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25th ID HHBN returns home

SGT. 1ST CLASS JOE M. BATTLE
25th Infantry Division Public Affairs

WHEELER ARMY AIRFIELD — Family members of the 25th Infantry Division received a special holiday gift just before Thanksgiving: the return of their loved ones.

More than 250 Soldiers with the Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion returned during a ceremony, here, Nov. 21, following a year-long deployment in support of Operation New Dawn in Iraq.

"They are the last U.S. Army division in Iraq," said Col. Matthew Kelley, deputy rear commander, 25th ID. "Their mission was to over-

see all forces as they were withdrawing and removing equipment from Iraq. That mission is just about accomplished."

Since late 2010, more than 700 HHBN Soldiers have served as the support element for 25th ID's headquarters. The unit was responsible for leading the advise, train and assist mission throughout central Iraq. It's currently the last division headquarters under U.S. Forces-Iraq, responsible for overseeing operational-level detail, command and control needed until the completion of U.S. forces withdrawing from Iraq.

"I am happy that everything is turned back to the Iraqi people and we believe that they will make better decisions for their country," said Staff Sgt. Timoteo Mauga, HHBN. "I'm just happy that I'm home."

This redeployment marks the first of the division's elements exiting Iraq as a part of a 2008 U.S. agreement to withdraw all U.S. troops by the end of 2011.

The remaining 25th ID Soldiers in Iraq are scheduled to return by Christmas Eve.



Sgt. Nathan Akridge | 25th Infantry Division Public Affairs

Dental Command makes access to care easier for Hawaii's Soldiers

PACIFIC REGIONAL DENTAL COMMAND
News Release

HONOLULU — The Pacific Regional Dental Command has teamed-up with Tripler Army Medical Center to make access to dental care easier for Soldiers stationed in Hawaii.

PRDC is now automating the telephone system and offering dental text message appointment reminders.

Starting Dec. 7, Soldiers will only need to dial "4DENTAL," or 433-6825, to reach any Army dental clinic in Hawaii, to include Schofield Barracks, Na Koa, and TAMC dental clinics.

The two initiatives began June 2011 as a Lean Six Sigma project launched by David Vreeland, chief, Strategy and Innovation, PRDC Headquarters.

"The days of dialing 10 different phone numbers in an effort to reach one of the three Army dental clinics located in Hawaii are over," Vreeland said. "Soldiers will no longer hear a busy signal or the phone ringing endlessly without being answered. Soldiers will now select the clinic they are assigned to through an automated voice prompt system."

Col. Randy Ball, commander, PRDC, said the Dental Activity's strategic objective is to increase access and continuity of care to Soldiers.

"One phone number for our patients to access any of our dental clinics will certainly simplify the process to reach my staff," Ball said. "We knew reaching our staff was, at times, difficult. Our intent is that ... increasing the ability for Soldiers to contact our clinics will result in decreasing the appointments that are failed or unfilled. A phone call telling us you cannot make a scheduled dental appointment will enable us to give that appointment to another Soldier."

The original clinic phone numbers will remain active until April 1, but will play a voice message reminding patients of the new telephone number. "(Text reminders) have been used at the Schofield Barracks Health Clinic for more than a year," Vreeland added. "We will send a text message reminder out to those patients that consented to receive the text 24-hours before their appointments and again two hours

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Courtesy Photo

A Soldier (left) with HHD, 728th MP Bn., 8th MP Bde., 8th TSC, instructs an AUP on how to zero her weapon, recently.

Farley Award names HHD as best MP unit in Pacific

CAPT. JAKE SPANGLER
728th Military Police Battalion, 8th MP Brigade,
8th Theater Sustainment Command

KABUL, Afghanistan — Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 728th Military Police Battalion, 8th MP Brigade, 8th Theater Sustainment Command, received the Fiscal Year 2011 Command Sgt. Maj. Mark Farley Award, recognizing it as the best MP unit in the Pacific, here, Nov. 2.

The Farley Award measures the accomplishments, achievements and command programs amongst MP units from Oct. 1, 2010-Sept. 30 2011.

The award is named in honor of Farley who served as the U.S. Army-Pacific's senior enlisted leader from 2002-2006. He was known for his professionalism, intellect and passion for taking care of Soldiers. "HHD's professional leadership and dedicated Soldiers have achieved incredible accomplishments as a unit, and as individual Soldiers, especially during the unit's deployment to Afghanistan," said Col. Kevin Moffett, Provost Marshal, USARPAC.

HHD deployed, here, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, forming the lead for "Task Force-Warfighter." Comprised of more than 550 Soldiers embedded in partnership with the 202nd Afghan Uniformed Police's Regional Command, the task force lead 8,000 Afghan Border Police soldiers across three provinces.

Throughout the unit's partnership with AUP's Regional Command, HHD coordi-

nated police operations and training for more than 13,000 AUP and 2,000 Afghan local police stationed in eight provinces.

Also, the 728th MP Bn. broke ground in the U.S.-Afghan partnership with multiple successful initiatives from the establishment of formal education programs for female AUPs, and the establishment of a junior police program designed to influence Afghan children to support the AUP instead of insurgents.

"I am extremely proud of our junior noncommissioned officers and officers who effectively mentored Afghan lieutenant colonels and colonels," said Maj. Mathew Gragg, executive officer, 728th MP Bn. "The ability of our staff to teach the Afghans how to plan and execute daily operations on a corps level staff was outstanding. They pushed themselves to exhaustion this year, and it makes me proud that the unit was recognized at the USARPAC level."

HHD's security forces distinguished themselves while conducting more than 1,200 combat patrols and a variety of distinguished visitors as they traveled throughout the country.

Besides receiving the Farley Award, the detachment has been nominated to represent USARPAC and compete against the top MP units from eight other major commands for the FY 2011 Brig. Gen. Jeremiah Holland Award. The Holland Award is bestowed annually to the best MP company in the Army.



Pvt. Andrew Slovinsky | 362nd Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

Dinner's ready

CONTINGENCY OPERATING BASE ADDER, Iraq — Capt. Joanne Gordan (left), chief, Military Justice, 25th Infantry Division, and Capt. Steven Schnurr, commander, Operations Company, 25th ID, prepare prepackaged Meals Ready to Eat, here, Nov. 24. Read the full article on page A-3.

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USARPAC's CCP demonstrates real-world capabilities

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U.S. Army-Pacific Public Affairs

FORT SHAFTER — The U.S. Army-Pacific's Contingency Command Post, or CCP, demonstrated its flexible capability to Lt. Gen. Francis Wiercinski, commander, USARPAC, during the deployment readiness training exercise, Autumn Laulima, here, Nov. 10.

USARPAC certified its theater-Army CCP, April 2011, the final step in a process that started in 2009.

The CCP provides streamlined execution of theater-Army expeditionary capabilities. It consists of a 96-person cell representing, not duplicating, the major staff functions of the theater-Army headquarters.

The CCP is composed of two sub-elements, Deployment Assistant Teams A and B, with personnel cross-functionally arranged with engineers, medical personnel, logistics, aviation, and civil affairs expertise as part of Force Package 1, said Lt. Col. Brian Howell, team leader, DAT Teams, USARPAC.



Lt. Gen. Francis Wiercinski (center), commander, USARPAC, checks the capabilities of the CCP network station's phone, during the deployment readiness training exercise, Autumn Laulima, Nov. 10, at Fort Shafter.

“The CCP maintains a readiness posture to be prepared to deploy, here, in 24-hours,” Howell said. “Our team executed a deployment sequence, going through

the entire process of alerting our Soldiers. We ensured all personnel are deployable through the Soldier Readiness Process, marshalling and readying our

equipment, and were able to deploy to the field, fully operational, within the 24-hour time goal.”

Also, the CCP is capable of 24-hour operations for 30 days without additional augmentation.

“This exercise validates the concepts of DAT Team A and DAT Team B and the capabilities they bring to the USARPAC command,” said Col. Tom Kunk, officer in charge, CCP, USARPAC.

“We can deploy within 24-hours to any area of operation within the Pacific region to do an initial assessment for humanitarian assistance, disaster relief, and any small-scale contingencies,” Kunk said. “We can also give real-time feedback of what is truly transpiring on the ground and what assets might be needed to improve the conditions on the area.”

According to Howell, the CCP offers Wiercinski options, assessments and command and control that can be tailored depending on the mission.

“Our Soldiers did an excellent job, showing great flexibility and expertise throughout this mission,” Howell said.

Soldier killed in on-post crash identified

25TH INFANTRY DIVISION PUBLIC AFFAIRS
News Release

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — A 25th Infantry Division Soldier died early Saturday morning following a vehicle accident, here.

Spc. Phillip Bullins, 23, of Carthage, N.C., was assigned to Company A, 1st Battalion, 27th Inf. Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 25th ID.

Bullins served as an infantryman and Stryker vehicle driver during 2nd BCT's deployment to Iraq, June 2010 - June 2011, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation New Dawn. Bullins enlisted in the U.S. Army Sept. 10, 2009.

Bullins' awards and decorations include the Army Commendation Medal and the Combat Infantryman's Badge.

Additional awards include the National Defense Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Iraqi Campaign Medal (with Bronze Star) and the Army Service Ribbon.

Three other Soldiers were injured in the crash. An investigation is ongoing.

Commissary gift cards extend holiday cheer

KEVIN L. ROBINSON
Defense Commissary Agency Public Affairs

FORT LEE, Va. — During the holiday season, a commissary gift card can be an easy option for anyone to extend the gift of groceries to service members and their families, said Joseph Jeu, director, Defense Commissary Agency.

“Whether it's mom and dad wanting to help out with a holiday dinner for their son or daughter stationed overseas or a military unit assisting a junior enlisted family struggling financially, the commissary gift card is a quick way to extend the benefit during the holidays,” Jeu said. “You don't have to be an authorized shopper to give this gift.”

Unveiled this summer, the commissary gift card comes in denominations of \$25 and \$50. Anyone can purchase a card through DeCA's website, www.commissaries.com, or in person at a commissary. However, only authorized commissary customers can use them. Online orders incur a handling fee, but these fees are not assessed to in-store orders.

The gift cards can be used for in-store purchases, as long as they have a balance; they cannot be redeemed for cash, and no monetary change for unused portions of the card is provided.

The Commissary gift card replaced the DeCA gift voucher. Customers who have unused gift vouchers will be able to redeem them through Aug. 31, 2016. New cards expire five years from the date of purchase.

“These cards are perfect for folks who want to give them as gifts to their military family and friends or for charitable organizations and our industry partners to use as donations,” said Command Sgt. Maj. John Gaines Jr., senior enlisted advisor to the DeCA director. “As a Soldier, I can testify that the commissary benefit is worth the trip in allowing us to stretch our paychecks. Receiving these gift cards makes the holidays even more festive.”

Commissary gift cards can be shipped anywhere in the U.S. Outside the U.S, gift cards can be shipped to APO, FPO or DPO addresses.

For customer service questions, call 877-988-4438, which also allows the user to check the card's balance.

Holiday cheer

HONOLULU — Tripler Army Medical Center kicks off the holiday season, Nov. 29, with its 62nd Annual Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony, here, Nov. 29. Multiple strings of lights were hung on the front of the hospital to give the appearance of a giant holiday tree.

Including the massive star at the top, the tree of lights stands about 140-feet tall and can be seen for miles.

Schofield Barracks will host its annual tree lighting ceremony, 5:30, Dec. 6, at General's Loop. Fort Shafter's tree lighting is 5:30 p.m., Dec. 8, at Palm Circle.



The reason for the season is to praise the Lord

CHAPLAIN (MAJ.) PATRICK R. BASAL
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As we approach this Christmas season and we sing songs of shepherds watching their flocks at night and of a birth in the little town of Bethlehem, I am reminded of another song that comes from the same town as our savior.

As a youth, King David spent many years watching over his father's flocks in the mountainous terrains surrounding Bethlehem. It was in that rough, but beautiful schoolhouse of nature that he learned responsibility. It was there that he was tested in the anxious moments of life and death, protecting his sheep from the claw of the bear and the fang of the lion.

Responsibility, when rightly accepted, demands and builds courage. That courage is often required when there's no one around to notice. We can imagine David performing many unreported acts of courage to protect his flock. Sometimes obscurity becomes the proving grounds for an effective witness that will, one day, manifest to the world.

But, while we may be invisible to the world, our God, the chief shepherd, who was also born in Bethlehem, sees us. Since God watches over us, we can trust in his guidance and his protection.



Basal

This realization must have filled the heart of David with worship regarding the God of Israel, his protector. How many hours did David sing of God's love and deliverance to the sheep grazing under his vigilant watch? There's little doubt that his voice soothed their fears. Much like the cowboys did in the old west on the cattle drives, they sang songs to sooth the cattle at night to keep them clam.

Christ said that sheep know and trust in their shepherd's voice. They will not follow a stranger.

There's a difference between the shepherd who loves his flock and the hireling who simply works for monetary gain. The shepherd will know and defend his flock, sometimes with his own life. The hireling remains distant and will abandon his charge with exact calculation, especially when times become tough.

When Israel's first king, Saul, departed from the way of God, he could no longer lead God's people with the spiritual courage and integrity demanded by his office. Thus, the Lord searched all of Israel, to anoint the new king of Israel. God found the shepherd who wrestled with wild beasts while defending his lambs because David placed his full trust in the Lord.

Like David, we're also called to display a courage that answers the roar of that prowling lion that seeks to devour souls.

So as we sing our Christmas carols this holiday season, remember that the reason for the season is to give praise and glory to our deliverer, the great shepherd, our Lord.

Dental: Updates ensure readiness

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before their appointment.

“We lose hundreds of thousands of dollars each year in lost appointment opportunities when our patients fail to keep their scheduled appointment,” Vreeland continued.

Both Ball and Vreeland said the purpose of these advances is to increase the readiness of the warfighters, here, in Hawaii.

Soldiers stationed in Hawaii can now schedule their annual exams by phone instead of having to use walk-in or sick call hours and incur long wait times in the clinics.

Voices of Ohana

What's your favorite part of the holidays?

Photos by 8th Military Police Brigade Public Affairs, 8th Theater Sustainment Command



“My favorite parts are the food, family and friends.”

Spc. Courtney Berg
552nd MP Co.,
728th MP Bn.,
8th MP Bde.,
8th TSC



“Relaxing, watching football, and having time-off with the family.”

Spc. Kevin Gill
552nd MP Co.,
728th MP Bn.,
8th MP Bde.,
8th TSC



“The holiday spirit, family, friends and the food.”

Spc. Emily Jeanise
552nd MP Co.,
728th MP Bn.,
8th MP Bde.,
8th TSC



“Spending time with family.”

Spc. Bill Kesler
552nd MP Co.,
728th MP Bn.,
8th MP Bde.,
8th TSC



“Being with family.”

Pfc. Brad McLaughlin
552nd MP Co.,
728th MP Bn.,
8th MP Bde.,
8th TSC

Service members enjoy Thanksgiving

Story and Photo by
SPC. ANTHONY T. ZANE
362nd Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

CONTINGENCY OPERATING BASE ADDER, Iraq — The holidays are fast approaching and while many service members have redeployed home, those who are still in country enjoyed one holiday event to give them a taste of home.

The main dining facility, here, hosted a Thanksgiving feast as the last meal for service members before closing its doors for good, Nov. 20.

The DFAC was adorned with festive holiday decorations throughout, as well as a large traditional Thanksgiving display across from the serving line, including cornucopia carvings, an ice sculpture, cakes and fresh fruit.

The line of Soldiers extended out the DFAC doors as they waited for their turkey dinners.

To add to the festivities, the



Maj. Jeffrey Schmidt (left), executive officer, and Lt. Col. Paul Romagnoli, commander, both with Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 25th ID, eat MREs, Nov. 24.

25th Infantry Division Band played holiday music while troops enjoyed their last cooked meal in the DFAC.

“We’ve supported a lot of ceremonies,” said Sgt. Christina

Kolodziej, band member, 25th ID. “We’ve played in a lot of chow halls. Usually, wherever there are troops to play for, we’ll go and put on a show.”

The band has traveled through-

out central Iraq, providing music on bases for ceremonies and celebrations on behalf of the deployed Soldiers.

“Today, we’re here to help celebrate Thanksgiving and the last day of the DFAC being open, here, on COB Adder,” Kolodziej said.

The holiday music the band played as part of their program in the DFAC included well-known Christmas songs to enhance the festive holiday mood.

“There’s really not a lot of Thanksgiving music, so we decided to start bringing in the holiday cheer a little early,” Kolodziej said. “I’m just proud to serve through music and inspire the hearts and minds of America and our troops.”

Once the DFAC is closed, here, service members will have Meals Ready to Eat for the remainder of their deployment. This Thanksgiving meal gave them a taste of home before they redeploy.



Larry Reilly | Installation Management Command-Pacific Region

Thankful families

HONOLULU — Marine Lance Cpl. Bryant Decker (left), and his daughter Manami, are served a Thanksgiving meal by Debbie Wheeler (right), Installation Management Command-Pacific Region, during a Thanksgiving meal served to the families staying at Tripler Army Medical Center’s Fisher Houses, here, Nov. 22.

18th MEDCOM (DS) hits the field during unit’s third annual ‘Turkey Bowl’ game

SGT. 1ST CLASS RODNEY JACKSON
18th Medical Command (Deployment Support) Public Affairs

FORT SHAFTER — Soldiers of the 18th Medical Command (Deployment Support) held a Thanksgiving prayer breakfast at the Hale Ikena, here, Nov. 22, and took to the field for the annual “Turkey Bowl,” Nov. 23.

“Thanksgiving should be a way of life; it should be an attitude of gratitude that you practice every single day and people want to see in you

something different because you are aware how much you have been blessed,” said Col. Jack Van Dyken, command chaplain, U.S. Army-Pacific.

During the prayer breakfast, Van Dyken asked Capt. Vickee Wolcott, commander, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 18th MEDCOM (DS), to fill a jar with golf balls, small rocks, smaller pebbles, sand and water.

“Let’s say this jar represents your life. The golf balls represent those things that are most important to us, our family, our relationship to God, our hobbies,” he said. “The small rocks will be things like your job and the sand; that’s just extra fillers, the nice things to have. If we start out filling the jar in reverse order, there would

not be room for the most important things in our lives.

“That’s how many people’s lives are; they fill their lives up and their time with insignificant extra nice things and they neglect those things that are most important,” Van Dyken added. “Thanksgiving is a time to reflect on our priorities, the things that

count in life.”

The Turkey Bowl pitted 18th MEDCOM (DS) officers against the unit’s enlisted Soldiers in a battle for the annual Turkey Bowl trophy. The unit has held the game the last three years. The enlisted Soldiers reclaimed the trophy in a close game that always comes down to the last play.

Longstanding Australian army exchange relationship comes to an end



Australian Capt. Nick Brown speaks to Soldiers of the 65th Eng. Bn., 130th Eng. Bde., 8th TSC, about his time with the unit. Brown is holding a statuette that he presented to the unit in appreciation of its longstanding exchange relationship.

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

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS – The U.S. and Australian Armies have fought as allies in every significant conflict since World War I. As such, the two nations have developed similar tactics, techniques and procedures both on the battlefield and in garrison. With about 47,000 soldiers, the Australian army is considerably smaller than that of the U.S., as there are more Soldiers on Oahu than the entire Australian force. Yet, what the Australian army lacks in size, it more than makes up for in competency.

As part of a bilateral exchange agreement between the Corps of Royal Australian Engineers and the U.S. Army Corps of Eng., an Australian officer has been attached to the 65th Eng. Battalion, 130th Eng. Brigade, 8th Theater Sustainment Command, since the early 1960s.

The Australian engineer, usually a captain, is sent to augment an American battalion, and in return, a U.S. Army captain trains with a respective Australian unit.

The exchange program’s first Australian attache to the 65th Eng. Bn. was Capt. G.M. Blythe in 1962. Since then, an unbroken line of 23 Australian officers have been attached to the battalion.

Australian Capt. Nicholas Brown is the battalion’s current exchange officer. His upcoming transition out of the position will signal the end of the battalion’s relationship with the Corps of Royal Australian Eng., because the Australian army cut the program’s funding.

“The exchange program has been extremely valuable to our unit over the years, and I believe it’s been valuable to the Australian army as well,” said Lt. Col. Daniel Koprowski, commander, 65th Eng. Bn. “Ours is among the few tactical level exchange positions, and I think having Capt. Brown and his predecessors on the battalion staff has allowed for a thorough, dynamic exchange of ideas that has lasting effects on how engineer units in both places do business.”

At a glance, the first thing that stands out about Brown is his colorful Australian army uniform and a peculiar looking “slouch hat” securely strapped under his lip.

For much of his time in the battalion, Brown has served as the battalion’s plans officer, coordinating upcoming training events long-range operations.

Originally from the rural expanse of south Australia, Brown has been an engineer in the Australian army for 12 years. After deploying to Afghanistan with the Corps of Royal Australian Eng. in 2009, he was selected for the exchange program, joining the 65th Eng. Bn. in early 2010.

“One of the things that I’ve enjoyed most was going to (the National Training Center) at Fort Irwin, Calif.,” Brown said. “It’s the best training Soldiers can get, outside of an actual deployment.”

After his time with the 65th Eng. Bn., Brown will take command of the Combat Eng.Squadron at the 3rd Combat Eng. Regiment headquartered at Lavarack Barracks in Queensland, Australia.

ESGR needs nominations for 2011 Freedom Award

EMPLOYER SUPPORT OF THE GUARD AND RESERVE PUBLIC AFFAIRS

News Release

ARLINGTON, Va. – Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, or ESGR, a Department of Defense agency, is now accepting nominations for the 2012 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award.

The Freedom Award is DOD's highest award for civilian employers supporting National Guard and Reserve members.

The DOD encourages all National Guard and Reserve members to nominate employers who have provided exceptional support of their military service. Nominations may be submitted by service members, or a family member acting on their behalf, at www.FreedomAward.mil, through Jan. 16, 2012.

“Employers who go above and beyond in their support of National Guard and Reserve members are providing a tremendous service to our country; they are contributing to the resiliency and peace of mind of the more than one million men and women who stand ready to serve when our nation calls on them,” said David McGinnis, acting assistant secretary of defense for Reserve Affairs.

“National Guard and Reserve members who feel their employers have gone the extra mile in supporting

their military service should nominate them for the 2012 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award to show their appreciation and highlight their support as an example for others to follow,” McGinnis added.

With employer support acknowledged as a critical component of our national defense, ESGR enhanced the nomination website this year to help guide nominators in capturing the most important details of their employers' support.

Previous recipients garnered recognition for supportive measures, including organizing colleagues to provide dinners to a deployed employee's family, covering extra shifts during an employee's military training, taking a deployed service member's children to sports practices and other family events, and establishing robust military support networks.

2012 recipients will be announced by early summer and honored in Washington, during a special ceremony early next fall.

ESGR

For questions or interviews regarding the Freedom Award, visit www.FreedomAward.mil or call Beth Sherman, ESGR Public Affairs, at (703) 696-1171, ext. 539 or by email at ESGR-PA@osd.mil.

News Briefs

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Today

Reverse Direction Spike Strips – Reverse direction spike strips will be installed during weekends in December at Schofield Barracks and Fort Shafter gates. Times and locations follow:

- McNair Gate, Schofield Barracks, through Dec. 4.
- Macomb Gate, Schofield Barracks, Dec. 9-11.
- Buckner Gate, Fort Shafter: Dec. 16-18.

- Foote Gate, Schofield Barracks: Dec. 23-25.
- Lyman Gate, Schofield Barracks: December 30-31.

Exit traffic will be temporarily detoured to another gate/lane during the installation. Inbound traffic will not be impacted. Hours for other gates remain unchanged. Plan for additional travel time due to expected traffic congestion. Call 656-6751/6750.

7 / Wednesday

Special Operations Recruiting – A recruiter will be available, Dec. 7-8, Building 560, Education Center, Schofield Barracks, to discuss career opportunities in the civil affairs, explosive ordnance and psychological operations. Call (910) 432-9697.

USACE-HD awards \$544.2 million in contracts

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS -HONOLULU DISTRICT PUBLIC AFFAIRS

News Release

FORT SHAFTER – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers-Honolulu District awarded 547 contract actions totaling \$544.2 million during fiscal year 2011.

USACE-HD contracts provide facilities to the armed forces and help protect and improve lives of the people of Hawaii and the region.

U.S. Army-Hawaii benefited from many contracts awarded and completed by the USACE during fiscal year 2011. Major military construction contracts awarded by USACE-HD included these:

- Construction of unaccompanied enlisted personnel barracks at Schofield Barracks.

- Design and construction of projects, South Range, Schofield Barracks.

- Construction of the Warriors in Transition Barracks and Warriors in Transition Complex at Schofield Barracks.

- Construction of a 57,000 square foot tactical equipment maintenance facility at Schofield Barracks.

Other significant USACE contracts awarded at the end of fiscal year 2011 included the following:

- Removal of munitions and explosives from Waikoloa Maneuver Area, Area I, Waimea, Big Island.

- Village bridge replacement, Island of Tutuila, American Samoa.

- Removal of munitions and explosives of concern from Waikoloa Maneuver Area, Area N and Sector 17F,

17 / Saturday

New Hours – Starting 8 p.m., Dec. 17, McNair Gate at Schofield Barracks will close at 8 p.m., Friday, and open again at 5 a.m., Monday. It will be closed on weekends and holidays. Call 656-6750/6751/5398.

31 / Saturday

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

Waimea, Big Island.

- Quad D barracks renewal, phase 3B, Buildings 450 and 451, Schofield Barracks.

- Eleven contracts for the Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business Multiple Award Task Order Contract, or MATOC, for Design-Bid-Build and Design-Build Construction Services with a contract capacity of \$49 million.

Also, USACE-HD signed a formal project partnership agreement with the State of Hawaii's Department of Land and Natural Resources for the construction of the Kawainui Marsh Environmental Restoration Project in Kailua.

The project will also help to restore habitats for four endangered waterbirds on Oahu.



Kahu Aaron Mahi (left) provides a traditional Hawaiian blessing at the Unit Operations Facilities campus at South Range, Schofield Barracks, Nov. 18. Kahu Aaron Mahi (left) provides a traditional Hawaiian blessing at the Unit Operations Facilities campus at South Range, Schofield Barracks, Nov. 18. Listening from left to right are John Fern, program manager, Joint Venture dck-ECC Pacific; Lt. Col. Douglas Guttormsen, commander, USACE-HD; Gerry Majkut, chairman, Management Board, Joint Venture dck-ECC Pacific; and Elton Au, senior project manager, Joint Venture dck-ECC Pacific.

Army holds blessing ceremony for South Range training campus

Story and Photo by
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FORT SHAFTER — A ground blessing ceremony was held for the new Unit Operations Facilities campus at South Range, Schofield Barracks, Nov. 18. The campus is part of a \$279 million program at Schofield and was authorized in the fiscal year 2009 Military Construction Army Program. The \$127,965,000 contract was awarded to Joint Venture dck-ECC Pacific, March 2011, for the South Range campus, the largest single construction contract in U.S Army Corps of Engineers-Honolulu District’s recent history. “We’re building this campus to put world-class facilities on the ground for world-class Soldiers, so they can fulfill their mission in Hawaii and around the world,” said Lt. Col. Douglas Guttormsen, commander, USACE-HD, to more than 70 guests in attendance. The planned South Range Complex projects are important to the Schofield military community, as many units are presently scattered in overcrowded, inadequate and aging facilities through-

out the post. With completion of the South Range facilities, the Army will have more ease in training and maintaining unit readiness, which equates to more productivity and higher morale. The infrastructure project establishes a utilities backbone structure for various vertical buildings, a training support center and many future military construction building projects for the next 20-30 years. The contract includes one engineer unit operations facility for \$26.7 million, one unit military police operations facility for \$31.1 million, an explosive ordnance disposal complex for \$9.8 million and infrastructure for \$60.4 million. The South Range location is ideal as there is no need for demolition work of any buildings prior to construction because the property was previously used for farming pineapple and has no utilities or infrastructure. As with all projects within Hawaii, protecting the aina, or land, will be a priority. Completion for the campus is scheduled for March 2014.

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DECEMBER 7, 1941

WHEELER ATTACKED!



Fire erupts in Wheeler's Hangar #3 after ammunition stored within exploded from enemy attack.



Surprise Attack Brings High Cost Of Life

Thirty-seven enlisted men were killed in this morning's attack and 59 others wounded.

Burned-out wreckage of Army aircraft fill the Wheeler tarmac and the insides of destroyed hangars.

This same picture has been duplicated at Hickam, Bellows, Kaneohe and Ewa — where U.S. fighters, bombers and sea planes were laid to destruction.

The Japanese accomplished their goal today and reigned supreme in the air over Pearl Harbor, sinking or damaging all seven U.S. battleships and rendering extensive damage to piers, submarine pens, maintenance buildings and 86 other ships in the harbor.

This is the most devastating attack ever inflicted on the U.S. Navy.

There was one glimmer of hope this morning. The U.S. aircraft carriers were not at Pearl Harbor. Not only were the U.S. carriers saved from destruction, but Oahu was also saved from an apparent third wave of Japanese aircraft.

When the first wave of Japanese planes returned to their carriers to be refueled and rearmed to become the third wave, they reported the U.S. carriers were not in the harbor. Fearful of their whereabouts, and not wanting to leave their own carriers without protective air cover, the Japanese decided to keep the aircraft there and not launch another wave. That decision saved the large, oil storage tanks surrounding Pearl Harbor, the apparent target of Japan's third wave and the source of five years of fuel for America's Navy in the Pacific.

President Roosevelt is scheduled to address Congress and the nation in the morning.

It is presumed he will ask for a declaration of war.

Fires Continue, Aircraft Hangars Destroyed

WHEELER FIELD — Shortly before 8 a.m., today, 25 Japanese dive-bombers struck from the north.

Hangars #1 and #3 were shattered with bombs and machine gun fire.

Buildings 107 and 108, used as barracks, were hit and set ablaze. Many fires continue to burn. Schofield Barracks was strafed.

Forty-two P-40s and 41 other aircraft on Wheeler's tarmac were destroyed as fire and dense black smoke continue to fill the morning sky.

The planes belonged to the Army Air Corp's 14th Pursuit Wing and the 15th and 18th Pursuit Groups. These P-40 fighter aircraft, 99 in total, are charged with the air defense of the Hawaiian islands.

At the same time, simultaneous attacks took place at Hickam Field, Bellows Field, and Kaneohe and Ewa fields.

A Second Enemy Wave Hits Wheeler

Wheeler Field was hit again during Japan's second wave of 180 aircraft. That attack ended at 9:45 a.m.

Wheeler's destruction is shocking.

Twisted steel beams and blown-out windows are the remains of two hangars. Temporary tent areas, located between Hangars #2 and #3 to house enlisted personnel, have been reduced to ashes.

Following their successful elimination of Army, Marine and Navy aircraft this morning, Japanese fighters then attacked their prime targets, the ships on Pearl Harbor's Battleship Row.

The harbor is a scene of horror as mangled and sunken ships are obscured by fire and smoke as oil on the water remains ablaze.

Loss of American life is estimated at more than 2,400.

Left — An aerial photo taken after the first wave of attacks shows a large cloud of smoke filling the sky over Wheeler Field this morning.



Hangar #3 and aircraft is damaged on Wheeler Field after the attacks.

Brave U.S. Airmen Mount Counterattack

During the Wheeler attack, five P-40s from the 47th Pursuit Squadron, which had aircraft positioned at Haleiwa Field, were able to take off and battle the enemy fighters. Lieutenants Harry Brown, Robert Rogers, John Webster, George Welch and Kenneth Taylor drove 10 miles from Wheeler to Haleiwa at breakneck speed this

morning to get their planes into the air. For the next 90 minutes, they pursued Japanese fighters over Oahu, shooting down nine planes.

Thirty-five minutes after the initial attack, six other aircraft were able to take off from Wheeler and flew 25 sorties against the Japanese.



Today
Swimming Pool Closures—TAMC's swimming pool is closed through Dec. 8 to conduct leak detection tests. The AMR Pool will be available during the closure. Also, HMR Pool is closed through May 30. Visit www.himwr.com for hours of operation for AMR and TAMC pools.

Leilehua Golf Pro Shop — The golf pro shop's holiday sale, Dec. 2, offers 10-50 percent off all merchandise, including sale and clearance items (excludes special orders). Call 655-4653.

Friday Night Entertainment Series — Enjoy live entertainment each Friday night at Kolekole Bar and Grill, Schofield Barracks. From Latin and hip-hop to open mic night, there's something for everyone. Call 655-0664.

3 / Saturday
Hike and Whale Watch — Join Outdoor Recreation at Schofield Barracks in this popular sport, 6:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Dec. 3. Cost is \$15. To register, call 655-0143.

Ladies Golf Clinic — Leilehua Golf Course holds a free ladies golf clinic, 1:30-3 p.m., every first Saturday of the month. Call 655-4653

"Seussical" — This Broadway musical is performed by Seuss characters. Admission is free on a first-come, first-served basis.
Performances are by SKIES students at Wheeler Middle School; dates follow:
•Dec. 3, 2 p.m.: SKIES students' family members and guests will be seated at 1:40 p.m.; all others will be seated at 1:50 p.m.
•Dec. 3, 7 p.m.: Evening performance is open seating and begins at 6:45 p.m.;



Courtesy of Brittany Gilmore

The best of the best

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — During the Thanksgiving celebration at the 45th Sustainment Brigade, 8th Theater Sust. Command's Consolidated Dining Facility, the DFAC received recognition for its participation in the 2011 Philip A. Connelly (Field Category) at the Department of the Army level. Official results will beannounced in January. The Connelly Awards recognize excellence in Army food service.

no reserved seating.

5 / Monday
Free Hula Classes — The Native Hawaiian Liaison Office, USAG-HI, 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. Call 655-9694 or email nhliaison@gmail.com.
Classes are held the following days and locations:
•Mondays, Kalakaua Community Center, Schofield Barracks.
•Tuesdays, AMR Community Center.

6 / Tuesday
Knit and Crochet Workshop — Bring your yarn, tools and works in progress, 5-6:30 p.m., Dec. 6 and 19, AMR and Fort Shafter Libraries.

7 / Wednesday
Texas Hold 'em—Test your poker

playing skills at Texas Hold 'em on the first Wednesday of the month. Enjoy great food and drink specials while playing for prizes. Call 438-1974.

Free Featherwork Workshop — Learn to make a hair accessory using feathers, 5:30 p.m., Dec. 7, at the AMR Community Center, Building 1788, 182 Kauhini Rd. To register, call the Native Hawaiian Liaison Office at 655-9694 or email nhliaison@gmail.com.

Kids Meal — Every Wednesday night, keiki under 10 can eat for \$1.99 at Kolekole Bar and Grill, Schofield Barracks, or at Mulligan's Bar and Grill, Fort Shafter. Call Kolekole Bar and Grill at 655-0664 or Mulligan's Bar and Grill at 438-6712.

10 / Saturday
Read to the Dogs — Keiki who can read on their own can sign up for

a 15-minute session to read to a dog, Dec. 10, Sgt. Yano Library, Schofield Barracks. Pre-registration required. Call 655-8002.

Cosmic Bowling — Cosmic Bowling starts at 3 p.m., Saturdays, at the Schofield Barracks Bowling Center and at 1 p.m., Sundays, at the Fort Shafter Bowling Center. Call Schofield at 655-0573 or Fort Shafter at 438-6733.

All-Army Sports — Deadline for men and women to register is Dec. 10 for cross-county. Call 655-0856.

11 / Sunday
Florida Marlins — Meet the Marlins and the Mermaid Dancers, Dec. 11, Schofield Barracks. Participants for youth clinics must be preregistered and

SEE MWR BRIEFS, B-4

The U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii Religious Support Office will offer the following holiday services from Dec. 8-15:

South Community

•*Aliamanu Military Reservation Chapel*
Dec. 8, 6 p.m. Immaculate Conception Mass (Catholic)

•*Tripler Army Medical Center*
Dec. 8, 7 a.m., 12 p.m. Immaculate Conception Mass (Catholic)
Dec. 24, 5 p.m. Vigil Mass (Catholic)

Dec. 24, 7 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (Protestant)
Dec. 25, 9 a.m. Christmas Service (Protestant)
Dec. 25, 11 a.m. Christmas Mass (Catholic)
Jan. 1, 11a.m. New Year's Day Mass (Catholic)

North Community

•*Schofield Barracks Main Post Chapel*
Dec. 8 11:45 a.m., 6 p.m. Immaculate Conception

Mass (Catholic)
Dec. 8, 6 p.m. Immaculate Conception Mass (Catholic)
Dec. 15, 6 p.m. Family Night Caroling (Protestant)



community calendar

Today
Christmas Card Workshop — Stop by Schofield Barracks' Arts and Crafts Center anytime between 9 a.m.-noon, Dec. 2, to create a personalized Christmas card. Cost is \$6 per card or 3 for \$15. To register, call 655-4202.

3 / Saturday
Holiday Craft and Fun Fair — Features crafters and gift booths, food and keiki activities, 7 a.m.-2 p.m. Dec. 3, St. Jude Catholic Church, 92-455 Makakilo Dr., Kapolei. Call 672-8669, ext. 200.

Holiday Family Fun Fest — Come take a picture with Santa, build a gingerbread house, jump on the bouncers, play games and win prizes, 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Dec. 3, AMR Gym and Community Center.

Holiday Gift and Craft Fair — Features handcrafted holiday items, original artwork and jewelry, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Dec. 3, Mililani Town Association Recreation Center 5, 95-1101 Ainamauka Dr. Call 623-7300.

Winter Wonderland — With 10 tons of snow, Christmas crafts, keiki games, Santa and craft fair, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Dec. 3, Calvary Church of the Pacific, 99-400 Aiea Heights Dr.

Kamehameha Schools Annual Christmas Concert — Performances for this annual event are 4 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., Dec. 3, Hawaii Theatre, 1130 Bethel St., Honolulu. Admission is free but an RSVP is required.

The Christmas concert includes performances from the children of Kamehameha Elementary School, High School Orchestra, Symphonic Band, Drill Team, Hawaiian Ensemble, and

the Concert Glee Club. RSVP at 842-8495.

Honolulu City Lights Ceremony — The opening night of the 2011 "Honolulu City Lights" celebration event is 4-10 p.m., Dec. 3, at Honolulu Hale (City Hall). Tree lighting is at 6 p.m. Each year the event draws thousands of people to the Civic Center grounds to kick off the holiday season. Runs until Jan. 1. Visit www.honolulucitylights.org.

4 / Sunday
Holiday Hula Show — Enjoy free performances noon-1 p.m., Dec. 4, 11 and 18 at Pearlridge Uptown, second level, with additional performances at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m., Dec. 11. Visit www.pearlridgeonline.com.

Sounds of Aloha — The show, "Santa Moves to Hawaii," is 3:01 p.m., Dec. 4, Paliku Theatre on the Windward Community College campus, 45-720 Keaahala Rd, Kaneohe. Open seating, one show only. Tickets are \$20; purchase tickets by calling 262-7664.

6 / Tuesday
Holiday Activities — Chris da Clown will entertain the entire family, 10:30 a.m., Dec. 6, Pearlridge Uptown, first level. Visit www.pearlridgeonline.com.

Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremonies — Keiki can have their photos taken with Santa Claus at FMWR's annual events, which include entertainment and light refreshments. Activities at both locations start at 5:30 p.m.; tree lighting ceremonies start at 6 p.m.:
•Dec. 6, General's Loop, Schofield Barracks.
•Dec. 8, Palm Circle, Fort Shafter.

Homemade Holidays — Create and decorate mini gift boxes, 2-4 p.m., Dec. 6, at Sgt. Yano Library, Schofield Barracks. Call 655-8002.

Holiday Parades

(For a complete listing, visit www.honolulu.gov.)

Dec. 7, Mililani Christmas Parade — From 9-10 a.m., starting at Town Center of Mililani near Taco Bell, to Lanikuhana Avenue, to Meheula Parkway, to Kuahelani Street, to Moenamanu Street, to Kipa-pa Drive, to finish at Mililani Shopping Center near Jack in the Box.

Dec. 7, Kaneohe Christmas Parade — From 9-11 a.m., starting at Windward Mall at Haiku Road, to Kamehameha Highway, to Kaneohe Bay Drive, to end at Castle High School. Bands include the Marine Corps Forces Pacific Band.

Dec. 7, Mayor's Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony/Parade — From 6-11 p.m., starting at Aala Park to King Street, Kokohead on King Street., to end in closed-off portion of King Street between Punchbowl and South streets. Sponsored by the City and County of Honolulu.

Dec. 8, Toys for Tots Caravan — From 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Street Bikers United Hawaii will cruise down Kalakaua Avenue to Kapiolani Community College. After the parade, bring a new, unwrapped toy or donation to Kapiolani Community College for the Marine Corps Reserve's Toys for Tots program. This toy run typically draws more than 6,000 motorcyclists.
To learn more about the 2011 Toys for Tots Hawaii collection effort, call Chief Lorenzo Branch 257-7148.

Dec. 8, Pearl City Shopping Center Christmas Parade — From 4-5:30 p.m., starting at Momilani Elementary School, to Hookiekie Street, to Hoomoana Street, to Hoolaulea Street, to end at Pearl City Shopping Center.

Dec. 9, Haleiwa Christmas Parade — From 6-8 p.m., starting at Weed Circle, to Kamehameha Highway, through Haleiwa Town, to end at Haleiwa Beach Park.

Dec. 9, Kapahulu Moiliili Christmas Parade — From 6-8:30 p.m., starts at Kuhio Elementary School, to King Street, to Beretania Street, to Isenberg Street, ends at Old Stadium Park. Sponsored by Kapahulu-Moiliili Lions Club.

Christmas Story Time — Christmas story time will be at the following dates and locations. All sessions are 3:30-4:30 p.m.
•Dec. 6, AMR Library.
•Dec. 7, Sgt. Yano Library, Schofield Barracks.
•Dec. 8, Fort Shafter Library.

8 / Thursday
Deaf Santa — A deaf and signing Santa will be available for deaf keiki, 9 a.m.-noon, Pearlridge Uptown, second level. Visit www.pearlridgeonline.com.

9 / Friday
"Dreaming of a Green Christmas" — Deadline to RSVP is Dec. 9 for this Hui O' Na Wahine all-ranks spouses club holiday luncheon, Dec. 15, at the Nehelani, Schofield Barracks. The event opens at 10:30 a.m. for shopping, with a buffet lunch 11 a.m.-1 p.m. The event costs \$15 and includes lunch. For last names beginning with A-L, email huireservationsal@gmail.com; for M-Z, email huireservationsmz@gmail.com. Visit www.schofieldspouses.com or email huionawahine@gmail.com.

Worship Services

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

AMR: Aliamanu Chapel
FD: Fort DeRussy Chapel
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.

This Week at the MOVIES

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Memorial Theater

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

Johnny English

(PG)
Fri., Dec. 2, 6 p.m.

Footloose

(PG-13)
Fri., Dec. 2, 8:30 p.m.
Thurs., Dec. 8, 7 p.m.

Real Steel

(PG-13)
Sat., Dec. 3, 4 p.m.

Paranormal Activity

(R)
Sat., Dec. 3, 7 p.m.

Dolphin Tale

(PG)
Sun., Dec. 4, 2 p.m.



Three Musketeers

(PG-13)
Wed., Dec. 7, 7 p.m.

Calendar abbreviations

8th TSC: 8th Theater Sustainment Command
25th ID: 25th Infantry Division
ACS: Army Community Service
AFAP: Army Family Action Plan

AFTB: Army Family Team Building
AMR: Aliamanu Military Reservation
BCT: Brigade Combat Team
BSB: Brigade Support Battalion
Co.: Company
CYSS: Child, Youth and School Services

EFMP: Exceptional Family Member Program
FMWR: Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation
FRG: family readiness group
HMR: Helemano Military Reservation

IPC: Island Palm Communities
SKIES: Schools of Knowledge, Inspiration, Exploration and Skills
TAMC: Tripler Army Medical Center
USAG-HI: U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii
WAAF: Wheeler Army Airfield

Energy tips lower electric bills, usage

ISLAND PALM COMMUNITIES
News Release

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS – The following tips will help you save energy at home.

While dishwashers are primarily used for convenience, you're likely to use less water compared to washing dishes by hand. You can also save energy when you turn the dishwasher off after its rinse cycle and let the dishes air dry. Use dishwashing detergents with spot removal additives to reduce water spots on dishes.

Another way to save water and energy is to keep the duration of your shower between five-10 minutes. The shorter your showers, the less hot water you use. The less hot water you use, the less electricity your hot water heater uses.

Plugged-in appliances and electronic devices are a commonly referred to as “energy vampires” since they still use energy while they are off and still plugged into outlets. To stop this energy drain, plug the cords into a power strip and turn off the power

strip when not in use.

According to the National Resources Defense Council, the average new cable, high-definition, digital video recorder, also known as a set top box, consumes more than half the energy of an average new refrigerator and more than an average new flat-panel television.

When not displaying or recording video content, set top boxes draw nearly as much power as they do when in use. Two-thirds of a cable box's total energy consumption occurs when they're not in use.

Another way to reduce energy consumption is to properly set your central air conditioner for the climate you live in.

For example, your air conditioner in Hawaii should not be set at the same temperature as someone living in Texas. Both climate and humidity levels are different. In Island Palm Communities south region, set your air conditioner at 72 degrees; if you live in IPC's north region,



Play game to win gift card

Log on to www.IslandPalmCommunities.com and play IPC's utility trivia contest. Answer questions about “Energy tips lower electric bills, useage” to be entered to win a \$20 Exchange gift card. December's trivia contest ends Dec. 25.

set it between 74-78 degrees. Adhering to these temperatures will help reduce your energy consumption. Remember, if your windows are open, turn off your air conditioner.

Hawaii’s public schools bridge gap on national report card

SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICE
News Release

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS – The National Center for Education Statistics recently released results of the annual National Assessment of Educational Progress, or NAEP.

The NAEP, also referred to as “the nation's report card,” was administered in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and at Department of Defense Schools between January-March 2011.

Students in grades 4 and 8 are randomly selected to take the assessment.

According to the National Center for Education Statistics website, “Typically, 30 students per grade per subject are selected randomly in each school.”

Students who are selected may be

classified as English language learners, or ELL, or as students with disabilities, or SD.

The final report of the Nation's Report Card states that “Hawaii is the only state to improve in both subjects and at both grade (levels).”

“Hawaii's fourth-and eighth-graders have steadily narrowed the achievement gap with their peers across the nation. In mathematics, our fourth-graders have fully bridged the gap,” said Kathryn Matayoshi, superintendent, Hawaii Department of Education.

However, Matayoshi acknowledges that there is still work to be done.

Patricia Park, complex area superintendent, Central-North Complex, agrees.

SEE SCHOOLS, B-4

70th Anniversary of Pearl Harbor events

The 70th anniversary of Pearl Harbor is an opportunity to explore its legacy through the lenses of American memory. All generations are invited to explore and discover the history of Pearl Harbor.

Below is a listing of special events and activities commemorating the 70th anniversary. Some restrictions apply; visit www.pearlharborevents.com for details.

•Dec. 2-5, varied times, 70th Anniversary Pearl Harbor Attack Symposium, Pearl Harbor Visitor Center. Includes a U.S. Army-Hawaii-sponsored joint service color guard for opening and closing ceremonies.

•Dec. 3, 6:30 p.m., Jukebox Saturday Night: A USO Tribute, Pearl Harbor Visitor Center back lawn.

•Dec. 4, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Kamaaina and Military Day, Pearl Harbor Visitor Center. Includes a USARHAW-sponsored joint service color guard.

•Dec. 5, 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., narrated historic boat tours of Pearl Harbor, Pearl Harbor Visitor Center.

•Dec. 4, 6:30 p.m., sneak preview and special screening of “Tora! Tora! Tora!” on Blu-ray, Pearl Harbor Visitor Center movie theaters.

•Dec 6, 2011, 5 p.m., USS Utah Sunset Ceremony, USS Utah Memorial, Ford Island.

•Dec. 7, 7:55 a.m., Hickam Field 70th remembrance ceremony, base flag pole, Atterbury Memorial Park, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

•Dec. 7, 7:40-9:30 a.m., “The Enduring Legacy,” Pearl Harbor Day 70th anniversary commemoration, Pearl Harbor Visitor Center.

•Dec. 7, 10:30 a.m., USS Oklahoma Memorial Marker ceremony, National Cemetery of the Pacific-Punchbowl.

•Dec.7, 1:30-2:30 p.m., USS Oklahoma Memorial commemoration, Ford Island. Includes a USARHAW-sponsored joint service color guard.

•Dec. 7, from 6-8:30 p.m., Pearl Harbor memorial 70th anniversary parade. Starts at Fort DeRussy, to Kalakaua Avenue., to end at Kapiolani Park. Sponsored by the Pearl Harbor Memorial Committee.

•Dec. 8, 6 p.m., “Under a Jarvis Moon” documentary film showing, Pearl Harbor Visitor Center movie theaters.

Schools: Hawaii gets high marks

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“With the adoption and implementation of the Common Core Standards, emphasis on college and career readiness, and support for more advanced placement, or AP, courses at our military-impacted high schools, parents and students can expect a more rigorous curriculum from our public schools,” she said.

School administrators and teachers have a steadfast commitment to improving the quality of education for all Hawaii public school students.

Recently, Leilehua, Radford, Campbell and Kapolei high schools received grants to expand access to AP math and science courses for military-connected students.

A special celebration was held at Leilehua High School, Nov. 10, to commemorate the expansion of the Initiative of Military Families, or IMF, a nonprofit organization committed to raising math and science achievement in the U.S.

Public schools in Hawaii have already started implementing the Common Core curriculum. Students can expect to take the Common Core Standardized test in school year 2014-2015.

“There will be more project-based learning, performance assessments and more use of technology as a learning tool in the classrooms,” Park said. “It’s important to say that learning will no longer only take place within the four walls (of a classroom) but globally and internationally. In addition, parents will be playing an even greater role in partnering with the schools in their child’s learning.”

Education program resources

- <http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard>.
- <http://hawaiidoereform.org>.
- www.corestandards.org.



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between the ages of 9-14. Register at www.himwr.com.

All events are Dec. 11 at Schofield Barracks:

- 1:45-2:45 p.m.: Meet and greet, Tropics Warrior Zone (must be 18 and older to enter).
- 3-4 p.m.: Youth baseball and dance clinics, Ralston Field.
- 4-5 p.m.: Youth meet and greet, Ralston Field.

Call 656-3329 or 655-0112.

14 / Wednesday
Free Coconut Weaving Workshop – Learn to make bracelets, hats or headbands using coconut palm fronds, 5:30 p.m., Dec. 14, at the AMR Community Center, Building 1788, 182 Kauhini Rd. To register, call 655-9694 or email nhliaison@gmail.com.

Basketball Court Closure – The Martinez Physical Fitness Center, Scofield Barracks, basketball court will be closed Dec. 14-19, so its hardwood floors can be resurfaced. Other areas of the gym will remain open and be available for use. Racquetball courts, weight rooms and the Nautilus room will remain open for use. Call 655-8006.