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Commanding officers and senior leaders from 2nd "Warrior" Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, and each of its subordinate battalions, stand in formation with their respective unit colors during their deployment ceremony, at Sills Field, Schofield Barracks, June 24. During the ceremony, each unit formally cased its colors to symbolize the unit's deployment to Iraq. The brigade will deploy as an advise and assist brigade in support of Operation New Dawn in Northern Iraq, where it will be at the forefront of training and empowering the Iraqi security forces.

'Warrior' Brigade departs for Iraq

SPC. JESUS J. ARANDA & SPC. MAHLET TEFAYE
25th Infantry Division Public Affairs

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Families and guests gathered for a deployment ceremony at Sills Field, here, June 24, to bid farewell to the Soldiers of the 2nd "Warrior" Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division.

The ceremony honored Soldiers from the brigade's six subordinate battalions: 1st Bn., 14th Infantry Regiment; 1st Bn.,

21st Inf. Regt.; 1st Bn., 27th Inf. Regt.; 2nd Bn., 11th Field Artillery Regt.; 2nd Bn., 14th Cavalry Regt.; and 225th Brigade Support Bn., and the brigade's Headquarters & Headquarters Company, who stood in formation during the ceremony.

Approximately 3,800 Warriors are departing on a 12-month deployment as an advise and assist brigade in support of Operation New Dawn in Northern Iraq.

The Soldiers will be at the forefront of training and empowering Iraqi secu-

city forces.

Maj. Gen. Bernard Champoux, 25th ID commanding general and reviewing officer for the ceremony, wished the departing Soldiers well and expressed confidence in their ability to perform the mission.

Operation New Dawn signifies the planned removal of U.S. forces from Iraq by the end of 2011.

"You stand before us today demonstrating that you are ready, you will take care of the mission, and you will

take care of each other," Champoux said in his remarks.

Col. Malcolm Frost, commander, 2nd BCT, will lead the brigade throughout its deployment, overseeing the support and assistance to Iraqi government officials and security forces at all levels. Among the brigade's highest priorities is helping Iraqi officials build enduring security and stability capacity for the

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POHAKULOA TRAINING AREA

Story and Photo by
HOWARD SUGAI

Installation Management Command-Pacific Region Public Affairs

POHAKULOA TRAINING AREA — Lt. Col. Rolland "Chris" Niles assumed command of U.S. Army Garrison-Pohakuloa from Lt. Col. Warline Richardson in a ceremony, here, June 24.

Col. Douglas Mulbury, commander, U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii, officiated at the ceremony.

Before a full house of community and government leaders at the post theater, Mulbury recognized and praised Richardson for her achievements.

In particular, Mulbury cited support to training units, developing a Pohakuloa Training Area master plan, establishing the Cultural Advisory Council, sponsoring PTA Community Leader Days, the PTA natural and cultural resources programs, and Richardson's engagement with community groups and schools

throughout the island.

"Her impact and contributions to PTA, and her passion and commitment to all the communities on the Island of Hawaii, will be long remembered and felt," Mulbury said in his remarks.

In her remarks, Richardson thanked all attendees for their hard work and support, noting their joint accomplishments during her tenure as commander.

"When I came into command here, my primary goal was to do everything I

could to improve the quality of training for our Soldiers," she said. "I've been on the other side of the equation. I understand what it's like to be deployed and have Soldiers in need of additional training."

Richardson urged the PTA staff to maintain their passion and "can do" attitude in meeting the needs of the

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Soldiers experience elevation, desert climate while competing for NCO, Soldier of the Year

LIANA MAYO

311th Signal Command Public Affairs

FORT HUACHUCA, Ariz. — Two Soldiers from the 30th Signal Battalion, 311th Sig. Command, competed in the Network Enterprise Technology Command/9th Army Sig. Cmd.'s NCO and Soldier of the Year competitions, here, June 14-18.

Spc. Dustin Higgins, system administrator, U.S. Army-Pacific Area Control Center and 30th Sig. Bn., Schofield Barracks, and Sgt. LeMarquis Jackson, shop foreman/maintenance NCO for the 30th Sig. Bn.'s Communications Security Logistics Support Unit, Hickam Air Force Base, competed for the titles.

"While the intensity of the competition inspires us as Soldiers, the higher elevation here provides an added challenge," Jackson said. "It is a chemical equation; while we have the energy to perform the warrior tasks, the lack of oxygen inhibits us from producing the output that we are accustomed to. It's an interesting combination: rejuvenation of spirit and breakdown of body."

While the dry desert heat soared above 100 degrees, competitors charged through five scored events: the Army Physical Fitness Test, M-16A2 rifle qualification, day and night land

navigation, a written examination and submission of two written essays, and an appearance in front of a panel of senior enlisted Soldiers.

Each event counted for a specific number of points, with 500 being the maximum number of points a Soldier could score in the competition.

"In anticipation of the elevation change, we went on quite a few ruck marches and practiced land navigation in full battle rattle to prepare as much as we could for this competition," Higgins said. "Staff Sgt. Mitchell Teague, who was the 311th NCO of the Year in 2009, handled all of our training. We spent many hours studying, and he scheduled training for us with other units, to give us a wider base of knowledge."

Along with Jackson and Higgins, the other 11 competing Soldiers found working with their peers helped prepare them.

"This competition taught me that regardless of your skill level, if you work as a team and keep a positive attitude, you will be very successful,"

said Spc. Sharlene Christensen, information management officer for Headquarters & Headquarters Detachment, 54th Theater Sig. Bn.'s Regional Network and Security Operation Center. She traveled from Camp Arifjon, Kuwait, to represent the 335th Sig. Theater Command, and was the runner-up for Soldier of the Year.

Staff Sgt. James Becker, representing 293rd Sig. Co., 36th Sig. Bn. 1st Sig. Bde., Camp Carroll, Korea, received top honors as the NCO of the Year, and Spc. Brian Williams, Headquarters and Headquarters Co., 21st Sig. Bde., Fort Meade, Md., earned the title of Soldier of the Year.

"We all worked hard ... we had a chance to work as a team in the warrior task event, and we did well. With each task rolling into the next, we had to come up with a plan and cover each other while moving under fire toward our objective," Williams said. "When we saw each other working so hard, it was a great motivation to push ourselves even harder."

Williams and Becker will represent NETCOM at the Force Readiness Command NCO and Soldier of the Year competitions in August.



USARPAC commander commits to civilian leader development

NANCY RASMUSSEN

U.S. Army-Pacific Public Affairs

FORT SHAFTER — Professional development has always been crucial to successful military careers, and now Lt. Gen. Benjamin Mixon, commander, U.S. Army-Pacific, has established guidance essential for developing a diverse, professional and quality civilian workforce throughout the command.

In Memorandum 10-16, dated June 14, Mixon emphasized that leader development is a deliberate, continuous, sequential and progressive process, grounded in Army values, that develops civilians into competent and confident leaders capable of decisive action.

Mixon's directive holds major subordinate commanders, theater-enabling commanders, direct reporting units and staff directors responsible for ensuring the training, education and professional development of Army civilians is fully and properly implemented. The comprehensive process is outlined in the memorandum,

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Mixon

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

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Mixon: ‘Play it Safe’ this holiday weekend

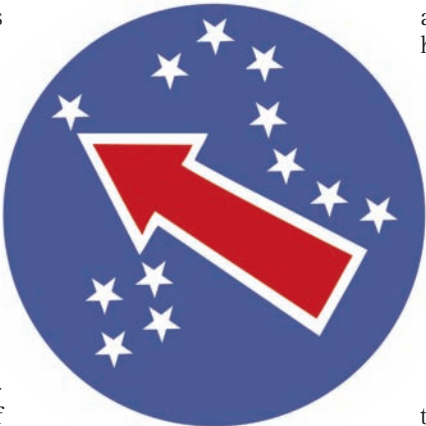
This Independence Day holiday period, July 2 through 5, we will celebrate the birth of our nation and enjoy all the freedoms and values that we as Americans hold dear.

As we enjoy this holiday, let us never forget the sacrifices that our Soldiers, civilians and families make daily that help keep us free.

We traditionally celebrate our independence with parades, picnics, barbecues, sports, games and fireworks.

I ask each one of you, that whatever you do, remember that there is risk and the potential for accidents, resulting in injury or loss of life, so “Play it Safe!”

Pay particular attention when



children are around or involved with fireworks.

Allow them to participate only with adult supervision, and only after they have been taught the right way to use fireworks.

Of course, the safest way to enjoy fireworks is at a show where professionals handle them. Please remember that fireworks use by individuals is prohibited on Army installations.

Be alert and vigilant when operating a motor vehicle, and ensure all restraints and protective equipment are worn and used by all. If you consume alcohol, use discretion and common sense. Have a plan and designated driver to get home.

Look out for each other just as you do when you are “down range.” Being at “home” can lull us into a false sense of security. Think through each action you take by asking yourself: Is this a wise thing to do? What are the possible consequences to me, my friends or my family?

By keeping these things in mind, I am confident we will have a fun, relaxed, and accident-free Independence Day weekend.

One Team!

Benjamin R. Mixon
Lt. Gen. Benjamin R. Mixon
Commander, U.S. Army-Pacific

Keep your family safe around fireworks, on and off post

FROM THE
ARMY COMBAT READINESS/SAFETY CENTER

Independence Day 2010

This Independence Day, our great Army Family and our nation will celebrate 234 years of America's freedom. In the tradition of the brave men and women who have come before you, your service ensures our liberty is perpetually sustained. Thank you for what you do every day for our country.

Many of you will take advantage of this extended holiday weekend to vacation with Family, visit friends or participate in festivities close to home. This time will offer abundant opportunities for fun and excitement, but not without an increased risk of accidents. Long road trips, fireworks, summertime heat and the complacency that comes with the familiarity of home all present unique hazards for Soldiers and their Family members. As you take part in all July Fourth has to offer, I encourage you to keep composite risk management in mind and remember that safety is everyone's responsibility.

This responsibility includes looking out for not only yourself, but also your buddies. Set the standard by wearing your seat belt, following posted speed limits and using required personal protective equipment on motorcycles. Designate a driver or call a cab when your plans involve alcohol, and take the keys when your friends need an intervention. And don't forget that outdoor activities like swimming, hiking and celebrating with fireworks require a thoughtful, yet simple, risk management plan.

Sadly, our Army lost six Soldiers to off-duty accidents during the 2010 Memorial Day weekend, our worst holiday weekend statistics in more than five years. Nearly all these accidents involved a vehicle or motorcycle, the failure to wear seat belts or PPE and traveling at excessive speeds. This July Fourth weekend, we must remain vigilant to prevent tragedies like these from happening again. Remain engaged with your fellow Soldiers, take an active role in helping them make safe decisions and never hesitate to ask for help when you have a concern about your or a buddy's plans. Above all, safety is an individual responsibility, but one that is made easier by working together and looking out for one another.

Your service and your safety are vital to ensuring our nation's freedom endures for generations to come. Enjoy this weekend, but always remember to play it safe!

William T. Wolf
Brigadier General, USA
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U.S. Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center

Fireworks safety

U.S. ARMY GARRISON-HAWAII
PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Thousands of people are injured nationwide while using consumer fireworks on Independence Day, and more fires are reported nationwide on the Fourth of July than any other day of the year, according to the National Fire Protection Association.

The sale and use of personal consumer fireworks are prohibited on all military bases on Oahu, except for authorized and approved professional displays, per Headquarters, 25th Infantry Division, and U.S. Army-Hawaii Regulation 420-1, 12-5.

Residents are urged to attend professional Independence Day celebrations, such as the Fourth of July Spectacular on Sills Field, Schofield Barracks. See B-2 for more details.

When deciding on a location for setting off fireworks in an approved off-post location, any proposed areas should be safe and clear of any combustibles, glass or small rocks. These items could be propelled and strike someone.

During the 2009 Fourth of July weekend, the Honolulu Fire Department responded to 102 calls, 52 of which were believed to be fireworks related.

Sparklers, commonly seen in backyard Independence Day parties, can burn up to 1,800 degrees Fahrenheit.



Don't let frequent moves disrupt church attendance

CHAPLAIN (MAJ.) ROBERT WALKER
Chaplain's Office, U.S. Army-Pacific



Walker

Have you just moved or are you getting ready to move? Have you found a church yet? While church is important to us, church can work its way down the priority list of finding a place to live, finding a good school, competent doctors, and so on until it is last on the list.

Some people will keep putting it off, until one Sunday morning they wake up and realize a year has gone by and they still have not found a church!

There are many reasons that this can happen to us when we move. One reason is that we are so busy doing other things.

We can get caught up in the daily activities around us and not have the time or energy to make it out on Sunday. We can lose sight of the benefit that the spiritual community offers us, such as taking time out of our week to worship God with

others of like faith. The time of reflection through songs, prayers and visiting with others, can offer us new ideas and give us direction in life.

Also, going to a new church is not easy. People who visit a new church will sometimes say, “Our other church did it this way,” and “Everything seems to be different from my old church.”

While a new church may not be like your old church, keep in mind it may be better! We have to trust God, for he has gone before us and prepared us a place to worship. Remember that while the people and place of worship are new to us, our needs remain the same.

Searching for your new spiritual house is just as

important as finding your next new home.

So today, plan to take finding a new church off the “to do” list and move it to the “done” list.

Here are methods to help keep you from falling through the spiritual cracks of life:

- Use your computer to search for churches in your new area. Then ask around to see if anyone you know attends that church.
- Don't wait until the last minute to go to church. Plan early in the week to go to church, before other competing interests arise.
- Plan to go to church with someone, or plan to meet him or her there on Sunday.
- Go to several different churches before you make your selection.
- Pray that God would lead you to the right place so that your gifts and talents could be shared with others.

I look forward to seeing you in church Sunday.

78 days since last fatal accident

Number represents fatal accidents as defined by Army Regulation 385-10, which is inclusive of all active component U.S. Army units and personnel. Current as of 7/1/10.

Voices of Ohana

“What is your favorite Fourth of July memory?”



“Going to barbecues and hanging out with friends and family.”

Spc. Jessica McLaren
325th BSB, 25th ID



“To me, the Fourth of July means barbecues, fun in the sun, relaxing and riding my Harley.”

Staff Sgt. David Phillips
Division Surgeon's Office, 25th ID



“Watching the annual Pearl Harbor fireworks display.”

Sgt. Roger Soriano
29th BSB, HIARNG



“When my father took me to watch the fireworks at Fort Richie, Md., when I was in the 3rd grade.”

Capt. Chris Browning
500th MI Bde.



“Years ago, in Ewa Beach, all you could see and hear were explosions across the sky. It was just beautiful.”

2nd Lt. Adrienne Lahtela
552nd MP Co., 8th MP Bde., 8th TSC

34th Sapper Company continues to train, hone skills

2ND LT. TOM BAZEMORE
130th Engineer Brigade Public Affairs
8th Theater Sustainment Command

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Soliders from the 34th Sapper Company may have recently returned from a deployment to Iraq, but that has not stopped them from training hard to redeploy this fall.

The sappers, part of the 65th Engineer Battalion, 130th Eng. Brigade, 8th Theater Sustainment Command, engaged in their final on-island training exercise at an engineer training area, here, June 14-18. They obtained realistic need-to-know skills that will be useful in their upcoming deployment to Iraq.

“The training was an excellent opportunity to test our tactical and technical skills in this field.”

— **Capt. Nick Brown**
Australian army

The training event developed the company’s ability to conduct troop-leading procedures and react to tactical problems. The five-day exercise centered on three separate situations: route clearance, engineer reconnaissance, and foreign army partnership.

The 34th Sapper Co. will encounter similar situations during its tour in Iraq. Situational lane training helped develop the platoon’s leadership and reinforce important tactics, techniques and procedures that will be instrumental to a successful deployment.

According to 2nd Lt. Eric Gutierrez, platoon leader, the training has better prepared him to lead his platoon.

Route clearance lane training, conducted at the engineer training area, focused on a key mission many engineers face in a deployed environment. Engineers ensure roads are cleared of improvised explosive devices so follow-on U.S and coalition forces can achieve their mission.

A civilian company, that specializes in IED detection created realistic training and implemented ways of detecting devices and methods of disguising them. Platoons trained with robots that helped demonstrate training techniques that could be instrumental to overall success of the mission.

Route reconnaissance training tested the engineers’ technical competence when classifying bridges.

Foreign army partnership training consisted of key Army leaders interacting with local leaders to train foreign soldiers all while speaking different languages. Engineers were faced with such challenges as teaching Iraqi soldiers how to properly hold aim, and fire an M-16 rifle.

“The training was an excellent opportunity to test our tactical and technical skills in this field, something the battalion has been unable to do for quite some time,” said Australian army Capt. Nick Brown, who is attached to the company. “In all, the training was a success and a great learning opportunity for everyone involved.”



1st Lt. Jerry Lupo | 130th Engineer Brigade, 8th Theater Sustainment Command

2nd Lt. Eric Gutierrez, near left, platoon leader, and Sgt. 1st Class Jamal Latore, near right, platoon sergeant, sit across the table from their Iraqi army counterparts, played by Capt. Dave Conley, left, and Capt. Chris Hallett, right, and an interpreter, center, played by Spc. James Groves, as two other Soldiers observe, during a brigade training exercise conducted at Schofield Barracks, June 14-18. All Soldiers are assigned to the 34th Sapper Company, 65th Engineer Battalion, 130th Eng. Brigade, 8th Theater Sustainment Command.



1st Lt. Jerry Lupo | 130th Eng. Bde, 8th TSC

Soldiers with 2nd Platoon, 34th Sapper Co., 65th Eng. Bn., 130th Eng. Bde., 8th TSC, begin the route clearance lane procedures at Shofield Barracks.



2nd Lt. Thomas Bazemore | 130th Eng. Bde. Public Affairs, 8th TSC

Soldiers with the 1st Platoon, 34th Sapper Co., 65th Eng. Bn., 130th Eng. Bde., 8th TSC, send out a Talon Robot to investigate a potential crush-wire used to initiate an improvised explosive device. The platoon successfully used the robot to confirm and neutralize the threat posed by the IED.

Isle’s paralegal staff gathers for Navy-hosted training conference

Story and Photo by
SGT. PHILLIS WHITE

8th Theater Sustainment Command Public Affairs

JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR HICKAM — Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force personnel recently met for a paralegal process training conference, here, June 18.

This conference is the second of its kind in Hawaii, and is designed to teach each branch about their respective legal services.

The paralegal career field encompasses functions relating to military justice, including court reporting, administrative boards reporting, accident and collateral investigations, depositions and other legal proceedings.

A highlight of the Navy-hosted conference was a mock discharge review board to explain to the other services

how military disciplinary actions are conducted in the Navy.

“The training went very well,” said Chief Legalman Harry Smith, the most senior enlisted person at the Naval Paralegal Training Center, here. “A lot of information was passed along so we can network with each other; we can get a lot of situations solved when we go out into the field in a joint environment.”

Paralegal specialists play a key role in the military’s judicial system. They assist judges, lawyers and unit commanders with legal matters and judicial work.

“The training was beneficial,” said Spc. Jamie Cheesebrow, paralegal specialist, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 8th Theater Sustainment Command. “It gave other services a chance to get to speak with each other about tactics when

handling certain legal matters.”

According to Cheesebrow, the training makes the 8th TSC’s legal office look at the way it does things and evaluate implementing new processes to make the legal action more productive. Another joint training conference, hosted by the Air Force, is scheduled for September.

“I will continue to get in touch with the senior enlisted of the different services and invite them to these joint trainings,” Smith said.

Smith is expecting that the other sections within the Army will catch on and start conducting joint training sessions, as well.

“We have so much in common with the Uniform Code of Military Justice,” Smith said. “The training brings continuity to the team where we can better help each other out in the future.”



Several members of the joint services paralegal field listen to different branches of the military explain judicial procedures during the Joint Paralegal Training Conference, June 18, at Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam.

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Memo: New training directed

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which also identifies Army civilian training resources, training definitions and methods, individual development plans and the civilian education system.

Dr. Gerry White, chief, Civilian Workforce Development Branch, USARPAC, sees his role as the provider of directive guidance as essential for developing a diverse, professional and high-performing civilian workforce.

“Lt. Gen. Mixon has stated that civilian workforce development is one of his ‘top three’ initiatives in the command,” White said. “To emphasize this point, Mixon will direct commands to brief their civilian education plans and training requirements to him. To accomplish this, civilian employees and their supervisors shall develop an individual development plan that will be used as a road map for employee (advancement).”

According to White, Mixon is emphasizing Army civilians’ professional development because the USARPAC civilian to active duty ratio

is three civilian employees for every four active duty service members. With such a large civilian workforce that supports the Army mission and provides stability and continuity to the force during war and peace, it is absolutely essential to train the civilian workforce so that a competent and confident team meets all current and future goals and missions.

White will provide Mixon with a quarterly and annual snapshot of how USARPAC, and all subordinate commands, are doing with regard to civilian training.

U.S. Army-Pacific civilian employees and supervisors may contact Dr. Gerry White at 438-0959 or gerry.white2@us.army.mil for assistance or with questions regarding civilian workforce development.

A copy of the Memorandum 10-16 can be found on the USARPAC SharePoint Portal.

News Briefs

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

Today

Office Closure — The Installation Access Pass office at Leilehua Golf Course will be closed July 2 in order to install new equipment. The IAP office on Fort Shafter will be open as usual.

4 / Sunday

Event Road Closures — The loop from Cadet Sheridan Road to Trimble Road, Humphreys Road, and Kolekole Avenue will all be closed for the Fourth of July Spectacular on Schofield Barracks. Residents are encouraged to walk to the event.

9 / Friday

311th Signal Change of Command — Brig. Gen. Alan Lynn, commander, 311th Signal Command, will relinquish command to Col. William Scott, at Palm Circle, Fort Shafter, July 9, at 10 a.m.

12 / Monday

UVA Training — Initial Unit Victim Advocate training will be held July 12-15. Brigades are required to have one Deployable Sexual Assault Response Coordinator and two UVAs per battalion. Pre-registration is required. Call 655-1718.

Sex Signals — The Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program is hosting 12 showings of Sex Signals for Soldiers ages 18-25, July 12-15. Pre-registration is required. Call 655-1718.

14 / Wednesday

Road Closure — The intersection of Trimble and Cadet Sheridan roads will be closed July 14, 9-11 a.m.

500th MI Change of Command — Col. Christopher Ballard, commander, 500th Military Intelligence Brigade, will relinquish com-

mand to Col. Patricia Frost, at Sills Field, Schofield Barracks, July 14, at 9 a.m.

East Range Supply — The East Range Supply Support Activity will be closed July 14-20 for inventory. Only high priority emergency requests will be processed during this time. Normal operation will resume July 25. Call 656-2390/2277.

16 / Friday

USACE Change of Command — Lt. Col Jon Chytka, commanding officer, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers-Honolulu District, will relinquish command to Lt. Col. Doug Guttormsen at Palm Circle, Fort Shafter, July 16, at 10 a.m.

Ongoing

Uniform Guidance — Soldiers are reminded to wear their Class B uniforms while visiting the USS Arizona Memorial, as a sign of respect and to preserve the sanctity of the memorial. Military personnel may be turned away if not dressed appropriately for the memorial.

Road Closures — Portions of Ayres Avenue, from Waianae Avenue to McNair Gate on Schofield Barracks, will be closed for road resurfacing, July 1-19. Call 656-2473.

Lunch Wagons — Army and Air Force Exchange Service is now offering three lunch wagons at Schofield Barracks. Kianis is located behind the Commissary; Ono Local Foods is located at the Soldier Support Center, Building 750; and Chiqui’s Surf Grill is located at Building 1492, near Leader’s Field and Hauula Street. Call 423-4552/7302.

DFAC — Fort Shafter’s Paradise Haven Dining Facility is permanently closed.

Special Forces Recruiting — If you have an interest in joining the Army’s Special Forces, visit the Special Forces Recruiting Team, Building 2082, on Schofield Barracks, or call 655-4397/5809.

Army CID Recruiting —

Interested in becoming a special agent with the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command? Visit www.cid.army.mil or call 655-1989.

LES Review — Now is a good time for civilian pay employees to review their tax withholding information and deductions for the correct state and locality.

Correct information is a personal responsibility, and changes can be made via My-Pay or by calling 800-538-9043, Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m., EDT.

Resale Lot — The Schofield Barracks Vehicle Resale Lot has relocated to Wheeler Army Airfield, near the Kawamura Gate entrance. It’s the only authorized location to position vehicles for resale. Call 655-0497.

Blue Star Card — The Blue Star Card is a Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation deployment discount card for spouses of deployed Soldiers. The card offers spouses discounts at FMWR facilities, activities and special events throughout the deployment. Visit www.bluestarcardhawaii.com.

Military OneSource Counseling — Military OneSource offers nonmedical behavioral health counseling sessions for service members and their families. The counseling sessions apply to face-to-face counseling through affiliate providers, as well as through telephone and online consultations.

Call 800-342-9647 or visit www.MilitaryOneSource.com.



Joseph Bonfiglio | U.S. Army Corps of Engineers-Honolulu District Public Affairs

From the ground up

FORT SHAFTER — Joseph Calcara, center right in Aloha shirt, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations and Housing, discusses the future U.S. Army-Pacific Command and Control Facility with Lise Ditzel-Ma, project manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers-Honolulu District, here, during his recent visit.

Also present are members of the project delivery team. While Calcara visited Hawaii to discuss Residential Communities Initiative issues with U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii and Actus Lend Lease, the parent company of Army Hawaii Family Housing, he received briefings about Army/COE programs and projects.

PTA: Niles assumes command

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Soldiers, Marines, Sailors and Airmen who train at PTA, by providing services and support necessary to ensure the safety, readiness and welfare of those training at PTA.

Richardson will soon depart for her new assignment at Headquarters, U.S. Army-North, Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

In welcoming Niles to Hawaii and PTA, Mulbury took the opportunity to thank everyone for their continuing support of PTA, citing PTA’s important mission in support of efforts in Iraq and Afghanistan.

“PTA is critical to the training, readiness, survivability and safe return of all U.S. military forces in Hawaii preparing to deploy,” Mulbury said. “This includes members of Hawaii National Guard and Army Reserve units that train here.”

“Our mission is twofold; to provide the training facilities and resources needed to prepare our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines for whatever mission our country calls them to do,” Niles said in his remarks. “In addition, we are to be good stewards of the resources we have been given responsibility for.”

Niles thanked the USAG-HI staff, and specifically, Hawaii Island Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army Bill Moore, for welcoming him and his family to Hawaii.

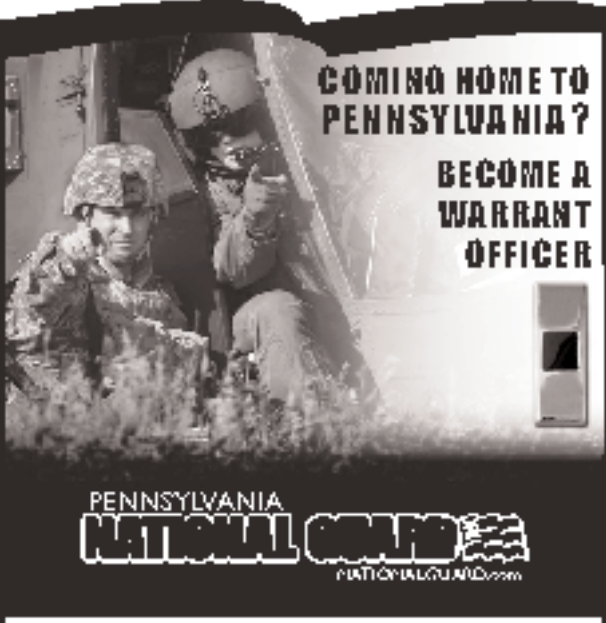
“I look forward to the challenge knowing there is a great staff, leaders and community that helps us to be successful. I am proud of



Lt. Col. Rolland “Chris” Niles, incoming commander, U.S. Army Garrison-Pohakuloa Training Area, gives his remarks during the change of command ceremony, June 24. Niles assumed command from Lt. Col. Warline Richardson.

the work you have done, and we are committed to continue our excellence,” Niles said.

Most recently, Niles deployed with the 17th Fires Brigade to Iraq, serving initially as both the brigade executive officer and deputy commanding officer. He recently redeployed and completed his last assignment as the brigade deputy commanding officer in May 2010.



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Military children scream in excitement when asked who will volunteer during a Summer Reading Program event, June 23, at Sgt. Yano Library on Schofield Barracks. The program encourages children of all ages to continue reading throughout the summer.



LIBRARY

readers take a 'Voyage to Book Island'

Story and Photos by
SPC. JAMES KENNEDY BENJAMIN
305th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Service members and their families took part in the second of five scheduled entertainment events, as a part of the Summer Reading Program at the Sgt. Yano Library, here, June 23.

This year's theme for the five-week program, which started June 7, is "Voyage to Book Island," and encourages children of all ages to read, even when they are out of school.

"The purpose of the program is to encourage literacy and to keep the kids busy by reading," said Bonnie Dong, supervisory librarian at Sgt. Yano. "Even though they are on summer vacation, they will continue to read."

"Last week, we had Ronald McDonald come to the library to speak to the children," she said. "He talked about using the library and encouraged children to read."

The second week's event had families watching a one-hour bubble show performance by Karen Force.

"We have had the bubble show for several years now," Dong said. "The families really enjoy it." Vanessa Waineokai, a military wife and a mother to five children: Akamu, 15; Leilani, 13; Lopaka, 11; Mahea, 9; and Makaio, 1; participated in the event.

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"It's a really good program," Waineokai said. "All my kids are enrolled in the program. It encourages them to read more during the summer."

"When Lopaka heard we were going to the library today to watch the bubble show, he ran to the room and started reading his book," she said.

The library has specific reading programs for all ages, but that wasn't always the case. When the Summer Reading Program first started, it only focused on elementary school-age children from ages 6 to 12.

After several years, parents started asking about the younger children.

"That is how we started with the 'Read To Me' program," Dong said. "Read to Me is for children ages 5 and below."

"A few years ago we started the 'Teen Summer Reading Club,'" said Janet Howard, a public services librarian at Sgt. Yano. "It was a way to reach out toward the teens."

Last year was the first year the library started the "Adult Summer Reading Club."

"This year, we have 226 children enrolled in the Read To Me program, and we have 322 children enrolled in the elementary level 'School Age' program, 83 teens and 139 adults," Howard said.

Not only does the Summer Reading Program offer free entertainment, it also awards participants for reading. "Enrollees in the four, age-specific programs have to read at least one book a week to claim their incentive award," Dong said.

The program operates on funds donated by various organizations. Hui O Na Wahine, a women's non-profit organization made up of military spouses, has been a major contributor to the program for the past several years and donated approximately \$3,000 to the program this year.

The program has also received approximately \$10,000 in support from the Department of Defense through the program Libraries Inspire Military Children to Read, to purchase incentive rewards for the participants.

"Our library was one of approximately 250 libraries worldwide that received funding from this program," Dong said.

"Plus, this year we are partnering with the Leilehua school district and the Department of Education," Howard said. "Our kids can take their book logs back to their public schools in the fall, and they get more prizes."

It took several months to prepare for the Summer Reading Program and coordinate with all the agencies.

"We have been meeting since January to prepare for the program," Dong said. "We get together to decide on what theme we want to pick. With that theme, we decide on what type of incentive prizes or rewards we want to give to the children."

All the preparation has paid off, as the number of participants grows each year.

"Every year we continue to expand," Dong said. "Next year we look forward to getting more participants and having another great program."

RELATED STORY

See MWR briefs on B-2 for additional events occurring at post libraries, or call Fort Shafter Library at 438-9521, Aliamanu Military Reservation Library at 833-4851, or Sgt. Yano Library at 655-8002.



Right — Holden Thomas, 4, son of 1st Lt. John Thomas, blows a bubble from inside the bubble he is standing in during a "Voyage to Book Island" event, June 23.



Right — Karen Force makes a bubble do the hula during her performance for the families of service members, June 23.



Today

Waikiki Party Bus – The free party bus to Waikiki runs again July 2, 9 p.m.-4 a.m. Reservations are required and pickups are available from Schofield Barracks and Fort Shafter. Call 655-9971 or 438-1985.

Family Fun Friday – Come party with Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation at 6 p.m., July 2, or the first and third Friday of every month. Visit the website for each Friday's location for an evening filled with food, fun and activities. Call 655-5698 or visit www.mwr.armyhawaii.com.

3 / Saturday
PARC Cabins Closed – All Pili-laau Army Recreation Center cabins on the surf side will be closed for renovation through July 3. All cabins on the swim side will be closed for renovation July 5-Sept. 30.

4 / Sunday
Closures – The commissary will be closed, July 4, and its parking lot will close at 9:30 p.m., July 3. The parking lot at building 580 will close at 12 p.m., June 30 and reopen at 8 a.m., July 5. Call 655-0111/0112.

Fourth of July Spectacular – Fun, prizes, fireworks and more! It's that time of year again, so don't miss out on all the fantastic events taking place on Sills Field, July 4, starting at 8 a.m. Visit www.mwrmilitaryhawaii.com.
Event Schedule
•8 a.m., Late registration for 5K Run
•9 a.m., 5K Run
•10 a.m., Children's 1-Mile Fun Run
•10 a.m., Booths, games, sales, Crafts Bazaar and rides open
•11:30 a.m., Military Working Dog demonstrations
•12 p.m., Kazoo Fun
•1 p.m., 25th Infantry Division Lightning Jazz Project
•2 p.m., Attitude, a Top-40 variety band
•3 p.m., Show of Force, a rock band
•3:45 p.m., Delayed Resistance, a rock band
•5:25 p.m., Flag Retreat
•5:30 p.m., Smash Mouth
•7 p.m., Prize drawing for the car giveaway
•7:30 p.m., 25th ID Band
•8:30 p.m., Fireworks display
•After party, Flux Capacitor, a rock band

5 / Monday
Hula Classes – The Office of the Native Hawaiian Liaison, U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii, welcomes all Sol-



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

What's for lunch?

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Soldiers and civilians line up in the rain, Monday, at Kiani's, one of three new Army and Air Force Exchange Service lunch wagons, here. Kiani's is located behind the Commissary; Ono Local Foods lunch wagon is behind the Soldier Support Center, Building 750; and Chiqui's Surf Grill is located at Building 1492, near Leader's Field and Hauula Street. Call 423-4552/7302.

diers and families to participate in free hula classes, 6-8 p.m., July 5 and 12, at the Kalakaua Recreation Center on Schofield Barracks. Classes will feature the different types of hula, fundamentals of hula steps, movement and posture. E-mail nhliasion@gmail.com or call 655-9694.

6 / Tuesday
Do Re Mi Music – Shake, wiggle and jiggle. This program is sure to get you out of your seat and on your feet. Bring your little ones for an exciting introduction to music, rhythm and dance, July 6 at Fort Shafter Library; July 7 at Sgt. Yano Library on Schofield; or July 8 at Aliamanu Library. Call 655-8002.

7 / Wednesday
Financial Enrichment – Sign up for Army Community Service finance classes in July, including:
•Managing Your Checking Account or All About Credit, July 7;
•Mandatory First-Term Financial Training, July 12 and 26;
•Money Management, July 14 and 28;
•Secrets of Car Buying, July 14;
•Financial Planning for Deployment or Understanding Insurance and Scams, July 21; or
•Simple Tips for Saving and Investing, July 28. Visit www.acsclasses.com or call 655-4227.

10 / Saturday
Movie Marathon – Visit Sgt. Yano Library on Schofield Barracks to enjoy your favorite "Star Trek" movies

with the family:
•July 10, "Star Trek: The Motion Picture," (G), at 11 a.m., or "Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan," (PG-13), at 1:30 p.m.;
•July 17, "Star Trek III: Search for Spock," (PG-13), at 11 a.m., or "Star Trek IV: Voyage Home," (PG-13), at 1 p.m.;
•July 24, "Star Trek V: Final Frontier," (PG-13), at 11 a.m., or "Star Trek VI: Undiscovered Country," (PG-13), at 1 p.m. Call 655-8002.

13 / Tuesday
Fort Shafter Thrift Shop – The Fort Shafter Thrift Shop is closed for a summer break through July 13. Call 842-1074.

15 / Thursday
Tropics Reopens – The Tropics grand reopening three day extravaganza is July 15-17. There will be Texas Hold 'em and Bunco, July 15, at 6 p.m. Enjoy Family Fun Friday, July 16, starting at 6 p.m., with the Teen Zone band, Delayed Resistance; Ti leaf lei making; hula lessons; and a ballroom dancing demonstration. Enjoy "Comics on Duty" and a rock concert, July 17, at 7 p.m. Call 655-5798.

Newcomers Island Tour – Check out the free newcomers island tour. The tour departs at 8 a.m., from Schofield Barracks' Army Community Service building, the second and fourth Saturday

of the month; or from Fort Shafter Flats' ACS, the third Wednesday of the month. Call 655-4227 or 438-4499.

Day Camps – School Age Services has summer day camp through July 30, Monday-Friday, 5:30 a.m.-6 p.m., at Schofield Barracks, 655-5314; Helemano Military Reservation, 653-5314; Aliamanu Military Reservation, 653-0717; and Fort Shafter, 438-1487.

Summer Bus Shuttle Service – The summer shuttle operates Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., for all Department of Defense service and family members with valid IDs. The shuttle stops at Helemano's Community Center; Schofield Barracks' Teen Center, Martinez Gym, Richardson Pool, the skateboard park, Commissary, PX and Burger King; and Wheeler Army Airfield's Camp Stover and bowling center. Children must be at least 12 years old to ride alone. Call 656-8720 or visit www.mwrmilitaryhawaii.com.

New Blue Star Benefits – New child care benefits provided by the Blue Star Card program include fee reduction, additional funding for activities and classes, and 16 hours of respite care, per child, per month, beginning 30 days prior to deployment and ending 90 days after return. Call 655-0002.

Woodshop Safety – This class is required to use the woodshop. It's held on the first and third Saturday of the month at the Schofield Barracks Arts and Crafts Center. The class is \$10 and starts at 8 a.m. Call 655-4202.

Magic Lessons – The Hawaii Magicians Society holds free beginners magic lessons at Kalihi-Palama Public Library, 1325 Kalihi St., every fourth Thursday of the month, 6-7 p.m. Call 234-5262 or visit www.hawaiimagicclub.com.

Recycling – The Army Recycling Center now accepts magazines, brochures, catalogues and other glossy paper products for recycling. Items will be collected when customers request a regular pickup. To learn more about on-post recycling efforts, go to www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil, and click on "sustainability."

Operation Kid Comfort – Comfort, create, unite. Operation Kid Comfort creates comfort quilts and pillows for children of deployed service members, and offers an opportunity for America to unite in support of military families. Contact the Armed Services YMCA at 473-3398 or e-mail pearlharbor@asymcahi.org.

Military Order of the Purple Heart – Are you on active duty or a veteran that has been wounded in combat? Have you been awarded a Purple Heart for those wounds? If so, you are invited to join the Military Order of the Purple Heart. The Oahu chapter meets the second Saturday of every month. Visit www.purpleheart.org or call 433-0428 or 772-1963.

2nd Infantry Division Reunion – The Second (Indianhead) Division Association is searching for anyone who served in the 2nd Infantry Division, at any time. Visit www.2ida.org or call 744-5062 for information on the association or the annual reunion in Danvers, Mass.



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

AMR: Aliamanu Chapel
FD: Fort DeRussy Chapel
FS: Fort Shafter Chapel
HMR: Helemano Chapel
MPC: Main Post Chapel, Schofield Barracks
PH: Aloha Jewish Chapel, Pearl Harbor
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
•Friday, 9 a.m. at AMR
•Saturday, 5 p.m. at FD, TAMC and WAAF chapels
•Saturday, 6 p.m. a Hawaiian-style Mass (May-Aug. only) near the Army Museum (FD)
•Sunday services:
–7:30 a.m. at WAAF
–8 a.m. at AMR
–10:30 a.m. at MPC Annex
–11 a.m. at TAMC
•Monday-Friday, 12 p.m. at MPC and TAMC

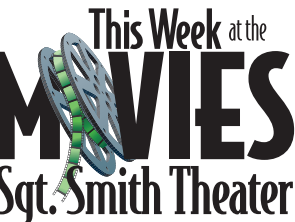
Gospel Worship
•Sunday, 12 p.m. at MPC
•Sunday, 12:30 p.m. at AMR

Islamic Prayers and Study
•Friday, 1 p.m. at MPC Annex
•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 AMR and HMR



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



Sex and The City 2 (R)
Fri., July 2, 7 p.m.
Thur., July 8, 7 p.m.



Shrek Forever After (PG)
Sat., July 3, 4 p.m.



Letters to Juliet (PG)
Sat., July 3, 7 p.m.
Wed., July 7, 7 p.m.

No shows Sunday, due to the holiday. No shows Monday or Tuesday.



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

Today
Palettes, Pilots and Planes – The Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor is hosting an art show and lecture series through July 4, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., that is free with museum admission. Military service members may visit the Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor for free while in uniform. Call 441-1000 or visit www.PacificAviationMuseum.org.

3 / Saturday
Cannon Rehearsal – Residents and visitors near Cadet Sheridan Road will hear the cannon rehearsal and performance July 3, 6-10 p.m., and July 4, 7:15-8:30 p.m. Residents of Schofield Barracks are encouraged to walk to the Fourth of July event to reduce traffic on post.

4 / Sunday
Block Party – Join the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam block party, July 4, 2-9 p.m., featuring Michelle Branch and Sinbad. Visit www.greatlifeohawaii.com.

6 / Tuesday
Museum Rededication Ceremony – U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii will rededicate the U.S. Army Museum of Hawaii, in Waikiki, July 6, at 11 a.m. The gun parapets have been rebuilt on the upper deck to house a community center,

This week on

Comprehensive Soldier Fitness

Daily at 1:30 p.m.

Learn more about the science behind the Army's new initiative about complete Soldier training, from this briefing by Martin Seligman, a professor at the University of Pennsylvania, during his lecture at Schofield Barracks.

library, archival depository chamber and exhibit hall. Call 438-2822.

11 / Sunday
Reserve Enrichment Camp – Children, ages 6-15, are invited to attend the Army Reserve Enrichment Camp, July 11-16, at Camp Erdman on the North Shore. This free event includes boating, fishing and archery. Activities are designed to challenge and support youth to develop skills like independence, leadership and peer relationships. Registration is required. Visit www.arfp.org/arec.

15 / Thursday
Summer Concerts – The Waikiki Aquarium will host oceanside concerts, July 15 and 29; and Aug. 12. Aquarium doors open at 5:30 p.m.; concerts are 7-8:30 p.m. Aquarium galleries and exhibits will remain open throughout the evening. Tickets are \$30 for adults, \$10 for children ages 7-12. Call 550-8457 or visit www.honolulu.boxoffice.com.

17 / Saturday
Tahitian Solo Dance – The Polynesian Cultural Center is hosting the 10th Annual Te Mahana Hiroa Tumu O Tahiti, or Tahitian Solo Dance, July 17,

9 a.m.-2 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$6 for keiki ages 5-15. Call 293-3333.

PTA Hunting – Hunting activities at Pohakuloa Training Area are closed July 17-Aug. 31, for live-fire training purposes. Call 969-3474.

Ongoing

Military Women of America – The Military Women of America Hawaii Chapter meets the 2nd Saturday of each month at 11 a.m. at the Oahu Veterans Center in Foster Village. It provides information and support to women currently serving and women who have served in the military. This is an opportunity to meet other female veterans and support the community. Call 422-4000.

Pet Foster Care – The Hawaiian Humane Society seeks pet foster care volunteers who will temporarily open their home to animals in need. Food, medical treatment and basic supplies are included. E-mail btrombi@hawaiianhumane.org or call 356-2217.



Father uses skills to aid recovery efforts, find son

PFC. MARCUS FICHTL
8th Military Police Brigade Public Affairs
8th Theater Sustainment Command

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS – The world looked on as Haiti experienced a 7.0 magnitude earthquake leaving more than 200,000 people dead and millions homeless, Jan. 12, but for Port-au-Prince native Spc. Robinson Cadeus, looking on wasn’t good enough – he needed to find his son.

Port-au-Prince lay in ruins, with no communication getting in or out.

“I needed to know what was going on; I was going crazy,” Cadeus said, a petroleum supply specialist with 71st Chemical Company, 8th Military Police Brigade, 8th Theater Sustainment Command. “There was no way to get a hold of anyone in Haiti, so I had to somehow get into the country. I went straight to my chain of command and they started working on (an emergency leave) waiver to get me to Haiti.”

“No one was being let into the country,” said Sgt. Charlotte Becker, Cadeus’ squad leader. “But we couldn’t sit by and watch Cadeus anguish in despair. We were getting him on a flight to Haiti.”

Two weeks went by, and there was still no word from Cadeus’ family, or on the waiver. Finally, after a few phone calls, the waiver came through for emergency leave, Becker said.

Eighteen days after the earthquake, Cadeus was off to Haiti.

“I arrived and saw the destruction all over the city and the despair in the people’s eyes,” he said. “The worst part was, I was in country but still couldn’t see my family and my son.”

While the Joint Task Force-Haiti recovery mission, Operation Unified Response, officially ended June 1, National Guard Soldiers are continuing to deploy for medical and construction projects through September.

As of June, more than 4.9 million meals, 17 million pounds of bulk food and 2.6 million bottles of water were distributed in Haiti, and more than 1 million people had received emergency shelter.

(Editor’s Note: Information is from U.S. Southern Command)

The U.S. Embassy still had to process Cadeus’ paperwork before letting him go off on a search for his son.

Finally, on the third day in Haiti, he was able to start the search.

He arrived at his family’s house, but there was no house standing there.

The earthquake had destroyed the family’s house just like it had destroyed every house in Port-au-Prince.

But where the house once stood, stood something more important to Cadeus: his family, and most importantly, his son.

“They were as happy to see me as I was to see them,” he said. “They had no idea I was coming, and I had no idea if they were alive. The struggle wasn’t over yet.

“I held and hugged my son knowing that even though I just found him and reunited with him, I had responsibilities as a Soldier and to the people living where I was born,” Cadeus said. “We were going to be separated again.”



Petty Officer 2nd Class Todd Frantom | U.S. Navy

Spc. Robinson Cadeus, 45th Sustainment Brigade, 8th Theater Sust. Command, holds his 9-year-old son in Delmas, Haiti, after the child survived the 7.0 earthquake, Jan. 12.

While in Haiti, Cadeus reactivated and attached to the 82nd Airborne Division, which was deployed in support of Operation Unified Response, where he worked as a translator for the unit.

After a month spent helping the citizens of Haiti, father and son returned to Schofield Barracks.

“We welcomed Cadeus back with open arms,” Becker said. “We were proud of him for being a great family man and a great Soldier.”

“My son’s adjusted well since coming to Hawaii. He’s making friends in school and enjoying what Hawaii has to offer,” Cadeus said. “Most importantly, I’m making sure I’m never going to be separated from my son again.”

AHFH mock electric billing begins in July

ARMY HAWAII FAMILY HOUSING
News Release

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS – Across the Department of Defense, energy conservation programs are underway with a goal to reduce the overall energy consumption in the U.S. by 20 percent – ultimately reducing the dependency on foreign energy resources.

U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii fulfilled its responsibility to the DoD initiative with the launch of its mock billing program, Thursday.

Data from meters on all new and existing homes, except homes that will be demolished in the Army Hawaii Family Housing residential development plan, will be collected for a mock bill which residents will start receiving Aug. 1.

The two most important things families need to understand are that they are not being sent a utility bill for payment, and that they will not be billed for anything throughout the mock billing period, which will run for approximately one year.

Additionally, mock billing at AHFH is for electricity only.

The purpose of the mock billing program is to create awareness among families about their household energy

consumption, promote energy conservation, and help families who exceed electrical consumption baseline targets to reduce their use.

AHFH and ista North America, the company managing data collection and energy consumption reports for AHFH, will provide information and resources to help families come under their baselines through programs such as SYNERGY, Saving Your Nation’s Energy.

Community managers and a full-time utilities manager also are available to assist families throughout this process.

Money saved by reducing energy consumption will be put back directly into home and community improvements, and Soldiers and families who conserve energy will be financially rewarded.

Likewise, Soldiers and families who are wasteful with their energy consumption will be charged for usage that is above the established baseline, or norm, for that particular home and neighborhood.

USAG-HI has not yet determined when actual utility billing will begin, but in accordance with policies set by the Office of the Secretary of Defense, actual billing must begin within 12 months of the start of mock billing.

Family Child Care offers stable environment for military children

RITA HALL
Family Child Care, Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS – With so many options for child care available in the local community, military families may ask why they should choose Family Child Care, a program overseen by Child, Youth and School Services.

Sgt. 1st Class Christina Slaton, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 25th Infantry Division, has the answers: stability and consistency. Slaton utilizes Pam Murray’s FCC home for all

three of her youngest children, as she feels it is imperative that her children know what to expect in a daily routine.

She prefers FCC to other child care options, primarily because of the stability and consistency that one care-giving adult can offer in a small-group home setting.

“For the military community today, FCC homes are now more important than ever because they help children with consistency,” Slaton said. “Parents are gone for random deployments all the time, and FCC is one more point of stability for

them, and a support system for the family.”

Slaton likes to know that her children have just one, primary person who will be caring for them, especially while deployed. This eases her children’s insecurities during deployment and gives Slaton peace-of-mind.

FCC homes, by their very nature, are more conducive to giving personalized, specific attention to her children’s individual needs, Slaton said. FCC providers can have no more than six children in their care, only two of who can be under the age of two.

Plus, all three of her children can stay together in the same place.

FCC caregivers undergo extensive background checks and ongoing training and professional development.

“That is the number one reason I have never considered off-post care,” Slaton said. “FCC keeps updated on the standards of quality child care and child development.”

For more information on the Family Child Care Program, call 655-8373.

Adult Medicine Clinic at Tripler expands hours

TRIPLER ARMY MEDICAL CENTER
News Release

HONOLULU — The Adult Medicine Clinic is expanding its hours to 8 p.m., starting Monday, to take care of Soldiers, avoid excess time in the Emergency Department, and make more appointments available Monday through Friday at Tripler Army Medical Center.

“The Adult Medicine Clinic will provide acute appointments to those who currently either visit the ED for non-emergency issues, or have to wait to be seen the following day because the clinic had traditionally closed at 4 p.m.,” said Dr. Sean Harap, chief, Adult Medicine Clinic.

The clinic will still open at 7:30 a.m., even with the extended hours to 8 p.m.

“Our goal is same-day access-to-care for patients – to take care of an acute problem as soon as possible and to get the service member back to 100 percent for duty,” Harap said.

An acute problem is one that has occurred quickly and has been present for a short period of time.

“If you feel you are having an emergency, you should go the Emergency Department,” Harap said. “But if you feel it is not an emer-

gency, we are available to care for you until 8 p.m. to avoid the wait, as well as to free up the Emergency Department’s services for those in need.”

Another advantage of the extended hours will be an additional military sick call after duty hours.

“We currently provide sick call from 7-8 a.m.,” Harap said. “We will add a second sick call from 5-6 p.m. each weekday, enabling those Soldiers enrolled in the Adult Medicine Clinic to receive care after their regular work-day for better service.

“The advantage is that at this later time there are more parking spaces available, gate access is faster, and traffic up the TAMC hill is not as large a concern,” he said.

Access-to-care standards require acute appointments to be scheduled within 24 hours.

“Because we will only be targeting ‘acute’ appointments with this third shift, allowing for additional appointments, we expect to meet standards and care for all patients who come to the clinic after traditional hours,” Harap said.

For further information, call Tripler Army Medical Center at 433-2778.



Capt. Jonathan Fredericks | 45th Sustainment Brigade, 8th Theater Sustainment Command

Army-style first aid

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — A Soldier with the 45th Sustainment Brigade, 8th Theater Sustainment command applies a tourniquet to another “Soldier’s” arm as part of the unit’s Combat Life Saving practical exercise and test, recently. This exam ensures Soldiers retain all the skills they have learned previously.



Today

CG Scramble — Put on a favorite golf shirt and head to Leilehua Golf course for the U.S. Army-Pacific Commanding General “Payday” Scramble, held the first Friday of every month.

The scramble is open to all U.S. Army-Hawaii personnel and begins with a shotgun start at 12 p.m. Call 655-0114.

4 / Sunday

Fun Run — Late registration for the Fourth of July celebration 5K Run is at 8 a.m., and the race starts at 9 a.m. The 5K entry fee is \$20.

The children’s 1-Mile Fun Run is at 10 a.m., July 4, at Sills Field on Schofield Barracks. No entry fee is charged for the 1-Mile Fun Run, which is for children 12 years or under. All Fun Run finishers will receive ribbons. Fun Run T-shirts are \$10.

E-mail michael.e.kim@us.army.mil or call 655-9650.

6 / Tuesday

30 and Older Basketball — Enter 30 and Older Basketball by July 6, at 4 p.m., which is open to battalion- and company-level active duty, Reserve and National Guard units stationed in Hawaii.

An organizational meeting will be held at 2 p.m., July 9, Room 100, Building 556, Schofield Barracks. Call 655-0856.

9 / Friday

Fishing Camp — Enjoy three days and two nights of fun kayaking, bottom and shoreline fishing, and trolling. Knot-tying, jig- and lure-making activities are available. This event is limited to the first 10 fishermen who are registered and have paid the fees.

Sign up at Schofield Barracks Outdoor Recreation Center, Building 556, Heard Ave. Call 655-0143.

Ongoing

Volunteer Coaches — Are you interested in volunteering to be a Youth Sports coach? For more information, call 836-1923 for Aliamanu Military Reservation, 438-9336 for Fort Shafter and Tripler Army Medical Center, 655-6465 for Schofield Barracks, or 655-0883 for Helemano Military Reservation.

All Army Sports — Soldiers interested in applying for Army-level sports competitions must apply with their Army Knowledge Online account at <https://armysports.cfsc.army.mil>, or call 655-9914 or 655-0856.



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

Today

Swim Lessons — Register for free Red Cross swim lessons at Ala Moana Beach Park. There is a four-week session for both adults and children in July.

Visit www.hawaiiaredcross.org.

3 / Saturday

Freedom Fest — Freedom Fest events are held on Kualoa Ranch in Kaaawa Valley, July 3 and 4.

Join one or all of the four events: a 10K trail run and hike; a 20K and

40K mountain bike race; an 800-meter and 1600-meter rough water swim; or an off-road triathlon consisting of a 750-meter swim, a 20K bike race and a 10K trail run.

Registration fees vary according to the event(s) entered.

Visit www.freedomfsthawaii.com.

4 / Sunday

Runway Run — All of Oahu is invited to get physical and enter the Runway Run, 7 a.m., July 4, at Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay.

The Commanding Officers Fitness series race starts and finishes at Hangar 104, and takes runners along the MCBH flightline, catching glimpses of historical Pyramid Rock.

Awards will go to the top three finishers in various age groups, and to the top three overall male and female finishers in the Runway Run.

Visit www.MCCshawaii.com/cgfit.htm.

10 / Saturday

Freedom Fun Run — The Air Force 5K/10K Freedom Fun Run, hosted by Pacific Air Forces, is July 10 on scenic Hickam Air Force Base. There are prizes for top finishers and T-shirts for first 100 participants to sign up.

Cost to enter is \$20 for adults and \$15 for children under 15 years old.

Contact Jamie.Hedrick@hickam.af.mil or LaShandra.Battle@hickam.af.mil.

Surf 'n Sea Swim — Join the Surf 'n Sea Swim Series' second event, the Cholo's Waimea Bay Swim, July 10, at 9 a.m., for a 1.2-mile swim that circles Waimea Bay.

Visit www.hawaiiswim.com.

11 / Sunday

Lanikai 8K — Show up and race

the Lanikai Bike Path 8K, July 11, at 7 a.m., in Kailua.

Bike two loops of the Lanikai Bike Path and finish near the Kailua Beach boat ramp.

Visit www.mprrc.com/raceschedule.

Ongoing

Scuba Diving — Interested in dive master, night, advanced open-water, technical, beach, rescue or adventure dive classes and certifications? Call Ocean Concepts at 677-7975.

Football League — The Hawaii Athletic League of Scholars will start practices for youth players in July

HALOS is a no-weight-limit, tackle football league for ages 9-14. Visit www.myhalos.com or call 723-5321.

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