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Gen. Peter Chiarelli (right), Army vice chief of staff, sits down to lunch with 3rd BCT, 25th ID Soldiers, at the Quad C dining facility at Schofield Barracks, Nov. 16. Chiarelli discussed topics and answered questions posed by Soldiers on a variety of subjects, including deployment stress, uniform improvements and Army policy.

Vice chief of staff visits Soldiers, wounded warriors

U.S. ARMY-PACIFIC  
News Release

FORT SHAFTER — Gen. Peter Chiarelli, Army vice chief of staff, met with Soldiers in the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, and wounded warriors, Nov. 16, during his visit to Army installations on Oahu. Chiarelli, the 32nd vice chief of staff, flew over the Makua Military Reservation and Schofield training area, and he toured the Battle Command Training Center, also at Schofield Barracks. While there, he observed preparations for a full-spectrum exercise with the 3rd BCT, and he ate lunch with Soldiers. The vice chief of staff fielded questions from Soldiers on a variety of topics, including training requirements and procedures, family member programs and the Comprehensive Soldier Fitness Program. He also visited wounded warriors at Tripler Army Medical Center and called it “the highlight of my day.” Chiarelli later received a briefing from Lt. Gen. Benjamin Mixon, commander, U.S. Army-Pacific, and attended a reception in his honor at the Hale Ikena, here. “I was particularly moved today by our wounded warrior program and the way in which it is being conduct-



Gen. Peter Chiarelli, Army vice chief of staff, meets with 3rd BCT, 25th ID Soldiers outside of the Quad C dining facility, Nov. 16.

ed at Tripler,” Chiarelli said, while addressing senior leaders at the reception. “Please encourage all Soldiers, regardless of rank, to use to programs the Army offers.” He also praised the training that takes place on Hawaii, and said the Soldiers here are at the “forefront” when it comes to excellence and training opportunities.

Army leads way in turning trash into treasure

Story and Photo by  
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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Commanders from Oahu's military installations formalized their unified commit-



Col. Douglas Mulbury, commander, USAG-HI, signs the CQRP MOU, Nov. 16, along with other installation leaders.

ment to reduce solid waste and enhance recycling with a memorandum of understanding, or MOU, signing, here, Nov. 16. Col. Douglas Mulbury, commander, U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii; Col. Robert Rice, commanding officer, Marine Corps Base Hawaii; Capt. Richard Kitchens, commander, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam; and Cmdr. Erich Klein, commanding officer, Coast Guard Base Honolulu; signed the Collaborative Qualified Recycling Programs Partnership, or CQRP MOU, during the quarterly meeting of the Hawaii Joint Interservice Regional Support Group, which joins installation commanders to share ideas and resources. The CQRP MOU capitalizes on sharing and promotes collaboration, leveraging resources and maximizing sustainability benefits and economic returns in the solid waste management and recycling arena. This MOU is the brainchild of the HJIRSG's Joint Sustainability Working Group, or JSWG.

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Army aims to better track injured Soldiers

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Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The Army is using a new computer-based tracking system to provide more consistent care for injured Soldiers. The program, called e-Profile, is replacing the practice of handwritten temporary profiles for Soldiers; the profile allows Soldiers to temporarily opt out of certain physical activities while they recover from illness or injury. The problem with handwritten profiles is that there is no way to track them, as they aren't entered into a database, and they can be easily lost, said Col. Kelly Wolgast, chief nurse executive of U.S. Army Medical Command. Wolgast explained that problems arise when Soldiers report to a new unit as no record of the Soldiers' prior injuries would come with them. The e-Profile now keeps a permanent digital record of temporary injuries in the Medical Protection System, known as MEDPROS, the Army's medical database. This way, if a Soldier is injured while training on another post or has an appointment with a new doctor, medical personnel can immediately see the Soldier's profile history.

“We know Soldiers have medical issues that they don't attend to.”

— Col. Kelly Wolgast  
U.S. Army Medical Command

“We were looking for tools to provide education to commanders about the management of medically not-ready Soldiers,” Wolgast said, of the program. Initiated as a pilot program this summer, medical management centers aim to ensure Soldiers tend to even minor injuries, so they can return to their units and be prepared for deployments. “The impacts of preparing for, conducting and returning from combat have clearly impacted the Army, and we know Soldiers have medical issues that they don't attend to,” Wolgast said. She added, Soldiers sometimes ignore ailments, but small injuries can turn into more serious ones if left unattended. “If Soldiers are not as healthy as they can be, it's not good for the Soldier(s) or their unit,” Wolgast said. The pilot, which will conclude at the end of the month, will then transition into an implementation phase throughout the Army.

DoD announces Army casualty

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE  
News Release

The Department of Defense announced the death of a Soldier who was supporting Operation New Dawn, Monday. Sgt. David Luff Jr., 29, of Hamilton, Ohio, died Nov. 21, in Tikrit, Iraq, of wounds suffered when insurgents attacked his vehicle with small arms fire. Luff was mounted as the gunner, but was stationary for a key leader engagement. Luff was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, from Schofield Barracks.

‘Don't Ask, Don't Tell' report slated to be released Nov. 30

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American Forces Press Service

SANTA CRUZ, Bolivia — The report of the working group Robert Gates, secretary of defense, created to research the ramifications for the Defense Department if the law banning gay men and lesbians from serving openly in the military is repealed, will be released to Congress and the public Nov. 30, Defense Department officials announced here, Sunday. Gates formed the working group in February, appointing Gen. Carter Ham, commander, U.S. Army-Europe, and Jeh Johnson, DoD's general counsel, to lead the effort. “Secretary Gates is pushing all involved in the Comprehensive Review Working Group's report to have it ready for public release (Nov. 30) to accommodate the desire of the Senate Armed Services Committee to hold hearings as soon as possible,” said Geoff Morrell, Pentagon press secretary. “Frankly, Dec. 1, was already an aggressive deadline by which to complete the report, incorporate the views of service secretaries and chiefs, and for the secretary to make a recommendation on the way ahead, but he has

further compressed the timeline ... to support Congress' wish to consider repeal before they adjourn,” Morrell said. “The secretary has instructed his staff, without cutting any corners, to have everything ready a day sooner, because he wants to ensure members of the Armed Services Committee are able to read and consider the complex, lengthy report before holding hearings with its authors and the Joint Chiefs of Staff,” he said. In a roundtable discussion with reporters, Gates said he wanted the working group's report to inform the Defense Department about what it would need to do should the “Don't Ask, Don't Tell” law be changed, and also to inform the legislative process. The secretary noted that judicial involvement in the law's status in October, which included a directive to suspend the law immediately, led to the Defense Department having four different policies in place during two weeks. He told reporters that since he first testified on the subject to Congress in February, he has maintained that “having to implement (an end to the law) immediately and without preparation, and without taking the steps to mitigate whatever risks there are, I think, is the worst of all possible outcomes.”



Gates declined to speculate as to whether the current Congress or its successor would take up the issue. “We'll see what the reaction to the report is,” he said. But he re-emphasized his belief that the Defense Department should not be forced to react to a sudden end to the law, before officials know how to go about it properly. “All I know is, if this law is going to change, it's better that it be changed by legislation,” he said, “rather than have it struck down by the courts with the potential for us having to implement it immediately.”







# ThanksgivingVoices

Q: What is your Thanksgiving message to the community or your love ones?



**Spc. Samuel Fields**  
Signal support systems specialist  
8th HHC, 8th STB, 8th TSC

“Be thankful for another year you have spent with family and friends.”



**Sgt. Michael Fligg**  
Military police  
8th HHC, 8th STB, 8th TSC

“Have a safe and happy holiday (and) support the troops.”



**Spc. Larry Freeman**  
Information systems operator  
8th HHC, 8th STB, 8th TSC

“Be safe and don’t eat too much.”



**Sgt. Ulysses Fulton**  
Utilities equipment repairer  
8th HHC, 8th STB, 8th TSC

“Be good. Enjoy your family. Love and live life.”



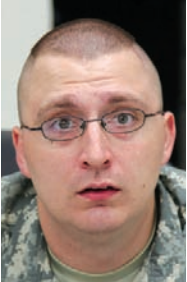
“Thank God for all you are thankful for.”

**Sgt. Chad Gardner**  
Information systems operator  
8th HHC, 8th STB, 8th TSC



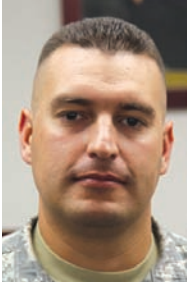
**Staff Sgt. Justin Glover**  
Military police  
8th HHC, 8th STB, 8th TSC

“For the loved ones in harm’s way, I wish you a safe return to your families.”



**Spc. Blake Leddick**  
Information systems operator  
8th HHC, 8th STB, 8th TSC

“Enjoy the time with your family.”



**Staff Sgt. Rick Yniguez**  
Military police  
8th HHC, 8th STB, 8th TSC

“Enjoy it while it lasts, before the next roll out.”



**Spc. Jon Tuttle**  
Automated logistic specialist  
8th HHC, 8th STB, 8th TSC

“Take care of those who take (care) of you.”



“To whom much is given, much is required.”

**Spc. Jesse Singleton**  
Visual information equipment operator-maintainer  
8th HHC, 8th STB, 8th TSC



**Sgt. Thomas Shields**  
Wheeled vehicle mechanic  
8th HHC, 8th STB, 8th TSC

“If you don’t have family here, spend it with friends.”

Q: What are you thankful for?

## Deployed Forces



“I’m thankful for my family and their health. For me having a job for my son, Jeshua, because being a single mom, I can provide for my 3-year-old. I’m also thankful for my family and their support while I’m here.”

**Spc. Ruby Feria**  
Unit supply specialist  
HHC, Task Force 225, 2nd BCT, 25th ID



“I’m thankful for all the love and support I receive from my wife and daughter. They have sent me care packages, which made me feel like I’ve got a piece of home here in Iraq.”

**Sgt. Jeremy Graham**  
Fire support NCO  
HHC, 1st Bn., 21st Inf. Regt., 2nd BCT, 25th ID



“I’m thankful for my wife and daughter. They have been there through all my deployments, and they mean the world to me.”

**Sgt. John Miranda**  
Human resources sergeant  
HHC, 1st Bn., 14th Inf. Regt, 2nd BCT, 25th ID



Wives from Co. C, 3rd Bn., 25th Inf. Regt., 3rd BCT, 25th ID, practice room-clearing procedures during Spouse Day, Saturday.

## Spouses experience life in the infantry

Story and Photo by  
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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS – “Sweetie, pull back on the charging handle!” came the call, here, Saturday.

“Is that this thing right here?” was the response.

This conversation was only a small example of dialogue from “Cacti” Spouse Day held by 3rd Battalion, 25th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division.

“We saw this as an opportunity to really give back to our spouses for all they do for us,” said Lt. Col. Tuley, commander, 3rd Bn., 25th Inf. Regt., 3rd BCT. “This has been a good bonding and training experience for our spouses, who give so much to support us.”

Spouse Day was designed to allow spouses of the Cacti battalion’s infantry Soldiers to get a taste of what their husbands go through on a daily basis. Spouses could learn room-clearing procedures and apply them in a shoot house. They could shoot an M4 automatic rifle and an M249 SAW, plus demonstrate how to get through an obstacle course.

“This helps me to understand what he goes through each day,” said Ida Bluhm, wife of Capt. Christopher Bluhm, com-

mander, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Bn., 25th Inf. Regt., 3rd BCT. “It gives me a new respect for what he does when he comes to work. It is definitely much different than what an average person does when they go to work each day. It’s a lot harder; it definitely doesn’t compare.”

Wives received a block of instruction on each of the infantry tasks they got to experience, and then they awkwardly donned their husbands’ combat helmets and vests and set off to live the life of an infantry Soldier.

Husbands took the opportunity to monitor their spouses from the observation deck of the shoot house – the first task for the day, where spouses were unleashed to practice their room-clearing procedures against an elusive enemy, portrayed by a different team of Army spouses.

Teams consisted of spouses from each company, who showed their unit pride by wearing face paint, pink bandanas or company T-shirts. Husbands showed support for their wives by yelling helpful pointers.

“Run honey! The enemy is going to shoot you if you don’t keep moving!”

“Keep your weapon down at the low ready until you are ready to shoot, sweetie!”

“Keep under cover! Don’t stay in the open, babe!”

Although infantry training is usually not peppered with cute pet names and consoling tones, Cacti spouses still felt the burn of fatigue from practicing procedures while wearing combat gear and carrying a weapon.

“I didn’t really realize how heavy their gear was,” said Jonna Janzen, wife of Cpl. Josh Janzen, Co. B, 3rd Bn., 25th Inf. Regt., 3rd BCT. “We’ve only been doing this for a couple of hours, and I am already drained! I don’t see how he does this all day, everyday!”

The role reversal was effective. Couples came away with new bonds to help strengthen them for the upcoming deployment to Afghanistan in April.

“I really realize how brave these guys are, and how brave they will have to be when they put all this practice we are learning today into real life,” said Allison McCleary, wife of 2nd Lt. Jarrod McCleary, 3rd Bn., 25th Inf. Regt., 3rd BCT. “I really look up to this guy!”

“You know it feels good to be able to get out here today and support her, rather than it being the other way around,” McCleary said, about his wife living a day in his boots. “This has been a good experience. Not just for us and our marriage, but for our battalion family as well.”

## ‘Cacti’ lieutenant proposes during unit’s Spouse Day

Story and Photo by  
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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS – Girls may dream about the day their true love asks for their hand in marriage.

Many envision this momentous occasion taking place over a romantic dinner with champagne and soft lighting, but for the best girl of an infantry Soldier, things were a little different.

For Erin Hering, the last thing she expected was a proposal on a rifle range.

But that’s where 1st Lt. Brooks Demmer, Company A, 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, got down on one knee, outside a shoot house, here, Saturday.

After dating for three years, Hering and Demmer got engaged during the Cacti battalion’s Spouse Day, which allows Soldiers’ significant others the opportunity to live the life of their infantry Soldier for a day.

“We will always look back on this Spouse Day as special, because it was the day I asked for her to be my spouse,” Demmer said.

“I was really happy, but shocked!” Hering said. “I immediately started bawling!”

“I have been thinking about asking her to marry me for months,” Demmer said, “but wasn’t sure how I wanted to do it. So, I thought that this

was probably the best way to really embarrass her and for her to not see it coming.”

Demmer and Hering plan to have a small ceremony to tie the knot over their upcoming holiday leave, and a bigger wedding once he returns from his deployment.

With a “yes,” Demmer strapped his Kevlar combat helmet onto the head of his bride-to-be and ushered her onto the range to show her how to shoot a machine gun.

Only in the infantry, do you find a love like that.



1st Lt. Brooks Demmer (kneeling), Co. A, 2nd Bn., 35th Inf. Regt., 3rd BCT, 25th ID, surprised his girlfriend, Erin Hering, with a marriage proposal during Spouse Day, Saturday.



# Farming, education aids quality of life

1-27th Inf. Regt. partners with PRT, Iraqi scholars to better understand use of micro-grants

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CONTINGENCY OPERATING BASE SPEICHER, Iraq — Members of the Salah Ad Din Provincial Reconstruction Team, in partnership with 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, and Iraqi scholars, worked to educate local Iraqi farmers and provide micro-grants to stimulate local economic growth here, Nov. 8.

“The whole purpose of the PRT is to work with local farmers in the agricultural area of the Jalan Desert to equip them with the education and financial means to enable them to have both immediate and long term success,” said 1st Lt. David Tyson, Company B, 1st Bn., 27th Inf. Reg., 2nd BCT.

Scholars from the University of Tikrit, specializing in veterinary

medicine, and Hussein Iswead Ali, director general of the Agriculture Extension Center of Tikrit, were invited to provide local Iraqi farmers with the knowledge needed to sustain long-term success in husbandry and the raising of crops.

The PRT, in collaboration with 1st Bn., 27th Inf. Regt., 2nd BCT, provided grants to the farmers to stimulate local economic growth.

Tyson said the grants directly improve the quality of life for the farmer, thus stimulating the local economy, indirectly improving the quality of living for the entire area.

“It is all about helping to improve the quality of life,” Tyson said. “Some of the best ways to accomplish this are through education and stimulating those who provide life-sustaining services such as agriculture and husbandry, and watch the effects trickle down through the local economies.”

In the past, micro-grants were often handed out to recipients who lacked the knowledge to use the funds effectively. Tyson said 1st Bn., 27th Inf. Reg., 2nd BCT, and the PRT coordinated the event and provided the



Spc. Coltin Heller | 109th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

Sheiks from the city of Ador and the surrounding Jalan Desert meet with representatives from the Agricultural Department in Tikrit and the Veterinary Department from Tikrit University at COB Speicher, Nov. 8. Both departments collaborated to get a better understanding of using micro-grants.

grants, but let Iraqis take the lead in showing the farmers the most efficient ways to use their funds.

“We are simply here to facilitate a platform for the Iraqi experts to educate the farmers,” said 1st Lt. James Booth, Co. B, 1st Bn., 27th Inf. Reg.,

2nd BCT, adding that it is important to better educate the locals rather than just hand out grants.

Booth said it is one thing to have financial means, and another thing completely to have knowledge to effectively use the finances.

“Once we are able to improve the quality of life and education on a very small, localized level, we will begin to see a correlation with the quality of life and economy in more widespread areas being improved,” he said.



An IA soldier from 15th Bde., 12th IA Div., steadies his M4 carbine as he prepares to zero his weapon during basic marksmanship training at the 15th Bde. Headquarters in Kirkuk, Iraq, Nov. 9. During the 15-day course, “Headhunter” Soldiers of HHC, 1st Bn., 14th Inf. Regt., 2nd BCT, 25th ID, coached the Iraqi soldiers on basic marksmanship skills.

## 1-14th Inf. Regt. teaches basic rifle course

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CONTINGENCY OPERATING SITE WARRIOR, Iraq — Soldiers from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, “Headhunters,” 1st Battalion, 14th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, made it possible for 34 soldiers assigned to the 15th Bde., 12th Iraqi army Div., to graduate from the Basic Rifle Marksmanship Course at the 15th Bde. Headquarters in Kirkuk, Iraq, Nov. 9.

“The IA went through a period of instruction where my Soldiers supervised the classes and helped refine their techniques,” said Capt. Brian Canny, commander, HHC, 1st Bn., 14th Inf. Regt., 2nd BCT. “They underwent the same training an Amer-

ican Soldier would go through during basic rifle marksmanship in basic combat training.”

During the 15-day course, Iraqi soldiers learned the fundamentals of the M16 rifle and M4 carbine to return to their respective units as qualified instructors. Gen. Abdul Amir, commander, 15th Bde., 12th IA Div., said the training was a great example of how coalition forces are helping the Kirkuk province.

“It is an honor for us to be the first instructors in the Iraqi army,” Amir said. “I hope the soldiers here will be instructors in their battalions and other schools are opened in the future.”

The Headhunters supervised as IA soldiers learned how to maintain weapons, the functions of the rifle, the immediate action to clear a stoppage and the fundamentals of firing. The 1-14th Inf. Regt. Soldiers then helped

students with hands-on training on the M4 carbine, zeroing their weapons on a range and executing the basic fundamentals of firing like acquiring a good sight picture, maintaining a steady position, steady breathing and proper trigger squeeze.

As one Iraqi soldier fired, another coached and provided feedback while U.S. Soldiers oversaw the process.

Canny said weapon transitioning will set the IA apart from violent extremists.

“The transition from the AK-47 to an M16 shows the professionalism the Iraqi army wishes to maintain and uphold,” Canny said.



Courtesy of Headquarters Service Battery, 2nd Bn., 11th FA Regt., 2nd BCT, 25th ID

## Weapons search

JUVEZRAT, Iraq — Soldiers of Headquarters Service Battery, 2nd Battalion, 11th Field Artillery Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, and a Balad Federal Iraqi police officer, begin to uncover a small munitions cache during a cache clearance operation, here, recently.

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Spc. Mary Ware | 84th Eng. Bn., 130th Eng. Bde., 8th TSC

Nicole Paradiso (right), wife of Spc. Michael Paradiso (left), a carpentry and masonry specialist with HHC, 84th Eng. Bn., 130th Eng. Bde., 8th TSC, donates blood for the TAMC's ASBP.

# 84th Eng. Bn. exceeds TAMC's weekly needs

'Never Daunted' donates enough blood to be island's Blood Battle Champions

SGT. JEFFREY KING

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

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS – Soldiers and family members from the 84th Engineer Battalion, 130th Eng. Brigade, 8th Theater Sustainment Command, showed up in force, once again, and organized another blood drive, which provided the Tripler Army Medical Center's Armed Services Blood Program with 160 pints of blood, Nov 15-16.

This collection brings the battalion's yearly donation to 380 pints, making the "Never Daunted" battalion, the Blood Battle Champions.

The engineers were able to donate more blood in 2010 than any other battalion stationed on Schofield Barracks. This feat was accomplished even while a majority of the unit was deferred from donating, due to a deployment to Iraq.

Every week, the Tripler ASBP runs drives to meet the demand of 150 pints of blood. Each drive provides necessary blood that is shipped to areas of U.S. military necessity, such as Afghanistan and Iraq.

In the event that Tripler can't get 150 pints, the military is forced to purchase blood from outside agencies.

1st Lt. Mark Preston, officer in charge for the Tripler ASBP, noted that the holidays are a rough time of the year to meet the demand from overseas.

"With so many units on leave during the holiday, and the already short workweeks, it makes it difficult to hit the numbers we need to support the missions in Iraq and Afghanistan," Preston said.

Last week's drive marked the battalion's one-year anniversary back from Iraq while providing much of the blood needed during the holidays.

"This is a great opportunity for Soldiers and their spouses to support friends and family members currently deployed," said Nicole Paradiso, wife of Spc. Michael Paradiso, carpentry and masonry specialist, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 84th Eng. Bn., 130 Eng. Bde.

Nicole said the occasion was her second time donating, and she felt privileged to support her husband and the Army.

# Portal helps vets, wounded warriors land jobs

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American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – A new, state-of-the-art web portal was rolled out Nov. 11 to help veterans, reserve-component members, their families and wounded warriors land jobs with civilian employers who value their military experience.

The user-friendly tools will enhance the popular Employer Partnership of the Armed Forces program by making it easier for both job hunters and employers seeking their skills, said Lt. Col. Matt Leonard, the program's public affairs officer.

"This program, particularly with the new web portal, really gives service members and veterans an edge, because it helps them connect with employers who are looking for their skills and attributes," Leonard said. "It gives employers an edge, too, because they are able to narrow down their searches and simplify the hiring process."

The new portal simplifies the job application process and allows users to set up a personal profile, to maintain a record of their job searches and to search parameters. That means users don't have to start from square one each time they enter the system, saving them time and inconvenience.

In addition, a resume builder helps users create a resume and maintain it in the system, and users can even set an alert function that notifies them when particular job announcements are posted. The new portal will be easier for about

1,200 employers participating in the partnership program, too, Leonard said. They will now be able to enter position vacancies directly into the system and track applications. In addition, they will be able to tap into resumes already in the system and directly reach out to candidates who qualify for their positions.

The new portal is the latest development in the popular employer partnership program the Reserve launched in April 2008, to help Reserve and civilian employers tap into the same talent pool. The program has gone militarywide and continues to attract employer partners ranging from Fortune 500 companies to metropolitan police departments to "mom-and-pop" businesses.

"We are seeing more and more larger employers like General Electric (and) Wal-Mart, coming on board and saying, 'We want to be a part of that,'" said Lt. Gen. Jack Stultz, Army Reserve chief, who came up with the concept and continues to oversee the program.

Stultz said employers recognize the program as a way to tap into a talent pool, yet to be fully leveraged.

"Employers of America see this as a



Visit the new job portal at [www.EmployerPartnership.org](http://www.EmployerPartnership.org).

# Hawaii reservists encouraged to thank civilian employers

PEARSON MOORE

New Release

ARLINGTON, Va. – While Americans are reflecting on what they are thankful for, members of the Hawaii Guard and Reserve and their families are encouraged to thank supportive employers this Thanksgiving, and nominate them for the 2011 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award.

The Freedom Award is the highest recognition the U.S. government gives to employers for their outstanding support of employees serving in the National Guard and Reserve.

To date, five Hawaii employers have been nominated to be one of the 15 employers recognized nationally.

## Freedom Award

For questions regarding the Freedom Award, visit [www.FreedomAward.mil](http://www.FreedomAward.mil), e-mail [ESGR-PA@osd.mil](mailto:ESGR-PA@osd.mil) or call (703) 696-1171, ext. 539.

Nominations are accepted at [www.FreedomAward.mil](http://www.FreedomAward.mil) through Jan. 17, 2011.

Service members and their families are eligible and encouraged to nominate employers who have provided exceptional support to military employees above the federal law requirements.

Almost 50 percent of the U.S. military is comprised of Guardsmen and reservists. The Department of Defense shares these citizen-warriors with their civilian employers, many of whom provide significant support to their employees.

new class of workforce," he added. "That is what we are hearing from the employers. They talk about the quality, the integrity, the ethics."

Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, praised the virtues of hiring veterans.

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"Veterans bring a maturity," he said. "They bring leadership. They bring a life experience. They bring a dedication they may not have had when they were 17, 18 or 19 years old, when they were coming out of high school or in the first couple years of college.

"But they clearly have it now," Mullen said, "and they can make a big difference for an awful lot of institutions."

Employer partners in the program share his sentiments.

"Veterans are well-trained, they are very well-disciplined, in most cases very mature, (and) they come back with a good work ethic, so it's a win-win for everybody," said Bill Warren, executive director of the Direct Employers Association.

"Hiring a military member, a reservist (or Guardsmen) brings discipline, good judgment, good communication skills, dependability and just an all-around great candidate for any number of jobs," agreed Michael Hinz, vice president for recruiting at Schneider National.



# News Briefs

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**Today**  
**Holiday Schedule** – The Directorate of Emergency Services Installation’s Access Pass Office and the Vehicle Registration Office at Fort Shafter and Schofield Barracks will be closed for holidays and administrative duty days:

- IAP Office, Leilehua Golf Course, Schofield Barracks, will be closed Nov. 26, and Dec 24 and 31. The IAP will also operate on a half-day schedule Dec. 23 and 30, 7:30-11:30 a.m.
- The Schofield Barracks and Fort Shafter Vehicle Registration offices will be closed Nov. 26, and Dec. 24 and 31. Vehicle Registration offices will operate on a half-day schedule Dec. 23 and 30, 7:30-11:30 a.m. Call 656-6750.

**30 / Tuesday**  
**SOAR Briefings** – The recruiting team from the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne) will conduct briefings at 11 a.m. and 4 p.m., Nov. 30-Dec. 2, at the 25th Combat Avn. Brigade, Building 113, Wheeler Army Airfield.

Information will include unit benefits and the application process. SOAR offers \$25,000 per year in aviation continuation pay. Call (270) 798-9819 or e-mail jay.m.davis@soar.army.mil or paulino.villanueva@soar.army.mil. For an application, e-mail recruiters@soar.army.mil.

Dec. 3 briefings are by appointment only.

## December 1 / Wednesday

**Live TV Town Hall** – The U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii’s third live town hall will be broadcast 7-8:30 p.m., Dec. 1, on installation channel 2 and streamed live at www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil. Maj. Gen. Michael J. Terry, commanding general, 8th TSC and USARHAW; Col. Douglas Mulbury, commander, USAG-HI; and garrison leadership will address concerns and answer questions from the community. The community can submit questions:

- Call 655-1383 or 655-5015 with issues or questions, Dec. 1, between 6-8 p.m.
- Send questions in advance to www.twitter.com/usaghi or www.facebook.com/usaghawaii.
- Send e-mail to AsktheCommander.usaghi@us.army.mil.

Any questions or issues not addressed during the town hall (due to time constraints or other hindrances) will be answered in other media such as the Hawaii Army Weekly, the garrison website or with a personal follow-up.

**2 / Thursday**  
**Ammunition Closure** – The Wheeler Ammunition Supply Point will close Dec. 2-10 to conduct quarterly inventory. The last day to process transactions is Dec. 1. Normal operations resume Dec. 13. Call 656-1649 or 656-0817.

**6 / Monday**  
**Advisory Council Meeting** – The Schofield Barracks Post Exchange/Commissary/Nehelani Advisory Council meeting is set for 10:15 a.m., Dec. 6, at the Nehelani, Schofield Barracks. Call 655-0497.

## Ongoing

**ID Card Appointments** – Customers needing to make, change or cancel ID card appointments at Schofield Barracks or Fort Shafter can do so online now. The walk-in, first-come, first-served system ended Nov. 15. A computer system is available in ID card offices for

walk-in patrons to make or change appointments, as necessary.

By accessing the online, user-friendly, Internet-based system, customers can schedule ID card appointments without the uncertainty of prolonged waiting times. Appointment hours are 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Visit <http://appointments.cac.navy.mil> to make, change or cancel ID card appointments. Call 655-6884 or 438-1757 or visit [www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil](http://www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil), click on “Services,” and from the drop-down menu, select “ID Card Services.”

**OCS Board Schedule** – Officer Candidate School application packets are due no later than Nov. 30 to the Military Personnel Division, Directorate of Human Resources, for the Dec. 14 board.

The next local board is set for May 18, 2011. Deadline for packets is May 4.

Call 655-4511 for an appointment or samples of OCS application packets.

**Employer Support Freedom Award** – The nomination season for the 2011 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award is open through Jan. 17, 2011, at [www.FreedomAward.mil](http://www.FreedomAward.mil). National Guard and Reserve service members and their families are encouraged to nominate employers who have provided exceptional support of military employees above federal law requirements.

**Civilian GAT** – The Global Assessment Tool, or GAT, is available for Army civilians. The civilian GAT provides immediate results that allow individuals to identify their personal strengths and weaknesses.

Individuals can immediately begin training on online comprehensive resilience modules. Visit <https://www.sft.army.mil/> or call 438-4177.

**C-IED Center** – U.S. Army-Pacific’s newly established Asia-Pacific Counter-Improvised Explosive Device Center provides service members stationed in the Pacific access to cutting-edge training in the fight to defeat IEDs, which are currently the leading cause of casualties to troops deployed in Afghanistan and Iraq.

IEDs are defined as makeshift or homemade bombs often used by enemy forces to destroy military convoys.

To schedule unit training, call 438-5828 or e-mail [cy.a.ross@us.army.mil](mailto:cy.a.ross@us.army.mil).

**Free Financial Readiness Classes** – The Army Community Service Financial Readiness Program offers a variety of free services, including personal financial counseling, mandatory first-terminer financial readiness training and financial planning for deployment.

The office, along with the Schofield Barracks Main Post Chapel, conducts Financial Peace University. Call 655-4227.

**Military Decals** – All drivers who live on, work on or frequently use Army installations need to register their vehicles at an Army Vehicle Registration Office for an official military vehicle decal. Vehicles without a decal will be routed to a visitor control center for a temporary pass. Call 656-5398, 655-9496 or 438-2230.

**Sexual Assault Prevention and Response** – This program addresses the serious issue of sexual assault through prevention and response training.

Brigades are required to have one deployable sexual assault response coordinator and two unit victim advocates per battalion.

Call 655-1718. The SAPR Program gives training Tuesdays, at 3 p.m., for incoming Soldiers.



Photos Courtesy of Directorate of Public Works

## Road repairs

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Lyman Road will undergo total reconstruction due to road failure, caused by an increase in traffic volume and an increase in road stress from contractor vehicle loads. All work will be done in the evenings. Lyman Road will be drivable from 5 a.m.-6 p.m., daily.

During nightly closures, Foote Gate will serve as the visitor control center. In the evenings, access to Duck Road will be limited. Motorists are urged to take appropriate steps to limit traffic during these periods.

The repair work for Lyman Road will begin Dec. 20, and continue through the entire month of February 2011. Inclement weather may cause some delays.

The photo above shows the Lyman Road construction map and schedule, and the photo below shows the Latchum Road construction map and schedule. Call 656-1750 for more details.





# Olympic runner inspires crowd with motivational presentation

Story and Photo by  
**DONNA KLAPAKIS**  
599th Transportation Brigade

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — “Look at Mills! Look at Mills! Look at Mills!” screamed the announcer during the 1964 Olympic 10,000-meter race, as a virtually unknown runner came from behind to pass the world-record holder in a win that is still considered one of the greatest upsets in Olympic history.

Soldiers had an opportunity to “look at Mills” Tuesday, when Billy Mills, the only American to ever win the 10,000-meter race in the Olympics, spoke at the Sgt. Smith Theater, here, in honor of Native American Indian Heritage Month.

Soldiers in the theater cheered as they watched the tape of Mills winning the race, as if it were happening in real time.

“It is amazing how much that one split second has resonated throughout the years,” Mills said. “Through that one moment in time, I have been able to give back so much. I’ve been able to raise \$650 million for charities worldwide.”

Mills also expressed admiration for the American military.

“The U.S. Army, the Marines, the Air Force, all of our military personnel, you defend the dreams, the character, the duty, not just of America, but the world,” he said. “I am always eternally grateful.”

The audience gave him a standing ovation at the end of his talk.

“This has been a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for me to meet him,” said Denise Cuadrado, Tri-west employee, who added that Mills has been her hero since she ran cross-country in college. “I wouldn’t have missed it for the world.”

Sgt. Antonio Woods, 643rd Engineer Company, 84th Eng. Battalion, 130th Eng. Brigade, 8th Theater Sustainment Command, had not heard of Mills before the event, but enjoyed his presentation.

“Very inspirational and very driven,” Woods said. “It was a great motivation to hear his speech.”

Mills is a member of the Oglala Lakota tribe, was orphaned when he was 12 years old, at-

tended the University of Kansas on an athletic scholarship and graduated with a degree in physical education. Mills joined the Marine Corps after graduation and was a first lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve at the time of the 1964 Olympics.

While he has been an inspirational speaker for many years, he has also written two bestselling books with Nicholas Sparks, “Wokini: a Lakota Journey to Happiness and Self Understanding,” and “Lessons of a Lakota.”

Mills is a member of the U.S. Olympic Hall of Fame, Track and Field Hall of Fame, National Distance Running Hall of Fame, Kansas Hall of Fame, San Diego Hall of Fame and National High School Hall of Fame.

The 130th Eng. Bde. and Team Equal Opportunity Hawaii hosted the event. They also presented a program of drumming and dance with the Oyate-Ki drummers and Intertribal dancers who together performed men’s and women’s traditional dances, a jingle dance and a hoop dance.



Billy Mills, the only American to win a 10,000-meter race in an Olympics, speaks to the audience for the American Indian Heritage Month observance at the Sgt. Smith Theater, Tuesday.

## Military recognizes heritage, role of Native Americans, Alaskans

**ARMY NEWS SERVICE**  
News Release

WASHINGTON — President George H. W. Bush declared the month of November as National American Indian Heritage Month, Aug. 3, 1990.

Since then, presidents have reiterated that proclamation each year with one of their own, eventually extending the proclamation to include Alaska natives.

It is recognized that, historically, Native Americans have the highest record of service per capita, when compared to other ethnic groups. The reasons behind this disproportionate contribution are complex and deeply rooted in traditional American Indian culture.

American Indians have participated with distinction in U.S. military actions for more than 200 years. American military leaders, such as Gen. George Washington, recognized their courage, determination and fighting spirit as early as the 18th century.

Many tribes were involved in the War of 1812, and Native Americans fought for both sides as auxiliary troops in the Civil War. Scouting the enemy was recognized as a particular skill of the Native American Soldier.

In 1866, the U.S. Army established its Indi-

an Scouts to exploit this aptitude. The Scouts were active in the American West in the late 1800s and early 1900s, accompanying Gen. John Pershing’s expedition to Mexico in pursuit of Pancho Villa in 1916.

Native Americans were recruited by Teddy Roosevelt’s Rough Riders and saw action in Cuba in the Spanish-American War in 1898.

It is estimated that more than 12,000 American Indians served in the U.S. military in World War I. The outbreak of World War II brought American Indians warriors back to the battlefield in defense of their homeland.

Although now eligible for the draft by virtue of the Snyder Act, which gave citizenship to

### NATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH



American Indians in 1924, conscription alone does not account for the disproportionate number of Indians who joined the armed services.

More than 44,000 American Indians, out of a total Native American population of less than 350,000, served with distinction between 1941 and 1945 in both European and Pacific theaters of war.

Native American men and women were also an integral part of the war effort on the home front, with more than 40,000 leaving their reservations to work in ordnance depots, factories and other war industries. They invested more than \$50 million in war bonds and contributed to the Red Cross and the Army

and Navy Relief societies.

Battle-experienced American Indian troops from World War II were joined by newly recruited Native Americans to fight communist aggression during the Korean conflict.

More than 42,000 Native Americans — more than 90 percent of them volunteers, fought in Vietnam.

Native American contributions in U.S. military combat continued in the 1980s and 1990s, as they saw duty in Grenada, Panama, Somalia and the Persian Gulf.

Currently, nearly 190,000 Native American military veterans serve the country.

In many respects, Native Americans are no different from others who volunteer for military service. They do, however, have distinctive cultural values that drive them to serve their country.

One such value is their proud warrior tradition. In part, the warrior tradition is a willingness to engage the enemy in battle. This characteristic has been clearly demonstrated by the deeds of Native Americans in combat.

However, the warrior tradition is best exemplified by the following qualities said to be inherent to most, if not all, Native American societies: strength, honor, pride, devotion and wisdom.





Sgt. Mahlet Tesfaye | 25th Infantry Division Public Affairs

## 'Tropic Lightning' honorees

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Adam Elia (right), Department of Defense employee, receives a Secretary of Defense Medal for the Global War on Terrorism certificate from Brig. Gen. Paul LaCamera, deputy commanding general-operations, 25th Infantry Division, during a ceremony, here, Nov. 18. Five civilian employees, serving within the division, were honored for their support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

# Recycling: CQRP MOU aims to save money

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During JSWG meetings and discussions, it became apparent that the services shared many of the same challenges, one of which was solid waste. Solid waste is a huge problem, according to David Zuckerman, JSWG chair and sustainability program manager for the Installation Management Command-Pacific Region.

“If we can’t reduce or eliminate solid wastes, only three options currently exist: put it in a landfill, convert it to energy or recycle it,” Zuckerman said. “We can’t afford to put waste in a landfill because these ‘wastes’ have value. Also, landfill disposal is costly and limited.”

Landfill space is at a premium on Oahu, with only one primary garbage disposal site, the Waimanalo Gulch landfill. Raising the refuse repository stakes even higher, this landfill was supposed to close in 2008, but Hawaii’s Land Use Commission approved delaying the closure until July 2012, because no viable solution for the island’s wastes existed.

Waste collection and disposal is an expensive business. In 2010, the Army in Hawaii paid approximately \$1.5 million to have its waste removed.

“From the Army’s perspective, the concept of not having waste means not having to pay for waste disposal,” Zuckerman said, but he added that for him and his JSWG counterparts, it’s getting harder and harder to use the term waste.

“Our disposables are not wastes; they are commodities,” he said. “They have dollar values, and if not a dollar value per se, they have sustainability benefits like environmental stewardship.”

Turning so-called trash into treasure is one of the goals CQRP partners hope to achieve with the CQRP MOU, at the same time saving taxpayer dollars and freeing up military funding for more important uses.

Their first two trash-to-treasure initiatives are expanding cooking oil recycling from dining facilities and exploring waste gasification, which converts solid waste to energy.

In the past, the island’s military services each paid to have their used cooking oil hauled away, but things are changing, and the Army is leading the change.

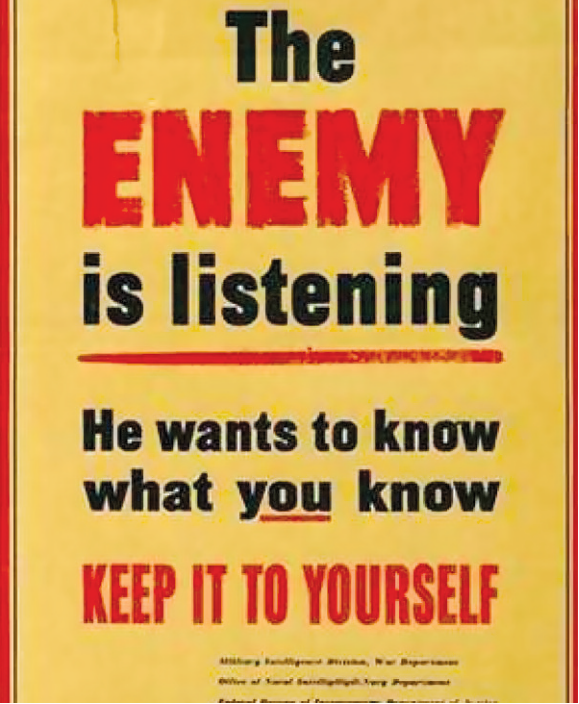
USAG-HI now has a contract to have its oil collected for free, and with the CQRP MOU in place, the Army can be the executive agent for a joint services agreement that will enable all the local service branches to get in on the free oil pickup.

But that’s only the first step.

Next, CQRP partners will work on arrangements for getting the used oil back – in the form of biodiesel – at a fixed cost, as opposed to buying biodiesel off the open market.

Essentially, the cooking oil used in chow halls will power military vehicles, saving money and contributing to energy security in the process.

Future CQRP plans include exploring collaborative partnerships with the City and County of Honolulu, as solid waste management and recycling continue to challenge military and local agencies.



# OPSEC is needed when using any social media

GEORGE MARKFELDER  
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Social Networking Sites, like Facebook and Twitter, are software applications that connect people and information in spontaneous, interactive ways.

While SNS can be useful and fun, they can provide adversaries, such as terrorists, spies and criminals, with critical information needed to harm a person or disrupt a mission.

All personnel should practice operational security to recognize and protect critical information from an adversary.

- Keep sensitive, work-related information off a profile.
- Keep personal plans, schedules and location data to yourself.
- Protect the names and information of coworkers, friends and family members.
- Tell friends to be careful when posting photos and information about you and your family.



For more information, visit the Interagency OPSEC Support Staff’s website at [www.iad.gov/ioss/index.cfm](http://www.iad.gov/ioss/index.cfm).





Lisa Klein | Military to Medicine

Rebecca Williams, an Army spouse at Schofield Barracks, works on the medical terminology online training course from “Military to Medicine.” The sticky notes on the wall in front of her help her learn this new language. Williams began the medical records and health information assistant course in November.

# Military spouses have new resource in ‘Military to Medicine’

Votes are needed to get nonprofit training resource to finals of Pepsi Refresh Challenge

**BRISTER THOMAS**  
Contributing Writer

JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM — Military spouses looking for jobs in health care have a new resource in the nonprofit “Military to Medicine” program that assists experienced health care workers with finding positions, as well as providing online health care training to spouses who are interested in starting their careers.

Rebecca Williams, an Army spouse at Schofield Barracks, learned about the program from her command’s ombudsman. “When I heard about Military to Medicine, I was looking at a different online program for the same career training,” she said. “I called to compare programs and prices, and found Military to Medicine’s program was seven months shorter, and they offered me a scholarship.”

Williams, a mother of two, is working toward a medical records and health information assistant position.

“Learning medical terminology is like learning another language,” she said. “The program makes you work hard, but throughout the course, I could tell I was learning it.”

Daniel Nichols, a Navy chaplain, started Military to Medicine while he was stationed in Kuwait, after a conversation with a young Marine who was terrified to return home without a job or a means to support his family. Nichols, who is now the executive director of Military to Medicine and a Navy Reserve chaplain, recognized a need to stand for those who cannot stand for themselves.

“Military to Medicine is not a business; it is a mission that makes good business sense,” Nichols said. “We have a powerful opportunity before us. The vast majority of the world does not have the health care it needs to face the challenges of today, let alone those of tomorrow.

“Military to Medicine provides the answer for two problems facing communities,” he said. “The health care industry is facing a shortage of quality workers at all levels and ... our military families are full of quality people with strong work ethic and experiences, and they need jobs.”

The program serves military spouses, wounded warriors and their caregivers, veterans and National Guard, Reserve and transitioning service members. Those with health care work experience are connected with hiring managers through Military to Medicine’s national career network. Those starting a new health care career are connected to online training.



To learn more about Military to Medicine, visit [www.militarytomedicine.org](http://www.militarytomedicine.org). To vote, visit [www.refresheverything.com](http://www.refresheverything.com) or text Pepsi (73774) with the message 103247.

“Scholarships are available for Military to Medicine’s training program on a case-by-case basis,” said Lisa Klein, assistant director of marketing for the program, and a Navy spouse stationed in Hawaii. “Funding for these scholarships is provided by philanthropic organizations ... in recognition of our innovative program helping military families.”

Military to Medicine is currently competing for a \$250,000 grant in the Pepsi Refresh Challenge. The grant would provide 400 scholarships to Military to Medicine’s online training program.

“The top two organizations with the most votes at midnight, Nov. 30, will each win \$250,000,” she said. “We need our military community and all their friends and families to vote for us daily, throughout November, to give us a chance at winning.

“Taking two minutes a day to vote is an easy way to support our fellow military families and help spouses find the work they are looking for and need,” she added.

# USAG-HI urges civilians to get in shape

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

WHEELER ARMY AIRFIELD — The President’s Challenge for Physical Fitness is the premier program of the President’s Council on Fitness, Sports and Nutrition.

The program helps people of all ages and abilities increase their physical activity and improve their fitness.

President Barack Obama created a White House Health Reform Office, April 8, 2009, which included a wellness initiative designed to integrate health, physical fitness programs, nutrition, safety and fitness facilities for federal civil-



Mulbury

ian employees. Each federal agency was tasked with assessing and expanding its civilian employees’ wellness and satisfaction initiatives, and the Secretary of Defense announced a department-wide initiative Jan. 14, to improve employee wellness, satisfaction and engagement.


The President’s Challenge for Physical

Fitness is also part of the newly launched Civilian Wellness Program and supports the Installation Management Command’s Campaign Plan.

I encourage all individuals to register for this program and log their fitness activities.

Civilian employees can join the IM-COM group by entering Army IMCOM or 90878, under the group section.





Register for this program at [www.presidentschallenge.net/login/register\\_individual.aspx](http://www.presidentschallenge.net/login/register_individual.aspx). The Civilian Wellness Program is available at [www.imcom.army.mil/hq/directorates/hr/civper/civilian\\_wellness](http://www.imcom.army.mil/hq/directorates/hr/civper/civilian_wellness) and <https://www.us.army.mil/suite/page/637137>.







# 84th Eng. Bn. supports Mililani Uka's Fall Festival

## CAPT. JEREMY TILLEY

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 84th Engineer Battalion,  
130th Eng. Brigade, 8th Theater Sustainment Command

MILILANI — Soldiers from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 84th Engineer Battalion, 130th Eng. Bde., 8th Theater Sustainment Command, helped a local elementary school raise money at the school's annual fair.

The unit, which has a standing partnership with Mililani Uka Elementary School, participated in the school's Fall Festival, here, Nov. 12. Fall Festival is a carnival-type fair sponsored by Hui O Mililani Uka, the school's parent organization. The festival raises money for the school's programs, activities and initiatives.

Twenty-one Soldiers helped set up more than 30 games, food booths and activities. Teachers and students operated the activities, with help from local volunteers and the engineer Soldiers.

Soldiers brought in a military vehicle for children to climb into, and also provided radios so children could make calls to other Soldiers. In addition, Soldiers sorted books for a

book sale, helped with parking and operated a roving safety patrol throughout the event.

“You can tell the students have been excited about this event for a while, and now that it is finally here, they are really enjoying it,” said Spc. Sherwin Bulaon, a volunteer at the event and a combat engineer with HHC, 84th Eng. Bn., 130th Eng. Bde.

Families and Soldiers were impressed with the high attendance and how much everyone enjoyed the event. Many parents also commented that the children were excited to interact and work with the Soldiers as they operated the games and food booths.

Master Sgt. Erika Gordon, equal opportunity advisor, 130th Eng. Bde., whose daughter attends Mililani Uka Elementary, said her daughter “...was very proud to have (the Soldiers) there and told everyone what unit they were from.”

The 84th Eng. Bn. partners with Mililani Uka Elementary School to promote Soldier involvement in the community and provide role models and mentors for the students.

Events such as Fall Festival and the school's “Get Moving, Get Fit” campaign provide opportunities for Soldiers and local students to interact.



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

Spc. Elida Parra, a human resources specialist with HHC, 84th Eng Bn., 130th Eng. Bde., 8th TSC, helps run the “Fruit Hoops” carnival booth for students of Mililani Uka Elementary School during their 2010 Fall Festival community fundraiser, Nov. 12. The unit has a standing partnership with the school.

## Soldier Syllabus

# Students get to be ‘Army Strong’

Story and Photos by

**DONNA KLAPAKIS**

599th Transportation Group Public Affairs

WHEELER ARMY AIRFIELD

— Soldiers from the 599th Transportation Brigade, here, showed 80 students at Kaala Elementary School in Wahiawa a different kind of recess Nov. 17, when they shared elements of a typical Army physical training workout with second-graders.

“They were dying for the Soldiers to get here,” said Alison Thatcher, second-grade teacher at Kaala. “This is the highlight of their week. They love anything with Soldiers.”

While Sgt. 1st Class Emilio Calzada, the brigade's first sergeant, was putting half of the 7- and 8-year-old students through the paces of their first PT session, Sgt. 1st Class LoNika Harris, noncommissioned officer in charge of plans, gave the other half of the students an up-close look at the Soldiers' armored vests and helmets.

Students handed around an armored plate from the back of the vest and then took turns trying on the vest and helmet.

After 15 minutes, the students changed sides. Those who had already tried on the equipment moved over to learn to march, salute and do



Sgt. 1st Class LoNika Harris, noncommissioned officer in charge of plans, 599th Transportation Bde., helps Aiyana Marie Fujiyama, 7, a second-grader at Kaala Elementary School in Wahiawa, put on an helmet after donning an armored vest, Nov. 17.



Sgt. 1st Class Emilio Calzada, 599th Transportation Bde. first sergeant, listens to students count off while doing jumping jacks during a PT session with Soldiers.



Students of Momilani Elementary recognize veterans for their service to the nation, during a Veterans Day celebration, Nov. 10.

## Momilani honors former student

Student is now a Soldier, veteran in the 8th MP Bde.

Story and Photo by

**PFC. MARCUS FICHTL**

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

PEARL CITY— Twenty-one years ago, a sixth-grader graduated from Momilani Elementary, here. In those 21 years, he led a life that would take him far away from his home in Hawaii to the farthest reaches of this world.

The student, now a Soldier, was recognized by his former school for his service to his nation and community, and a bond to the school that his nephew now attends.

Maj. Shea Asis, public affairs officer, 8th Military Police Brigade, 8th Theater Sustainment Command, and 12 other veterans were honored for their service to the nation at the Momilani Elementary auditorium, here, Nov. 10.

“It's an honor to be recognized by the school that helped raise me,” Asis said.

“To have the opportunity to stand next to fellow service members who served in famed units like the 442nd Infantry Regiment (an all Japanese-American unit that served in World War II) is a humbling experience.”

During the ceremony, students presented a brief history of Veterans Day and then recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

“I remember every day, in the morning, doing the Pledge with my classmates, and saying the Pledge with everyone here caused the memories to pour in,” Asis said.

“It was awesome to have my uncle come to my school,” said Christopher Asis, a Momilani sixth-grader and Asis' nephew.

“I'm proud to serve this nation and everything it stands for,” Asis said. “I'm proud to stand here beside my nephew, giving back to the community that made me the person I am today, and standing for the millions of service members who have served this great nation with distinction and pride.”





**Today**  
**Family Fun Friday** — Enjoy great family fun at Family Fun Friday, 6-9 p.m. Free pizza is served on a first-come, first-served basis. Call 655-5797 or visit [www.mwrarmyhawaii.com](http://www.mwrarmyhawaii.com).

**27 / Saturday**  
**Ceramic Mold Pouring** — Learn to pour ceramics, 9 a.m., Nov. 27, Schofield Barracks Arts and Crafts Center. Cost is \$25 for the class and supplies. Classes are also held at Fort Shafter. Call 655-4202 or 438-1315.

**Advanced Surfing Lessons** — Advanced surfing lessons are available, 6:30-11:30 a.m., Nov. 27. Cost is \$48 and includes equipment and round-trip transportation from Schofield Barracks. Call 655-0143 to register.

**28 / Sunday**  
**Recycled Ornament Contest** — Entries for the recycled ornament contest are due Nov. 28 at any Army Library. Categories are children, grades K-6; teens, grades 7-12; and adults. Call 655-8002, 438-9521 or 839-2821.

**29 / Monday**  
**Martinez Gym Temporary Closure** — Three racquetball courts at Martinez Physical Fitness Center will be closed Nov. 29-Dec. 3 for maintenance. Call 655-4804.

**Hula Classes** — Learn hula at free classes sponsored by the Native Hawaiian Liaison Office, U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii. Soldiers and families can participate in the classes, Mondays, at Army Community Service, Schofield Barracks. A beginners class starts at 6 p.m., an advanced class at 7 p.m. Classes feature the different types of hula and fundamentals of hula steps, movement and posture. Call 655-9694 or e-mail [nhliaison@gmail.com](mailto:nhliaison@gmail.com).

**Christmas Softball Tournament** — Deadline for applications is Nov. 29 for the Christmas Softball Tournament scheduled Dec. 13-17. Turn in applications at the Fort Shafter Physical Fitness Center or the Schofield Barracks Sports Office. Call 655-0856.

**30 / Tuesday**  
**Quilting/Sewing Class** — Learn quilting at the Schofield Barracks Arts and Crafts Center, 6 p.m., Nov. 30. Cost is \$25 for the first session and \$5 for each additional session. Call 655-4202 to register.



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

**Today**  
**"Hawaii Army Weekly" Survey** — What is the best way we can reach our military community? Is the HAW your main source for what's going on? Do you use Facebook or Twitter? Watch TV2? Let the U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii Public Affairs Office know what you think and take our quick HAW survey online now though Dec. 31. Visit [www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil](http://www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil) and click on the survey link.

For more information, call USAG-HI PAO at 656-3153 or Customer Management Services at 655-9033.

Originally, the survey was slated to end Nov. 26, but has been extended to allow maximum participation.

**Salvation Army Angel Tree** — Pearlridge shoppers can choose an angel from a Salvation Army Angel Tree and grant the wish of a needy child or a senior citizen who otherwise would not receive any gifts at Christmas. The Angel Tree is located Uptown, first level between Island Legacy and Starbucks, Nov. 26-Dec. 19, during center hours.

## December

**1 / Wednesday**  
**Running Club** — All levels of run-



Vickey Mouzé | U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii Public Affairs

## 'Tis the season

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Beatris Parra searches for holiday decorations at the Hui Thrift Shop's Christmas Room, here, Nov. 16.

The Hui Thrift Shop is sponsored by the Hui O' Na Wahine, Schofield Barracks' all-ranks spouses' club. All proceeds from the shop revert back to the military community in the form of scholarships and welfare grants, which are distributed through the Hui. Hui O' Na Wahine means "Club of the Women" in the Hawaiian language. For hours of operation or to volunteer, call 624-3254. The thrift shop will close Dec. 16 for the holiday period and will reopen Jan. 11.

See more photos of the Christmas Room at [www.flickr.com/photos/usag-hi/sets/](http://www.flickr.com/photos/usag-hi/sets/).

## December

**1 / Wednesday**  
**Santa and Mrs. Claus** — Santa and Mrs. Claus will visit the library:  
•Sgt. Yano Library, Schofield Barracks, Dec. 1;  
•Fort Shafter Library, Dec. 2; and  
•Aliamanu Military Reservation Library, Dec. 7.  
Times at all locations are 3-4 p.m. Parents can bring cameras to take photos. Registration is not required. Call 655-8002, 438-9521 or 839-2821.

**Christmas Ornaments** — Make a different decoration each Wednesday, 6-8 p.m., Dec. 1, 8 and 15. Parents can bring children 8 years old and older. Cost is \$12 for one ornament. Call 655-4202.

**All Army Sports** — Applications are being accepted through Dec. 1 for the following sports: men's and women's boxing, men's and women's basketball, men's and women's triathlon, and men's and women's cross-country. Call 655-9914.

**NFL Pro Bowl Tickets** — Pre-sale tickets are available for purchase at the Information, Ticketing and Reservation Office, Schofield Barracks. Tickets are sold on a first-come, first-served

basis and are limited to four tickets per person. Ticket purchasers must have a military ID card and be 18 years of age or older. Purchasers must be in line; stand-ins aren't allowed. Call 655-9971.

**2 / Thursday**  
**Teen Theater Thursdays** — Teens 12 and older can learn the basics of stage acting in the free, ongoing theater program at Sgt. Yano Library, Schofield Barracks. Meetings will be held 4-5:30 p.m., the first and third Thursdays.  
Call 655-8002 to register. Walk-ins are also welcome.

**Mosaic Workshop** — Register for three Thursday night sessions starting 6-8 p.m., Dec. 2, at the Schofield Barracks Arts and Crafts Center. Cost is \$25 for instruction and supplies. Call 655-4202 to register.

**3 / Friday**  
**Tree Lighting Ceremonies** — The Army in Hawaii will celebrate the start of the holiday season with tree lighting ceremonies. Activities include entertainment and light refreshments.  
•Pililaau Army Recreation Center tree lighting ceremony, Dec. 3, 7 p.m.  
•Tripler Army Medical Center tree lighting ceremony, 5:30 p.m., Dec. 6, Oceanside Entrance.  
•Oahu North Community tree light-

ing ceremony, 5:30 p.m., Dec. 7, Sills Field, Schofield Barracks.

•Oahu South Community tree lighting ceremony, 5:30 p.m., Dec. 9, Palm Circle, Fort Shafter.

**"Camelot"** — The musical "Camelot" will run Dec. 3-19 at the Richardson Theatre, Fort Shafter. Times are 7:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday, and 3 p.m. for the Sunday matinee. Tickets are \$20 and \$25; students, seniors, military and children get a \$5 discount. For reservations, visit [www.armytheatre.com](http://www.armytheatre.com) or call 438-4480.

**Latin Night** — Dance salsa, merengue, reggaeton, bachata and other Latin music 8 p.m.-1 a.m., the first Friday of each month at the Kolekole Bar and Grill, Schofield Barracks. Free cover, free parking and free dance lessons. Call 655-4466.

**4 / Saturday**  
**Holiday Fun Fest** —This 14th annual event kicks off with a parade, 9 a.m., Dec. 4, at the community center, Aliamanu Military Reservation. The holiday celebration includes entertainment, food, prizes and snow. Blue Star Card holders can stop by the BSC booth, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., to make holiday ornaments or to personalize greeting cards for loved ones who are deployed. Call 833-0920/4932.

ners and walkers can join the free Hawaii Running Project Wednesday Run Club at Schofield Barracks.

The club meets Wednesdays, 5 p.m., Bowman Field, at the end of Lyman Road. The club runs loops around the base of Kolekole Pass, and workouts can be customized from 2 to 8 miles.

Go green and bring your own water bottle. Call 655-9123 or e-mail [mary.siegel@amedd.army.mil](mailto:mary.siegel@amedd.army.mil).

**5 / Sunday**  
**Ride 2 Recovery** — Support wounded warriors and participate in the Ride 2 Recovery Pearl Harbor Cyclefest, Dec. 5, Sheraton Waikiki, 2255 Kalakaua Ave., Waikiki. The fee is \$50 and includes a T-shirt. Registration is 7-8:30 a.m.; the race starts at 8:30 a.m. The opening ceremony is at 8 a.m. Register at [www.Ride2recovery.com](http://www.Ride2recovery.com). E-mail [r2cyclefest@gmail.com](mailto:r2cyclefest@gmail.com).

**11 / Saturday**  
**Benefit Breakfast** — The Hawaii Sergeants Major Association will host a breakfast benefit, 7:30 a.m.-11 a.m., Dec. 11, Mililani Middle School. Funds raised will support Soldier services through the Army Community Service, Fisher House-Hawaii and the U.S. Vets Association. Check with units' sergeants major or go to [www.hisgmassoc.com](http://www.hisgmassoc.com) for details and to purchase tickets.

## Ongoing

**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. Donations are accepted, except for clothing, videos, stuffed animals and shoes. The shop will close Dec. 16-Jan. 11 for the holidays.

E-mail [huithriftshopliaison@gmail.com](mailto:huithriftshopliaison@gmail.com) or call 624-3254. Hui information is available at [www.schofieldspousesclub.com](http://www.schofieldspousesclub.com).

**Holiday Home Decorating Contest** — Enter the Island Palm Communities Holiday Home Decorating Contest by uploading a photo of your home to Facebook. Judges will choose their top five picks; Facebook fans will make the final decision.  
Votes can be cast Dec. 13-19.  
The winner will receive a \$150 Visa cash card, and four finalists each will receive a \$50 Visa cash card. The contest is open to all Island Palm Communities residents. Visit [www.facebook.com/islandpalmcommunities](http://www.facebook.com/islandpalmcommunities).

**Holiday Decorations** — The Hui O' Wahine's Fort Shafter Thrift Shop is selling and accepting for consignment holiday decorations and clothing throughout November.  
The Thrift Shop, located on Pierce Street, Building 342, Fort Shafter, is open 9 a.m.-1 p.m, Tuesdays and Fridays; and 12-4 p.m., Thursdays.

**Pearlridge Express** — Keiki under 48 inches can ride the Pearlridge Express, Hawaii's only scale-model, fully-functioning train, at Pearlridge Uptown Center Court through Jan. 2. Tickets are \$3 per child. Visit [www.pearlridgeonline.com](http://www.pearlridgeonline.com).

**Hawaii Military Child Survey** — The Hawaii Military Child Survey, which focuses on Hawaii military service personnel and their school-age children, is available at <https://apps3.jhsph.edu/hawaiiqol/>. The study explores a range of issues related to schooling and education, such as academics; expectations, such as what people had heard about Hawaii schools, life in Hawaii and educational expectations; and family and child history. Call 438-4177.

**Recycling Bin** — Fort Shafter Elementary School invites the community to use its recycling bin in front of the school, as all monetary proceeds will benefit the school.

The following items will be accepted loosely, not in plastic bags: aluminum cans (rinsed), glass bottles and jars (rinsed, lids removed), and plastic containers (rinsed, lids removed).

Bag/box the following items before depositing: newspapers (magazines and glossy inserts removed), corrugated cardboard (flattened), and white and colored bond paper.

**Recycling Plastic** — Plastic bottle caps and lids can now be recycled at Kapahulu, Mapunapuna and Wahiawa Goodwill locations. The project aims to reduce the amount of plastic in the ocean and helps save endangered birds. Caps and lids made from No. 2, 4 and 5 type plastics are recyclable. Call 393-2168 or 656-5411.

**Making the Grade** — Students can cash in on the Army and Air Force Exchange Service's "You Made the Grade" program. This reward program is designed to recognize above-average academic achievement.  
Qualifying students will receive a coupon booklet that includes free admission to an AAFES Reel Time Theater as well as other coupons.  
To be eligible for a booklet, students must present a valid military ID and proof of an overall "B" or better average to their local post exchange.

## 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: Helemanu 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**  
•Tuesday & Thursday, 8:30 a.m. at AMR  
•Saturday, 5 p.m. at TAMC and WAAF chapels  
•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

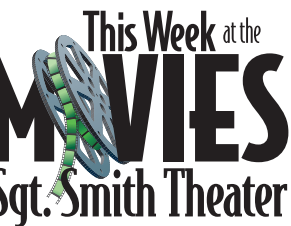
**Gospel Worship**  
•Sunday, 12 p.m. at MPC  
•Sunday, 12:30 p.m. at AMR

**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



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



### The Social Network

(R)  
Fri., Nov. 26, 7 p.m.  
Wed., Dec. 1, 7 p.m.

### Legend of the Guardians: The Owls of Ga'Hoole

(PG)  
Sat., Nov. 27, 4 p.m.



### Life as we Know It

(PG-13)  
Sat., Nov. 27, 7 p.m.  
Thurs., Dec. 2, 7 p.m.

### Secretariat

(PG)  
Sun., Nov. 28, 2 p.m.

No shows on Mondays or Tuesdays.



# Community policies aim to ensure safe holiday season

ISLAND PALM COMMUNITIES  
News Release

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS – To help ensure this holiday season is a safe one, residents in Island Palm Communities should heed installation policies when decorating their homes.

Additional guidelines apply to historic homes, so check with your appropriate community center for more information.

Residents should ensure reasonable use of inside and outside electric ornamental lighting is authorized. Do not penetrate roofs, siding or fascia with nails, staples, bolts or screws to install lighting. Use clips or tape specifically designed to install temporary holiday lighting.

Note that Christmas lights are authorized 30 days prior to and two weeks following the Christmas/New Year season. Further, residents are responsible for any damage and/or liability result-

Oahu South, North Communities Points of Contact

For more information, call the Oahu South community director at 275-3803 and Oahu North at 275-3700.

ing from the use of their ornamental lighting.

All residents must practice energy conservation and limit the use of ornamental lighting to evening hours, from dusk until 11 p.m. Don't leave lighting on during daylight hours. Additionally, residents are not allowed on roofs for any reason – which includes placing ornamental lighting.

Residents are reminded to carefully inspect and control ornamental lighting to avoid fire. Ensure that all self-installed lighting will be used in proper applications and meet safety regula-



tions. For example, extension cords are intended for occasional use and must not be used on a permanent or semi-permanent basis inside or outside of any Island Palm Communities home.

Outdoor lighting and electrical cords must be approved by the Underwriter Laboratory and designed for outdoor use.



Melissa Lyman (left), Native Hawaiian Liaison Office, USAG-HI; Piilani Wright (middle); and Bonnie Dong, Sgt. Yano Library, USAG-HI; prepare to serve poi and kalua pork at the traditional Hawaiian foods workshop, Nov. 16, at the Sgt. Yano Library.

## Food, culture is mixed together, served at workshop

Story and Photo by  
**VICKEY MOUZE**

Pau Hana Editor

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS – A helping of Hawaiian culture and food was served to the audience at the traditional Hawaiian foods workshop, Nov. 16, here, at the Sgt. Yano Library.

As Piilani Wright taught the audience how to cook kalua pig in an imu and how to pound poi, she shared the foods' history.

Poi is made from kalo, or taro, a canoe plant brought to Hawaii by the early Polynesian settlers. Considered a staple of the Hawaiian diet, the vegetable's leaves and roots are used in cooking. Leaves can be cooked as greens, very much the same way as spinach. Its roots, or tubers, can be baked, boiled or steamed. Cooked roots are combined with water and then mashed to make poi.

"Some people call poi the soul food of Hawaii," Wright said.

Besides its importance in traditional Hawaiian fare, poi can calm queasy stomachs and also be fed to babies who are allergic to milk.

Kalua pig, another traditional Hawaiian staple, is cooked in an underground oven known as an imu. A pig is laid on top of hot lava rocks and covered with banana leaves. Wet burlap or feed

sacks are placed over the leaves, and then covered with sand or dirt to keep the steam in. The pig is then left to cook all day. According to Wright, the distinctive flavor of the pork originates from the banana leaf.

After the demonstration, the audience sampled the poi and kalua pork mixed together in small bowls. Wright recommended mixing poi with the kalua pork as each distinctive flavor balances each other.

Amanda Smith, who works at Sgt. Smith Library, described the poi taste as "unique." She returned for seconds, as did Pfc. Paul Storrs, 3rd Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division. He said the poi was "tangy." He paused, and then added "pasty."

Storrs' wife, Deny, seconded "pasty."

Both are newcomers to the island; he arrived in mid-October while she arrived "about a week ago." The event was their first Hawaiian culture workshop.

"I want to learn all I can," she said.

Find out more about future Hawaiian cultural events by e-mailing the U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii's Native Hawaiian Liaison Office at nhliaison@gmail.com

## School age centers offer computer labs, homework center

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

WHEELER ARMY AIRFIELD – Parents needing before- and after-school child care can enroll their children at Child, Youth and School Services' school age centers.

Sliding scale fees are based on total family income up to \$125,001.

Before- and after-school care ranges from \$114-\$366 per month, and a 15-percent multiple-child discount is available for second and subsequent children.

For children enrolled in both before- and after-school care or just after-school care, full-day care is included at no additional cost for days when school is not in session, such as teacher workdays and school intercessions.

CYSS offers operational hours to fit every parent's need for care, opening as early as 5:30 a.m. and staying open until 6 p.m.

CYSS programs also provide U.S. Department of Agriculture-approved breakfasts and snacks for before- and after-school care. Lunch is provided during full-day programs, too.

A key benefit of CYSS' before- and after-school programs is the homework labs. CYSS programs are accredited by the National After School Association, and while homework labs are not designed to replace parental involvement, instructors can assist with homework in the afternoons.

Further, children have access to tech labs, which feature computers with the latest software for school projects and research. Qualified instructors staff and monitor the labs.

CYSS before- and after-school programs partner with 4-H and the Boys and Girls Club for activities that are structured to be fun, yet educational, including field trips during intercession weeks.

School Age Centers

School age centers, part of Child, Youth and School Services, are located at Aliamanu and Helemano military reservations, Fort Shafter and Schofield Barracks. The Fort Shafter program will move into a new facility in April 2011.

For more information on openings in before- and after-school programs, contact Parent Central Services at AMR at 833-5393, Fort Shafter at 438-1963 or Schofield Barracks at 655-5314.



# Air Soft event raises money, awareness for wounded warriors

**AIR SOFT WARRIORS**  
News Release

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Air Soft enthusiasts gathered Veterans Day weekend to host the first Air Soft tournament, here, to raise money for a wounded warrior project.

“Akin to paintball, Air Soft is a growing sport in Hawaii,” said Shaun Toy, 16, founder and organizer of Air Soft Warriors of Hawaii. “I saw this as a unique opportunity to rally a community of enthusiasts who are strong supporters of the military, most being military members themselves.”

Toy is the son of Col. Ed Toy, director of Operations and Military Support, Hawaii Army National Guard.



The Air Soft Warriors of Hawaii tournament will be aired on the Pentagon Channel. Visit [www.airsoftwarriors.org](http://www.airsoftwarriors.org).

## 599th: Unit shows it cares

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jumping jacks and push-ups with a military-style count.

As the children got ready to go back into the school after the 30-minute event, Aiyana Marie Fujiyama, 7, said she had enjoyed the jumping jacks the most, while Anela Schmidt, 7, said her favorite part was just seeing the Soldiers.

Thatcher said that although the school is close to Wheeler Army Airfield and Schofield Barracks, less than 1 percent of the children are from military families.

“This activity demonstrated the true mission of our military partners, and that is to provide people (with) an opportunity to live their lives to the fullest,” said Ted Fisher, Kaala principal.

“Working with the military has always been a positive and uplifting experience for us,” Fisher said. “The students come from a challenging environment, and it’s important for them to see there are people who care. Even though the Soldiers are tasked with other re-

The event attracted almost 200 participants from across Oahu; most supporters were from the Waianae and Wahiawa areas.

“The biggest draw was an ability to use the urban assault village, better known as the military operations on urban terrain, or MOUT, site,” Shaun Toy said. “This was a rare opportunity to use a premier training facility that is traditionally used to train Soldiers getting ready to deploy to Iraq or Afghanistan. The result was one of the most challenging and exciting Air Soft tournaments held in Hawaii to date.”

With more than \$3,000 raised for the project, Toy hopes to host similar quarterly events to raise money for wounded warriors.

“My goal was to raise \$5,000 this weekend,” he said. “However, not knowing how to best advertise and announce our fundraising event, many Air Soft enthusiasts did not get the word.”

According to the group’s website, Air Soft’s events are dedicated to raising funds and awareness for service members who have served in combat operations to protect freedom.

sponsibilities right now, I appreciate that they come to spend time with the children.”

“This has been really great,” Thatcher said. “The kids are very excited, and they love feeling like they are part of the military, and just doing special things. I hope they can do this more, and this can continue for them for years to come.”

Calzada, who arrived in Hawaii in May, plans to continue to volunteer with the students. He has volunteered at schools close to his assignments for the past five years.

“I have a friend, a teacher here, who helped set this up,” he said.



Courtesy of Tom Berg

Runners, including Soldiers from HHC, 8th MP Bde., 8th TSC, participate in the 5K Patriot Run/Walk, in Iroquois Point, to raise money and awareness for homeless veterans.

## 8th MPs run to honor vets

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

EWA BEACH — Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 8th Military Police Brigade, 8th Theater Sustainment Command, has seen deployments from Desert Storm to Kosovo to Afghanistan, creating a veteran-leadership required to lead a brigade and leaving large footsteps for future Soldiers to follow.

These same veterans who have forged ahead in these battles took the time to honor the veterans who came before them during the sixth annual U.S. Vets 5K Patriot Run/Walk, Iroquois Point, Nov. 13.

Funds from the run will be used to help veterans.

Staff Sgt. Levi Duran, military policeman, HHC, 8th MP Bde., was among those running. Duran, whose

**Donations**

Donations are still being accepted to help homeless veterans in Hawaii. Visit [www.patriotrunhawaii.com](http://www.patriotrunhawaii.com), call 682-0111 or e-mail [usveteranshawaii@gmail.com](mailto:usveteranshawaii@gmail.com).

grandparents, uncles and father served in the military, entered the race with his wife and daughter.

“My father and I used to do something together every Veterans Day, but he couldn’t make it, so my wife and I decided this was a good opportunity to start a new family tradition,” Duran said.

Duran joined the military in the midst of the Sept. 11 attacks, and two years later, he deployed to Iraq.

“I was a newly-minted sergeant in charge of Soldiers for not only the first time, but (also) in a combat zone,” he said. “I was nervous, but I was also excited and eager.”

Coming out of Iraq as a combat veteran, Duran has made it a priority to pass on his combat experience to new recruits.

“You can’t recreate the effect combat has on a Soldier; it takes that first improvised explosive device explosion or that first bullet flying by your head (to transition to a war veteran),” Duran said. “When I see Soldiers I trained come back from combat, (it makes me proud) to see them successfully turn from civilian to Soldier.”

“Coming together like the HHC did for a Veterans Day run is a great way to build camaraderie with your unit, and running for fellow veterans is a good cause,” Duran said.

The 5K Patriot Run raised \$25,000, which will help U.S. Vets support homeless military veterans and their families with items like a shuttle to the Veterans Affairs hospital, a bus pass to get to work and food.



Courtesy of Brittany Gilmore

Maj. Daryl Collins (left), Maj. Ann Dunscombe (middle) and Capt. Adam Storms, operations section, 8th MP Bde., 8th TSC, race during the sixth annual U.S. Vets 5K Patriot Run/Walk.