Lt. Aloysius

Schmitt. The attack ripped their ship from stem to stern, and at 10:32 a.m., these two chaplains became entombed underneath the USS Arizona, along with 1,400 other officers and enlisted men.

As a chaplain myself, I consider these stories. What “hushed beauty” does the enemy have waiting for me that I can prepare and be ready for? What does God have planned for my life?

No words can describe the honor each man repre-

sented in his duty and in his life given. To serve in the U.S. military is an honor. These men help me remember that every day.

We answer the call to die at any moment. We stand with our country to the death. We freely give our lives to keep our country free. As a nation, our faith keeps us looking to God.

I seek God everyday for answers. I urge you to do the same.

Greatest Generation Tribute

Pay tribute to the men and women of the “Greatest Generation” on the 66th anniversary of the end of World War II in 1945.

A public event is set for 7 a.m.-9:30 p.m., Aug. 13, at the Waikiki Shell.

Country artist Lee Greenwood will pay tribute to members of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team and other Hawaii heroes. Also, a special Flags of

Liberty ceremony will be featured, along with local performers and the Hawaii Army National Guard’s 111th Army Band.

Tickets are \$25 and \$35. World War II veterans will not be charged. They can be purchased at the Blaisdell Box Office and all Ticketmaster outlets at www.ticketmaster.com, (800) 745-3000.

For more information visit www.hawaiiispiritof45.wordpress.com.

Voices of Ohana



“The love of God and the love of family, because love uplifts and sustains.”

Dr. Cecillia Alailima
Family member



“My clock, because I’ll always be late.”

Spc. Michelle Benson
311th Sig. Command



“Faith and God, because without them, I cannot move forward or progress.”

Berger Nuusa
Retired Chief Master Sgt., U.S. Air Force



“My surfboard, in case there’s a flood.”

Staff Sgt. Jonathan Roberts
25th ID



“God-given freedom and liberties, because at the end of the day, it’s the only thing that matters.”

Col. Dana Tankins
Commander, 516th Sig. Bde., 311th Sig. Command

Ordnance: Resulting scrap metal to be recycled locally

CONTINUED FROM A-1

to remotely cut recovered military munitions to expose the explosive fill compounds for thermal treatment in the RCBO.

The remote cutting of military munitions also constitutes demilitarization.

The EHDS's RCBO is designed to thermally treat an explosive compound fill until it non-explosively decomposes and degrades into nonhazardous materials.

After thermal treatment, any re-

sulting scrap metal will be inspected and, if appropriate, documented as safe, making it available for recycling.

"When we are done with the process, all we have is the steel, which we recycle locally," said Spencer Nelsen, ARA Inc. "The residue we'll have is a fine, pizza-like ash that is absolutely nonhazardous and nontoxic. It is a very clean process."

The Army plans to post updates throughout the demonstration and upon completion of the performance of this project, including video from the various remotely-operated vehicles.



Sgt. Chris Huddleston | 45th Sustainment Brigade Public Affairs, 8th Theater Sust. Command

Soldiers from the 74th EOD Co., 303rd EOD Bn., 45th Sust. Bde., 8th TSC, bow their heads for the invocation during their welcome home ceremony, July 7 at Wheeler Army Airfield. The 74th EOD Co. returned from a yearlong deployment in support of OEF in Afghanistan.

74th EOD: Families reunite

CONTINUED FROM A-1

sand and come home ... (to) play with some different sand."

With all the preparation that goes in to a successful and safe deployment, the company's families now get to make different kinds of plans.

"It's been 11 months, and now that my husband is back from deployment, we have plans to go to Maui for our long-awaited vacation," said Kate Vordtriede, wife of Sgt. Robert Vordtriede, EOD team member, 74th

EOD Co.

Excitement filled the room, as Maj. Gen. Michael J. Terry, commander, 8th TSC, stepped in front of the podium.

"I know that the only thing standing between the heroes in front of me and the heroes in the audience is me," Terry said.

As the Army song played, Soldiers proudly sang along with the music. Anticipation grew, until the long-awaited words were spoken.

"God bless you," Terry said. "Welcome home."



Retired Lt. Col. Howard Lavy (center), Co. A, 1st Bn., 27th Inf. Regt., 2nd BCT, 25th ID, ties the PUC to the guidon during a ceremony held at Schofield Barracks, July 8.

Presidential Unit Citation recognizes 'Wolfhound' gallantry in Vietnam

Story and Photos by
STAFF SGT. RICARDO BRANCH
2nd Brigade Combat Team Public Affairs,
25th Infantry Division

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — "Forty-five years ago, Soldiers from Company A, 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment, endured a tough battle," said retired Command Sgt. Maj. Leonard Letoto, a former first sergeant for the company. "We entered an area (of Vietnam) called Ho Bo Woods with 92 guys. ... We left with 32 wounded, and sustained 56 casualties. ... It was one of the toughest days, I ever had to serve."

Soldiers of Co. A, 1st Bn., 27th Inf. Regt., "Wolfhounds," 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, were finally able to close an unrecognized chapter in their history when they received the Presidential Unit Citation award and placed the PUC streamer on for the company guidon in a ceremony, here, July 8.

The award recognizes the actions of the company and honors the veterans who endured through the battle near Ho Bo Woods.

"This award honors all the unrecognized Wolfhound Soldiers who took part in that battle for Co. A in Vietnam," Letoto said. "Many Soldiers ignored their wounds and continued to fight the enemy that day."

Retired Lt. Col. Howard Lavy was among the nine veterans in atten-



Soldiers from Co. A, 1st Bn., 27th Inf. Regt., 2nd BCT, 25th ID, stand at ease during the PUC ceremony. They listened to veterans retelling the story about the battle at Ho Bo Woods, Vietnam, fought July 19, 1966.

dance and helped lead the drive to recognize the unit for its actions on the battlefield.

"We are finally able to recognize the valor and gallantry of the unit, and that's what it's all about," he said. "It's not me or anyone else; it's the unit and we all fought together. ... Many of us died together, (were) wounded together, (so we) banded together and were able to endure."

Retired Col. Walter Kaneakua, of Sen. Daniel Inouye's Office, presented the award, almost 45 years to the day of the initial battle fought July 19, 1966.

"It was originally a search and destroy mission," Letoto said. "Once we moved into the area and sent in the first platoon, things quickly picked up and it became a tough battle."

Present day Soldiers taking part in the ceremony see the recognition of their past brothers-in-arms.

"It's a real honor to be in a ceremony that recognized our past Wolfhound brothers," said Staff Sgt. Lucas Collins, squad leader, Co. A. "Those guys went above and beyond what was asked of them in Vietnam, and it's rewarding to see them get recognized. ... It really makes me proud to be here today."

New online training tools help units prepare for deployment

ARMY NEWS SERVICE
News Release

FORT LEAVENWORTH, Kan. — The Army Training Network will use new online training materials that focus on brigade counterinsurgency, cultural sensitivity and concussions and traumatic brain injuries to prepare units and Soldiers for deployment to Afghanistan.

ATN, a one-stop Army training center, is available to anyone with an Army Knowledge Online login or common access card.

“In keeping with the Army training concept, we’re taking training to Soldiers, rather than Soldiers to the training,” said Col. Pat White, incoming deputy commander, U.S. Army’s Combined Arms Center-Training.

One of the newest resources available is Counterinsurgency Standards Combined Arms Training Strategy, or CATS, which helps commanders and trainers quickly and easily develop training plans that are both task-based and event-driven.

Training in CATS can be found within the Digital Training Management System at dtms.army.mil, where units can view a notional 12-month training calendar that displays strategies. This tool helps unit leaders tailor their offerings.

CATS translates the secretary of defense’s November 2010 memorandum into individual and collective counterinsurgency training tasks and training events. For access, search for CATS on ATN’s website, and then click “Function” on the left side.

The ATN now also has a training set for Female Engagement Team representatives. These female Soldiers will deploy to Afghanistan to conduct culturally respectful engagement with Afghan women. This tool will facilitate the order that, after Aug. 31, all Army maneuver battalions and Joint-Sourced Provincial Reconstruction Teams deploying with Operation Enduring Freedom are required to include FET-trained personnel.

The innovative FET training materials are designed to help female Soldiers adapt to local customs and help improve their interactions with Afghan women. To access the training materials, click the Female Engagement Team icon on the left side of the ATN website or search for FET.

In addition to the FET materials, ATN features a new Army 360 Immersive Cultural Simulation, or ICS, training set to help ensure mission success for deployed units working with local populations in Iraq, Afghanistan, Somalia, Djibouti, Colombia and Yemen. Search for ICS on ATN’s home page.

Training materials connected with the Army’s Warrior Con-

cussion/Mild Traumatic Brain Injury campaign are also new additions to ATN. The content focuses on education, training, treatment and tracking of concussions/MTBIs across the force. Type the keyword TBI into the website’s search field.

“The Army training concept puts training responsibility back in the hands of the commander,” White said, “and we’re working to help commanders with this ... training.”



For training materials and modules, visit the Army Training Network website at <https://atn.army.mil>.

Army stresses caution, education to combat social media scams

U.S. ARMY OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS
News Release

WASHINGTON — You just signed up for a Facebook profile and a four-star general already wants to be your friend.

Good thing, right? Not likely.

Fake profiles, impostors and online scams litter the social media landscape, and as social media evolves, so do the tactics of on-line crooks.

“It’s still the wild west out there,” said Staff Sgt. Dale Sweetnam, noncommissioned officer in charge, Online and Social Media Division, Office of the Chief of Public Affairs. “You have to stay vigilant, protect your information and always be on the lookout for social media scams.”

The Army authorizes the use of social media in both official and personal capacities, but Sweetnam said the threats are always present, so education is key. Social media scam artists work tirelessly to steal personal information, to impersonate Soldiers and to try to acquire sensitive information.

“If you are a scammer who wants to build someone’s trust and then con them into sending you money, doesn’t it make sense to steal the identity of someone America trusts? Nobody is held in higher esteem than our military members, so they make a lucrative case to impersonate,” said Maj. Juanita Chang, director, OSMD. “People inherently trust the military and wouldn’t imagine being conned by a Soldier or a general with a chest full of medals.”

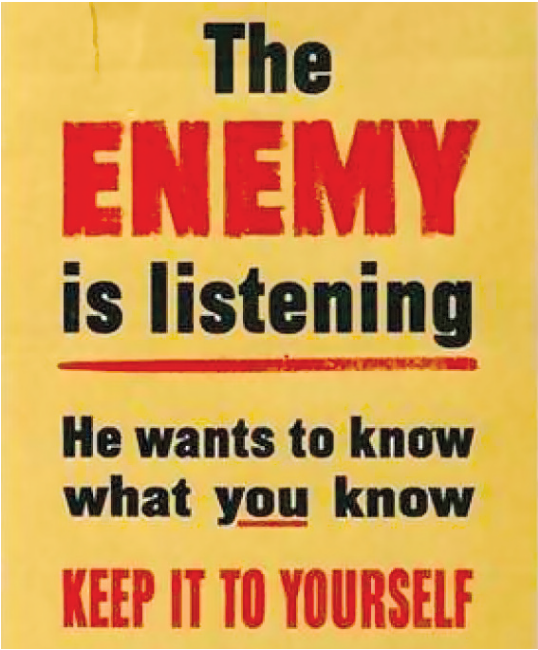
It is easy for someone to penetrate social media circles, and security-minded individuals are still susceptible to attacks. In many cases, people will simply go online, become “friends” with a Soldier in uniform, steal the photo and use it as their own profile photo. Some individuals have actually taken the identity of a deceased Soldier and used it to solicit money from unsuspecting victims.

Sweetnam said that fake pages also exist for Army organizations. He suggests confirming official Army social media presences with the Army’s Social Media Directory.

“There is a lot the Army can achieve using social media, and there are endless benefits for Soldiers and their families,” Sweetnam said. “But we have to be safe, and we have to be on the lookout for those who wish to ruin a good thing.”

Regardless of how involved you are with social media, it’s important to always be on the lookout for scams. Sweetnam said that you should never “friend” someone you don’t actually know in person. You should also do periodic searches for your name, to make sure nobody is using your name and likeness for personal gain.

And, of course, always keep operational security in mind.



Social media precautions

- Don’t share information you don’t want to be public. Once something is out, users can’t control where it goes.
- Verify a “friend” request by phone or other means before allowing access. Group friends and control access permissions based on the groups.
- Take a close look at all privacy settings. Set security options to allow visibility to “friends only.”
- Be cautious when listing job, military organization, education and contact information.
- Ensure that information posted online has no significant value to the enemy. Always assume that the enemy is reading every post.
- Closely review photos before they go online. Make sure they do not give away sensitive information, which could be dangerous if released.
- Make sure to talk to family about operations security and what can and cannot be posted.
- Create different, strong passwords for each online account. Never give password information away.



Photos Courtesy of 455th Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs

U.S. Air Force F-15E Strike Eagles, from the 389th Expeditionary Fighter Sqdn., like the ones shown here, begin to province 176 consecutive hours of air support and drop more than 100 bombs in support of Operation Hammer Down II. U.S Air Force CAS assets and the 3rd BCT, 25th ID, played critical roles in the success of the air-ground operation.



Pfc. Dallas Wood, Co. D, 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry Regiment, 3rd BCT, 25th ID, looks over the valley below after dismounting from a landing zone during Operation Hammer Down II in the Kunar province, Afghanistan, recently.

‘TF Bronco,’ Air Force join forces to fight Afghan insurgents

Joint operation disrupts the enemy’s capabilities with coordinated ground, air attacks

STAFF SGT. JOHN WRIGHT
455th Air Expeditionary Wing

BAGRAM AIR FIELD, Afghanistan — “Task Force Bronco” Soldiers and Air Force close air support, or CAS, played a critical role in the success of Operation Hammer Down II, along the Afghan-Pakistan border, here, recently. Operation Hammer Down II was a coalition effort to disrupt insurgents operating and training throughout the Pech Valley area, here, and also continued the expansion of Afghan National Security Forces’ capabilities through partnered operations. Soldiers from the 3rd Brigade Combat Team,

25th Infantry Division, partnered with Afghan National army troops for air assaults into the high ground surrounding the valley. Heavy insurgent fire began the next morning and continued for four days. As the fight began to develop, it became clear that CAS from the U.S. Air Force was going to be critical, not only to the success of the mission, but also for saving lives. The 389th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron provided 176 consecutive hours of air support and dropped more than 100 bombs in support of the operation. “There were numbers of occasions, where if we hadn’t had CAS, lives would have been lost or strong points overrun,” said Maj. Dan Gibson, fire support officer, 3rd BCT. “Our ground commanders worked hand-in-hand with Air Force Joint Terminal Attack Controllers to get bombs where we needed them.”

“We brought a major advantage through the air,” said Air Force Lt. Col. Daren Sorenson, deputy commander, 455th Expeditionary Operations Group, and F-15E Strike Eagle pilot. “The enemy knows how to adapt their tactics to ground forces and to use the terrain to their advantage, but we brought something they could not counter.” According to Sorenson, the mere sound of jet engines was enough to send insurgents running from the fight. Although the roar of fighters over the battlefield was a powerful presence, it didn’t completely stop enemy efforts to overrun coalition positions. Numerous and frequent, “danger-close” fire support requests came in to the fighters overhead. Air Force service members walked a delicate balance of quickly dropping munitions, while making sure all necessary calculations and coordination had occurred to make sure bombs did not hit friendly forces.

In addition to the forces coming together to deliver responsive and precise air power to ground commanders, Sorenson said Operation Hammer Down II was one of the best examples of the joint force working seamlessly together that he has ever seen. “Every single time I go on deployment, I see the progress we’ve made as a joint warfighting capability, and it just continues to get better over time,” Sorenson said, who is on his sixth deployment. “Hammer Down is such a good example of what we do. We have gotten to the point where it is so joint and so integrated. “It’s astounding,” he exclaimed. Coalition intelligence officials estimated the achievements of the joint operation interrupted the enemy’s training capabilities and disrupted them from making coordinated attacks for the remainder of the fighting season.

25th ID: Panetta shows his gratitude

CONTINUED FROM A-1

As part of the advise and assist mission in Iraq, service members have the chance to help bring the rights and freedoms that Americans enjoy to the Iraqi people. “As a result of the great sacrifice and work of the U.S. military, this country is on a much better path,” Panetta said, discussing the successes of the U.S. in Iraq. “This nation has been able to develop itself as a democracy in this part of the world.” Panetta expressed the importance of the work Soldiers are doing, here, and how it will impact the future of the Middle East. “We have a chance to put in place a nation that is going to be extremely important to this region, as a model for a democratic government,” Panetta said. He added, Iraq will be a symbol. When people fight for freedom and independence, the country and region move in the right direction, towards providing better rights, better dignity and better opportunities for people. Before taking questions from the crowd, Panetta thanked the Soldiers for their work and wished them a safe journey home. “I thank you, and America thanks you,” Panetta said. “I just want to say God bless you for the service you provide and, more importantly, may you all be brought home safely from this responsibility.” Panetta was receptive to the questions of the troops, said Sgt. John M. Lockwood, Headquarters



Spc. Breeanna DuBuke | 29th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta (standing) discusses the future of the U.S. military with Soldiers from the 25th ID during his visit to Camp Victory, Iraq, Monday. and Headquarters Battalion, 25th Infantry Division. “He was very down to earth, personable and responded realistically to queries,” Lockwood said. (Editor’s Note: Spc. Karen Sampson, U.S. Forces-Iraq, contributed to this article.)

Overseas military mail could be delayed

Overseas military addresses do not need names of city, country

ARMY NEWS SERVICE
News Release

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — Troop supporters attempting to speed mail to service members overseas by including the city, country or installation name in the address cause delays and misrouting. The U.S. Postal Service’s automated processing equipment differentiates between domestic and foreign addresses. Military addresses are automatically processed in the same manner as domestic mail throughout the country, postal officials said. Mail addressed to foreign cities, countries or installation names are diverted to the international mail system. This diversion requires mail to be reprocessed, sometimes repeatedly. This procedure risks further delays because international postal services are not always familiar with the U.S. military postal system. During a recent assessment of mail processing at the USPS Logistics and Distribution Center in New Jersey, the Military Postal Service Agency team diverted more than 20 packages, which were incorrectly addressed, back to military post offices. “Had the MPSA staff not observed the 20

Overseas mail address

- Service member’s name
- Specific military unit
- APO, DPO, or FPO
- two-digit state
- Five-to-nine-digit zip code

packages that were incorrectly addressed with foreign city or country names, the parcels would have been delivered to the respective overseas foreign postal administration, of which (packages may be) rifled and/or never delivered to the addressee,” said Drew Butler, transportation analyst, MPSA. To ensure the quickest service, senders should address their letters and packages with only the service member’s name, specific military unit and complete last line of the military address. This address includes the “city” (Army/Air Force Post Office, APO; Diplomatic Post Office, DPO; or Fleet Post Office, FPO), the “state” (a two-letter abbreviation) and a five-to-nine-digit zip code. This address allows family and friends to send letters and packages at the same manner and rate as domestic service, regardless of where service members are stationed. (Editor’s Note: Information provided by the U.S. Army Human Resources Command and Military Postal Service Agency.)

USACE awards contract for new barracks

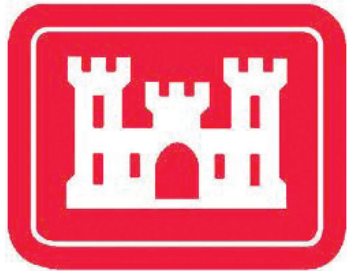
U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS- HONOLULU DISTRICT

Public Affairs

FORT SHAFTER — U.S. Army Corps of Engineers-Honolulu District awarded a \$35,275,888 firm-fixed-price contract, June 30.

The contract is to provide for the design and construction of a 228-personnel unaccompanied enlisted barracks facility at Schofield Barracks.

Absher Construction Company Inc., based out of Puyallup, Wash., which has an office in Honolulu, anticipates that portions of the project will be subcontracted to firms on Oahu, providing jobs to local workers.



Terrance Bandy | Tripler Army Medical Center Public Affairs

94 years strong

HONOLULU — Brig. Gen. Keith Gallagher (right), commander, Pacific Regional Medical Command and Tripler Army Medical Center, joins 2nd Lt. Matthew Tullia (center), and Sgt. Larissa Linton, both with TAMC, along with more than 30 Medical Service Corps officers and Soldiers for the cake-cutting ceremony in celebration of the Army Service Corps' 94th birthday, here, recently.

According to "The History of the U.S. Army Medical Service Corps," although the corps was established Aug. 4, 1947, to consolidate the Sanitary Corps, Medical Administrative Corps and Pharmacy Corps into one permanent Army Corps, the MSC celebrates the anniversary of their corps as June 30, 1917.

News Briefs

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

15 / Friday

Change of Command —

The 516th Signal Brigade will host a change of command ceremony, 10 a.m., July 15, on board the USS Battleship Missouri Memorial. Col. Scott Baer will assume command of the unit from Col. Dana Tankins. Call 438-8264.

18 / Monday

Inventory —

The Schofield Barracks Commissary will conduct a formal inventory, July 18. The store will open at 8 a.m. for early birds, 9 a.m. for regular shopping and close at 4 p.m. Call 655-5066.

19 / Tuesday

Town Hall —

The 45th Sustainment Brigade, 8th Theater Sust. Command, will conduct an inaugural town hall and welcome event, 6 p.m., July 19, Wheeler Army Airfield Chapel. All families of the brigade, especially those arriving on island since December, are invited. Call 655-6594.

PT Field Closure —

The Fort Shafter Flats physical training field will close 10:30 a.m.-noon, July 21. Helicopters will be landing and loading for an

event hosted by U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii. Areas affected are the Fort Shafter Flats PT field and its surrounding track and parking areas. Call 656-0223 or 656-0220.

22 / Friday

FBI Recruitment —

Learn about the FBI by attending a career presentation, 10 a.m., July 22, Directorate of Human Resources, Soldier Support Center, Building 750, Schofield Barracks. Call 655-1028.

25 / Monday

First-Term Financial Training —

This mandatory eight-hour training will be held 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., July 25, Army Community Service, Schofield Barracks. Attendees will learn basic financial skills, develop self-reliance and personal responsibility, and learn financial planning. Call 655-4227.

Ongoing

Lyman Road Construction —

Through July 2012, construction work will be underway, Monday-Saturday, on the Lyman Road Sewer Upgrade and Reclaimed Water Transmission Project at Schofield Barracks and Wheeler Army Airfield. Construction will start at the Schofield Barracks Waste Water Treatment Plant and will continue to the intersection of Lyman and Hewitt roads.

Most of the construction will take place during the day. However, some nighttime work is

anticipated to relieve rush hour impacts. Nighttime work will be limited to non-residential areas, away from homes. Drivers are encouraged to take alternate routes and drive with caution in construction areas.

For current traffic advisories, visit www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil, click on "Post Information," then "Traffic Updates." Call 674-7656.

Free Overnight Hotel Vouchers —

Active duty service members traveling to or leaving the U.S. can present their ID card and a copy of their official travel orders at the Honolulu International Airport USO to get a free overnight hotel voucher. This offer is good through Dec. 31. For a list of participating hotels, visit www.salutetosoldiers.com. Call 808-422-1213 or email elsmith@uso.org or btroegner@uso.org.

Civilian Education System —

Army civilians can apply

for leader development and education opportunities by visiting www.amsc.belvoir.army.mil. Open the tab "Academics" to review specific courses available to Army civilians. Email lamscregistrar@conus.army.mil or call (703) 805-4461.

Financial Readiness —

Army Community Service's Financial Readiness Program offers financial planning classes for deployment, money and divorce, and understanding insurance and financial scams. Classes are offered at ACS Schofield Barracks, or schedule a class of your choice for your unit. Call 655-1717 or email robin.rogerssherrord@us.army.mil.

Financial Counseling —

Army Community Service's Financial Readiness Program provides one-on-one counseling to Soldiers and family members. Topics for discussion include credit repair, consumer affairs and complaints, bud-

get/spending plan, identity theft, car and home buying, investing, insurance, the Thrift Savings Plan and retirement. ACS Financial Readiness can assist in remedial, preventive and productive financial counseling. Call 655-4227 to schedule an appointment.

Deploying Units —

The Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation is available to come to pre-deployment family readiness group meetings to explain the benefits of the Blue Star Card program and to answer questions. Call 655-0002.

Uniform Guidance —

Soldiers are reminded to wear their Class B uniforms while visiting the USS Arizona Memorial. Personnel may be turned away if not dressed appropriately.

Dealing With Stress —

Visit the Employee Assistance Program office, Building 2091, Schofield Barracks, for help and

ideas for dealing with stress or other issues affecting job performance. Call 655-6047/6046.

Counseling Sessions —

Military OneSource offers non-medical behavioral health counseling sessions for service members and their families. The counseling sessions provide face-to-face counseling through affiliate providers; short-term, solution-focused telephonic consultations; and online consultations. Authorization is on a case-by-case basis. Visit www.MilitaryOneSource.com or call (800) 342-9647.

Suicide Prevention —

The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline is a free, 24-hour crisis intervention hotline at (800) 273-TALK (8255), as well as an online service at www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org. Services are available to anyone in suicidal crisis or emotional distress, to include all military members and their families.



Courtesy of Pohakuloa Training Area Natural Resources Office

A volunteer looks over Army environmental protective areas at PTA. Elsewhere USAG-HI has opened additional training areas for Big Island hunters.

USAG-HI opens new maneuver area at PTA for local licensed hunters

U.S. ARMY GARRISON-HAWAII PUBLIC AFFAIRS
News Release

POHAKULOA TRAINING AREA – U. S. Army Garrison-Hawaii will open portions of the Keamuku Maneuver Area, here, to local hunters this weekend, July 16-17.

“We discussed the future of hunting in the (KMA) with the Division of Forestry and Wildlife, and we are pleased to open the maneuver area to hunting when training is not scheduled,” said Lt. Col. Rolland Niles, commander, PTA.

Licensed hunters will be allowed access to PTA beginning at 5 a.m. Saturday. Check-in sta-

tions used for PTA hunting will be the Huluhulu station on the east side of PTA, and the Kilohana and middle Puuanahulu stations on the west side of PTA.

At the check in stations, hunters will receive a handout of information including maps detailing approved access areas, travel routes and hunting areas on the installation.

Big Island hunters are being encouraged to monitor the PTA Hunter’s Hotline at 969-3474 for specific information.

For more information, call Mike Egami, public affairs officer, USAG-HI, at 656-3152, or 387-8511.

Premier installation support will continue within realistic capabilities

With fiscal constraints, garrison must focus on core services

LACEY JUSTINGER
Managing Editor

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS – Even with budget and manning limitations, the garrison will continue its important mission of supporting Soldiers and families with services to promote readiness and well-being.

This was the message Col. Douglas Mulbury, commander, U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii, discussed at two garrison employee town halls at Schofield Barracks, July 6, and Fort Shafter, Tuesday.

“People who rely on you, who need your services, are unaware of the budget and manning constraints,” he said. “They still need those services.”

While available garrison services may change, be cut back or take longer, garrison employees will continue working to ensure Soldiers and families are taken care of with good facilities and housing in a safe community, and by addressing quality of life and infrastructure concerns.

Mulbury passed on praise from senior commanders – Lt. Gen. Francis Wiercinski, commander, U.S. Army-Pacific; Maj. Gen. Michael J. Terry, commander, 8th Theater Sustainment Command; and Maj. Gen. Bernard Champoux, commander, 25th Infantry Division – thanking the garrison for its continued high-level of support and professionalism for Soldiers and units everyday.

“I believe this is a core value of the organization: to come to work everyday to make a difference for Soldiers and families,” he said.

However, the garrison can no longer afford to continue doing things the way it’s been used to, as the fiscal realities filter down from a national level to the local garrison, Mulbury explained.

“The garrison needs to focus on the core programs,” he said. “We need to understand what they are, what they cost, if they’re worth the cost, and what can we do without.”

Core programs are those essential things that

only the installation can provide – and has to provide – to support the readiness and well-being of Soldiers and families.

“We may no longer have the luxury to do the ‘nice things,’” Mulbury said. “Frankly, it’s going to get a lot worse. This is a fundamentally different fiscal environment than we were all used to operating in.”

Garrison functions will have to be trimmed down to meet realistic capabilities in the bigger Army and Department of Defense picture, the commander said. Some contracted and some Department of the Army civilian functions and responsibilities may transition back to Soldiers, unlike the past 10 years.

“The garrison can’t be asked to do more than it’s resourced to do because that would be an unreasonable expectation,” Mulbury explained.

He emphasized his commitment to taking care of the workforce, despite the proposed reduction of 208 civilian authorizations for fiscal year 2013 “to right-size the organization.”

“I’ve said it before and I’ll say it again ... (In-

“This is a fundamentally different fiscal environment than we were all used to operating in.”

— **Col. Douglas Mulbury**
Commander, USAG-HI

stallation Management Command has said there will be) no reductions in force,” he said. “I’m keeping sight of the fact that it’s a person with a family, with commitments, behind each job. We’ve (taken care of the employees) before, and we’ll do it again.”

Over-hires will be moved into authorized vacancies, Mulbury said. Positions will not be backfilled when vacated by attrition. Workloads will be reviewed and funds will be reprogrammed between directorates, he said.

Mulbury reminded employees that building for the future, tracking career goals and focusing internally on each other are still important qualities.

He took the time to publicly acknowledge many of the garrison’s accomplishments and accolades.





Engineer Week

Companies of 130th Eng. Bde. compete for glory

1ST LT. SCOTT RUPNOW

130th Engineer Brigade, 8th Theater Sustainment Command

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — The 130th Engineer Brigade, 8th Theater Sustainment Command, took time to focus on team building and esprit de corps, through some good, old-fashioned competition, here.

Soldiers from the brigade's units — Headquarters and Headquarters Company, and the 84th and 65th Engineer Battalions — competed in a "March Madness"-style tournament in volleyball, ultimate Frisbee, ultimate football, tug-of-war and softball during the week leading up to the Fourth of July.

Each company also fielded a 10K run team, a one-mile relay team and a team for "The Amazing Race," that included a humvee push, water jug carry and weapons assembly integrated into a grueling run.

After four days of competition, Col. Jeffery Milhorn, commander, 130th Eng. Bde., presented the Commander's Cup to the 65th Eng. Bn., the battalion that accumulated the most points.

"I was a little disappointed that the 84th (Eng. Bn.) didn't win, but I think this week really helped bring the unit together at every echelon," said Sgt. 1st Class Jason Lynch, platoon sergeant, 84th Eng. Bn. "I feel really good about this past week."

After the Soldiers had hung up their cleats, they donned Hawaiian shirts for the Engineer Luau at an off-post restaurant. Activities included hula and spear throwing.

"It is not every night that it is acceptable to throw spears with your bosses, but tonight was one of those nights," said 2nd Lt. Jason Borchik, 65th Eng. Bn.

Borchik had injured his shoulder earlier in the week while diving for the game-winning catch of an ultimate Frisbee game. He said the injury was "totally worth it for the glory of the unit."

As the tiki torches at the

restaurant were extinguished and the last of the roasted pig was consumed, closing comments of the luau reflected on the week of competition with a quote from Gen. Douglas MacArthur: "Upon the fields of friendly strife are sown the seeds, that on other fields, on other days, will bear the fruits of victory."



See more photos of this event at www.facebook.com/84thEngineerBattalion.



Courtesy Photo

A Soldier gathers all his strength as he competes in the humvee push, part of "The Amazing Race" event at the 8th TSC's 130th Eng. Bde., "Engineer Week," June 27-30, at Schofield Barracks.



Capt. Christopher Ren | 84th Engineer Battalion Public Affairs, 130th Eng. Brigade, 8th Theater Sustainment Command

Soldiers go up against each other in volleyball during the 130th Eng. Bde., 8th TSC, "Engineer Week."

Capt. Christopher Ren | 84th Engineer Battalion Public Affairs, 130th Eng. Brigade, 8th Theater Sustainment Command

1st Lt. Andrew Cammack (front left), and Capt Emily Hannenberg (center), both of HHC, 84th Eng. Bn., 130th Eng. Bde., 8th TSC, navigate an obstacle for part of the "Amazing Race," the final competitive event for "Engineer Week."



Today

Employment Orientation – This event is 9-10:30 a.m., July 15 and 29, Army Community Service, Schofield Barracks. Get a resource packet to get you started on your career search here in Hawaii. To register, call 655-4227.

Cooking Class – Teens can learn how to cook with EDGE! (Experience, Develop, Grow and Excel) and Outdoor Recreation, 2:30-5:45 p.m., July 15. To register, call 655-0143.

Family Fun Friday – Enjoy free pizza and activities, 6 p.m., July 15, at the Tropics Recreation Center, Schofield Barracks. Call 655-5698.

16 / Saturday

Island Tour – Sign up for the free newcomers' island tour that departs from Schofield Barracks or Fort Shafter Flats. Call 655-4227 or 438-4499; spaces fill quickly. Dates, times and locations follow:

- July 16, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Army Community Service, Fort Shafter Flats
- July 23, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Army Community Service, Schofield Barracks

17 / Sunday

New Hours – Starting July 17, Outdoor Recreation at Schofield Barracks is expanding its Sunday hours to 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Starting July 18, ODR will be closed every Monday. Call 655-8522.

19 / Tuesday

SFAC Spouses Group – This spouses group will meet 5:30-8 p.m., July 19, at the Soldier and Family Assistance Center, Bldg. 692, Schofield Barracks. Additionally, a small business seminar will be held 5:30-7:30 p.m., July 26.

EFMP Support Group – This support group is for Exceptional Family Member Program families so they can share experiences, gather new information and become more knowledgeable about community resources. On-site childcare will be available, but children must be registered with Child, Youth and School Services. Sign up is required. Call 655-4791/1551. Dates, times and locations follow:

- July 19, 6-7 p.m., Aliamanu Military Reservation Chapel
- July 27, 6-7:30 p.m., Schofield Barracks Chapel

Walk off the Wait – The Blue Star Card holders Hawaii Loa Ridge hike is July 19. Transportation is available; space is limited. Registration is required; call 655-0002 or email amanda.p.montgomery@us.army.mil to reserve your space and for details. This



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

Today

School Supplies Drive – The USO is holding its annual back to school backpack and school supply drive for school-age family members of service members in the grades of E-5 and below. Drop off new school supplies between 9 a.m.-9 p.m., through July 16 at the Aloha Reception Desk NEX Mall Rotunda or the Hickam BXtra, both at Joint Base Pearl-Harbor Hickam, or the Schofield Barracks Main Exchange.

Parents can register by emailing rsvpusohawaii@gmail.com with their sponsor's name, rank, branch of service and school-age family member's name and age. Distribution will be 1 p.m.-3 p.m., July 17, at Hickam's Makai Recreation Center. Parents must show their military ID when picking up their backpacks.

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. "Fireworks on The Bay" is set for 9 p.m., July 15. Volunteers will receive free admission to attractions and more. Call 257-7787 or 257-7790. Visit www.bayfeshawaii.com for schedules and ticket information.



Lacey Justinger | U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii Public Affairs

A little bit of magic

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Military families form a line that wraps around Sgt. Smith Theater, here, two hours before the start of a movie, Saturday. Patrons packed the theater almost to its 1,500 capacity to view a free, studio appreciation, advance screening of "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows - Part 2." The Army and Air Force Exchange Service and Warner Bros. sponsored the event to show appreciation for service members and families.

Sgt. Smith Theater shows its last movie Sunday before closing for renovations that will continue until May 2012. Search for "Sgt. Smith Theater" at www.hawaiiarmyweekly.com for a listing of alternate meeting and training venues.

hike is not recommended for keiki under 15 years of age.

Hobbies and Crafts Database

– Learn about the Hobbies and Crafts Database, 2-4 p.m., July 19, Sgt. Yano Library, Schofield Barracks. This database has numerous projects, books, and videos to help you feed your creative side. Register at 655-8002 or send a message at Hawaii Army Libraries on Facebook. Laptops are suggested, but not necessary.

Open Mic Night – Save the date and show off your talent and enjoy an evening of food and drink specials, July 19. Open Mic Nights are held every first and third Tuesday of the month at Tropics Recreation Center, Schofield Barracks. Call 655-5698.

20 / Wednesday

Hot Monogamy – This new workshop is 1-2:30 p.m., July 20, Army Community Service, Schofield Barracks, and will help couples bring passion back to their marriage. While couples don't have to attend together, couples are encouraged. Call 655-4227.

Financial Planning for Deployment

– This class is 9-10:30 a.m., July 20, Army Community Service, Schofield Barracks. Learn how to prepare your finances for deployment and make the best of your extra entitlements. Call 655-4227.

Understanding Insurance and

Scams – This course, 10:30 a.m.-noon, July 20, Army Community Service, Schofield Barracks, will explore various types of insurance and scams that target the military community. Call 655-4227.

21 / Thursday

Federal Resume Writing Seminar – This event, 9-10 a.m., July 21 and 22, Army Community Service, Schofield Barracks, will show how to tailor a resume for a federal job, gain helpful tips on job searching in the federal sector and prepare for an interview. Call 655-4227.

Make a Video – Blue Star Card holders can learn how to use Animoto to make a professional quality video for their Soldier or loved ones, 10 a.m., July 21, Sgt. Yano Library, Schofield Barracks. Bring 30-50 digital photos for this project. Space is limited; register by emailing amanda.p.montgomery@us.army.mil or call 655-0002.

Anger Awareness – This one-hour interactive class teaches useful techniques to cope with feelings of anger. Call 655-0596. Dates and times follow:

- July 21, 1-2:30 p.m., Community Center, Aliamanu Military Reservation, Community Center.
- July 21, 3-4:30 p.m., Army Community Service, Schofield Barracks.

22 / Friday

Survivor Support Group – The

Friday with Friends Survivor Support Group will meet 9 a.m.-noon, July 22, at the Survivor Outreach Services Center, Fort Shafter Aloha Center, Bldg. 330, Room 111. Call 438-9285.

EFMP Family Swim – Families with special needs individuals are invited to enjoy an afternoon of swimming. One family member must be enrolled in the Exceptional Family Member Program. The event is free, but sign up is required. To register, call 655-4227. Dates, times and locations follow:

- July 22, 2:30-5 p.m., Richardson Pool, Schofield Barracks.
- July 29, 2:30-5 p.m., Tripler Army Medical Center Swimming Pool

Surfing Lessons – Teens can learn how to surf with EDGE! (Experience, Develop, Grow and Excel) and Outdoor Recreation, July 22. Call 655-0143.

23 / Saturday

BOSS Beach Bash – This Single Soldiers event is set for July 23. For details, call Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers, or BOSS, at 655-1130.

24 / Sunday

Closures – The Sgt. Yano Library, Schofield Barracks, will close July 24 for carpet cleaning. Also, the Sgt. Yano, Fort Shafter, and Aliamanu Libraries will close July 25-26 for staff training. All libraries will reopen July 27. Call 833-4851, 438-9521 or 655-8002.

SEE MWR BRIEFS, B-3



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
- 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. at 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

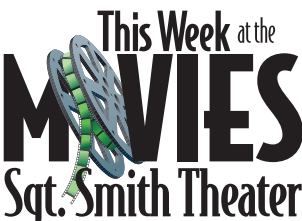
- Sunday Services
 - 9 a.m. at FD, MPC and TAMC chapels
 - 9 a.m. at WAAF chapel, Lutheran/Episcopalian
 - 10 a.m. at HMR
 - 10:30 a.m. at AMR

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 aaafes.com under realtime movie listing.



Kung Fu Panda 2

(PG)
Fri., July 15, 7 p.m.
Sat., July 16, 7 p.m.

Hoodwinked too! Hood vs. Evil

(PG)
Sat., July 16, 4 p.m.
Family Matinee Day:
All admissions \$2.50.

Judy Moody and the Not Bummer Summer

(PG)
Sun., July 17, 2 p.m.

(The Sgt. Smith Theater will close for renovation July 18-May 2012. The Exchange won't be airing movies during the closure; patrons are urged to use the theater on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, instead.

Visit www.shopmyexchange.com and click on "Reel Time Movies," then select region and location from the drop-down menu.)

No shows on Mondays or Tuesdays.

16 / Saturday

Hula Festival – The 34th Annual Prince Lot Hula Festival is 9 a.m.-4 p.m., July 16, Moanalua Gardens, 1352 Pineapple Pl., Honolulu. The event features hula halau, cultural activities and crafts. Bring beach mats or low-back chairs. Admission is free. Visit www.moanaluagardensfoundation.org, email mgf-hawaii@hawaii.rr.com or call 839-5334.

Haleiwa Arts Festival – This 14th annual summer arts festival is 10 a.m.-6 p.m., July 16 and 10 a.m.-5 pm., July 17, at the Haleiwa Beach Park in Historic Haleiwa Town on the North Shore. The event features juried visual artists, plus musicians, singers, dancers, cultural/historical tours, and children's art activities. Admission is free. Visit www.haleiwaartsfestival.org.

Relay For Life – The American Cancer Society Relay For Life is 6 p.m.-6 a.m., July 16-17, at Magic Island Beach Park. This event raises community awareness and funds for the American Cancer Society's patient services, research, advocacy and community education. Visit www.relayforlife.org/magicislandhi, e-mail michelle.hashimoto@cancer.org or call 432-9144.

17 / Sunday

Ukulele Festival – This 41st annual event is 9 a.m.-2 pm., July 17, at the Kapiolani Park Bandstand, Waikiki. Enjoy food booths, displays and giveaways. Free parking and shuttle service is available from Kapiolani Community College. Admission is free. Visit www.ukulelefestivalhawaii.org.

18 / Monday

Theater Closure – The Sgt. Smith Theater, Schofield Barracks, will close for renovation from July 18-May 2012. All reservations during this time period will be cancelled. AAFES will not be airing movies during the closure; patrons

are urged to use the theater on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam instead.

Inventory – The Schofield Barracks Commissary will conduct a formal inventory July 18. The store will open at 8 a.m. for early birds, 9 a.m. for regular shopping and close at 4 p.m. Call 655-5066.

19 / Tuesday

Town Hall – The 45th Sustainment Brigade, 8th Theater Sustainment Command, will conduct an inaugural town hall and welcome event, 6 p.m., July 19, at Wheeler Army Airfield Chapel. All families of the brigade, especially those arriving on island since December, are invited. Call 655-6594.

Disaster Preparedness Workshop – This workshop is July 19, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Kahuku Library (56-490 Kamehameha Hwy.) This "Get Ready" workshop will cover key information specific to Hawaii residents, such as when and where to evacuate. Email livealoha@kanuhawaii.org or call 343-2428. Visit www.kanuhawaii.org or www.hawaiiiredcross.org.

20 / Wednesday

Running Club – Runners and walkers can join the free Hawaii Running Project's Wednesday Run Club at Schofield Barracks, which meets Wednesdays, 5 p.m., Bowman Field, at the end of Lyman Road. The club runs loops around the base of Kolekole Pass; workouts can be customized from two to eight miles. Email mary.siegel@amedd.army.mil or call 655-9123.

21 / Thursday

Pet Expo – This expo, "Pets are People Too," is 4-6 p.m., July 21, at Porter Community Center, Schofield Barracks. Community residents can learn, play, shop and adopt a pet. Activities include displays, games and prizes.



AFTB seeks volunteers for instructor training, positions

ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICE
Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation;
U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS – Army spouses and Soldiers who want to become Army Family Team Building, or AFTB, instructors can sign up now for classes offered in August.

Volunteers will learn how to speak in front of groups and how to work interactively with students. “Being an AFTB instructor is beneficial to me both personally and professionally,” said Theresa Johnson, an AFTB instructor and 18th Medical Command spouse. “We have the opportunity to share our experiences with other spouses. It also

builds self-esteem and helps us to grow, and we perfect our own public speaking skills.”

The AFTB program consists of three levels of classes for students who want to connect to their new Army lifestyle.

AFTB Level One, the “learn series,” teaches basic military information that lays the foundation for success as a military family member. AFTB Level Two, the “grow series” and Level Three, the “lead series” both teach management and leadership skills that are vital in today’s Army.



“I’ve made a network of friends and connections that have helped me out with knowledge and experience,” said Sgt. David Jones, 3rd Battalion, 25th Aviation Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, who volunteers as an AFTB instructor. “All AFTB instructors volunteer because they are passionate about empowering family members.

“To become a part of the family of instructors, all that is needed is (to complete) Level One of the in-class instruction and your attendance at the upcoming Instructor Training Course,” he said.

“Military families are the constant face of the

AFTB instructor course

Registration is underway for the AFTB instructor course, 5-9 p.m., Aug. 9-12 and 15, Army Community Service, Schofield Barracks. The graduation ceremony will be held 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Aug. 16, Kalakaua Community Center, Schofield Barracks. Call 655-1703 or email ferne.r.conroy@us.army.mil.

military and the nation in times of war and in times of peace, and as such, we should strive to put our best foot forward to assist them to thrive,” said LaKisha Canady-Toussaint, AFTB instructor.



CONTINUED FROM B-2

25 / Monday
ACS Anniversary – The community is invited to help Army Community Service celebrate its 46 years of service to Soldiers and families. This event, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., July 25, ACS, Schofield Barracks, include games for keiki, information, prizes and presentations. Cake and punch will be served. Call 655-4227.

26 / Tuesday
Money Management – This workshop, 9-10:30 a.m., July 27, Army Community Service, Schofield Barracks, focuses on the basic tools for financial success. Call 655-4227.

Dad’s Den – This meeting is at noon and 6 p.m., July 26, Fort Shafter Aloha Center. Dads can discuss different challenges they experience in fatherhood. Call 655-6215.

27 / Wednesday
Simple Tips for Saving and Investing – This workshop, 10-30 a.m.-noon, July 27, Army Community Service, Schofield Barracks, describes the various tools for saving and investing, including a broad overview of investment options (such as stocks, bonds and mutual funds).

28 / Thursday
Civilian Resume Writing Seminar – This event, 9-10 a.m., July 28, Army Community Service, Schofield Barracks, will show how to tailor a resume for a civilian job, gain helpful tips on job searching in the civilian sector and prepare for an interview. To register, call 655-4227.

29 / Friday
Junior Spouses Confer-

ence – Junior spouses are invited to learn more about Army Community Service, 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., ACS, Schofield Barracks. A community assessment will also be conducted. Call 655-4227.

Kids Bowl Free – Through July 29, the Fort Shafter and Schofield Barracks bowling centers are participating in a 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.

30 / Saturday
Super Saturday Child Care – Free Super Saturday Child Care for Blue Star Card holders is 9 a.m.-2 p.m., July 30, at the Fort Shafter Child Development Center and the Fort Shafter Youth Center. Space is limited; register by calling 655-5314 or 833-5393.

“Movies by the Moonlight” – Blue Star Card holders need to register by July 22 to attend the free showing of “Megamind,” 7 p.m., July 30, at the Tropics Recreation Center’s volleyball court, Schofield Barracks.

Blue Star Card holders and family members will receive a special snack as well as free movie passes to any Consolidated Theatre, while supplies last. To register, email amanda.p.montgomery@us.army.mil or call 655-0002.

Ongoing

Rising Star 2011 – Enter to win the ultimate recording music experience and compete for cash prizes locally. Entry deadline and the preliminary round are 6 p.m., Aug. 5, Schofield Barracks, with finals, 6:30 p.m., Aug. 19. Visit www.himwr.com to register.

AFTB Instructor Course – Registration is underway for the Army Family Team Building Instructor Course, 5-9 p.m., Aug. 9-12 and 15-16, Army Community Service, Schofield Barracks. Learn how to teach AFTB classes that show students how to connect to their new Army lifestyle. Call 655-1703 or email ferne.r.conroy@us.army.mil.

Survivor Support Group – This group meets 5:30-8 p.m., the second Tuesday of each month, at the Survivor Outreach Services Center, Fort Shafter Aloha Center, Bldg. 330, Room 111. Call 438-9285.

Financial Readiness Program – Call 655-4227 to schedule your appointment for one-on-one personal financial counseling at Army Community Service, Schofield Barracks.

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.

Kid’s Art Classes – Enjoy Saturday sessions every month at the Schofield Barracks Arts and Crafts Center. Register for classes at Child, Youth and School Services; the School Age Center; or the Child Development Center. Call 655-9818. Blue Star Card benefits apply.

IPC adds buffer, trigger to billing

ISLAND PALM COMMUNITIES News Release

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS – To ease service members and their families into the Army-mandated and congressionally approved live utilities billing program, Island Palm Communities has implemented a 10-percent buffer above and below the rolling monthly baseline.

This buffer means that if energy consumption is 10-percent above or below the baseline, a bill won’t have to be paid nor will a rebate be issued.

IPC also implemented a \$50 trigger that gives residents more time before they actually have to pay a bill. This trigger also reduces the number of times they pay a bill throughout the year.

“If the balance above or below the baseline is less than \$50, the amount will be carried over to the next month with no payment or rebate owed,” said Tom Adams, director of property management, at IPC. “When the balance is \$50 or more above or below the baseline, that’s when a payment is due or a rebate is issued.”

IPC began its live utility billing July 1 for families living in homes built after 2004.

Track utility usage

Residents can log on to www.ista-direct.com to check their monthly statements and pay bills online. Residents who have questions or concerns about their monthly conservation statements or want to set up an appointment to conduct an energy audit, can contact ista’s customer service at (800) 569-3014, or email inquiries@ista-na.com.

Also, residents can sign up to view their daily energy consumption online. They can monitor how their daily habits might impact consumption and then make any necessary adjustments throughout the month. To sign up, visit www.esoems.com. Residents should have their energy consumption statement readily available, since information from it will be needed to sign up for the service.

