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USAG-HI, IPC increases availability of four- and five-bedroom homes

ISLAND PALM COMMUNITIES

News Release

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS – In response to the needs of service members and their families, the Department of the Army has approved a modified scope plan, or MSP, that will help U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii meet its demand for more four- and five-bedroom homes.

“The original development plan was put together nearly a decade ago and was based on mission support projections at that time,” said Col. Douglas Mulbury, commander,

USAG-HI. “Since then, our mission and the needs of the Army have changed tremendously.

“It’s important that we provide not just an adequate number of homes to our Soldiers and families, but also the appropriate types of homes to accommodate families of all sizes,” he said.

An additional 1,494 four- and five-bedroom homes will be built; a total of 2,249 four- and five-bedroom homes will be available.

“Our long-term partnership with the Army provides us the flexibility to adjust our business to meet the changing needs of the Army, while continuing to provide quality homes and communities to U.S. service members and their families,” said Mark Frey, project director, Island Palm Communities.

The MSP also extended the original development period from 2015 to 2020, which enables IPC to complete the project development

plan with excess cash from operations, rather than taking on additional debt.

“Being able to make such a significant change to meet our housing needs without additional financing means that important support services and community programs provided to our families will not be sacrificed,” Mulbury said. “Our families living with us now, and those that will come to Hawaii several years from now, will continue to benefit from our partnership.”

When construction is completed in 2020, service members and their families will have 5,241 new homes and 2,515 renovated homes.

For more information about IPC development and the current status of construction, visit www.islandpalmcommunities.com and click on “About Us.”

DOD identifies 3rd BCT Army casualty

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

News Release

The Department of Defense announced the death of a Soldier who was supporting Operation Enduring Freedom, Monday.

Sgt. William GrossPaniagua, 28, of Daly City, Calif., died July 31, in Kunar province, Afghanistan, of injuries sustained when enemy forces attacked his vehicle with an improvised explosive device.

He was assigned to the 3rd Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 3rd Bde. Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division.

GrossPaniagua’s awards and decorations include an Army Commendation Medal, an Army Good Conduct, a National Defense Service Medal,

the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, an Iraq Campaign Medal, an Army Service Ribbon and the Overseas Service Ribbon.

His posthumous awards include the Purple Heart, a Bronze Star Medal, an Afghanistan Campaign Medal with service star and a Combat Action Badge.

This deployment was GrossPaniagua’s second overseas. He had previously served a tour in Iraq in 2008 with 3rd BCT.

GrossPaniagua enlisted Sept. 7, 2005, as a combat engineer.

GrossPaniagua

1st Lt. Brent Chapman | 307th Expeditionary Signal Bn., 516th Sig. Bde., 311th Sig. Command

Lt. Col. Jacqueline Brown (left), commander, 307th Expeditionary Sig. Bn., 516th Sig. Bde., 311th Sig. Command, receives assistance from Command Sgt. Maj. Stephon Watson, senior enlisted leader, 307th Expeditionary Sig. Bn., in uncasing the colors at the battalion’s parade field, at HMR, July 28.

Signal Battalion marks milestone

Upon return, Brown turns over command to Bird during ceremony

CAPT. MALLARY FORRESTEL
307th Expeditionary Signal Battalion, 516th Sig. Brigade, 311th Sig. Command

HELEMANO MILITARY RESERVATION – Two companies within the 307th Expeditionary Signal Battalion marked a milestone, as they uncased battalion colors, here, in an official ceremony signifying their safe return, after a yearlong deployment to Afghanistan, July 28.

Approximately 200 Soldiers from the 307th Expeditionary Sig. Bn., 516th Sig. Bde., 311th Sig. Command, deployed to the northern region of Afghanistan as part of Operation Enduring Freedom.

The battalion provided tactical command and control, and information system communications support to the International Security and Assistance Force Regional Command-North and U.S. Forces-Afghanistan.

This deployment was the unit’s first since the Vietnam War.

“Witnessing the physical and mental toughness of the 307th Expeditionary Sig. Bn. at their headquarters’ parade field and acknowledging their accomplishments before, during and after the deployment was a humbling reminder of our armed force’s tenacity and endurance after more than 10 years of combat operations in the Middle East,” said Brig. Gen. William Scott, commander, 311th Sig. Command.

The 307th Expeditionary Sig. Bn.’s accomplishments helped the battalion earn a reputation as a skilled, disciplined and dedicated unit that is recognized far outside the Pacific theater.

The battalion exceeds the footprint a traditional expeditionary signal battalion encompasses, according to Lt. Col. Scott Bird, the new battalion commander.

Accomplishments included an accelerated Warfighter Information Network-Tactical fielding to sustain

USAG-HI focuses on antiterrorism efforts

August is Antiterrorism Awareness Month on post

DONALD MURRY
Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security; U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii

WHEELER ARMY AIRFIELD – Two recent incidents emphasize the importance of staying alert and at the ready to report suspicious activities.

In one incident, many lives were lost and destroyed when a Norway-based extremist conducted a two-pronged attack, in and around Oslo, Norway; however, in the other incident, quick reporting of suspicious activity thwarted potential danger.

Police in Killeen, Texas, and the FBI arrested a Soldier who was absent without leave and in possession of a large quantity of ammunition, weapons and bomb-making materials, July 27. When questioned, the Soldier admitted to planning an attack off the installation of Fort Hood, Texas.

A gun store clerk had reported that the Soldier was displaying suspicious activity. The clerk’s alertness most likely prevented looming threats.

These real-life examples are why senior leaders have approved the Army’s adoption of the iWATCH Antiterrorism Awareness Program, a nationwide, modern version of the Neighborhood Watch Program.

iWATCH was originally developed by the Los Angeles Police Department to encourage and enable members of the community to identify and report suspicious behavior that may be associated with terrorist activities.

Antiterrorism – defined as the defensive measure used to reduce the vulnerability of individuals,

information and facilities to terrorist acts – is especially emphasized during the month of August, Antiterrorism Awareness Month, which promotes antiterrorism awareness and leverage. Every member of the installation should act as a sensor to help identify and prevent potential terrorist acts.

Two elements embody the iWATCH program: active and passive involvement.

The passive element of iWATCH is individual situational awareness of surroundings. Individuals must be alert at all times for suspicious activity.

The active element of iWATCH requires individuals to take action and report suspicious behavior or activities to law enforcement for further investigation.

Reporting suspicious activity is the essential

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What’s suspicious?

- People drawing or measuring important buildings.
- Strangers asking questions about security procedures.
- Briefcases, suitcases, backpacks or packages left unattended.
- Vehicles left in no-parking zones in front of important buildings.
- Unfamiliar people in secure areas.
- Persons wearing clothes that are noticeably too big or too hot for the weather.
- Chemical smells or fumes that seem out of the ordinary for the specific location.
- People asking questions about sensitive information, such as building blueprints, security plans or important travel schedules.
- People purchasing supplies or equipment that can be used to make bombs or weapons, or purchasing uniforms without having the proper credentials.

To report suspicious activity

- Call 655-7117 for Schofield Barracks, Wheeler Army Airfield and Helemano Military Reservation.
- Call 438-7114 for Fort Shafter, Tripler Army Medical Center and Aliamanu Military Reservation.
- Call 438-2650 for Fort DeRussy.
- Call 969-2429 for the Pohakula Training Area on the Big Island.
- Call 911 if off post.

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311 days since last fatal accident

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Ensuring continued satisfaction is garrison’s mission

PLANS, ANALYSIS AND INTEGRATION OFFICE
U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Customer service is everyone’s business, and it is one of U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii’s core values — one abided by on a daily basis.

Customer service is more than performing a service for customers or even doing business with a smile.

Customer service is about putting hearts behind “pono” actions, that is, it’s being polite, professional and positive.

To ensure USAG-HI’s services are meeting the customer’s needs, the command is always looking for ways to better serve. One way Soldiers, families and civilians can help ensure this happens is to partner with USAG-HI by using the Interactive Customer Evaluation, or ICE, program.

ICE is a web-based application, designed to direct immediate customer feedback to USAG-HI service provider managers. ICE integrates customer feedback for all service providers, allowing the garrison to apply, sustain, report and improve services on this installation.

USAG-HI uses the ICE application for all service providers, managers, directorates and organizations

associated with providing customer service to the garrison and the surrounding military community.

The ICE system collects and reports customer feedback, which helps USAG-HI determine its customer satisfaction levels for services provided by garrison facilities. Also, ICE obtains suggestions for improvement of services and identifies issues that affect customer service.

ICE also enables USAG-HI to facilitate relationships within its customer base. It allows customers the opportunity to submit online comment cards and provides managers the ability to collect customer satisfaction data in a timely manner and in a standardized format.


The ICE system is a convenient and efficient means to express opinions and receive feedback on program and service improvements, and it is available from any computer that has Internet access.

The ICE Program is also an effective tool for recognizing those agencies or individuals who have provided noteworthy customer service, which may result in personal recognition by Col. Douglas Mulbury, commander, USAG-HI.

Personal comments are important, and garrison val-

ues all input. While it is optional to leave a name, phone number or email address when using the ICE program, giving contact information is highly encouraged, so everyone can be personally contacted with an update about a submission.

USAG-HI encourages Soldiers, families and civilians to help determine what the garrison is doing well and in which areas it needs to improve upon.



Interactive Customer Evaluation

To access the ICE website, go to ice.disa.mil.

For more information on customer service within USAG-HI, email roselina.stone@us.army.mil or call 655-9033.



Courtesy Photo

Maj. Gen. Ravinder Singh (left), chief of army, Singapore armed forces; Dr. Ng Eng Hen (at podium), Singapore Minister of Defense; and Lt. Gen. Francis Wiercinski, commander, USARPAC, officially open the PACC in Singapore, July 28.

Asia-Pacific armies participate in regional cooperation conferences

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SINGAPORE — More than 25 countries met, here, July 27-Monday, to discuss Pacific regional security architecture.

Co-hosted by the U.S. Army and the Singapore armed forces, representatives to this year’s Pacific Armies Chiefs Conference VII and the Pacific Armies Management Seminar XXXV included China and Laos.

PACC is a biennial, multinational, executive defense forum for Asia Pacific’s regional ground force leaders. PAMS is an annual, multinational, military seminar organized by U.S. Army-Pacific; it provides a forum for senior-level officers to exchange views and ideas.

“The hard reality is that the security landscape today is marked by security threats, which are increasingly transnational and complex, too large for any single country — no matter how large and equipped — to shoulder the burden,” said Dr. Ng Eng Hen, Singapore Minister of Defense and keynote speaker during the PACC opening ceremony. “These two events represent more than merely a meeting of minds, they are an important facet in our regional security architecture.”

Army chiefs held bilateral and multilateral meetings, while PAMS participants discussed the main theme for both conferences, “Building Land Forces Capacity Through Multilateral Security Cooperation.”

Main topics included 21st-century security challenges and cooperation, the capabilities Asia-Pacific land forces need to meet these challenges, and how Asia-Pacific land forces train and develop to deter security threats.

“The better we know each other and the better we communicate, the safer our region will be,” said Maj. Gen. Michael J. Terry, commander, 8th Theater Sustainment Command, during the PAMS opening ceremony. “Multilateral cooperation, in forums such as this, is vital to reduce mistrust and suspicion. By

- Global Security Challenges**
1. Proliferation of nuclear, chemical and biological weapons
 2. Regional war among nation states
 3. Civil war and failed states
 4. International terrorism
 5. Global recession and poverty
 6. International crime and drug cartels
 7. Humanitarian crises and refugees
 8. Threats in the cyber domain

coming together and learning about each others’ capabilities, we also increase our combined ability to respond to a wide range of contingencies affecting us all.”

During the conferences, Lt. Gen. Francis Wiercinski, commander, USARPAC, highlighted eight areas the U.S. Army believes will challenge global security. They are the proliferation of nuclear, chemical and biological weapons; regional war among nation states; civil war and failed states; international terrorism; global recession and poverty; international crime and drug cartels; humanitarian crises and refugees; and threats in the cyber domain.

“These eight challenges will require collaboration and a different approach to the development of versatile, adaptable and culturally-astute leaders and organizations,” Wiercinski said. “These leaders must be developed from their earliest years, with a deep understanding and commitment to a spirit of cooperation and partnership between our nations and military forces.”

China and the Philippines also co-hosted a discussion during PAMS, about how Asia-Pacific land forces will develop the capacity to conduct multilateral security operations.

Leaders then participated in an exercise to apply techniques they learned.



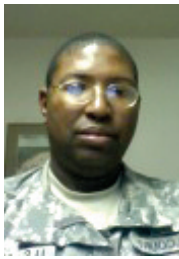
God gives us courage to follow our hearts

CHAPLAIN (CAPT.) THEODORE PHILIPPE VALCOURT
30th Signal Battalion, 516th Sig. Brigade, 311th Sig. Command

Finding our purpose or doing what we are passionate about isn’t always easy.

For most, including myself, finding ourselves is a work in progress.

We often ask the questions “What is my purpose?” and “Why am I here?” As we search for meaning, we



“Recognize your passion and talents, and they will serve you well.”

— **Chaplain (Capt.) Theodore Philippe Valcourt**
30th Sig. Bn., 516th Sig. Bde., 311th Sig. Command

begin to look at our lives, our relationships and our legacy.

To live a passionate or purposeful life, one must be willing to take risks, recognize talents and seek inner peace.

Some of us are willing to change our career paths to pursue what we believe is our calling or purpose. Others play it safe and may struggle with feelings of remorse as they continue to live uneventful lives.

Life is short, and we must decide which direction we will travel in. The immortal words of “The Road Not Taken,” by Robert Frost, remind us that the choice is ours.

He says, “Two roads diverged in a wood, and I – I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference.”

We are dreamers, but life can sometimes push us in a different direction.

Children choose their future profession based on what appeals to them. They often want to be an astronaut, a Soldier, a police officer or a superhero. As we grow up, we still dream. Some of us would love to teach, join a rock band or earn the prestigious U.S. Army Ranger Tab.

Finding your passion and following is so important.

Live your life so that you do not have regrets. The Greek philosopher Aristotle said, “In all things, we must consider the end.” We must ponder the questions “What are you passionate about?” and “What do you spend most of your time wishing you were doing?” or “What can’t you stop thinking about?”

What we are preoccupied with, in most cases, will relate to what we are passionate about. It’s very difficult to conceal something that means so much to you.

If you love the military, you have no problem maintaining warrior skills, being proficient with your military occupation specialty skills, performing duties, staying physically fit and being able to adapt to the challenges of serving and leading.

Loving what you do is synonymous with passion. Recognize your passion and talents, and they will serve you well. Consider what makes you happy. Doing so will help you ascertain your purpose and gain confidence in your abilities.


Passion and happiness are often interlinked. Many people cannot find one without the other, or find inner peace without both.

Voices of Ohana

August is Antiterrorism Awareness Month


How do you maintain situational awareness?

Photos by Tripler Army Medical Center Public Affairs




“I try to always keep my eyes open. I don’t use my cell phone when walking or driving. I avoid wearing my uniform outside of duty hours.”

Capt. Barbara Anderson
Physical Therapy, TAMC




“Being vigilant of your surroundings.”

Warrant Officer 4 Ricky Glenn
8th TSC




“Watch the news and staying up to date.”

Staff Sgt. Walter Huley
Nuclear Medicine, TAMC



“Constantly staying vigilant; being aware of my surroundings.”

Warrant Officer 2 Jason Milner
Co. C, 2nd Bn., 25th Combat Avn. Regt., 25th CAB, 25th ID



“I pay attention to details, especially when I go out in public.”

Staff Sgt. Viniesha Shorteeth-Shaw
613th Air and Space Operations Center, U.S. Air Force



Spc. Johnny Curry | 55th Signal Company Combat Camera

And the band plays on

VICTORY BASE COMPLEX, Iraq — Members of the 25th Infantry Division Band perform during a naturalization ceremony at Al Faw Palace, here, recently. The ceremony allows service members from various countries to become citizens of the U.S.

Post-deployment health reassessment is critical

Tool uses participation to ID real health concerns

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
News Release

WASHINGTON — The Army’s Post-Deployment Health Reassessment, or PDHRA, is a critical Army and commanders’ tool that promotes the health and well-being of Soldiers and Department of the Army civilians.

As a comprehensive health screening, PDHRA helps maximize unit personnel readiness and examines physical and behavioral health concerns associated with deployment.

Conducted 90-180 days post-deployment, PDHRA supports the early identification of health issues, prioritizes the treatment of potentially serious conditions and promotes Soldiers’ well-being and operational readiness.

All Soldiers and DA civilians who deploy outside the continental U.S., for 30 days or more, to a location with a non-fixed military treatment facility, must complete the PDHRA.

The PDHRA includes three, six-month post-deployment resilience training sessions; a self-assessment; and a confidential, one-on-one conversation with a health care provider. The reassessment is completed once a health care provider



Courtesy Photo

Soldiers complete the Army’s PDHRA, which helps maximize unit personnel readiness and examines physical and behavioral health concerns associated with deployment.

signs off on the PDHRA.

PDHRA offers Soldiers and DA civilians an opportunity to proactively identify and, if necessary, treat deployment-related health concerns that may negatively impact daily, family, career and future life.

The PDHRA program was launched in 2005 as the final phase of deployment cycle support. Unit commanders and staff educate Soldiers and DA civilians about the PDHRA and manage the program.



Visit www.pdhra.army.mil to learn more about the program.

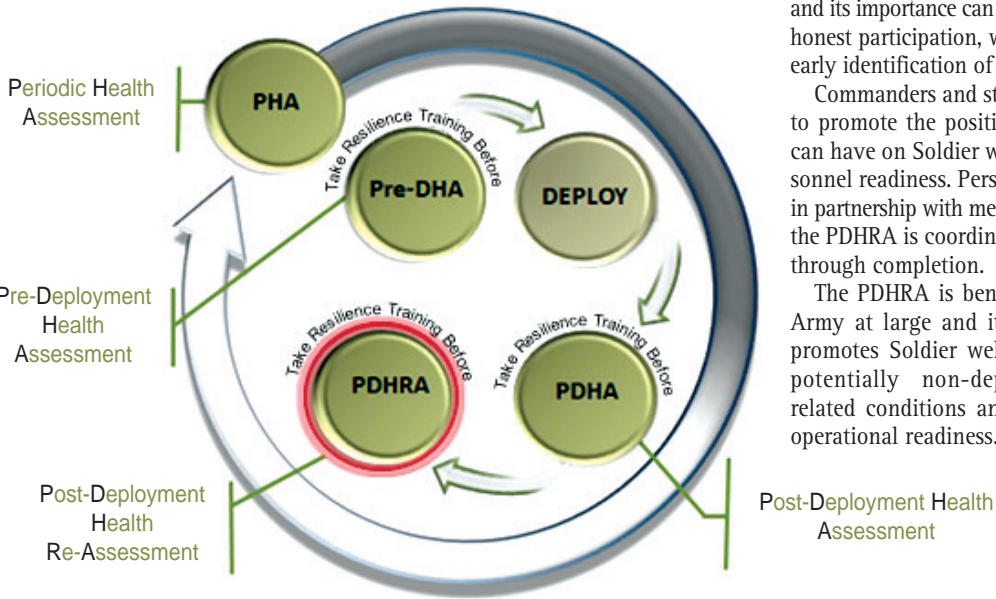
Commanders then work with installation, state and regional PDHRA coordinators to schedule screenings and monitor compliance.

Research indicates that commanders who actively and regularly discuss PDHRA and its importance can positively influence honest participation, which could lead to early identification of health concerns.

Commanders and staff are encouraged to promote the positive impact PHDRA can have on Soldier well-being and personnel readiness. Personnel should work in partnership with medical staff to ensure the PDHRA is coordinated and promoted through completion.

The PDHRA is beneficial to both the Army at large and its personnel, as it promotes Soldier well-being, identifies potentially non-deployable health-related conditions and maximizes unit operational readiness.

Deployment Cycle Support



Newest designer drug off limits to service members

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ARLINGTON, Va. — Bath salts are the new “designer drug” that is becoming increasingly popular on the streets.

Designer drugs are created to get around existing drug laws, said Chris Miller, chief of detectives on Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall, Va.

“Unlike Spice (another designer drug), we want to be ahead of the game with bath salts,” Miller said. “We’ve talked to the local police departments, and they’re seeing it, and it’s only a matter of time before we see it.”

In May, the Drug Enforcement Agency exercised executive power to make Spice illegal to sell, distribute, possess and use.

“With bath salts, the packaging states ‘not fit for human consumption,’ the same as packaging for Spice,” Miller said.

“Bath salts are believed to be a synthetic form of cocaine; it’s 100 percent man-made. ... They give the body the same effect (as cocaine),” Miller said. “A common symptom is flashbacks.” He stressed that bath salts, which are usually snorted, “appear to be extremely addictive.”

Side effects include a host of maladies: increased heart rate, agitation, insomnia, lack of appetite, increased alertness, anxiety, fits and delusions, nosebleeds and nose burns,

muscle spasms, blood circulation problems, increased blood pressure, kidney failure, seizures, risk of renal failure, hallucinations, aggression, severe paranoia, panic attacks, fluctuation in body temperature, muscle tension and twitches, jaw grinding, dilated pupils, violent rage, hot flashes, restlessness, loss of bowel control, breathing difficulties, cravings, vasoconstriction, hypertension, chest pain, headaches and suicidal thoughts.

“(Bath salts are) being bought and sold the same as the traditional form of cocaine or ecstasy, in a powder form enclosed in foil packages,” Miller said. “The cost is between \$20-\$60 a gram, which would be traditional for a regular drug on the street.”

“Spice took us a bit by surprise on the base, so we want to be ahead of the game with bath salts,” said Miller. “Commanders and first sergeants need to remind Soldiers that taking a designer drug is against Army regulations.”

Miller said common names for bath salts include Ivory Wave, Red Dove, Vanilla Sky, Bliss, White Lighting, Hurricane Charlie, Cloud 9, Ocean, Scarface, Bubbles, Purple Rain, Mint Mania, Recharge and Fly.

(Editor’s Note: Rhonda Apple writes for the Pentagongram newspaper at Joint Base Myer, Henderson Hall, Va.)



Photos Courtesy of 643rd Eng. Co., 84th Eng. Bn., 130th Eng. Bde., 8th TSC

Spc. Sierra Blotter (left) and Pfc. Mitchell Spohn (right), both interior electricians with the 643rd Eng. Co., 84th Eng. Bn., 130th Eng. Bde., 8th TSC, learn to stucco the exterior of a building they are constructing alongside engineers from the Royal Thai army.

Engineers construct school in Thailand

Ayara Guardian 2011 provides Soldiers with excellent construction, cultural experience

643RD ENGINEER COMPANY
84th Eng. Battalion, 130th Eng. Brigade,
8th Theater Sustainment Command

PRAN BURI, Thailand — A new, 1,700-square-foot Early Childhood Development Center was the product of Army engineers from Hawaii after a recent deployment, here.

Soldiers of the 643rd Eng. Company, 84th Eng. Battalion, 130th Eng. Brigade, 8th Theater Sustainment Command, recently returned from a three-day humanitarian and civic action mission in support of Ayara Guardian 2011.

The exercise is an annual, international, multilateral training event focused on joint peacekeeping operations.

The 643rd Eng. Co. sent 30 Soldiers from its 1st Platoon to participate in the Engineer Civic Action Project, or ENCAP, portion of the exercise.

During the ENCAP mission, Soldiers spent 35 days bunked in the Thailand Infantry Training Center. They were on duty seven days a week, building an Early Childhood Development Center for the Nong Ta Yen school, here, about 130 miles south of Bangkok, Thailand’s capital.

The project was an excellent training event for the platoon, both in construction tasks and cultural emersion.

“It’s not often that the Soldiers can work on a project that utilizes all (military occupational specialty skills), concurrently, but the (Early Childhood Development Center) really showcased the capabilities of these Soldiers,” said 1st Lt. Andrew Hill, officer in charge of the project and platoon leader.

The engineers partnered with 22 engineer soldiers from the 13th Mobile Development Unit, Royal Thai armed forces to complete the one-story, concrete-masonry building that included electrical power and a functioning sink fed by rain water collection cisterns.

“I’ve worked in construction for the majority of my life, and being able to work alongside the Thai soldiers, sharing their knowledge and culture, was an incredible experience,” said Spc. John Sanders, carpentry and masonry specialist, 643rd Eng. Co. “It was hard work, but (it was) a great time for the platoon.”

During the rigorous schedule, Soldiers were given two days off to visit historical sites and experience Thai culture.

Soldiers observed a Buddhist wedding ceremony of one of the Thai soldiers, visited Huay Mongkol and Khao Takiab temples, and participated in National Teacher’s Day. They also took every opportunity to converse daily with Thai soldiers, interpreters and, most importantly, the children of the school.

The project provided invaluable training for Soldiers, and leaders gained valuable lessons in working with other cultures. Ayara Guardian, and exercises like it, give young lieutenants and seasoned noncommissioned officers the experience of working alongside partner nations in a non-combat environment.

“In today’s asymmetric environment, the skills demanded of our leaders are difficult to replicate in a non-combat atmosphere,” said Capt. Orland Craig, commander, 643rd Eng. Co. “By participating in these multilateral events, it gives Soldiers, NCOs and platoon leaders a chance to hone the skills of adaptive leadership required in a safe and constructive environment.”

The 84th Eng. Bn. and its only vertical company, the 643rd Eng. Co., will continue to participate in ENCAP missions in Thailand, Mongolia, the Philippines and other countries in the Pacific.

The 643rd Eng. Co. Soldiers are currently deployed to Mongolia on a similar ENCAP mission in support of Khan Quest 2011.



Pfc. Orasio Romero (third from right) and Spc. Robert Hurtst (second from right), both carpentry and masonry specialists, and Pfc. Angel Puebla (right), an interior electrician, all with the 643rd Eng. Co., 84th Eng. Bn., 130th Eng. Bde., 8th TSC, participate in a wedding ceremony for one of their Royal Thai army counterparts, recently, during exercise Ayara Guardian 11.

Joint training teaches unit how to cut steel with water

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JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM — Three Soldiers from the 65th Engineer Battalion's Forward Support Company participated in a joint training event with the 15th Maintenance Squadron, here, July 22.

Under the watchful eye of Air Force Staff Sgt. James Mattingly, 15th Maintenance Sqdn., these Soldiers learned to cut metal with the CNC Jet-Cutting machine.

The machine uses a pressurized jet of carbide sand and a water table to cut through material as thick as six inches. The CNC machine has precision to within a width of three human hairs and is often used to manufacture replacement parts for aircraft.

By programming the desired specifications into a computer, Sgt. Anthony Shaw and Spc. Raymond Ramos-Fee, FSC, 65th Eng. Bn., 130th Eng. Brigade, 8th Theater Sustainment Command, were able to cut an array of shapes into different types of metals that would later be assembled to create a clearing barrel.

Chief Warrant Officer 2 Jeampy Keto, FSC, coordinated the training event, as he felt the training would provide Soldiers with an op-



Air Force Staff Sgt. James Mattingly (right), from the 15th Maintenance Sqdn., shows Spc. Raymond Ramos-Fee, FSC, 65th Eng. Bn., 130th Eng. Bde., 8th TSC, how to format shape cutouts with the CNC Jet-Cutting machine.

portunity to use a piece of equipment that they may not have access to otherwise.

"I didn't even know that this kind of machinery was out there," Shaw said, "but now, at least we know that it exists."

FSC is looking forward to coordinating future maintenance-oriented joint training events, and appreciated the recent training opportunity with the Air Force.



Sgt. Anthony Shaw (left) and Spc. Raymond Ramos-Fee, both with FSC, 65th Eng. Bn., 130th Eng. Bde., 8th TSC, watch as the CNC Jet-Cutting machine slices a piece of aluminum. The water jet machine is accurate to within three human hairs.



Maj. Shea Asis | 8th Military Police Brigade Public Affairs, 8th Theater Sustainment Command

Pull harder

HELEMANO MILITARY RESERVATION — Sgt. 1st Class Benson Thomas (center) and Sgt. 1st Class Timothy Harris (left), both from the 8th Military Police Brigade, 8th Theater Sustainment Command, lead their team in a game of tug of war during the brigade's Organizational Day, here, July 29.

Engineers go back to school to refresh planning procedures, skills

Academy prepares brigade for upcoming UFG 11 exercises

1ST LT. SCOTT RUPNOW
Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 130th Engineer Brigade,
8th Theater Sustainment Command

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Staff officers and noncommissioned officers took time, recently, to re-evaluate their planning processes.

In preparation for the upcoming, monthlong, theater-level, Ulchi Freedom Guardian 11 exercises, they attended a two-day staff academy.

Staff sections in the 130th Engineer Brigade, 8th Theater Sustainment Command, will be working closely with one another, the 2nd Infantry Division and the Republic of Korea army during UFG 11.

The 130th Eng. Bde. needed to gain understanding of procedures the 2nd Inf. Div. uses to provide command and control for its subordinate units. Sections learned to synchronize times between the units to which reports are delivered, briefs are presented and shifts are changed.

Staff sections also discussed their roles and possible tasks during the upcoming full-spectrum exercise. The discussions gave planners an opportunity to refresh their knowledge of the military decision-making process.

"It is reassuring to see where our planning ca-

pabilities are," said Capt. Chris Beeler, plans officer, 130th Eng. Bde. "This academy gave me a lot of confidence in what we can bring to the fight."

Sometimes, staff section processes aren't updated for years. This glitch is due, in part, to the high operational tempo in which planners are forced to work, as well as the massive amounts of information they must process on a daily basis.

The staff academy was conducted to address outdated processes.

According to Master Sgt. Jesus Pedraza, 130th Eng. Bde., the academy "allowed staff sections to focus on and evaluate their processes rather than executing tasks." It allowed them to identify inefficiencies and areas that were no longer applicable to updated planning processes the Army uses.

The timing of the staff academy coincided with the departure of key leaders for the final UFG 11 planning conference.

During the course, many questions were developed that could be answered at the planning conference. The academy will also be validated at the planning conference.

"Overall, the staff academy got the brigade staff on the right foot in terms of developing and anticipating the required tools needed for the full-spectrum exercises in Korea," said Capt. Jerrauld Ma, 130th Eng. Bde.



Courtesy of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 130th Engineer Brigade, 8th Theater Sustainment Command

Capt. Tuongan Vu (center), Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 130th Eng. Bde., 8th TSC, briefs a common operating picture concept to Soldiers in the Operations Section during the brigade's Staff Academy. The COP, developed by Vu, and the Operations Section, will be validated during the upcoming UFG 11 exercise in South Korea.

Role-playing teaches senior leaders about power, discrimination

Participants leave their ranks at the door

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FORT SHAFTER — Equal Opportunity and Equal Employment Opportunity teams trained more than 750 senior military and civilian leaders about how junior enlisted Soldiers and junior officers sometimes feel they are being treated.

Four training sessions were held at Schofield Barracks and here, July 18-19.

“This exercise could make you upset,” said Lt. Col. Darren Holbrook, Equal Opportunity program manager, U.S. Army-Pacific. “Please take off your rank.”

All participants, from brigadier generals to sergeants first class, had to remove their rank from their uniforms.

“The ‘Star Power’s’ objective is to help the participants understand the impact of power on the ‘dominant group’ and the ‘out groups,’ while understanding the relationship between power and discrimination,” said Master Sgt. Marlon Moore, Team EO, USARPAC. “This

was done for the purpose of ensuring everyone is treated equally at the start of the exercise.”

The opening remarks and rules for each session were conducted by senior officer representatives, including Col. Latonya Lynn, 8th Military Police Brigade, 8th Theater Sustainment Command; Col. Mathew Kelley, 25th Infantry Division; Jon Lee, 9th Mission Support Command; and Brig. Gen. William Scott, 311th Signal Command.

A “breakout” exercise then evaluated how people are treated by different classes of society.

“The exercise showed how individual behaviors changed based on their role in their organization or society,” Moore said. “Senior leaders were able to observe what happens as people achieve power, and how that new power changed their behavior, which ultimately influenced the dynamics of that group.”

Five color chips and values were handed out to all participants, and they were given three chances to either keep or exchange their chips.

After each trading ses-

sion, participants were then broken down into three distinct groups; the squares, which represented upper-class society or senior leaders; the circles, which represented middle-class society or junior leaders; and the triangles, which represented low-class society or lower enlisted.

“The training showed senior leaders that the EO program can help develop a more cohesive unit that has a direct impact on mission readiness,” said Sgt. Maj. Reynald Domingo, Team EO sergeant major, USARPAC.

“It also showed that treating everyone with dignity and respect contributes to better retention, unit morale (and) reduction in suicides, and (also) promotes a healthy command environment,” he said.




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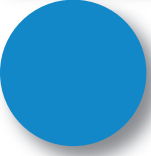
Soldiers exchange chips for class position during Team EO and EEO’s “Star Power” exercise, July 19, Fort Shafter, to understand the relationship between power and discrimination.

Equal Opportunity Training


Instead of wearing rank, participants donned a square, a circle or a triangle to depict which societal group they fit into. They learned that these dynamics can impact behaviors.



The squares, which represented upper-class society or senior leaders.



The circles, which represented middle-class society or junior leaders.



The triangles, which represented low-class society or lower enlisted.

USAG–HI: Reporting is key to iWatch’s success

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component of iWATCH. The program seeks to ensure everyone knows how to report suspicious activity.

If you see something, say so. Report any suspicious activity to the garrison law enforcement desk, immediately.

Everyone can make a difference by recognizing what to report and reporting it to security or law enforcement personnel.

Law enforcement personnel cannot be everywhere, and they need the eyes and ears of the entire installation community to help in quelling terrorism.

Remember, if you see something, say something.

Antiterrorism Tips

- Maintain situational awareness of your surroundings at all times. Report suspicious activity or behavior to local authorities.
- Protect your personal information at all times. Do not reveal details of your personal life, such as where you live and work, association with the military, email address or phone numbers to anyone you don't know and trust.
- Do not discuss personal information or military missions in public, on the telephone or on the Internet.
- Take extra precaution using social media networks, such as Facebook, Twitter and blogs. Avoid posting or providing personal information.
- Make sure your home's doors and windows are always locked.
- Participate in a Neighborhood Watch program to establish a shared responsibility for the safety and security of your local community.
- Be prepared for an emergency that may require your family to “shelter-in-place” or relocate on short notice. Make a family emergency plan and ensure all family members understand what to do in each of these scenarios.
- Know the emergency evacuation procedures for the place where you work.
- Know the bomb threat procedures and how to report threats to local law enforcement or security authorities.
- Understand what to do in an “active shooter” threat scenario.
- Know the locations of safe havens and carry emergency telephone numbers.
- Never travel alone; always travel in groups of two or more. Think ahead and choose safe travel modes and routes.

(Editor's Note: Information was compiled from iWatch and Army news releases.)

307th: Unit supported three combatant commands

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the battalion's transition from an Integrated Theater Sig. Bn. to an expeditionary signal battalion; preparation for deployment with less than 120 days notice; and simultaneous support of three geographic combatant commands: Company A supported Pacific Command, HHC and Co. B supported Central Command, and Co. C supported Northern Command.

"My Soldiers seized every opportunity to excel at (their) missions and become a part of history," said 1st Lt. Brent Chapman, platoon leader, Co. B, 307th Expeditionary Sig. Bn. Chief Warrant Officer Brian Newton, primary network engineer

for "Task Force Dragon," said a common catch phrase carried HHC through the tough times of expanding tactical communications in Northern Afghanistan, and through establishing the first-ever strategic points of presence in the region. "If it was easy, they wouldn't have sent the 307th," he said, quoting the catch phrase. During the ceremony to uncase the colors, Bird took command of the 307th Expeditionary Sig. Bn. from outgoing commander, Lt. Col. Jacqueline Brown. "Bird is the right man, with the right qualifications, at the right time, to take this unit to new heights," said Col. Scott Baer, commander, 516th Sig. Bde.

News Briefs

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

Today Antiterrorism Awareness

August is Antiterrorism Awareness Month. Four themes are being emphasized:

- Recognize and report suspicious activity and indicators of high-risk behavior;
- Know active shooter response procedures for your office and for locations on post;
- Apply antiterrorism doctrinal principles; and
- Integrate antiterrorism into your operations process.

Reference materials and awareness products are posted at Army Knowledge Online at www.us.army.mil/suite/page/605757.

New Hours — The Acute Care Clinic at Schofield Barracks Health Clinic has changed hours. More providers will now be available. New hours are Monday-Friday, 7 a.m.-8 p.m; and Saturday-Sunday and holidays, 8 a.m.-7 p.m.

COLA Survey Results — Results from the Hawaii Cost of Living Allowance, or COLA, survey conducted March 1-31, are in and were effective Aug. 1. On Oahu, the index increased

by two points. This increase equates to about \$50 each month for a staff sergeant (E-6) with two dependents and 12 years of service.

A COLA calculator is available at www.defensetravel.dod.mil/site/colaCalc.cfm. COLA is paid to Soldiers to partially offset high costs when stationed overseas, so they can purchase about the same level of goods as in the continental U.S.

8 / Monday Blood Drive — Tripler Army Medical Center's Armed Services Blood Program will hold blood drives at the following dates, times and locations:

- Aug. 8, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., TAMC front entrance.
- Aug. 9, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Navy Exchange, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.
- Aug. 10, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., 205th Military Intelligence Battalion, 500th MI Brigade, Building 520, Fort Shafter.
- Aug. 15, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Schofield Barracks Health Clinic.
- Aug. 16, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Pollock Theater, Camp Smith.
- Aug. 17, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., 3rd Floor, Radiology Department, TAMC.
- Aug. 23, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m., Kunia Tunnel.
- Aug. 24, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Main Exchange, Schofield Barracks.
- Aug. 29, 6:30-9:30 a.m., Army ROTC building, University of Hawaii, 1311 Lower Campus Rd., Honolulu.
- Aug. 30, 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Tropics Recreation Center,

Schofield Barracks.

- Aug. 31, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Kaneohe Bay Chapel.

Call 433-6699 or visit www.militaryblood.dod.mil for more details. To learn more about ASBP, make an appointment or organize a blood drive, call 433-6148 or visit www.facebook.com/militaryblood.

First-Term Financial Training — This mandatory eight-hour training will teach students basic financial skills and financial planning. Call 655-4227. Register at www.acsclasses.com. Classes will be held Aug. 8 and 22, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Army Community Service, Schofield Barracks, or Aug. 18, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Room 111, Building 330, Fort Shafter Aloha Center.

10 / Wednesday POSH — Civilian employees and military and civilian supervisors need to attend mandatory Prevention of Sexual Harassment, No Fear Act and Equal Employment Opportunity training sessions. All sessions are at the Nehelani, Schofield Barracks, Aug. 10:

- Employees, 8:30-9:30 a.m. or 1-2 p.m.
- Supervisors, 10-11 a.m. or 2:20-3:30 p.m.

Call 655-9382.

11 / Thursday 25th ID EFMP — The 25th ID Exceptional Family Mem-

ber Program working group will meet, 10 a.m., Aug. 11, second floor conference room, Building 580, Schofield Barracks. Service members and spouses with exceptional family members are invited to attend, share insights and communicate concerns. Call 655-5253 or email efmp25id@hawaii.army.mil.

15 / Monday Temporary Closure — The Tropic Lightning Museum at Schofield Barracks will close for interior renovations, Aug. 15-Sept. 29. Normal hours will resume Sept. 30; normal hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. The museum is closed Sundays, Mondays and federal holidays. Call 655-0438.

Ongoing Facebook Town Hall — Have questions about U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii? Got an idea about how to make the USAG-HI community better? Get ready for the first-ever online Facebook town hall, hosted by USAG-HI, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Aug. 31, at www.facebook.com/usaghawaii. All USARHAW Soldiers, family members, retirees and civilians can ask questions and get responses. If your question does not pertain to the public at large, email AskTheCommander.usaghi@us.army.mil.

VA task force improves care for women vets

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WASHINGTON — A newly formed Veterans Affairs Task Force on Women Veterans will go a long way in addressing key benefit gaps to female veterans, according to Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary Eric Shinseki. While support for women veterans has improved, "it has not been enough," Shinseki said during the 2011 National Training Summit on Women Veterans, here, July 16.

The task force's "near-term mission," he said, is to develop — in coordination with the VA's Advisory Committee on Women Veterans, and in conjunction with the Defense Department — a comprehensive VA action plan that will focus on key issues facing women veterans and the specific actions needed to resolve them.

Those issues include obstetric and gynecological care, child care, military sexual trauma, homelessness, aging and end-of-life issues, among others, the secretary said. A draft of the plan is due Jan. 1, 2012, and "will set our course for the next four years in everything we do, from planning to programming, to budgeting, to education and training," he said.

The action plan will update and inform about the VA's approach to women's issues within its health care, benefits and cemetery administrations, as well as the Women's Advisory Report to Congress, due next July, the secretary said. "Other changes are in the pipeline, such as our pilot program to provide child care services," he said.

Beginning this summer, Shinseki said, three new drop-in child care pilot programs for women veterans with VA appointments will open throughout the country. Battlefield changes have increased the VA's attention on women veterans, Shinseki said.

"Wars with no clear front lines put Soldiers — all Soldiers — at risk as never before, blurring the boundaries between combat and other than combat roles," he said. In recent years, the VA has developed women's primary care programs at its health care facilities across the nation, and it has hired program managers and coordinators to manage care for women veterans, the secretary said. The department also has accelerated its women's health research in biomedical, clinical sciences, rehabilitation and health services, he said. Most recently, Shinseki said, the VA launched a women veterans' call-in center to directly solicit input into ways the department can improve its services. "I want women veterans and women serving in uniform to see and know that VA is committed to fulfilling (their) needs," he said.



Warrior Ohana Medical Home is accepting patient enrollment

TRIPLER ARMY MEDICAL CENTER
Public Affairs

HONOLULU — Tripler Army Medical Center’s Warrior Ohana Medical Home is up and running and now accepting enrollment. The new center is a full service, primary-care clinic staffed with seven providers, including those who have completed fellowships in women’s health and sports medicine. Services provided include prenatal/pregnancy care, pediatric care, immunizations, laboratory and blood work, pharmacy, osteopathic manipulation, behavioral health with a clinical psychologist and a wide range of procedures. The clinic serves a whole spectrum of age groups for family members of active duty personnel of all branches of the military. The clinic is open Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m, at the former Barbers Point Naval Air Station in Kalaeloa, located at 91-1010 Shangrila St., Ste. 100. To make an appointment or for any questions, family members or sponsors may call 433-5401/5402. To enroll, family members can visit the nearest Tricare Service Center at TAMC’s Tricare Service Center, 1st Floor, Oceanside, or at Schofield Barracks, Army Health Clinic, Building 676, Room 217. The service centers are open Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Family members should bring military ID. For questions regarding enrollment, contact (888) 874-9378.

Directions

- From H1 at Kalaeloa, take Fort Barrette Road to Roosevelt Avenue intersection and then proceed straight, past Hawaii Army National Guard sign, along Enterprise Street, and turn right at Shangrila Street. Clinic is toward end of Shangrila.
- Access is also possible from Roosevelt Avenue, to Lexington Street, and then turn left.



Photos by Aiko Brum | U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii Public Affairs

The Warrior Ohana Medical Home provides access to quality, primary care right in the heart of Kalaeloa, the former Barbers Point Naval Air Station.

Care coordinators Divina Richardson (right) and Yolanda Richardson, both licensed practical nurses, manage the front desk at the Warrior Ohana Medical Home.

Surgical exchange brings Bangladeshi doctors to TAMC

International doctors share knowledge to aid “Sight, Sound and Smiles” missions

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HONOLULU — As part of a Bilateral Surgical Exchange Program, doctors from the Bangladesh army visited Tripler Army Medical Center, here, July 26-29, to share and receive knowledge with doctors, here. Col. Enamul Kabir and Lt. Col. Tauhidul Islam, both assigned to the Combined Military Hospital Bogra, a Bangladeshi army hospital, spoke of their good fortune at being able to spend additional time with Navy Cmdr. David Healy, Otorhinolaryngology (head, neck, ear, nose and throat) Department, TAMC. “Last year, Healy came to Bangladesh with his team as part of the ‘Sight, Sound and Smiles’ mission, and (Islam and I) were able to work with him,” said Kabir, a plastic surgeon at the Combined Military Hospital. “He had a very successful program; we did many operations together. Then, he invited us here as part of the return program, for a further exchange of knowledge and ideas.” The Sight, Sound and Smiles mission is a U.S. Pacific Command-funded mission, through the Asian-Pacific Regional Initiative, to strengthen relationships between the U.S. military and various nations in the region. Through this program, TAMC sends specialized

surgical teams to Southeast Asia and the Pacific region, including Sri Lanka, Nepal, Malaysia and Cambodia. “Healy, with his team, has come to Bangladesh and performed many surgeries,” said Islam, also an otorhinolaryngology surgeon. “We have been able to exchange our knowledge in the surgical handicrafts and foster our professional knowledge. “We were fortunate to come here to foster that proficiency, and (this) knowledge enables us to return home and impart what we have shared with our fellow countrymen,” Islam said. Because health care access is limited or too expensive in many parts of Southeast Asia and the Pacific, impoverished families are unable to obtain the care they need. As a result, there is a large demand for many types of specialized services. The purpose of Sight, Sound and Smiles missions is to answer demands in local civilian populations, in conjunction with host national medical establishments, through sight- and hearing-restorative surgeries: cleft, lip and palate repairs, and other ear, nose and throat plastic surgeries. “The surgical exchange is an opportunity that we have taken to bring some of the surgeons that we have worked with (and) conducted surgeries with in the past to TAMC,” Healy said. “Here, we can continue to learn from each other and gain new surgical experiences, while continuing to foster the bonds that have made these missions that we do such a rich experience for everybody involved.”



Courtesy Photo

Lt. Col. Tauhidul Islam (second from right), and Col. Enamul Kabir (right) look on as Navy Cmdr. David Healy (sitting) demonstrates an ear examination on a fellow TAMC staff member, as part of the Bilateral Surgical Exchange Program, July 26.



Through the ages

ACS maintains history of supporting military families

Story and Photos by
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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS – As the decades pass, Army Community Service has seen many changes, improvements and restructuring, but its mission remains the same: to build resilience and stability in Soldiers and families.

ACS, here, part of the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation; U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii, celebrated its 46th birthday, July 25, with a walk through history that also celebrated the organization's future. ACS staff members and volunteers, decked out in period costumes, guided attendees through the walk down memory lane.

"This is a time machine that highlights how ACS developed through the decades," said Hank Cashen, acting director, ACS. "Each decade identified different needs and put programs in place to address those needs."

Lt. Col. Emma Marie Baird is credited as the mother of ACS, which started in the 1960s and was run by noncommissioned officers. The program was created to address the special circumstances of military life, such as family issues, that could affect the morale and retention of active duty Soldiers.

In the beginning, ACS had a three-fold mission: relocation assistance, information referral and Army Emergency Relief.

The Lending Closet, part of relocation assistance, was the first program created during the 1960s and still exists today.

In the 1970s, ACS fell under MWR and depended on an all-volunteer staff. One of the decade's highlights was the creation of child development centers in response to an Army family that was growing.

During a brief stop off in the 1980s, Staff Sgt. Archie Williams, Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 25th Infantry Division, said he was happy to learn these history lessons.

"You have to know where you come from to know where you're going," he said.

This decade, universally known for its materialism, focused on helping others and introduced the Army Family Action Plan, for addressing issues up the chain; the Family Advocacy Program, to help prevent child and spouse abuse; and the Exceptional Family Member Program, to help families with special needs.

The 1990s ushered in the Information Age and saw the creation of Army Family Team Building, which enhances personal knowledge of the military and develops leadership skills, self-confidence and independence.

In recent years, the Soldier and Family Assistance Center, Survivor Outreach Services and master resiliency trainers for Comprehensive Soldier Fitness have become highlighted features of ACS.

"ACS is based on Army families helping Army families," Cashen said.

Army families showed up in force as unit family readiness groups set up tents full of activities and treats outside the center.

Maj. Brad Endres, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 25th ID, took time on his redeployment block leave to attend the event with his daughters, Mary Kate and Elizabeth.

Master Sgt. Daniel Massey, 303rd Explosive Ordnance Disposal, 45th Sustainment Brigade, 8th Theater Sust. Command, attended with his family, wife Marilyn and sons Owen and Spencer, who joined together to cut the cake.

ACS is so dedicated to helping families that staff encouraged birthday party attendees to provide feedback about which programs and services are the most useful and relevant, something family member Adela De Hoyas took time to do.

See more photos of this event at www.flickr.com/usaghawaii. Find out what each program entails and what else ACS has to offer at www.himwr.com, at 655-4227 or at Building 2091, Schofield Barracks.

New hours for the Fort Shafter ACS are 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday. Call 438-9285.



This streamlined volunteer uniform from the 1970s is displayed as part of the life-sized ACS timeline, which offered a glimpse of programs from the 1960s, such as newcomers orientation and the lending closet, through current operations, like the SFAC and SOS.



Eddie the Eagle, the official mascot of USAG-HI's DFMWR, flew in to pick through some ACS birthday cake, July 29.



Nina Elison (left) and Dawn Hatiko showcase the style of the 1960s, the decade that fostered the birth of ACS. The program was initially created to deal with special circumstances of military life, such as family issues, which could affect the morale and retention of Soldiers. ACS continues this mission today.



Kathryn Feehan (left) explains amenities available in the 1970s to Katrina Lacy (second from right) and her son Jaylen as they fill out an ACS questionnaire that, once completed, will be entered into a raffle drawing.

ACS hosts Junior Spouses Conference to address local issues, concerns

Story and Photos by
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News Editor

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS – Being new to the Army and new to a garrison is one thing, but try being new to the Army, a garrison and the country – all at the same time.

Trying to navigate the military in a new country, with different cultural norms and expectations, is exactly what Australian native Felicity Castillo faced after she got married and transplanted here.

"Everything was so new to me," she told other spouses during the inaugural Junior Spouses Conference, held at Army Community Service, here, Friday. "I needed to adjust to everything."

Luckily for Castillo, she bumped into another Aussie who pointed her in the direction of ACS. Castillo was finally able to get comfortable in her new surroundings.

Having held conferences for senior spouses, Ferne Conroy, Army Family Team Building program manager, ACS, decided it was

time to tap another valuable resource: junior spouses.

"For us to provide the services our community needs, we need to know what they need," Conroy said. "The purpose of this conference was to expose the new and junior spouses to ACS, find out what services they use and what barriers, if any, they have to coming to ACS."

Conroy said she hopes to breed a new generation of spouses who will, in turn, mentor other junior spouses about where they can turn to for support and resources.

The conference kicked off with a tour of ACS through the decades, starting in the 1960s, when ACS got its start, and continuing to present day ACS.

Spouses were then treated to a Hawaiian story from Annelle Amaral, Native Hawaiian liaison, U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii. Amaral gave the spouses insight into Native Hawaiian culture and peoples to foster a



Amanda Koren (right), ACS, channels her inner Cyndi Lauper while she talks about the strides ACS made in the 1980s during a tour through the ACS decades, July 29.



Today

Right Arm Night – Enjoy poker, great food and prizes, 4:30 p.m., Hale Ikena, Fort Shafter. Purchase tickets at the Hale Ikena for \$5 in advance or \$8 the day of the event. Right Arm Night is an adult event. Call 438-1974.

Family Fun Friday – Enjoy free pizza and activities, 6 p.m., Aug. 5 and 19, at the Tropics Recreation Center, Schofield Barracks. Call 655-5698.

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. Singers must be active duty, Reserve, National Guard Soldiers or a family member. Visit www.himwr.com to register.

AMR PFC Closures – Portions of the Aliamanu Military Reservation Physical Fitness Center and swimming pool will be closed for interior painting. Call 836-0338. Locations and dates follow:

- Gymnasium, Aug. 5.
- Large free weight room, Aug. 5 and 8.
- Small Free Weight Room, Aug. 8.
- Hallways, through Aug. 11.

6 / Saturday

Shoreline Fishing – Join Outdoor Recreation, 6 a.m.-noon, Aug. 6. Cost is \$15. Call 655-0143.

National Bowling Week – Celebrate National Bowling Week at Fort Shafter and Schofield bowling centers by competing in World Record Day, Aug. 6. Bowling centers nationwide will try to break the record of most bowling games played in one day. Army bowling centers will be open for 24 hours to get as much participation as possible. Call 655-0573.

Swimming Lessons – Children must be registered with Child, Youth and School Services. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. Dates for registration and sessions are at the following pool locations:

- Aliamanu Military Reservation, Aug. 8-20; register through Aug. 6.
 - Helemano Military Reservation, Aug. 10-20; register through Aug. 9.
 - Richardson Pool, Schofield Barracks, Aug. 8-18; register Aug. 6-7.
- Visit www.himwr.com for registration hours.

7 / Sunday

Adventure Kayaking II – Learn to kayak with Outdoor Recreation, 5 a.m.-noon, Aug. 7. Call 655-0143.



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

Today

Facebook Town Hall – Have questions about U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii? Got an idea how to make the USAG-HI community better? Get ready for the first-ever online Facebook town hall, hosted by USAG-HI, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Aug. 31, at www.facebook.com/usaghawaii. All U.S. Army Hawaii Soldiers, family members, retirees and civilians can ask questions and get responses. If your question does not pertain to the public at large, email AskTheCommander.usaghi@us.army.mil.

6 / Saturday

Volksmarch – Join the Menehune Marchers Volkssport Club on a 5K or 10K volksmarch (walk), Aug. 6-7, in Kamananui Valley. Meet at 8 a.m., at the Moanalua Valley Neighborhood Park, located at the end of Ala Aolani Street. Call 626-3575 or visit www.ava.org/clubs/menehunemarchers. Cost is free, and International Federation of Popular Sports, or IVV, credit, if desired, is available for a nominal fee.

School Physicals – Mass school physicals will be conducted 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Aug. 6, at Tripler Army Medical Center on a walk-in basis only. Contact your care provider for details.

Obon Dance and Festival – The Obon tradition was brought to Hawaii by Japanese immigrants and



Courtesy of 325th Brigade Support Battalion, 3rd Bde. Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division

Down at the car wash

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Soldiers and families of the 325th Brigade Support Battalion “Mustangs,” 3rd Bde. Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, wash cars, here, recently, to raise funds for the unit’s redeployment ball. This photo, submitted by the 325th BSB, recently got the most “Likes” on U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii’s Facebook page during its photo contest. Units and individuals can continue to upload their favorite photos of on-post activities at www.facebook.com/usaghawaii.

8 / Monday

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

Classes are held at the following days and locations:

- Mondays, Kalakaua Community Center, Schofield Barracks.
- Tuesdays, Community Center, Aliamanu Military Reservation.

9 / Tuesday

Cake and Cookie Decorating – Learn how to decorate confectionery, 5:30-7 p.m., Aug. 9, Aliamanu Military Reservation Library. All ages are welcome; call 833-4851.

AFTB Instructor Course – Register 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.

10 / Wednesday

Money Management – This workshop, 10:30 a.m., Aug. 10 and 24, Army Community Service, Schofield

Barracks, focuses on the basic tools for financial success. Learn how to decrease expenses and make money work for you. Call 655-4227.

Money Harmony – This course is 10:30 a.m.-noon, Aug. 10, Army Community Service, Schofield Barracks, and is for married couples or singles in relationships. This course is designed to help couples resolve money conflict in life and relationships. Call 655-4227.

Autism Support Group – This group will meet 6-7:30 p.m., Aug. 10, Schofield Barracks Main Chapel. Families can share experiences, gather new information and become knowledgeable about community resources. On-site child care will be available, but children must be registered with Child, Youth and School Services. Sign up is required. Call 655-4791/1551.

12 / Friday

Employment Orientation – This event is 9-10:30 a.m., Aug. 12, 19 and 26, Army Community Service, Schofield Barracks. Get a resource packet to get started on your career search here in Hawaii. Call 655-4227.

13 / Saturday

Oogles N Googles – Preschool age children, 3-5 years old, can participate in Oogles n Googles preschool enrichment programs, 10 a.m., Aug. 13, Sgt. Yano Library, Schofield Barracks. Call 655-8002.

Zoo Summer Concert Series – This series starts 6 p.m., Aug. 10, at the Honolulu Zoo, with different performers. Cost is \$3 per person; packed dinners are welcome or enjoy one of the zoo concessions. Visit www.honolulu-zoo.org, email education@honzooc.org or call 971-7195.

11 / Thursday

“7 Minute Meditation” – Learn an effective way to deal with stress, even in today’s busy world, at the monthly “Brown Bags Buddhism,” 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Aug. 11, Wheeler Army Airfield Chapel. Call 384-0994, email stephen.chinen@us.army.mil or visit www.WahiawaShinBuddhists.org.

Scholarships Available – The University of Phoenix and AMVETS, an advocate for veterans’ education, are awarding \$7,000 through \$350,000 scholarships to active duty service members, family members and veterans to pursue a degree through the University of Phoenix-Hawaii campus. Applications will be accepted through Aug. 11, and scholarship recipients will be notified by Nov. 11. Visit www.phoenix.edu/tuition_and_financial_options/scholarships/amvets-scholarship.html.

12 / Friday

Welcome Home – The Exchange and the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation will hold a welcome home event for Soldiers of the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Aug. 12-14, at the Schofield Barracks PX. Call 423-7302/7885.

RAP Meeting – This Resident Advisory Panel, or RAP, for the Fort Shafter/Tripler Army Medical Center community is noon, Aug. 12, at the Fort Shafter Community Center. Island Palm Communities residents can develop and strengthen their relation-

ship with property management and fellow residents through the RAP. All IPC communities have RAP groups; contact your community manager for details and volunteer opportunities.

At the Exchange – The Schofield Exchange is hosting the following specials events during August:

- Immunization awareness table: Aug. 12, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., get informed and win an Exchange gift card.
- Customer Appreciation Day: Aug. 13, noon-2 p.m., includes activities and giveaways.
- Chili Cook-off: Set up your homemade entry at the Exchange, Aug. 27, 1 p.m.; judging begins at 2 p.m. This contest is limited to the first 20 participants; sign up at the Schofield Exchange Customer Service Center. Prizes are a \$200 or \$50 Exchange gift card.
- \$100 essay contest: Keiki 6-17 years of age can write an essay of 200 words or less on either “Why I Cannot Wait to Go Back to School,” or “Why I Deserve Another Month Off.” Drop off essays at Schofield Exchange Customer Service Center by Aug. 27; the winner will be notified Sept. 1.

Waipahu 5K Cane Haul Run/Walk –To qualify for early registration fees, individual (\$25) and team (\$15 per participant) entries for this third annual event must be postmarked by Aug. 12 for individuals and by Aug. 16 for teams. The run/walk starts at 7 a.m., Sept. 25, 94-695 Waipahu St., Hawaii’s Plantation Village.

Visit canehaulrun.blogspot.com, call 589-8448 or email canehaulrun@yahoo.com.

13 / Saturday

Baseball Tryouts – Tryouts for the Indians baseball team, 1-3 p.m., Aug. 13, Wheeler Baseball Field, are for military keiki 8-10 years old. Keiki from Schofield Barracks and



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.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.

Wheeler Army Airfield can try out for seven open slots.

The team will play off post. Call (917) 557-5274 or email eric.m.santiago@us.army.mil.

17 / Wednesday

Super Sign Up – The Hui O Na Wahine all-ranks Army spouses club is hosting its free, annual Super Sign Up free membership event, 5:30 p.m., Aug. 17, at the Nehelani, Schofield Barracks. All Army spouses are welcome. The event will include pupus, entertainment and community information. Email huionawahine@gmail.com or visit www.schofieldspouses.com. The Hui also has a group page at www.facebook.com.

21 / Sunday

Jamba Juice Xterra Mountain Man Triathlon – This mountain bike triathlon, 8 a.m., Aug. 21, at Kualoa Ranch in Kaaawa, is for experienced athletes or adventurous and fit novices.

This event consists of a 750-meter ocean swim, 20K hilly bike course and a 6K trail run.

Entry fee is \$90 for individuals and \$110 for relay teams.

Registration deadline is 11:59 p.m., PST, Aug. 18.

Visit www.bocahawaii.com, and click on “Races” for details and online registration.

24 / Wednesday

Duke's OceanFest – Celebrate the birthday of Hawaii’s “Father of Surfing,” Duke Kahanamoku, in true Waikiki beachboy style, Aug. 24-28, Duke Kahanamoku Beach, Honolulu.

Participate or watch a host of ocean sports, including longboard surfing, surf polo, swimming, stand up paddling and paddleboarding.

The event culminates with a lei draping ceremony of Duke’s statue.

Visit www.dukefoundation.org or call 545-4880.

Army, DOE strengthen partnership for upcoming school year

SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICE
News Release

WHEELER ARMY AIRFIELD — The partnership between the Army and Hawaii’s public schools was recognized at the “Meet and Greet,” here, July 22.

Both entities shared their visions and missions that led to problem-solving conversations.

Dialogue indicated that they’re headed in the right direction to do what is best for the education of military-connected children.

Army attendees included Col. Douglas Mulbury, commander, U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii, and Col. Matthew Kelley, rear deputy commander, 25th Infantry Division, who joined with representatives from U.S. Army Installation Command-Pacific; U.S. Army-Pacific’s Quality of Life; and the garrison’s Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, including Child, Youth and

School Services; and the School Liaison Office.

Representatives from the state Department of Education included Randy Moore, assistant superintendent, School Facilities and Support Services; Patricia Park and Teri Ushijima, superintendents, Central District-Complex Area; and principals from Army-impacted schools.

Mulbury stressed that both the Army and the DOE need to work together and keep lines of communication open so that the relationship between schools and military families is nurtured and enhanced.

“Partnering, sharing, planning and working together will produce positive results,” Park added.

Attendees also stressed that when parents are involved in their child’s education, learning is improved. This involvement also helps students enjoy school, be academically successful and stay on the right track to college and other post-secondary opportunities.

- Parents and students can get assistance from the following resources:**
- www.tutor.com/army is available 24/7, for free, live, online tutoring.
 - www.soarathome.org is the link to Student Online Achievement Resources for online assessment and tutoring support.
 - www.doe.k12.hi.us is a DOE website that offers information about Hawaii’s public school system.
 - Parents can talk to a school’s Parent Community Networking Center about workshops, activities, events and services. Call the SLO at 655-9818.

State budget cuts raise costs for buses, meals

SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICE
News Release

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Starting this school year, parents will dig deeper into their pockets because the Board of Education approved an increase in school bus fares and meal prices.

The one-way cost of school bus fares rose from 75 cents to \$1.25, Aug. 1.

This increase brings the cost of a quarterly pass from \$60 to \$72; the annual pass increases from \$225 to \$270.

Unexpired bus passes purchased under the old prices will be honored.

The fare increase helps make up for a \$9.6 million cut in funding for student transportation.

The Hawaii state legislature appropriated \$49.3 million in general funds for student transportation this fiscal year, compared to \$58.9 million appropriated in the past fiscal year that ended June 30.

These fare increases will no doubt decrease bus ridership for families who are already struggling in the current economic downturn.

Even assuming a 5-percent decrease in ridership, the Department of Education anticipates that at least \$1 million will be generated by the increased fares.

Statewide, 37,000 students ride school buses; however, 54 percent pay nothing for bus service because they come from low-income households.

Army families that will depart Hawaii with permanent change of station orders during the school year are encouraged to purchase a quarterly pass or coupons instead of the annual pass. Doing so will eliminate the need to request a refund. Getting a refund is difficult since the DOE reviews each request on a case-by-case basis.



School Liaison Office

If you have questions about the new changes to bus and meal prices, call the School Liaison Office at 655-8326.

- Starting Sept. 1, elementary school lunch meal prices will decrease and all secondary meal prices will increase because secondary meals are larger and cost more.
- Elementary school**
- Breakfast will remain at \$1.
 - Lunch will decrease from \$2.35 to \$2.25.
- Secondary school**
- Breakfast will increase from \$1 to \$1.10.
 - Lunch will increase from \$2.35 to \$2.50.
 - Reduced meal prices remain the same. These meal prices have gradually increased over the years. The ultimate goal is for families to pay 50 percent of the price it costs to prepare the meals.

Q & A

Q: *As a resident of Aliamanu Military Reservation, I am very concerned about the recent decision to cancel bus transportation for our children who attend Red Hill Elementary. I would like to know if there will be a junior police officer, or JPO, either military or civilian, at the intersection to help the children cross this busy intersection. If not, will lights, speed bumps or signs be installed at the intersection to help ensure their safety? Is there an option available where parents could pay for bus service?*

A: Unfortunately, the school system is not planning to provide JPOs at this intersection due to its distance from the school campus. Our military police simply do not have the manpower available to support this effort.

While it is possible there may be some civilian volunteers interested and available to monitor children as they cross the street, this method is something parents and community leaders would have to pursue.

As for the installation of lights, speed bumps and signs to help control traffic, it’s doubtful the city and county would be willing to do this near a freeway on- and off-ramp, but it is something you may wish to pursue with your local representatives.

The annual cost for bus service is estimated to be \$186,000. Perhaps the easiest, most effective and cost-efficient option is for parents to carpool or make other arrangements, like city buses, for their children to be dropped off and picked up from school.

(This question was received from a community member and answered by Col. Douglas Mulbury, commander, U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii.)

Operation Homefront gives military keiki free backpacks full of school supplies

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ALLISON PERKINS
Operation Homefront

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Connor McQuaig started his first day of kindergarten at Solomon Elementary School, here, this year.

He arrived full of excitement and anticipation, and with the help of Operation Homefront, he also came with a new backpack full of supplies.

Connor and his brother Patrick, a first-grader, were among 200 military children who received free backpacks, supplies and printers from the national nonprofit organization during the group’s annual Back-to-School Brigade event, here, July 29.

Families said the giveaway was especially helpful here in Hawaii, where the high cost of living makes school supply shopping even more costly.

“This is very helpful,” said Erin McQuaig, the boys’ mother. “My husband is deployed, and this saves me a lot of shopping. It’s wonderful what they do for the community.”

Emily Brooks, Army wife and mother of seven, brought her oldest son to help carry the huge load of crayons, folders, paper, markers and backpacks, among other items.

“This is super helpful; we have six kids in school, so you can imagine how much money we spend on supplies,” she said.

Operation Homefront operates 23 chapters across the U.S.

Last year, the organization helped 167,348 military families across the country with everything from paying utility bills to providing free housing to wounded warriors, all through



Army wife Erin McQuaig, of Schofield Barracks, helps her sons Connor (left) and Patrick McQuaig select school supplies at Operation Homefront’s Back-to-School Brigade event at Schofield Barracks, July 29. The national nonprofit provided supplies to 200 military children on Oahu.

donations from sponsors.

Locally, chapter organizers said families have asked for help purchasing groceries.

Ashley Matta, volunteer community team leader, said the high cost of living in Hawaii and the lack of communication that sometimes happens between deployed Soldiers and their families leaves many military homes with empty cupboards.

“Often, there is a disconnect between the family and the Soldier, and they don’t want to tell the Soldier they are struggling financially, but they are,” Matta said. “Often, they don’t even have enough to buy food.”

Operation Homefront is here to make sure those families can sit down to dinner.

Once a family fills out the appropriate paperwork with the chapter, and their need is verified,

Visit www.operationhomefront.net/hawaii to learn more about the nonprofit organization.

volunteers can quickly fill the family’s kitchen. The financial help is a donation, and families are not asked to pay back any amount. Eligible service members must be staff sergeant (E-6) or below in rank.

Wounded warriors of any rank can receive assistance.

“That’s one of the largest selling points ... (that) this is not a loan; it’s a gift,” Matta said.

In Hawaii, organizers said military families may not have support readily available from family and friends because of the distance from the mainland. Chapter volunteers said they are hoping to help fill that gap and be the local support system.

“So many service members are deployed here, and their families are not only without them for a year but also (are) thousands of miles away from their extended families,” Matta said. “It’s important to build that support system here, and we want to be an important part of that.”

Plans are in the works for holiday giveaways this winter and spring.

This fall, Operation Homefront Hawaii will also host a Homefront Celebration, an evening dedicated to military spouses that includes dinner, a motivational speaker and door prizes.

Spouses: ACS offers solutions

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better understanding and to build stronger bridges between the military and Native Hawaiians.

“We share the same values,” she said. “We



Stacy Ambles a family member, discusses her concerns during the first Junior Spouses Conference at ACS, Schofield Barracks, July 29.

just use different words to express them. We have more commonalties than differences.”

The conference concluded with a focus group, led by Dr. Brandi Chew, psychologist, ACS. Chew asked spouses for their feedback on issues and programs like employment readiness/opportunities, financial readiness, and parenting and marital support. Other topics included deployment readiness, relocation resources, child care and exceptional family members.

During the focus group discussion on what ACS can do to help spouses during the relocation process, spouses unanimously agreed that a one-stop-shop for in- and out-processing would make processes much more manageable, as well as one place where they could go to obtain all the necessary paperwork.

“Junior spouses need to go out and dig for information, and if we are not aggressive, we would be left in the dark,” said Stacy Ambles, a family member. “I definitely recommend having conferences like this several times a year, because it would mold behavior and give spouses the exposure to Army life that they lack.”

Learn more about ACS at www.himwr.com; click on “ACS.”



Cerva Rooney, ACS, talks to junior spouses during a tour of ACS programs available through the decades. The group's first stop was the 1960s, when ACS got its start.



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Happy reunion

BELLOWS AIR FORCE STATION — Sgt. Britton Hall, 7th Engineer Dive Team, 65th Eng. Battalion, 130th Eng. Brigade, 8th Theater Sustainment Command, reunites with his daughter, Jasmy, 6, here, July 22. Hall visited his family during his rest and recuperation leave from Kuwait, where he is deployed.