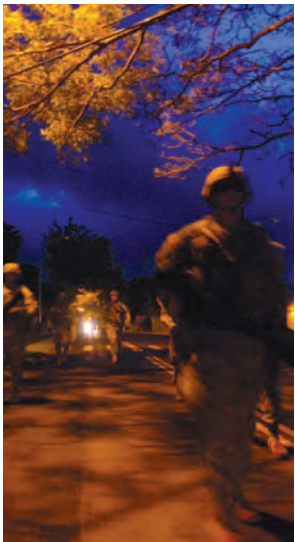


## INSIDE DOH investigates dengue fever cases



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#### U.S. ARMY GARRISON-HAWAII News Release

HONOLULU — The Hawaii State Department of Health, or DOH, is investigating two confirmed cases and two suspected cases of Oahu residents who had become ill with dengue fever, in late February, according to a recent DOH news release.

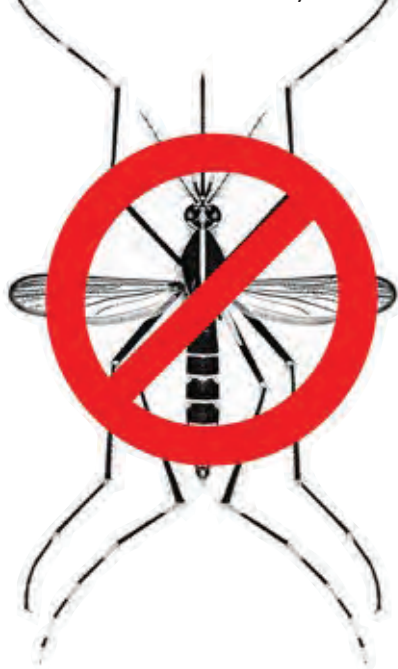
All four adults have recovered and are no longer ill. Based on the ongoing investigation, the four cases appear to be related, and all were infected by mosquitoes near their homes.

Dengue fever is a virus-based disease spread by mosquitoes.

"The (DOH) immediately began precautionary measures by conducting additional testing, surveying and developing a mosquito-control plan for the specific areas where these four individuals were likely infected," said Loretta Fuddy, health director, DOH. "We need the public's help to clean up mosquito breeding areas throughout Oahu, by emptying all standing water and checking gutters and other areas that collect water."

The DOH sent out a medical alert to Oahu physicians,

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Courtesy of Department of Preventive Medicine, Tripler Army Medical Center,

#### Dengue Fever Prevention

The Dept. of Preventive Medicine, TAMC, offers the following information regarding dengue fever.

##### Dengue fever symptoms

Consult your doctor if you have any of the following dengue fever symptoms: high fever, severe headaches, muscle and joint pains, a rash and/or vomiting.

##### Sources of mosquito breeding

Residents are reminded to eliminate breeding grounds for mosquitoes, which include tires, bottles or cans, trash, clogged roof gutters, flower pots, water-containing plants and/or any other item that can hold water.

##### Protect families

Follow the following tips to help protect your loved ones:

- Avoid going outside when mosquitoes are most active, during dawn and dusk hours.
- Cover up with clothing as much as possible.
- Use insect repellents on exposed skin.
- Use mosquito repellents with 20-50 percent DEET.
- For children under age 5, use products with DEET concentrations no greater than 10 percent.
- For children older than 5, use products with DEET concentrations no higher than 15 percent.
- Always read and follow the labels on insect repellants.
- Remember, vitamins, herbal mixtures, ultrasonic devices and bath oils are not effective at repelling mosquitoes. Use only products that are U.S. Environmental Protection Agency-approved.



### Deployed Forces

Spc. Alejandro Perez, Co. B, 27th BSB, 4th BCT, 1st Cavalry Div., raises his hand over his heart to say the Pledge of Allegiance for the first time as an American citizen during a U.S. Forces-Iraq Naturalization ceremony at Al Faw Palace, in Baghdad, recently.

## Warriors take oath, become U.S. citizens while downrange

Story and Photos by  
**SGT. SHAWN MILLER**  
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BAGHDAD — In a time when immigration is a politically polarizing topic across the U.S., American Soldiers, who once swore an oath to defend and protect the country they chose to serve, raised their right hands for an oath of a different nature — further validating their commitment to the nation.

Fifty-three Soldiers, hailing from 32 countries across the globe, took the Oath of U.S. Citizenship to become fully legalized American citizens during a U.S. Forces-Iraq Naturalization ceremony, at Al Faw Palace, here, recently.

Gen. Lloyd Austin III, commanding general, USF-I, presided over the event and welcomed each of the Soldiers into the ranks of their new nation.

"It was not our democratic institution that helped us achieve greatness; it was our immigrants and our national diversity that has made us great," Austin said, explaining America is a country built by immigrants.

Since 2005, USF-I and U.S. Customs and Immigration Services, or CIS, have helped 3,375 U.S. military service members earn citizenship while serving in Iraq, Austin said.

U.S. CIS officials administered the oath to the



Spc. Khoa Dang Pham, Co. C, 27th BSB, 4th BCT, 1st Cav. Div., holds an American flag and his Certificate of Citizenship during a U.S. Forces-Iraq Naturalization ceremony, recently.

newest American citizens, while Austin and his senior enlisted advisor, Command Sgt. Maj. Joseph Allen, greeted the new citizens and presented each of the troopers with an American flag.

"It's always been a dream of mine to join the military," said Spc. Carita Allen, Company C, 225th Brigade Support Battalion, 2nd Bde. Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division.

After she joined the military, Allen realized it

"I am one with the country now."

— **Spc. Kurt Brown**

Infantryman, Co. A,  
1st Bn., 27th Inf. Regt., 2nd BCT, 25th ID

was just as important for her to become a citizen of the country she swore to serve.

Spc. Kurt Brown, infantryman, Co. A, "Wolfhounds," 1st Bn., 27th Inf. Regiment, 2nd BCT, said the military is the best support group for gaining citizenship.

"It was very hard for me in the civilian world," Brown said, of the process that took years and thousands of dollars. "After gaining my citizenship, it seems I am only limited by my determination and my faith. I'm very happy, all my trials and tribulations are paying off right now."

Many of the Soldiers who participated in the ceremony had served in the Army for years prior to receiving their citizenship and did not enjoy the same rights as their comrades. After reciting the U.S. Pledge of Allegiance for the first time as Americans, the new citizens took the opportunity to change that fact.

"I'm going to register to vote," Allen said, of her first task as a new citizen.

"Not too many people have the opportunity to actually get sworn in while in Iraq, fighting for the country you swore an oath to when you joined the military," Brown said. "Now, I'm swearing an oath to the country because I am a citizen. I am one with the country now."

## 'Tropic Lightning' honors commander

U.S. DIVISION-CENTER PUBLIC AFFAIRS  
News Release

BAGHDAD — Feb. 10, 2010, was a somber day for many on Oahu, with the passing of a single man who was an active member in his local community, a supporter of many benefits and charities, and an accomplished military leader, husband, father, brother, general, friend and chief of staff of the Army.

When retired Gen. Frederick Weyand passed, the

impact was felt worldwide.

In remembrance of the legacy he has left behind for today's 25th Infantry Division, "Tropic Lightning," Soldiers, the division's deployed leaders gathered to witness a rededication ceremony at U.S. Division-Center Headquarters, Camp Liberty, Iraq, Friday.

Maj. Gen. Bernard Champoux, commander, 25th

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## WTB pays homage to outgoing commander, welcomes Lt. Col. Garcia

#### TERE BANDY

Tripler Army Medical Center Public Affairs

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Change is one common thing that the Army has a history of enduring.

In the rapidly mobilized life of many Soldiers, leaders come and go. A seamless transition allows the Army mission to keep rolling along.

That's why local military leaders, guests, members of the Warrior Transition Battalion, Tripler Army Medical Center and the Pacific Regional Medical Command gathered, here, March 18, to honor the departure of Lt. Col. David Weisberg, commander, WTB, and welcome Lt. Col. Stanley Garcia.

Weisberg fulfilled his commander roll and duties with great success, which he credits to those he worked with. "The work they do here is truly world class, profession-



Garcia

al and cutting edge," he said. "The best way I can express my absolute admiration and appreciation for my team is to let them know that this is the team I would want for my family or myself if we needed care. This is not only the team I would trust, this is the team I would ask for."

The WTB is a unique composition of multiple components, consisting of active duty, Reserve and National Guard members and Department of the Army civilians.

All members serve "to provide command and control, primary care and case management for warriors in transition; to establish conditions for healing and to promote

the timely return to the force; or to transition to continue serving the nation as a veteran in their community," according to the WTB mission statement.

"Ultimately, when we look back on the footprints that this battalion leaves, they should lie alongside the footprints of the warriors in transition, as we move forward together on a path to greater stability, recovery and healing," Garcia said, to the audience during the ceremony. "I look forward to serving with you all."

Garcia also recognized the current morale of the battalion, congratulating Weisberg for, "a job superbly done."

Weisberg summed up both leaders' mutual opinion about the WTB.

"The WTB is a great organization because you deserve nothing but the best," he said.



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# 185 days since last fatal accident

Number represents fatal accidents as defined by Army Regulation 385-10, which is inclusive of all active component U.S. Army units and personnel. Current as of 3/31/11.



"To teach children that they are loved by their parents and can always confide in them."

**Andy Chun**  
Army contractor

Ask the Garrison Commander!

COL. DOUGLAS MULBURY  
Commander, U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii

The "Ask the Garrison Commander" program is designed as a communication tool to allow Soldiers, civilians and family members to get their community-wide concerns addressed and questions answered.

All submitted questions come directly to me. Directorates and support staff research queries and provide responses.

Several community members have submitted questions to me via recent town halls, at the Ask the Garrison Commander e-mail address, and through the U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii web link at [www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil/comments/contactgc.aspx](http://www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil/comments/contactgc.aspx).

**Q:** *Why are groceries purchased at the commissary by Army Family Child Care providers, for use by military dependent children they are caring for, considered unauthorized purchases?*

*(In contrast,) the Family Child Care office is allowed to make such purchases with a government credit card. ... We providers cannot unless we also have a government credit card, and that is not going to happen. The only alternative we providers have now is to pretend we are buying the groceries for our own families.*

*Can the regulation be amended to allow us to openly purchase groceries for our day care operations and our families at the same time with (split-purchases)?*

**A:** Thank you for bringing this matter to my attention. As a tenant activity, the Commissary is not part of my command, and, as a result, I referred your inquiry to the Defense Commissary Agency for review and comment. Its response follows.

Department of Defense Instruction (DODI) 1330.17 contains a list of individuals, organizations and activities entitled to unlimited commissary privileges, including "official organizations and other resale activities of the U.S. armed forces ... that are operated for uniformed personnel on active duty. Sales to organizations and resale activities of the U.S. armed forces ... will be paid by government credit card."

The Army Family Child Care facility is an official organization entitled to unlimited commissary privileges; however, any purchases for Army

Mulbury addresses commissary use, tennis courts, security and motorcycle classes

Child Care facilities must be made using their government credit card.

DoDI 1330.17 requires that individuals seeking to make a purchase from a commissary shall be positively identified as an authorized patron. As you will be making part of these purchases on behalf of the child care facility, your official individual identification card does not provide the necessary authorization to do so, without using a government credit card issued in the name of that organization to pay for these purchases.

The regulatory provision cited above requires purchases for official organizations or resale activities to be paid for with the organization's government credit card. This method is the only authorized one to ensure that the benefit is protected and to prevent individuals who claim they are making purchases on behalf of an authorized organization are in fact doing so, thus preventing the misuse of the benefit.

I hope this information is helpful, but should you have any further questions or require additional information, please contact the Schofield Barracks Commissary store director at 655-5066.

**Q:** *What happened to the tennis court backboard at Fort Shafter, and will it be replaced? My son and I are avid tennis players and we use this court a lot.*

**A:** Our Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation is actively working to replace this backboard. After considering various options, FMWR decided to purchase a replacement backboard and anticipates having it delivered and installed sometime soon.

Once the purchase request has been processed through the non-appropriated fund contracting system and the contract has been awarded, we will have a more accurate timeline for completion of this work.

**Q:** *Are there any plans to provide 24-hour security to those of us who live on Aliamanu Military Reservation? Is there any reason why Soldiers cannot be used to augment our Military Police and civilian security guards?*

**A:** Since Oct. 1, we have provided guards at AMR gate for approximately 18 hours a day. Unfortunately, current Installation Management Command Headquarters manning guidance and funding does not allow us to provide round-the-clock coverage. The garrison is currently conducting a traffic sur-



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vey of all gates throughout the installation to try and justify the additional manpower required to provide coverage 24 hours a day, but this traffic survey will take a few months to complete.

We also provide full-time police coverage inside AMR with our MPs and Department of Army Police, but we are not able to augment them with Soldiers in light of current threat conditions and the fact they are already fully engaged supporting the Army's operational tempo.

**Q:** *I took the state motorcycle safety course at Leeward Community College in 2006, as my insurance company provides a 15-percent discount for taking the course. I work at Tripler Army Medical Center for the Department of Veterans Affairs and would like to know why the military doesn't accept the state motorcycle safety course.*

*Also, why must I take the military course before I can be issued a post decal, and why isn't the course offered on the weekends?*

**A:** We do accept Leeward Community College's class as it fulfills our Basic Rider Course requirements. Soldiers and DA civilians assigned to U.S. Army-Hawaii facilities are also required to complete a local evaluation of their motorcycle riding skills and abilities using the bike they currently ride.

However, as a VA employee, this requirement does not apply to you. It may be that the TAMC Vehicle Pass Office is interpreting our guidance as being applicable to you, but, as an employee of a tenant activity assigned to another agency, this is incorrect.

I recommend you return to the Vehicle Registration Office with your certificate of course completion to register your bike and obtain your decals.

The safety course is not offered on weekends since it is required by DODI 6055.4 and AR 385-10, and, as such, Soldiers and civilian employees should not have to take the training on their personal time. If you experience any difficulty in registering your bike, please ask the staff at the registration office to call the Directorate of Installation Safety at 655-6746.



Courtesy of Hawaii State Senate

Honoring Mixon

HONOLULU — The Hawaii state Senate recognized Lt. Gen. Benjamin Mixon (center), March 24. Mixon had relinquished his post as commander of U.S. Army-Pacific, earlier that week, and will retire from the Army, May 1st. State Sen. Will Espero (right), and state Sen. Clarence Nishihara (left), presented Mixon, who is flanked by his wife Rhonda, with a Senate certificate, recognizing him for his commitment and leadership as commanding general of USARPAC.

"Mixon's exemplary service to our country and our beloved state of Hawaii is a genuine reflection of his dedication, enthusiasm and commitment to the job," Nishihara said.

Mixon has been the USARPAC commander since 2008, before which, he commanded the 25th Infantry Division for more than two years.

Some of his awards and decorations include the Army Distinguished Service Medal, the Defense Superior Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, and the Bronze Star Medal.

Footsteps in Faith The shepherd watches over us all

CHAPLAIN (CAPT.) RONALDO PASCUA  
Rear Detachment Chaplain, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division



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We all experience change with stressful pre-deployments, deployments, post-deployments, permanent changes of station and many other life experiences.

During all this upheaval, our emotions may change from calm to excitement, anticipation to anger, frustration to disappointment and/or fear.

What is the constant throughout all of life's changes and challenges? The Bible says that it is the Lord. He says, "I do not change." He is the same yesterday, today and forever.

A popular Psalm reminds us that we are not alone; there is someone always with us. Psalm 23 says, "The Lord is my shepherd." This shepherd does not change. He has always watched over his sheep, and he continues to watch over us today.

The job of the shepherd is to protect and provide for the sheep. The shepherd is constantly watching over the sheep to protect them from harm. The shepherd is always leading the sheep to safe places, so they can rest.

Sheep are defenseless creatures. They do not have a built-in defense system like the skunk, porcupine or lion. Sheep are easily irritable and fearful. They are easy prey. Their only hope for survival and their only means of protection, care and success is their shepherd.

When David wrote Psalm 23, he understood because he was once a shepherd himself. He watched over his sheep and protected them from predators like a bear and a lion. He knew that his sheep's exis-

tence depended on him.

Sometimes we sheep go astray and go our own way. We may experience hardship because of our own actions and bad decisions. Our shepherd may not have chosen that situation for us, but we must understand that he allowed it to happen. He could have stopped it, but he didn't.

We must remember that "in all things, God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose," according to Romans 8:28. Also, Genesis 50:20 says he even allows the plans that others intend for evil to accomplish something good.

The Lord, who is our shepherd, loves us and is constantly watching over us. Sometimes, it's hard for us to see that. We question where God is and wonder if he knows what's going on in our lives. Our situation may seem overwhelming, but that is the time we need to remind ourselves, "the Lord is my shepherd."

He knowingly watched that situation come into your life, he knows how much you can take, and he will not allow you to go through anything beyond what you are able handle, according to 1 Corinthians 10:13.

You can make it through any change and any challenge in your life with his help. Just remind yourself, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me," (Philippians 4:13).

Voices of Ohana

April is the Month of the Military Child:  
What piece of parental advice do you still carry with you today?  
Photos by 311th Signal Command Public Affairs



"My mother reminds me to trust in the Lord with all my heart. I tell my Soldiers that mother is God on the lips of all children."

**Master Sgt. Donald Crowder**  
307th Expeditionary Sig. Bn., 516th Sig. Bde., 311th Sig. Command



"Treat others the way you want others to treat you."

**Cpl. Fannie McKinnon**  
311th Sig. Command



"To respect my elders, and that no one's (going to) give you anything. You have to work hard for what you want."

**Capt. Detrick Ousby**  
311th Sig. Command



"Do your best and continue to pursue your goals."

**Spc. Robert Riddell**  
396th Sig. Co., 30th Sig. Bn., 516th Sig. Bde., 311th Sig. Command



# Casey says wars have always been catalyst for Army changes

**JIM GARAMONE**  
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WASHINGTON — In a recent speech at the U.S. Military Academy, Robert Gates, defense secretary, said the Army has changed the most of all the services.

“There’s no catalyst for change like a war,” said Gen. George Casey Jr., Army chief of staff. “We will have done, in seven years, what normally would take us 20 years to do. We’ve done it in the middle of a war, and we are a fundamentally different force and a more versatile and experienced force than we were seven years ago. I’m very pleased with the way that turned out.”

In the height of the U.S. surge into Iraq, Soldiers were deployed for 15-month tours and often spending less than a year at their homes before deploying again. Worries surfaced that departures of mid-level officers and noncommissioned officers would hollow out the service, and that families would weary of the repeated deployments and get their Soldiers to leave the Army.

“We needed to do something immediately to demonstrate to the families that we were going to take a load off,” Casey said.

An immediate move was to hire family readiness advisors and enact the Family Covenant Program, which doubled funding for family readiness programs.

Casey and Gates agreed that Army growth had to be sped up. The service put in place selective retention bonuses for captains and increased the selective re-enlistment bonuses for mid-level NCOs. Plus, follow-on forces are also now fully manned and trained as a unit before deploying.

Dwell time became an important measurement, with the goal of Soldiers spending twice as much time at home as deployed. Casey said



Casey

the differences are visible in the Soldiers themselves.

“I went out with a unit that was home for 18 months,” he said, “and you could see the difference that time at home meant in their faces, and in the preparation they could do.”

The personal costs and effects of combat also pushed Casey.

“I’d seen the effects of combat on folks and what it did to folks, and I recognized that no matter who you are, everyone is affected by combat in one way or another,” he said. “I set out to try to reduce the stigma associated with getting treatment for behavioral health issues.”

Post-traumatic stress and traumatic brain injuries became the signature wounds of the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan. Concurrently, the Army’s suicide rate began rising, so the Army introduced Comprehensive Soldier Fitness to avoid some of the stigma.

“Combat is hard; everyone is affected by it — we’re human beings,” Casey said. “If you’ve got

a problem, get some help. The whole idea was to bring mental fitness up to the same plane as physical fitness. Being a good Soldier is knowing when you need a break and when you need to get some help. That doesn’t mean you’re a wimp.”

All this is having results. Army surveys show that family satisfaction with the service has increased steadily since 2007, and this trend continues upward. The service also has to concentrate on building resilience in Soldiers and their families, Casey said.

Casey also continued the process of changing to a modular brigade combat team system, instead of a division as a basic unit.

“We will have rebalanced 300,000-plus Soldiers out of Cold War skills to those more necessary today,” Casey said. “Together, it’s the largest transformation of the Army since World War II. We changed our doctrine in 2008 and said that full-spectrum operations are offense, defense and stability operations.”

## Pets require preplanning, attention before deployment

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HONOLULU – Are you are preparing to deploy?

So many details must be in order before you leave, and one thing that needs your attention is your pet.

The biggest decision to make is who will care for your pet while you are away. If you have a spouse, the decision is easy and there may be few details to worry about for your pet.

However, if you are a single Soldier, the decision is a bit more difficult. You will want to find a family member or friend who knows your pet and has time and energy to provide the great care your pet needs throughout your deployment.

Once you have found a friend or family member to care for your pet while you are away, you will want to obtain a power of attorney from the Judge Advocate General’s Office that indicates that this person has legal authority to provide for your pet and make decisions regarding your pet. This power of attorney is especially important in case of veterinary emergency.

You will want to be clear with your pet’s caretaker about what your wishes are in an emergency. For example, in case of untimely death, who will be financially responsible?

Veterinary emergencies can become

very expensive, very quickly. You do not want your pet’s caretaker to be unduly stressed about any decisions he or she may need to make in case you are unreachable at that time.

You will want to be sure that your pet’s special needs can be met easily. If your pet eats a special diet, make sure that you start the new caretaker off with a large amount of the food. Provide instructions about where to obtain more.

If your pet requires medication, ensure that you have a large supply on hand. Make sure that you have as much heartworm, flea and tick prevention on hand as possible.

Plan to visit your veterinarian prior to deploying to ensure pets are healthy and up-to-date on all their vaccinations. At that time, you can also let your veterinarian know to expect a new caretaker with your pet for the duration of your deployment.

If you will be sending your pet to the mainland, plan ahead to determine current airline requirements. Most airlines require a health certificate and an acclimation certificate within 10 days of the flight. Both of those can be obtained through a visit to the local military Veterinary Treatment Facility at a greatly reduced cost from off-post clinics.

If your pet will be returning to Hawaii after being on the mainland, ensure that your pet complies with all the current Hawaii state regulations available at [hawaii.gov/hdoa/ai/aqs](http://hawaii.gov/hdoa/ai/aqs). Your veterinarian can help you wade through the details that ensure Hawaii remains rabies-free, but in the end, it’s the owner’s responsibility to ensure that all Hawaii state and airline requirements are met prior to travel.

Finally, to make your pet’s transition to a new environment as stress-free as possible, slowly acclimate your pet to any new conditions. For example, if your pet will spend more time in a crate, turn the crate into a happy place with attention, food and toys. If your pet will be meeting new animals of different species, familiarize your pet with animals of that species now.

Do everything you can to ease your pet’s transition and reduce stress. You will be happier knowing that your favorite furry friend is safe and happy while you are away.



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Pet owners should visit a veterinarian prior to their deployment.



Sgt. Thomas Cook (left), combat medic, MTT, 2nd Bn., 11th FA Regt., 2nd BCT, 25th ID, provides current medical training to Iraqi soldiers, in between firing iterations, as part of training at the Field Engineer Regiment Compound, March 19.

## 2nd BCT’s MTT tailors training to support IA

Story and Photo by  
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CONTINGENCY OPERATING BASE SPEICHER, Iraq — Shots from multiple AK-47 assault rifles snapped in the dirt, echoing amidst the Field Engineer Regiment Compound, here, as Soldiers in the Mobile Training Team, 2nd Battalion, 11th Field Artillery Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, conducted weapons familiarization and qualification training, March 19.

MTT Soldiers led the training, ran range safety and taught basic rifle marksmanship to Iraqi Army soldiers at the compound range near Tikrit.

“We’re here to train the trainer,” said Staff Sgt. Jimmy Hernandez, training instructor, MIT, 2nd Bn., 11th FA Regt., 2nd BCT. “This training will make the IA better, furthering their skills, so they can accomplish the mission effectively.”

“We teach them proper procedures to gather military intelligence, to execute (intelligence) missions and prepare them to be aware of threats to Iraq,” Hernandez said.

MTT Soldiers visited with IA units

operating in Salad ad Din province, providing 10 to 15 days of training tailored to each unit’s specific mission, in support of Operation New Dawn.

Hernandez said he saw progress in MTT trained units.

“This training positively changes each aspect of how missions are conducted,” Hernandez said. “It allows for the Iraqi soldiers to better fulfill their mission and provide security for themselves.”

The MTT operated an ongoing, Iraqi-directed, all-inclusive-training initiative to modernize IA ground forces, independently, said Maj. Jared Rudacille, chief, MTT, 2nd Bn., 11th FA Regt., 2nd BCT.

“The training is very adaptive and differs from (unit to unit),” Rudacille said. “We taught (IA units) human intelligence procedures, as well as tactical and close reconnaissance.”

MTT instruction reinforced individual and collective training, Rudacille explained. The Iraqi soldiers learned quickly, incorporating their own unit tactics, techniques and procedures into the training exercises.

After the classroom portion of the training, MTT Soldiers moved IA units

to the range for basic rifle marksmanship and range operations, which built a foundation for self-sustaining training. Iraqi officers and noncommissioned officers fired first, and then acted as safeties for their soldiers, ensuring the Iraqi shooters performed to the U.S. Soldier’s standards and techniques.

In between firing iterations, U.S. Soldiers provided hip pocket first aid training to Iraqis, teaching lifesaving techniques to soldiers awaiting their turn on the firing line, said Sgt. Thomas Cook, combat medic, MTT, 2nd Bn., 11th FA Regt., 2nd BCT.

“We went over basic skills ... like how to put on a tourniquet, dress a sucking chest wound, apply pressure dressings and splint fractures,” Cook said.

Another positive outcome of the training was seeing Iraqi NCOs having a larger part in leading the training, Rudacille said.

“The officers led the training, at first, and the NCOs followed, but after the first group of firers, (the officers) stepped back and let the NCOs have a greater hand in the training, and eventually, they were running the lane, just like we would,” he said.

## 2-14th cavalry troops prepare, train for brigade-level ‘Best Squad’ competition in Iraq

Competition breeds excellence and pride

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CONTINGENCY OPERATING BASE COBRA, Iraq — Staff Sgt. Terry Gilmore, 2nd Squadron, 14th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, loaded a magazine into his M4 carbine, signaled the rest of his section and began firing.

Organizing through the clamor of battle, Gilmore coordinated the actions of his team, as they advanced upon the objective.

“Cease fire, lock and clear,” the range safety shouted.

At the end of the live-fire exercise, the squad members anxiously turned their gazes toward their targets, eager to hear the score.

The 2nd Sqdn., 14th Cav. Regt., 2nd BCT, hosted a three-day, “Best Squad” competition, here, recently, to demonstrate warrior skills and build esprit de corps in preparation for the brigade-level event scheduled



Courtesy Photo

Staff Sgt. Terry Gilmore and Staff Sgt. Joel Hamilton, both cavalry scouts, Troop A, 2nd Sqdn., 14th Cav. Regt., 2nd BCT, 25th ID, engage targets during the live-fire portion of the unit’s “Best Squad” competition.

this month.

The four participating teams began with Army physical fitness,

history, reflexive fire and, finally, a squad live-fire exercise.

Soldiers in “Comanche,” Troop C, 2nd Sqdn., 14th Cav. Regt., 2nd BCT, narrowly defeated Soldiers in “Bounty Hunter,” Troop B, 2nd Sqdn., 14th Cav. Regt., 2nd BCT, by 10 points, winning the title of Best Squad, here.

Even before planning for the competition, squads trained extensively, as part of their daily routine to maintain focus on their mission and combat readiness.

“Ever since day one in Iraq, we’ve kept very busy with training,” explained Staff Sgt. Christopher Mason, cavalry scout and squad leader, Troop C, 2nd Sqdn., 14th Cav. Regt., 2nd BCT. “When the squad competition came up, I thought it would be a good motivator for my Soldiers ... (to) prove to them that all the work they put in will pay off.”

Existing rivalries between individuals helped drive the already strong tradition of excellence and pride that is instilled in Soldiers well before the competition. When the opportunity for a squadron-wide competition appeared, Soldiers were excited to prove

their skills as a team.

“We put into effect what we learned because all we do is train,” said Spc. Zachary Kumler, cavalry scout, Troop C, 2nd Sqdn., 14th Cav. Regt., 2nd BCT. “We go back to our rooms; we train. We go to the checkpoint; we train. And we study for the board.”

Kumler said Soldiers viewed the competition as an opportunity to prove their skills are sharp and their training is relevant, while others, who did not directly participate, were proud to have contributed to their squad’s success.

“The competition reminds me of the early 1990 U.S. Army-Europe Cavalry Cup competitions and the great team-building that these competitors instilled in, not only the platoon, but with all the competitors,” said Sgt. Maj. Edward Dunn, squadron operations sergeant major, 2nd Sqdn., 14th Cav. Regt., 2nd BCT. “Mason reminds me of my own mentor. (He is) always ready with materials for hip pocket training. There is always room for improvement, and you do (improve) by realistic training, every-day.”



# Team-Hawaii brings heat during culinary arts competition

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WHEELER ARMY AIRFIELD — The U.S. Army-Hawaii Culinary Arts Team turned up the heat to win a total of 34 medals during the 36th Annual Culinary Arts Competition, Feb. 26-Mar. 11, at Fort Lee, Va.

During two weeks of competing against more than 250 service members, the joint team took home four gold, 18 silver and 12 bronze medals in various culinary categories.

Team members, consisting of Soldiers from the 8th Theater Sustainment Command and 25th Combat Aviation Brigade, 25th Infantry Division — as well as Leathernecks from Marine Corps Base Hawaii — gained firsthand experience on what it takes to bring home the gold.

Spc. Oscar Alvarado, Headquarters Support Company, 209th Aviation Support Battalion, 25th CAB, 25th ID, received a gold medal in the “Junior Chef of the Year” category; Spc. Thomas Richberg, 58th Military Police Co., 728th MP Bn., 8th MP Bde., 8th TSC, captured a gold medal for “Best in Class for Contemporary Pastry;” and Marine Gunnery Sgt. William Allison, food service specialist and team trainer for Team-Hawaii, of MCBH; as well as Spc. Omar Wilson, 25th Transportation Co., 524th Combat Service Support Bn., 45th Sust. Bde., 8th TSC, each earned a gold medal for their respective cold-food static displays.

“Overall, the team exceeded my expectations competing in a competition as big as the Annual Culinary Arts Competition,” said Master Sgt. Antonio Boies, senior advisor and coordinator for the USARHAW Culinary Arts Team, 8th TSC. “Just to place says a lot. The team, overall, did exceptionally well.”

The USARHAW Culinary Arts Team stood in the top five of the 22 installations that competed, according to Boies. Contributions from first-time competitors helped fuel Team-Hawaii’s strong standing, as some of the rookies even won silver or bronze medals.

“I have won awards before, but to be in the military (and) for my peers to see and recognize it, made me feel good,” Wilson said.

Wilson is a graduate of the Culinary Institute of America and worked his way up to the executive chef level with nine years of experience in the civilian sector. He and some of the other more experienced apprentices coached their teammates throughout the competition.

“I didn’t act as though I knew everything,” Wilson said. “I was there if they needed to ask me questions. I taught my team members what I knew, and I learned things from them as well. We taught each other.”

The competition was open to active duty members of all branches of the service, Department of Defense civilians, and Reserve and National Guard food service professionals. The contest served as a tool to select members for the 2011 U.S. Army Culinary Arts Team. Although no Soldiers from Team-Hawaii were chosen, the team is heading in the right direction, Wilson said.

“I believe the team was able to learn from the experience, and going in next year, I think that we will definitely have an advantage,” Wilson added.

According to Boies, Team-Hawaii is already eyeing next year’s competition. Soldiers will continue to prepare, practice and visit with different local chefs one day each week.

The culinary program is sanctioned by the American Culinary Federation and managed by the Combined Arms Support Command’s Quartermaster School.



Courtesy Photo

Spc. Omar Wilson, Team-Hawaii, 25th Trans. Co., 524th CSSB, 45th Sust. Bde., 8th TSC, participated in the “Armed Forces Chef of the Year” category, recently, during the 36th Annual Culinary Arts Competition at Fort Lee, Va.

## USARHAW Culinary Arts Team Medal Winners

### Gold Medals

- Marine Gunnery Sgt. William Allison, team trainer for Team-Hawaii, of MCBH: Cold Food and was also selected for 2011 U.S. Army Culinary Arts Team
- Spc. Oscar Alvarado Jr., HSC, 209th ASB, 25th CAB, 25th ID: Junior Chef of the Year
- Spc. Thomas Richberg, 58th MP Co., 728th MP Bn., 8th MP Bde., 8th TSC: Best in Class-Hot Pastry
- Spc. Omar Wilson, 25th Trans. Co., 524th CSSB, 45th Sust. Bde., 8th TSC: Cold Food

### Silver Medals

- Marine Gunnery Sgt. William Allison, team trainer for Team-Hawaii, of MCBH: Wild Game
- Spc. Oscar Alvarado, HSC, 209th ASB, 25th CAB: Five-Course Menu
- Marine Lance Cpl. Blanquivett Cuz, of MCBH: Student Team Skills
- Sgt. Frank Chavez, Troop E., 2nd Bn., 6th Cavalry Regiment, 25th CAB: Cold Food
- Spc. Antawn Dansbury, Co. E, 2nd Bn., 25th Avn. Regt., 25th CAB: Seafood, Chicken, Nutritional Challenge; Student Team Skills; and Cold Food
- Pfc. Aaron Finley, Co. E, 2nd Bn.. 25th Avn. Regt., 25th CAB: Five-Course Menu

- Spc. Marion Jackson Jr., 45th Sust. Bde.: Hot Pastry
- Spc. Kathy Nguyen, Co. E, 3rd Bn., 25th Avn. Regt., 25th CAB: Hot Pastry and Student Team Skills
- Spc. Omar Wilson, 25th Trans. Co., 524th CSSB, 45th Sust. Bde.: Senior Chef of the Year for Nutritional Challenge and Student Team Skills
- Sgt. Robert Woodring III, 65th Eng. Bn., 130th Eng. Bde., 8th TSC: Hot Pastry

### Bronze Medals

- Marine Gunnery Sgt. William Allison, team trainer for Team-Hawaii, of MCBH: Field Competition
- Sgt. Frank Chavez, Troop E., 2nd Bn., 6th Cav. Regt., 25th CAB: Hot Pastry and Field Competition
- Marine Lance Cpl. Blanquivett Cuz, of MCBH: Poultry
- Spc. Antawn Dansbury, Co. E, 2nd Bn., 25th Avn. Regt., 25th CAB: Field Competition
- Sgt. 1st Class Rolander Durr, 65th Eng. Bn., 130th Eng. Bde.: Bone in Pork
- Pfc. Aaron Finley, Co. E, 2nd Bn., 25th Avn. Regt., 25th CAB: Hot Pastry
- Spc. Thomas Richberg, 58th MP Co., 728th MP Bn., 8th MP Bde.: Cold Pastry and Field Competition
- Pfc. Shanique Suarez, Co. E, 3rd Bn., 25th Avn. Regt., 25th CAB: Hot Pastry and Cold Pastry
- Spc. Omar Wilson, 25th Trans. Co., 524th CSSB, 45th Sust. Bde.: Field Competition

# Engineers complete 1.04 miles of road along U.S.-Mexico border

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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Members of 2nd Platoon, 523rd Engineer Company (Horizontal), 84th Eng. Battalion, 130th Eng. Brigade, 8th Theater Sustainment Command, returned to Hawaii, recently, from a 45-day road construction mission outside Columbus, N.M.

The platoon and support elements constructed portions of a road along the U.S.-Mexico border in coordination with Joint Task Force-North Engineer Division.

U.S. Border Patrol agents will use the road to maintain a presence near the border to interdict transnational threats, such as terrorism and narcotics trafficking.

The mission is part of a larger ongoing project to improve more than four miles of road along the border. Engineers with the 561st Eng. Co., 84th Eng. Bn., 130th Eng. Bde., are also working on other phases of the project. The road is scheduled to be complete this summer.

This project, executing real-world engineer operations in an austere environment, allowed Soldiers to train and develop leadership skills, while increasing proficiency in their military occupational skills.

Long working hours gave Soldiers an opportunity to train on a number of different types of equipment, such as bucket loaders, bulldozers, graders, excavators and scrapers.

Soldiers constructed 1.04 miles of road, including sections with slopes exceeding 15 percent. They installed five culverts and four low-water crossings that stretched more than 1,600 feet, using

more than 200 mats of concrete block measuring 8 feet by 20 feet.

“The soil out here is extremely rocky, so just getting down to a workable subbase was challenging,” said Pfc. John Boyd, heavy equipment operator, 523rd Eng. Co., 84th Eng. Bn., 130th Eng. Bde.

It took more than 20 days for the crew of six to place the mats using a specially fitted excavator.

“I was glad to see the last mat go in, but now I feel I could ground-guide a hydraulic excavator to pick a handful of change off the ground,” said Pfc. Caleb Hill, heavy equipment operator, 523rd Eng. Co., 84th Eng. Bn., 130th Eng. Bde.

Life during the mission offered a sharp contrast to the tropical environment Soldiers were used to in their home base in Hawaii. Not only did they face dusty, windy and dry desert conditions, but they also experienced what is considered New Mexico’s worst cold-weather spell in more than 60 years.

Snow blanketed the construction site, freezing all water resources and bringing construction to a halt.

On the other hand, the local community helped ease the chill with a warm reception. A local family of farmers provided Soldiers with hot, home-cooked food twice a day.

“We looked forward to dinner every night; chow was guaranteed (to be) great,” said Sgt. Jeremy Lanning, squad leader, 523rd Eng. Co., 84th Eng. Bn., 130th Eng. Bde.



Working in snowy, cold conditions, Spc. Daulton Ray (top left), Spc. Craig Davidson (center), and Pvt. Aaron Sanders, all heavy equipment operators, 523rd Eng. Co., 84th Eng. Bn., 130th Eng. Bde., 8th TSC, unload concrete mats used to create low-water crossings during road construction on the U.S.-Mexico border, recently.



# 65th Eng. Bn.’s training takes flight aboard Black Hawks

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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Soldiers of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 65th Engineer Battalion, 130th Eng. Brigade, 8th Theater Sustainment Command, drew weapons at “zero-dark-thirty,” inspected their equipment and set off on a road march, here, March 17.

Even with wet and soggy conditions, HHC Soldiers moved with purpose and arrived at Area X-ray to catch a not-so-typical ride, helicopters, for “Sergeant’s Time Training.”

HHC set up a perimeter, established the landing zone and listened for two Black Hawk helicopters that would carry them to their final training destination.

“Flying in a Black Hawk gave it that real-world experience,” said Spc. Joshua Caddel, HHC, 65th Eng. Bn., 130th Eng. Bde.

The company’s executive officer and operations sergeant spent two months, from the initial concept to execution, planning for the event.

They worked together to plan HHC’s training, which included submitting an air movement request and securing the training area and landing zone.

“We coordinated with 3rd Bn., 25th Aviation Regt., 25th Combat Avn. Bde.,

25th Infantry Division, to see if the aviation assets were available, figure out what the prerequisites were and see if they could be arranged,” said Sgt. 1st Class Justin Pierce, HHC, 65th Eng. Bn., 130th Eng. Bde. “We utilized the Black Hawks in a combat training situation.”

Prior to the exercise, HHC Soldiers trained on the tarmac, organizing themselves into chalks and executing cold drills.

The 3rd Bn., 25th Avn. Regt., 25th CAB, supported the training and emphasized safety and the proper ways to mount and dismount a Black Hawk.

Although the use of helicopters added a unique element, the overall goal was to provide realistic training, said Capt. Michael Campbell, executive officer, HHC, 65th Eng. Bn., 130th Eng. Bde.

“Simulating real-world infiltrations (that are necessities) in Afghanistan and Iraq is why it’s important for Soldiers to go out on Black Hawks and be out the field,” Campbell said.

Once the company hit the ground, Soldiers worked on basic combat skills, navigating from one point to another, while focusing on basic dismounted marksmanship and movement techniques.

“It’s important for Soldiers to review basic Soldiering skills that are perishable if not continuously used,” Caddel said.



Spc. Joshua Caddel (center), HHC, 65th Eng. Bn., 130th Eng. Bde., 8th TSC, clears his weapon during “Sergeant’s Time Training,” March 17, at East Range, Schofield Barracks.

# 84th Engineers induct newest group of NCOs into NCO Corps

**SGT. 1ST CLASS STEVE SMITH**  
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8th Theater Sustainment Command

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — “Lighting illuminated the sky and thunder echoed, as a voice cried out, ‘Train me, sergeant, so that one day, I too, can be called sergeant.’”

Those words marked the occasion as Command Sgt. Maj. Raymond Theard, senior enlisted leader, 84th Engineer Battalion, 130th Eng. Brigade, 8th Theater Sustainment Command, and Sgt. Maj. Steven Murphy, support operations, 45th Sust. Bde., 8th TSC, officially inducted 27 Soldiers into the Non-commissioned Officers Corps, during a ceremony, here, recently.

“You have demonstrated, by your success, here, that you are winners,” Murphy said, as the ceremony’s guest speaker. “You are living testimonies of why the NCO Corps is so successful.”

Induction into the NCO Corps signals a Soldier’s transformation into a leader. NCOs are charged with accomplishing the mission, and they are responsible for the care, welfare and training — both technical and physical — of junior Soldiers.

“We have the power as leaders to influence the values and beliefs of others to accomplish the mission,” Murphy said. “History has proven that Soldiers will follow good leaders in tough situations.”

The NCO Corps responsibility is not one that is taken lightly by newly-minted NCOs, like Sgt. Sherwin Bulaon,



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Command Sgt. Maj. Raymond Theard (left), senior enlisted leader, 84th Eng. Bn., 130th Eng. Bde., 8th TSC, and Sgt. Maj. Steven Murphy, support operations, 45th Sust. Bde., 8th TSC, watch as Sgt. Travis Thorpe, water treatment specialist, Forward Support Co., 84th Eng. Bn., 130th Eng. Bde., passes beneath the archway of a 10-foot engineer castle display in front of the 84th Eng. Bn.’s headquarters, recently.

combat engineer, 84th Eng. Bn., 130th Eng. Bde.

“Being an NCO, you have to uphold the standard, even if you have a Soldier that is older than you,” Bulaon explained. “They could have a family; they could be struggling in different areas. How am I going to react when I have to recommend that Soldier for a punishment? You have to think of the Soldier’s welfare, but at the same time, balance it with being fair as well.”

In the past, Bulaon added, if a situation was hard, he could go to his senior NCO mentors who had the experience and advice.

“I am the NCO now that has to make the decision,” he said.

An induction ceremony is a tradition, with various elements, that herald the qualities of the NCO Corps.

Signifying their transformation into leaders, 84th Eng. Bn. inductees passed through an archway depicting a replica of a 10-foot engineer castle display,

as their NCO sponsors introduced them.

Theard presented each newly inducted NCO with a copy of the NCO Creed, the Charge of the NCO and the NCO Training Guide Field Manual.

Theard, Murphy and Sgt. Rodney Wade ended the ceremony by cutting a ceremonial cake. Wade is a construction equipment supervisor with the 523rd Eng. Company, 84th Eng. Bn., 130th Eng. Bde., and the youngest NCO to be inducted.

- 84th Eng. Bn. NCO Corps Inductees**
  - Forward Support Co.**  
Sgt. Durien Berger  
Sgt. Renee Outlaw  
Sgt. Travis Thorpe
  - Headquarters and Headquarters Co.**  
Sgt. Sherwin Bulaon  
Sgt. Wanita Caleb  
Sgt. Raymond Castrospinoso  
Sgt. Adrian Doerfer  
Sgt. Todd Turner
  - 26th Concrete Detachment**  
Sgt. Jose Vazquez Osorio
  - 561st Eng. Co.**  
Sgt. Jacob Goodman  
Sgt. Frank Smith
  - 523rd Eng. Co.**  
Sgt. Fritz Chevalier  
Sgt. Shawn Hershey  
Sgt. Justin Mazzullo  
Sgt. Kristina McKinley  
Sgt. Rodney Wade
  - 643rd Eng. Co.**  
Sgt. Corey Abbott  
Sgt. Norbert Apatang  
Sgt. Cody Benson  
Sgt. Cale Bixler  
Sgt. Anthony Bledsoe  
Sgt. Jesse Domenech  
Sgt. Theresa Falaniko  
Sgt. Robert Haley  
Sgt. Oscar Lopez Sanabria  
Sgt. Giovanni Riosluciano  
Sgt. Charles Worley



# News Briefs

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## Today

**AER Loans** — Army evacuees from Japan can apply for an Army Emergency Relief, or AER, loan of \$2,500 per family member, interest free for 120 days. AER representatives will be available at designated arrival airports in the continental U.S. Evacuees only need to ask for the financial assistance to qualify. Army family members who have evacuated by arranging transportation on their own can request this amount from any U.S. military base AER office or other service aid society. Also, evacuees can go to their local American Red Cross to process loan applications. Individuals relocated outside the continental U.S. and not near a U.S. military installation, including the Philippines, Japan and South Korea, can call AER at (866) 878-6378.

**Demolition** — Demolition of Stoneman Softball Field, Gimlet Field and Stoneman Stadium at Schofield Barracks is scheduled to start April 1 to make way for a new athletic complex that will include three softball fields, a running track and a football/soccer field. The new facilities should be complete September 2012. Call 655-9654.

## 11 / Monday

**West Point** — Single Soldiers interested in learning more about the U.S. Military Academy can meet with an admissions officer, 1-3 p.m., April 11, Sgt. Yano Library, Schofield Barracks. Soldiers must be a U.S. citizen, not have any dependents, and not yet have turned 23 upon admission. West Point provides a four-year college degree, room and board, and a commission as an Army second lieutenant. Call 218-1408 or email cgayagas@firstcanoe.com.

# Ongoing

**Lyman Road Construction** — A sewer upgrade that will take place along Lyman Road, Schofield Barracks, is tentatively starting in late April; completion is projected for May 2012. Traffic control areas will either have lanes open to traffic during construction nonwork hours, may be closed with detours or diverted to a single lane.

Motorists are urged to take appropriate steps to limit traffic during these periods and use caution. Inclement weather may cause some delays. Call 656-3295.

Get the latest U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii traffic updates at [www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil](http://www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil); click on "Post Information," then "Traffic Updates."

**USAG-Oahu** — U.S. Army Garrison-Oahu will be disestablished no later than June 30. Colors will be cased in a ceremony, 11 a.m., May 24, at the gazebo on Palm Circle, Fort Shafter. Note the date change; this ceremony was originally scheduled a week prior.

The USAG-Oahu headquarters located at Building 344 on Fort Shafter will remain operational through May 24 to finalize residual actions associated with its disestablishment. Visit [www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil](http://www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil).

**Education Study** — Parents or youth between 10-18 years of age are eligible to fill out the Military Child in Hawaii Study. Youth who complete the survey are eligible to win iTunes gift cards, MP3 players and a flat-screen TV. The study is located at [www.hawaiiikids.org](http://www.hawaiiikids.org). The study examines attitudes of military families in Hawaii regarding educating their children in public, private or home-schools.

**Resiliency Training** — Families Overcoming Under Stress, or FOCUS, offers resiliency training for Army families. During individual family sessions, families will learn skills to improve communication and identify strategies for dealing with deployment reminders. Training services are free of charge to all military; confidential sessions are available during family-friendly hours. Call 257-7774 or email [hawaii@focusproject.org](mailto:hawaii@focusproject.org).

**AER Annual Campaign** — The Army Emergency Relief annual campaign is underway now through May 15. Voluntary contributions allow AER to fulfill its mission of helping Soldiers in times of distress and misfortune. Call 655-7132.

**"Train as you Ride"** — This event is for active duty military only, April 19-20, on the aircraft ramp at Kalaeloa (Barbers Point). This four-hour "Advanced Motorcycle Course" emphasizes curve technique at speeds similar to roadway conditions using curriculum from

the California Superbike School. Enroll at <https://airs.lmi.org>. Select Pacific, Hawaii and Advanced Motorcycle Course. Call 655-6746 or email [william.n.maxwell@us.army.mil](mailto:william.n.maxwell@us.army.mil).

**94th Seminar** — The 94th Army Air and Missile Defense Command will host its first Joint Air Missile Defense Tactics Seminar, April 18-21, in Honolulu. The 2011 seminar is a U.S.-only event and is aimed at working tactical and operational issues critical to the joint air missile defense community. Contact Lt. Col. Michael Stuart at 438-2893 or DSN 438-2893. Visit [www.usarpac.army.mil/94AAMDC/](http://www.usarpac.army.mil/94AAMDC/) for a link to the seminar website.

**Tax Center** — The Schofield Barracks and Fort Shafter tax centers are open to all ranks, family members and retirees for free assistance in organizing and completing 2010 income tax forms.

- Service at the SB Tax Center is on a walk-in basis, 7 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Friday, Building 648.

- Service at the Fort Shafter Tax Center, located in the Aloha Center, is by appointment only; hours are 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Monday-Friday. Soldiers, family members and retirees can schedule their appointments at 655-1040.

For an update on wait times, search for "Hawaii Army Tax Centers" on [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com).

**Tax Deadline** — Taxpayers have until April 18 to file their 2010 tax returns and pay any taxes due because Emancipation Day, a holiday observed in the District of Columbia, is April 15. District of Columbia holidays impact Internal Revenue Service tax deadlines in the same way that federal holidays do. Therefore, all taxpayers will have an three extra days to file, this year.

Taxpayers requesting an extension will have until Oct. 17 to file their 2010 tax returns.

Visit [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov), call (800) 829-1040 or visit a taxpayer assistance center.

**Deployment Support** — The Deployment Support Social Work Care Management Program at Tripler Army Medical Center can help Soldiers and their families decrease their difficulties before, during and after deployments. Services include counseling (individual, couple and family), linkage to relevant resources and crisis intervention. Call 433-8273.



The 84th Eng. Bn., 130th Eng. Bde., 8th TSC, held a blood drive, March 21-22, for TAMC's ASBP. Among all military services in Hawaii, the battalion was the second overall unit donor for 2010.

# 84th Eng. Bn. is 'Never Daunted' when it comes to giving blood

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8th Theater Sustainment Command

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Soldiers and family members from the 84th Engineer Battalion, "Never Daunted," 130th Eng. Brigade, 8th Theater Sustainment Command, lived up to the name when it came to supporting Tripler Army Medical Center's Armed Services Blood Program.

The Never Daunted Bn. donated 160 pints of blood during a blood drive, here, March 21-22.

Every week, TAMC ASBP holds drives to meet the ongoing demand of 150 pints of blood. Each drive provides necessary blood that is sometimes shipped to areas such as Afghanistan and Iraq.

The Never Daunted Bn. showed its support and donated almost 34 gallons of blood during the two-day drive.

In the event that TAMC can't reach the demand of 150 pints, the military is forced to purchase blood from outside agencies. The battalion's drive allowed ASBP to reach its capacity for the week.

Spc. Elisa Scotton, water treatment specialist, Forward Support Company, 84th Eng. Bn., 130th Eng. Bde., said the battalion has consistently provided blood donations to ASBP.

"I like that we have (a blood drive) every few months," she said. "It allows us to build up supply, and (it) makes giving easier when they can come to where we work."

Individuals can give up to approximately 1.5 pints of blood every eight weeks. Blood can

only be stored for 30 days, so it is necessary to get large amounts of blood continuously to keep the supply fresh.

"The 84th Eng. Bn. is a huge donor," said 1st Lt. Mark Preston, officer in charge, TAMC ASBP. "(The battalion) was the second (place) top unit donor on the island, last year."

Preston said the 3rd Marine Regiment, Marine Corps Base Hawaii, led the list of all Hawaii-based military donors, last year.

Contributing to the blood donation program is an individual choice that supports unit pride. For Pvt. David Delapaz, petroleum laboratory specialist, FSC, 84th Eng. Bn., 130th Eng. Bde., this blood drive was his first with the 84th Eng. Bn., but not his first time donating.

"Giving blood is just a way to help out my fellow man," Delapaz said. "Anything I can do to help out, I am there."

## Blood Drives

While the Blood Donor Center welcomes all blood types, there is a special need for O-negative donors. For more information, call 433-6148. To donate, visit Room 2A207, 2nd Floor, Oceanside, TAMC, or drop by an upcoming blood drive:

- April 6, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Tropics, Schofield Barracks.

- April 7, 8 a.m.-noon, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Headquarters, Building 230, Fort Shafter.



# Deadline approaches for filing 2010 taxes

**CAPT. HARRY PARENT**  
Hawaii Army Tax Centers

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Already this year, our Hawaii Army Tax Centers have processed more than \$2 million worth of refunds and saved the military community more than \$500,000 in filing fees. This year, taxpayers have until April 18 to file their 2010 tax returns and pay any taxes due because Emancipation Day, a holiday observed in the District of Columbia, is April 15. Taxpayers requesting an extension will have until Oct. 17 to file their 2010 tax returns. Visit [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov), call (800) 829-1040 or visit a taxpayer assistance center. Our local tax centers field three questions more than any other: “How do I determine my state of residence/domicile?,” “Does my state tax military pay?” and “Does my spouse automatically have the same domicile as me?”

**What is a domicile, and what is your domicile?** Soldiers fill out a DD Form 2058, State of Legal Residence Certificate, to indicate which state should withhold income taxes when they process through finance. Determining domicile is a combination of a physical presence in a state and the intent to permanently reside there.

A variety of indicators determine whether Soldiers should be claiming a particular state as their domicile, including where they were born, where they are registered to vote, their oral or written intent to claim a state as domicile, their physical presence in the state, their immediate family’s state of residence, where they pay income and personal property taxes, and where they own land, houses or other property.

Soldiers do not lose their state of legal residence solely because they physically leave the state for military orders. They also do not gain residence in a new state solely because they are physically present in that new state on orders.

Soldiers are cautioned to consider the impacts of falsely claiming a state as their state of domicile. If Soldiers claim a state without having been physically present in the state and having the intent to permanently reside in that state, they could face fines, penalties, and civil or criminal charges.

Soldiers also should consider other impacts that changing their residence will have, including registering vehicles, registering to vote, the ability to gain in-state tuition rates at colleges and the amount they will pay in income taxes to their old state of domicile versus what they would pay to the new state of domicile.

**State taxes on military pay?**

States tax income differently, particularly for members of the military. Hawaii has a high state tax rate, at 11 percent for a married couple making more than \$400,000. But that high bracket will not affect many military personnel, and their tax rates in Hawaii could be lower than in other states.

**What about my spouse?**

Service members’ spouses may claim the service member’s state of domicile, if they are also a resident of that state at the time the service member leaves the state pursuant to military orders. For example, if they are both Texas residents when the Soldier receives orders and does a permanent change of station move to Hawaii, both can continue to claim Texas. However, if the Soldier is single when leaving Texas, meets a civilian that is a Hawaii resident and they get married, the spouse cannot claim Texas.

Tax Centers at Schofield Barracks and Fort Shafter are open Monday–Friday, through April 29th. Call 655-1040 to make an appointment at Fort Shafter. Walk in for help any time between 7 a.m.–4 p.m., at Schofield Barracks. Search “Hawaii Army Tax Centers” at [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) for more information or tips.

# 25th ID: Division remembers Gen. Weyand

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ID, encouraged those in attendance to reflect on the contributions and sacrifices heroes, such as Weyand, have made to the U.S. Army and our nation.

“Forty-four years since he commanded the 25th (ID), and his leadership is still an inspiration to those of us serving with the division,” said Col. Bjarne Iverson, chief of staff, 25th ID.

Following his 36-year military career, Weyand volunteered in his local community organizations like the Boy Scouts of America and the Honolulu Rotary Club. Weyand’s character and pride in the military inspired admiration for many of the people who met him.

“Weyand and (the 25th ID) fought an enemy on a battlefield that included more than just land features; the people of Vietnam were also part of the terrain being contested,” said Adam Elia, division historian. “He initiated programs to help civilians within the division’s area, while conducting operations to secure the population and go after the enemy. He understood the importance of knowing the people in his area and making sure they were secure.”

Like Weyand’s leadership, through a campaign of partnership, rebuilding and humanitarian efforts in Vietnam, the nation has called upon the 25th ID to take on a similar campaign in Iraq today.

“He oversaw the drawdown of American troops from the country, while continuing to advise, train and assist local forces,” Elia said. “His experiences and lessons learned directly influenced the way we approach these operations today.”

It was because of his wisdom, leadership and vision that the Army has prospered and become the dominant force it is today, according to Iverson.

“He was an architect who helped to design today’s Army,” Iverson said. “He had a vision for the Army, and he planted those seeds to help grow the greatest Army in the world today.”

Champoux believes Weyand deserved the rededication ceremony due to his accomplishments and leadership that built a strong foundation for today’s 25th ID Soldiers and the community.

“He brought this division into combat, and he fought with this division in Vietnam, and I hope we all will take a few minutes today to remember the contributions he has made to the division, his legacy and his family,” Champoux said.

The entrance to the Gen. Weyand Conference



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

Maj. Gen. Bernard Champoux (left), commanding general, 25th ID, and Command Sgt. Maj. Ray Devens, senior enlisted leader, 25th ID, unveil a memorial photo honoring Gen. Frederick Weyand, former division commander and Army chief of staff, during a ceremony dedicating the division headquarters’ conference room as the Gen. Frederick Weyand Conference Room at Camp Liberty, Iraq, March 25.



Photos from Weyand’s command of the 25th ID adorn the walls outside of the new Gen. Frederick Weyand Conference Room in Iraq.

Room is adorned with photos of Weyand and his Soldiers serving during the Vietnam era — overseeing the Division Operations Center much in the same way Weyand oversaw the three wars in which he participated.

“Every morning, the leadership of this division start the day, here, in this room,” Champoux said. “Now, every morning, we will be reminded of Gen. Frederick Weyand and what he did for this division.”

# Dengue fever: Infection is spread by mosquitoes

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March 22, advising them to consider potential dengue infection in people with compatible symptoms, to request appropriate laboratory testing and to report all suspected cases to the DOH.

“Dengue is a potentially serious infection that is transmitted by mosquitoes,” said Dr. Clarissa Burkert, chief, Occupational Health, Tripler Army Medical Center, in an email. “Protect yourself against mosquito bites and try to get rid of mosquito breeding areas around your home. If you develop symptoms of dengue, such as a high fever; severe headache; eye, joint (and) muscle pain; and rash, see your doctor.”

Younger children tend to have a milder illness than older children, and adults may show no symptoms. Symptoms may last up to 10 days, but complete recovery can take two to four weeks, according to the DOH.

The DOH advises that treatment consists of rest, fluids and medications, such as acetaminophen or ibuprofen, to reduce fever. Aspirin shouldn’t be used to treat a dengue fever patient. Those with high fever, in addition to any of the symptoms for dengue fever, should see their doctor for evaluation.

The U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii Directorate of Public Works is conducting site surveys and sprayed a forested area at Wheeler Army Airfield as a preventative measure against dengue fever,

Thursday. Spraying occurred during early morning hours when wind conditions were still and no personnel were nearby. Residents who cannot control mosquito breeding grounds in their areas can submit a work order at [www.25idl.army.mil/dpw/customer\\_service.html](http://www.25idl.army.mil/dpw/customer_service.html).



To learn more about dengue fever, call TAMC’s Dept. of Preventive Medicine at 433-9944, or visit [www.hawaii.gov/health/DIB/Dengue.html](http://www.hawaii.gov/health/DIB/Dengue.html).





# EXTREME CHALLENGE

JROTC cadets climb, swim, rappel in islandwide leadership challenge

**JROTC CADET LT. COL. HARMONY KAHALA**  
Kahuku High School

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — The 40th Annual JROTC Cadet Leadership Challenge, or JCLC, was conducted at Area X, here, March 11-17.

The 25th Infantry Division, along with other military units, sponsored the event that drew 355 Army and Air Force JROTC cadets from 27 local high schools.

The event's goal was for cadets to have fun while learning to lead and "to motivate young people to become better citizens," the mission of JROTC.

"We also help the students develop leadership skills and then apply those (skills) to lead other cadets they meet for the first time," said retired Lt. Col. Antoinette Correia, director, Army Instruction, JROTC program. "We expose them to a military environment to help build self-confidence from working in unfamiliar situations to accomplish a mission."

Four cadets were selected from each school to attend the Advanced JCLC, or AJCLC. They were challenged with squad and platoon drill, as well as physical fitness; they interviewed for their JCLC leadership positions.

As the rest of the cadets began arriving, AJCLC cadet leaders greeted and quickly in-processed them, which included setting-up more than 25 tents. Cadets were then divided into four training battalions in the JCLC Training Brigade.

Cadets' adventure training included rappelling, constructing and crossing a rope-bridge, drown-proofing and negotiating the leadership reaction course, or LRC.

The rappelling site included hands-on training, with safety as the most important aspect. Cadets wore commercial-seat harnesses and rappelled down a 30-foot vertical hill. Some of the cadets were terrified, but Army senior and assistant instructors, along with other cadets, encouraged and coached them to success.

Each year, service members from different branches volunteer to supervise and conduct the challenge lanes. This year was the first the 25th Combat Aviation Brigade, 25th ID, provided support.

"We provided combat life savers, dining facility support and Soldiers to supervise and conduct the rappelling training the students participated in," said Staff Sgt. Ronnie Williams, operations noncommissioned officer in charge, Headquarters Support Company, 209th Aviation Support Battalion, "Lobos," 25th CAB.

"The training the students are doing out here is great," Williams added. "It allows them to get hands-on to some of the training the Army does, and they get to talk to Soldiers who can answer some of their questions."

"This (leadership) challenge is a very interesting opportunity to see what the Army is about," said Hong Yin Tam, cadet battalion commander, Theodore Roosevelt High School. "Being in JROTC is very rewarding. We get to learn skills to become a successful leader."

Other volunteers came from the 9th Mission Support

Command, the Marines and the University of Hawaii ROTC program.

The 9th Mission Support Command led the rope-bridge construction and competition where cadets constructed a rope-bridge over a simulated river. Once the bridge was completed, each member of the team crossed the bridge.

Marines supervised drown-proofing at Richardson Pool, here. Cadets entered the pool, climbed up to the 15-foot platform and then stepped off into space, helping them to overcome fear of falling from high places. Cadets also learned how to use their shirt and pants for flotation to help prevent drowning.

The University of Hawaii ROTC unit sponsored the LRC where cadets worked as a team to solve many complicated problems in crossing an obstacle. Cadets were placed in leadership positions and negotiated obstacles within 20 minutes.

*(Editor's Note: Sgt. Daniel Schroeder, 25th CAB Public Affairs, 25th ID, provided additional information for this article).*



See video and more photos of the JROTC leadership challenge at [www.jclc.2011.weebly.com](http://www.jclc.2011.weebly.com).



A JROTC cadet leaps off the diving board at Richardson Pool at Schofield Barracks during the Cadet Leadership Challenge, held March 11-17. Marines supervised the drown-proofing event, helping the cadets to overcome fear of falling from high places.



Photos by Lt. Col. (Ret.) Tim Schiller | Kahuku High School JROTC

JROTC cadet Dallas Camit, from Kahuku High School, learns how to use his uniform for drown-proofing.



A JROTC cadet checks proper position and breaking techniques before rappelling down a 30-foot vertical hill. Rappelling instills confidence, trust and teamwork in cadets.



Instructors and JROTC cadets encourage a cadet negotiating an obstacle at Area X.





Today

**Free Lei Workshop** – Registration is open for this free, interactive workshop. Get ready for Lei Day (May 1) and learn to make your own lei. The workshop also includes a history of the craft and the Lei Day celebration. All materials will be provided. To register, email [nhliaison@gmail.com](mailto:nhliaison@gmail.com) or call 655-9694. The Native Hawaiian Liaison Office is hosting the event.

Dates and times follow:  
•5:30-7 p.m., April 26, Aliamanu Military Reservation Community Center.  
•5:30-7 p.m., April 27, Fort Shafter Library.  
•6-7:30 p.m., April 28, Sgt. Yano Library, Schofield Barracks.

**Books and Bears Drive** – Drop off new or gently used books and stuffed animals at the child development centers and school age centers, April 1-7. The centers will donate all items in observance of Child Abuse Prevention Month. Contact your local CDC or SAC for details.

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

**Teen Battle of Bands and Dance** – Event is set for 7-9:30 p.m., April 1, Middle School/Teen Center, Schofield Barracks. Admission is \$3 for Child, Youth and School Services members; \$4, nonmembers; and \$5 for civilians. IDs must be shown to enter. Call 655-0451.

**Latin Night** – Deejay Ever will teach salsa, meringue and other Latin dances, 8-9 p.m., April 1, at the Kolekole Bar and Grill, Schofield Barracks. Call 655-4466.

4 / Monday

**Closure** – The Fort Shafter Physical Fitness Center basketball and racquetball courts will be closed April 4-8 to scrub and recoat hardwood floors. Call 438-1152.

**Free Hula Classes** – The Native Hawaiian Liaison Office, U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii, welcomes all Soldiers and families to participate in free hula classes, Mondays in April, 5-7 p.m., at Kalakaua Community Center, Schofield Barracks. 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 and movement and posture. Call 655-9694 or email [nhliaison@gmail.com](mailto:nhliaison@gmail.com).

5 / Tuesday

**Youth Soccer** – Registration runs April 5-26. Youth born from 1995-2006 are eligible. Cost is \$55. Call 655-6465 or 836-1923.

**Open Stage Night** – Show off your talent, 6 p.m., April 5, Tropics Recreation Center, Schofield Barracks. Open Stage Night is held the first and



Courtesy of Blossom Rogers

A gentle friend

HALEIWA — First- and second-graders from the Schofield Barracks School Age Center make friends with a horse at Kawailoa Ranch, here, March 16. The students' spring break visit included a horsemanship demonstration by the Na Lio Kai Pony Club.

third Tuesday of each month. Call 655-5698.

7 / Thursday

**Free Plarn Crochet Workshop** – Turn ordinary plastic shopping bags into “plarn” with crochet patterns, 5-6:30 p.m., April 7, Sgt. Yano Library, Schofield Barracks. Bring an “N” hook and 2-3 plastic shopping bags. Call 655-8002.

**Free Poker Tournament** – This Tropics Annual Tournament is set for April 7, 14, 21 and 28; all dates are qualifying games. The final is May 5. All games start at 6 p.m. at the Tropics Recreation Center, Schofield Barracks. All ID card holders 18 and older are welcome; play is free with no buy in. Register at [mwrarmyhawii.com](http://mwrarmyhawii.com) or call 655-5698.

11 / Monday

**Learn to Swim** – Registration for the April 11-21 sessions is 9-11 a.m., April 2-3, Richardson Pool, Schofield Barracks. Children must be registered with Child, Youth and School Services. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. Visit [mwrarmyhawii.com](http://mwrarmyhawii.com).

12 / Tuesday

**Mini Soccer Registration** – Registration runs through April 12. Children born in 2006-2007 are eligible for this parent and child participation program, wherein kids will learn the basics of the sport. Cost is \$20. Call 655-6465 or 836-1923.

Ongoing

**Drawing Lessons** – “Drawing on the Right Side of the Brain” happens for teens and adults, 10-11 a.m., each Saturday, through April 30. Cost is \$45 and includes supplies. Call 655-4202 to register.

**AMR Teen Center** – Aliamanu Military Reservation Teen Center buses can pick up high school teens after school at Radford High School to bring them to the Teen Center. Teens must be registered with the Child, Youth and School Services program at the AMR Teen Center. Register at the AMR Parent Central Services Office. Registration is free; a permission form is required for bus transportation. Call 833-0920 or 833-5393.

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

**TAMC Physical Fitness Classes** – Active duty Soldiers and their family members can show their military ID at Tripler Army Medical Center's Physical Fitness Center to sign up for free physical classes. Classes for Army civilians are \$4 per class or \$25 per month. Classes include step aerobics and Zumba. Call 433-6443.

**Computer Lab Hours** – Hours for the computer lab for Soldiers and family members at Army Community Service Center, Schofield Barracks, follow:  
•Monday, Thursday and Friday, 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.  
•Tuesday and Wednesday, 7:30 a.m.-9 p.m.

Computers include Internet access, Microsoft software and Skype. Call 655-4227.  
Sgt. Yano Library at Schofield Barracks also offers computer services, including Internet access and Microsoft software. Printing is available for a fee. Call 655-8002.

**Adult Sports** – Men and women can register for intramural racquetball, basketball, volleyball and triathlons. Women can also register for soccer. For

intramurals, call 655-8056; for All-Army Sports, call 655-9914. Visit [www.mwrarmyhawaii.com](http://www.mwrarmyhawaii.com).

**Art Journaling** – Learn how to relax through creative art journaling, 6 p.m., Wednesdays through April, at the Schofield Barracks Arts and Crafts Center. Cost is \$8 per session plus supplies. Call 655-4202 to register.

**Picture Framing** – Learn customized framing at the Schofield Barracks Arts and Crafts Center. Cost for one session is \$45 and includes instruction and materials. Framing is available daily, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Call 655-4202.

**Auto Skills Center** – Rent storage sheds from either the Fort Shafter or Schofield Barracks Auto Skills Center. Call 438-9402 or 655-9368.

**State Vehicle Safety Check** – The Auto Skills Shop at Fort Shafter and Schofield Barracks can perform state vehicle safety checks. Call 438-9402 or 655-9368.

**Homeschool PE Classes** – Army Youth Services offers physical education for the homeschooled child, 10-11 a.m., at Aliamanu and Fort Shafter; call 836-1923.

Schofield, Helemano and Wheeler Army Airfield classes are Wednesdays, 11 a.m.-12 p.m. Call 655-6465.

**BSC Printer Station Moves** – The Blue Star Card printer station has been moved from Tripler Army Medical Center to the Army Community Service located at the Aloha Center, Building 330, Clark Road, Fort Shafter. Regular Blue Star Card registration requirements still apply. Email [sarah.chadwick@us.army.mil](mailto:sarah.chadwick@us.army.mil) or call 655-0002. The printer station at the Schofield Barracks ACS is still available and unaffected by the move.



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

2 / Saturday

**Ford Island Bridge Run** – Race walkers, leisure walkers, and serious and recreational runners can still enter this annual 10K race, 7 a.m., April 2, at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Late entries will be accepted until April 1 and are \$30 per entrant. Entries won't be accepted on race day. Register at [www.hickamservices.com](http://www.hickamservices.com) and click on “Special Events.” Call 473-0784/2494/2437.

5 / Tuesday

**Free Yoga Classes** – Classes begin at 9 a.m., April 5, and will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Wheeler Community Center, located behind Wheeler Chapel, Wheeler Army Airfield. Bring your own yoga mat and any blocks or straps. Call 275-3790 or 778-8696.

7 / Thursday

**New Roman Missal** – The Military Council of Catholic Women of

Aliamanu Military Reservation Chapel has started a study of the changes in the new Roman missal. The group meets 9 a.m., Thursdays, for Mass, followed by fellowship and study. Call 673-0591 or email [mccwhawaii@yahoo.com](mailto:mccwhawaii@yahoo.com).

9 / Saturday

**Surf and Turf** – Run on the beach, 6:30 a.m., April 9, starting from the O' Club, Marine Corps Base, Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, through the Klipper Golf Course, and along North Beach. Online registration is at [www.mccshawaii.com/cgfit.shtml](http://www.mccshawaii.com/cgfit.shtml) and ends 4:30 p.m., April 6. On-site registration runs 5:15-6:15 a.m.; a safety briefing starts 6:15 a.m. Cost is \$20 per individual runner until 4:30 p.m., April 1; late registration will be \$25. This event is open to the public.

13 / Wednesday

**"Tell Me a Story"** – The Schofield Barracks Parent to Parent Team will host this event, 5:30-7 p.m., April 13, at Wheeler Elementary School. Fred Murphy, interim principal, Wheeler Elementary, will read “The Remarkable Farkle McBride” by John Lithgow. Each family that attends will receive a free copy of the book, and can participate in a craft and enjoy a snack. Admission is free but reservations must be made by emailing [ptop.schofield@militarychild.org](mailto:ptop.schofield@militarychild.org) or calling (910) 977-8980.

14 / Thursday

**Fundraiser** – The Hui O'Na

Wahine (Schofield Barracks Spouses Club) will hold its annual auction fundraiser, “Make it, Bake it, Fake it!,” 6-9 p.m., April 14 at the Nehelani, Schofield Barracks. All proceeds go to the Hui O'Na Wahine scholarship and welfare grants, which will be distributed in May. Tickets are \$20 each and are by advance purchase only. Email [makeitbakeitfakeit@gmail.com](mailto:makeitbakeitfakeit@gmail.com).

Ongoing

**Education Study** – Parents or youth between 10-18 years of age are eligible to fill out the Military Child in Hawaii Study. Youth who complete the survey are eligible to win iTunes gift cards, MP3 players and a flat-screen TV. The study is located at [www.hawaiikids.org](http://www.hawaiikids.org). Sponsored by U.S. Pacific Command, in partnership with Johns Hopkins University, this study examines attitudes of military families in Hawaii regarding educating their children in public, private or homeschools.

**Scholarship** – Wives of service members can apply now through May 1 for the 2011 Saban Military Wife Educational Scholarship. Fifteen \$8,500 scholarships and five \$10,000 scholarships will be awarded for tuition for vocational training in the medical field. Two \$30,000 scholarships will be awarded for tuition for

vocational nursing programs. Visit [www.operationhomefront.net/scholars](http://www.operationhomefront.net/scholars) hip.

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

**Food for Families** – The Armed Services YMCA at Wheeler Army Airfield has an emergency food locker that assists military families who are experiencing financial difficulty with a supply of canned goods, frozen food, dry goods and personal care items. Call 624-5645.

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

SEE COMMUNITY CALENDAR, B-5

Worship Services

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

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

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

**Catholic Mass**  
•Thursday, 9 a.m. at AMR  
•Saturday, 5 p.m. at TAMC, WAAF and FD  
•Sunday services:  
– 8:30 a.m. at AMR  
– 10:30 a.m. at MPC Annex  
– 11 a.m. at TAMC  
•Monday-Friday, 11:45 a.m. at MPC and 12 p.m. TAMC

**Gospel Worship**  
•Sunday, 12 p.m. at MPC  
•Sunday, 12:30 p.m. at AMR

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

Justin Bieber: Never Say Never

(G)  
Fri., April 1, 7 p.m.

Gnomeo and Juliet

(G)  
Sat., April 2, 4 p.m.  
Sun., April 3, 2 p.m.

The Green Hornet

(PG-13)  
Sat., April 2, 7 p.m.

I Am Number Four

(PG-13)  
Wed., April 6, 7 p.m.



The Eagle

(PG-13)  
Thurs., April 7, 7 p.m.

No shows on Mondays or Tuesdays



# FMWR plans monthlong events for kids

LAURA BRATCHER

Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS – The Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation’s Child, Youth and School Services is kicking off Month of the Military Child with a ton of fun activities, here.

The first and one of the most popular events is “PT in the Park.” This energetic activity brings parents and children together with some of their favorite superhero and cartoon characters for a fun morning of aerobic activity.

Families will gather early April 5 at Schofield Barracks and April 26 Fort Shafter to exercise to music and run through obstacle courses, followed by a light breakfast.

The event is popular because children can experience what their parents do each day as a Soldier, and parents will get to spend some time doing something positive and fun with their children.



Left — The annual “PT in the Park” at Schofield Barracks and Fort Shafter encourages bonding between military keiki and their parents.

“This program encourages our military families to ... engage in and live an active, healthy lifestyle and, at the same time, have fun doing it,” said Gus Harper, director, Youth Sports and Fitness, CYSS. “In fact, our families would like for us to do more activities like this.”

April is also Child Abuse Prevention Month and Sexual Assault Awareness Month. To raise awareness about these issues, Child Development Center, or CDC, personnel and keiki are encouraged to wear blue every Monday and blue jeans every Friday throughout April. Also, the CDCs and School Age Centers will be collecting gently used books and stuffed animals through April 7. The centers will donate all items in observance of Child Abuse Prevention Month.



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

Obstacle courses are part of the fun for children during “PT in the Park,” April 8, 2010, at Schofield Barracks.

Laura Bratcher | Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation

## Month of the Military Child events

All CYSS facilities will conduct their own celebrations throughout the month. See your center for a complete calendar of events.

•**PT in the Park.** Participants should bring towels. Afterward, Blue Star Card children can have their photo taken with Eddie the Eagle. Call 655-6465. Attend 6:30-7:30 a.m., April 5, Bennett Youth Center Field, Schofield Barracks; or 6:30-7:30 a.m., April 26, Fort Shafter gym.

•**Teen Lock-In Around the World.** This event goes from 7 p.m.-7 a.m., April 16, at the Aliamanu Military Reservation and Schofield Barracks teen centers. Teenagers must be registered with Child, Youth and School Services.

•**Mini-Military Madness.** Activities will run from 9 a.m.-noon, April 22, Stoneman Field, Schofield Barracks. This event will display Army vehicles and equipment.

## MOMC for Blue Star Card holders

The Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation

is celebrating BSC keiki with the following events:

•**Free BSC keiki meals at Keiki Night** throughout April, for children 10 and under. Valid BSCs must be shown to receive the discount. Call 655-0002. Keiki nights are 5-8 p.m., Tuesdays, Hale Ikena, Fort Shafter, or 5-8 p.m., Wednesdays, Kolekole Bar and Grill, Schofield Barracks.

•**BSC Family Game Night** is 6-8 p.m., April 8, at the Tropics, Schofield Barracks. BSC families will be treated to free hot dogs, chips, drink combos and games. Deadline to register is April 6; call 655-0112 or email amanda.p.montgomery@us.army.mil.

•**Magic in Paradise show and buffet** is 4:30-9:30 p.m., April 19, at the Hale Koa Hotel. Discounted tickets for BSC adults are \$35; keiki 17 and younger are free. BSC holders must reserve tickets through the BSC program and not through the Hale Koa activities office for this show.

Deadline to register is April 8; call 655-0112 or email amanda.p.montgomery@us.army.mil. Limited round-trip transportation is available from Schofield Barracks. Visit www.halekoa.com to learn more about the show.

# Army celebrates military children

## INSTALLATION MANAGEMENT COMMAND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

News Release

SAN ANTONIO — During April, U.S. military installations around the globe will recognize the contributions and sacrifices that service members’ sons and daughters make daily.

April is Month of the Military Child and is being celebrated with the theme “Celebrate Military Children: The Strength of Our Future” on Army garrisons.

More than 1.7 million children under the age of 18 have at least one parent serving in the armed forces. It is estimated that more than 900,000 children have had one or both parents deployed multiple times.

Accordingly, garrison-level Child, Youth and School Services programs will hold special events to honor Soldiers’ children. These events will stress the importance of providing children with the quality services and support promised them through the Army Family Covenant, according to Installation Management Command officials.

Thus, installations are honoring military children with a month packed with special activities. Activities within U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii include PT in the Park, Mini-Military Madness and special events for Blue Star Card holders.

The monthlong celebration, first held in 1986, reinforces to military children that they are, indeed, a key part of the armed forces community.

“As a grateful nation, it is our sacred responsibility to stand by our military children, just as they and their families stand by us,” noted first lady Michelle Obama, last year.

Earlier this year, President Barack Obama spotlighted the importance of military family support, recalling a trip to Afghanistan in December 2010, where he asked troops what he could do to better support them.

“Without missing a beat,” he said, “they looked me in the eye and they gave me their answer. It wasn’t about more equipment. It wasn’t about more resources on the battlefield. In fact, it wasn’t about them.

“They said ... ‘Sir, take care of our families. If we know our families are all right back home, then we can do our jobs,’” he said.

In late January, Obama unveiled a government plan to strengthen military family support, including the education and development of military children and the expansion of child care options for military parents.

Service members and their families, the president said, have done everything the nation has asked of them in this decade of war. Even the youngest members of the Army community display this commitment and will be highlighted throughout Month of the Military Child, so their accomplishments will be on display for all to appreciate.

*(Editor’s Note: Additional information was provided by the American Forces Press Service.)*





Courtesy of Island Palm Communities

Steven Smith Jr. (left), a Boy Scout from Troop 677, and Robert Wardleigh, scoutmaster, mix cement to prepare for the installation of four benches. Smith planned and developed this community service project, one of the requirements to achieve Eagle rank.

# Boy Scouts build benches for AMR

ISLAND PALM COMMUNITIES  
News Release

ALIAMANU MILITARY RESERVATION – An Army teen living, here, recently developed and planned a community service project that will benefit his community for years to come.

Steven Smith Jr., 14, a Boy Scout with Troop 677, built and installed four benches, here. He created the community service project as part of the requirements for Eagle rank.

One day while walking along a steep trail, here, he thought it would be great to have rest stops. Hence, the idea was born for a perfect community service project.

With help from fellow Scouts in Troop 677, he planned, coordinated and supervised the building and installation of the benches. He made sure the materials, construction methods and crew members worked according to his plan and complied with the rules of Aliamanu Military Reservation and Island Palm Communities.

The project took three weeks, with Scouts digging holes, pouring cement and constructing benches.

“I am so proud of Steven,” said his mom, Michelle Smith. “He’s made it through the scouting ranks with hard work, dedication and an amazing attitude. It hasn’t been easy for him, but I am proud of how positive he is and how much he’s accomplished by being in the Scouts.”

# Deadline approaches for school boundary comments

DOE announces boundary adjustments for Aiea-Moanalua-Radford complex

HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
News Release

MILILANI – A Department of Education team conducted a study to make sense of school attendance boundary areas, recently.

The team consisted of the complex area superintendent, the assistant superintendent for the Office of School Facilities and Support Services, the director of the Facilities Development Branch, a school renewal specialist and a support specialist from Information Management.

The purpose of the study was to review school attendance boundary areas in light of the Aiea-Moanalua-Radford complex area’s focus:

- For schools to become part of a kindergarten through 12th grade, seamless, high-performing complex with foundation learning, stretch learning, learner engagement and personal skills development; and
- To focus on the state’s vision of a high school graduate.

The study examined current school attendance boundaries related to enrollment numbers, capacity numbers, proximity, transportation time, predictability of enrollment year to year and complex feeder patterns, or moving from elementary to middle to high school levels in the same complex.

Feedback from community stakeholders, including school principals, parents, students and military commands, was a valuable, vital part of the process. Community meetings were held at Moanalua High School, Feb. 10, and at Radford High School, Feb. 16, to provide information regarding the boundary study and to give the community a chance to provide feedback and input.

All comments and suggestions were considered in the final decision, while maintaining the focus on students and their learning through the years.

To ease the adjusted boundaries transition for families, DOE will allow the following:

- Students currently enrolled have the option to be grandfathered in for their years at that school or to attend the new school.
- Students currently registered at their next higher-level school will have the choice to be grandfathered for their years at that school – 6th-graders registered for middle school, 8th-graders registered for high school – or to attend the new school.
- Students enrolled in kindergarten and pre-kindergarten special programs will have the choice to be grandfathered in for their years at that school or to enroll at the new school.
- Students and younger siblings not yet enrolled in kindergarten have the choice to be grandfathered into their current feeder pattern for five years, or to attend the new school when they move from elementary to middle or from middle to high school.
- Bus transportation services will overlap for two to three years during the transition.

Appeal process

The public has until April 10 to appeal this decision in writing. Mail appeals to State Superintendent Kathryn Matayoshi, P.O. Box 2360, Honolulu, HI 96804.

# School boundary changes impact AMR community

SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICE  
News Release

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS – The Department of Education notice on school boundary changes affects parents of schoolchildren who live in Aliamanu Military Reservation, or AMR, and nearby Navy housing communities.

The new school boundary changes will affect the following AMR neighborhoods:

- Skyview, from Makalapa Elementary to Pearl Harbor Elementary.
- Bougainville, from Nimitz Elementary to Makalapa Elementary.
- Rim Loop, from Mokulele Elementary to Red Hill Elementary, Aliamanu Middle to Moanalua Middle, and Radford High to Moanalua High.
- Ama, from Pearl Harbor Kai Elementary to Pearl Harbor Elementary.
- Hibiscus Lane/Loop, from Webling Elementary to Red Hill Elementary.

School bus transportation will be available to students who reside outside a one-mile radius for elementary students or 1.5-mile radius for middle and high school students from their school.

The current fee for bus transportation is 75 cents, one-way; \$60 per quarter; or \$225 per year.

Options

- If a parent elects to continue the current feeder pattern after School Year 2010-2011, an Army or Navy housing lease agreement showing that the family has resided at the same address in the military housing area since SY 2010-2011 is required for registration.
- If a parent elects to register a younger sibling whose older brother or sister is grandfathered in the current feeder pattern, an Army or Navy housing lease agreement showing that the family has resided at the same address in the military housing area since SY 2010-2011 is required for registration. Or, a report card of the older brother or sister is required for registration, to show that children attended the school in the feeder pattern during SY 2010-2011.

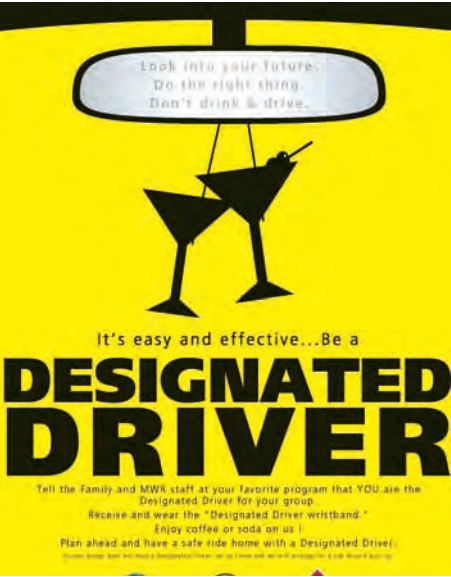
Important distinction

Boundary adjustments are effective for families moving into the area and registering for SY 2011-2012. The grandfather clause won’t apply to new families who move to a housing area. Students will be required to attend the school that is zoned for their new address.

However, if enrollment numbers change drastically at a particular school, further adjustments may occur, as in any school boundary area.



# Designated drivers stay safe with free soft drinks, coffee



**LAURA BRATCHER**  
Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS – A new designated driver campaign kicks off throughout U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii, starting April 1.

The campaign urges safe consumption of alcohol at Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation facilities that serve alcohol.

Soldiers and family members who are designated drivers can get wristbands from servers and bartenders that will mean free soft drinks and coffee for the evening.

The campaign aims to reduce driving incidents while intoxicated and protecting the community and Soldiers' careers from negative incidents related to alcohol consumption.

The campaign provides an alternative way of arriving home safely.

The Designated Driver program is a local initiative, part of DFMWR's Club Concept, which

provides quality entertainment options and an expanded menu of programs and activities for Soldiers and their families.

“The Designated Driver program supports Club Concept programming by offering guests at (DFMWR) activities safe alternatives to driving when they should not be driving,” said Rhonda Hunter, division chief, Business Operations, DFMWR. “We want our guests to have fun at our activities, but at the end of the night, we want them to be safe as well.”

DFMWR anticipates sharing the Designated Driver campaign with other garrisons.

“Our program was developed so that other garrisons could use the collateral materials and establish their own Designated Driver program with little effort,” Hunter said. “By making it easy for other garrisons to establish their own Designated Driver program, they will more likely establish the program, and they too could possi-

- Participating locations**
- Currently, eight Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation facilities that serve alcohol are participating in the Designated Driver campaign. Call 656-0104.
- Fort Shafter's Hale Ikena.
  - Fort Shafter, Schofield Barracks and Wheeler Army Airfield bowling centers.
  - Kilauea Military Camp's Lava Lounge.
  - Leilehua Golf Course's Leilehua Grill.
  - Schofield Barracks' Kolekole Bar and Grill and the Nehelani.
  - Schofield Barracks' Tropics Recreation Center.

bly save a career, a family or a life by providing a safe way home for their guests.”

# Tricare ‘MVP’ game plan is a winner; hits one out of the park

**TYLER PATTERSON**  
TriWest Healthcare Alliance

PHOENIX – As one saying goes, if you don't have your health, what have you got?

It's your health, so work with your doctor, nurse and pharmacist, and all the other members of your health team, to manage your health.

Not only is your health a precious resource, so is your time. To help make sure you're making the most of your medical appointments, here are a few tips to keep in mind when visiting your doctor:

**Update your roster.** Accurate contact information is vital to keeping you up to date on appointments and test results. Wrong information in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System, or DEERS, can affect eligibility for some care.

**Be ready for pinch hitters.** You may be referred to a specialist for care for whom you primary care manager can't provide. If that happens, remember to wait for your authorization letter to arrive before setting your specialty care appointment.

Register for a secure triwest.com account and receive an electronic version of your authorization letter in hours, instead of waiting for days on the mail. Follow the directions in

the letter to make sure you don't get a claims curveball later.

**Play as a team.** When you are seeing a new doctor or specialist, share any medications or tests from your other doctors. This reporting should be repeated for multiple prescriptions or over-the-counter medicines.

**Preparation is key.** It can be easy to forget things during an examination. Preparing in advance can help eliminate those “I should have asked” moments while you're heading home.

You are a critical part of your health care team. You owe it to yourself to be involved.

TriWest understands that you need the best team to help you feel your best. Providers' focus should always be on you, the Tricare beneficiary, so they can create and carry out your best game plan.



To learn how to update your DEERS record, visit [www.triwest.com/bwe](http://www.triwest.com/bwe).

## Tricare enrollment process streamlined

**MIKE WALBERT**  
TriWest Healthcare Alliance

PHOENIX – Enrolling in the Tricare West Region now has the same feel and ease of signing a credit card transaction at the market or department store.

TriWest Healthcare Alliance – the Department of Defense contractor that manages Tricare for the 21-state West Region, including Hawaii – has rolled out electronic signature pads to all of its Tricare Service Centers in Hawaii, bringing convenience to customers.

Rather than flipping through pages of forms to sign, beneficiaries now can sign their enrollment, allotment and drive-time waiver forms on an electronic pad, click to submit and it's done.

Once the signature is submitted, the documents are electronically transmitted to TriWest's enrollment department, where beneficiaries are entered into the system.

Plus, if a record needs to be located, electronic forms can be found much faster than a paper form.

The electronic signature process also helps to reduce the amount of paper used; however, West Region beneficiaries can still receive a printout for their records.

“We're excited about this automated process because it's extremely easy for our beneficiaries to use,” said David McIntyre Jr., president and CEO, TriWest. “We recognize the enrollment process can sometimes be complicated. By streamlining it with electronic signatures, we're helping to make the entire process more convenient for our customers.”



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Call 586-4054, ext. 409.

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

**Freeway Service Patrol** –A pilot program sponsored by Hawaii's Department of Transportation, the Honolulu Police and Fire departments, and Emergency Medical Services is now operational on Hawaii's freeways. This free service can provide assistance to stranded motorists by changing flat tires, jump-starting vehicles, refilling radiators, making some temporary repairs and providing an emergency gallon of gasoline. The service is available 5 a.m.-7 p.m., Monday-Friday, except federal holidays. Call 841-4357.

**Club Beyond** – Middle school and high school students in grades six-12 are invited to participate in the Club Beyond Military Reservation Community Center. Email [kschmidt@clubbeyond.org](mailto:kschmidt@clubbeyond.org) or call 372-1567.

**Operation Postcards** – Operation Postcards is a free

service that allows anyone to send real, personalized postcards to active duty U.S. military personnel with an APO or FPO address. Visit [www.operationpostcards.com](http://www.operationpostcards.com), select a photo, fill in the mailing address for any active U.S. service member with an APO or FPO designation, type a brief message, then send it. A real, personalized postcard will be delivered to the Soldier, Airman, Sailor or Marine in a matter of days, via the U.S. Postal Service.

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

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

**Schofield Chapel Family Night** – Sessions for deployed spouses about marriage and finances are conducted Wednesdays at the Schofield Barracks Main Chapel. Youth group and Bible clubs also meet then. Meals are served at 5:30 p.m., with sessions starting at 6 p.m. Child care for keiki up to 4 years old is free with RSVP.

Aliamanu Military Reservation Chapel's Family Resilience Nights are Tuesdays. Call 655-6645 or email [ktfaamaoni@hotmail.com](mailto:ktfaamaoni@hotmail.com). Find out more at [www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil](http://www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil). Click on “Religious Support,” under the “Directorates & Support Staff” menu. Call 655-6644 or 833-6831.

**ESGR Survey** – The Department of Defense has released a nationwide survey to gain insight into the benefits and challenges of employing members of the Guard and Reserve. The National Survey of Employers will be sent to 80,000 employers who will have eight weeks to complete the questions.

Survey participants should visit [www.esgr.mil](http://www.esgr.mil).

**Sexual Assault Prevention** – Visit the Army's sexual assault prevention program website as part of its “I. A.M. Strong” campaign at [www.preventsexualassault.army.mil](http://www.preventsexualassault.army.mil).

**Civil Air Patrol** – Civil Air Patrol's Wheeler Composite Squadron meets every Tuesday, 5:30-8:30 p.m., at Wheeler Army Airfield. The squadron regularly accepts new members, ages 12-18, who are interested in aerospace education. Email [tony4atmos@aol.com](mailto:tony4atmos@aol.com).

**Military Order of Foreign Wars** – The Military Order of Foreign Wars is establishing a command in Hawaii. Commissioned and warrant officers from all armed services who served overseas during foreign wars (and their hereditary descendants) are eligible. Email [HI\\_MOFW@army.com](mailto:HI_MOFW@army.com).

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