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Brig. Gen. Keith Gallagher (left), commanding general, PRMC and TAMC, gets a little help from Abrianna Detty (center, on stage), daughter of Spc. Stephen and Amber Detty, in lighting the Tripler Army Medical Center holiday tree, Monday.

USARHAW hosts tree lightings

Story and Photos by
TRIPLER ARMY MEDICAL CENTER PUBLIC AFFAIRS
News Release

HONOLULU — Since twilight, Monday, Tripler Army Medical Center's 61st annual holiday tree was filled with fun and just a touch of suspense. Schofield Barracks hosted its tree lighting ceremony, Tuesday, at Sills Field; and Fort Shafter held its tree lighting celebration, Thursday, on historic Palm Circle.

Speaking to those in attendance at TAMC, but with a message reaching out to those who are far away serving our country, Brig. Gen. Keith Gallagher, commanding general, Pacific Regional Medical Command and TAMC, began the ceremony with wishes of peace.

Remember, the reason we exist is to take care of Soldiers as they return from overseas, Gallagher said. "The holiday season is a time of recharging. It is a time to be with family," he continued. "I wish all of you a happy holiday. Be safe."

Next on the evening's agenda was a serenade by the Hickam Brownies of troops 275 and 712. Singing with great enthusiasm, they brought smiles

to everyone's face.

Holiday card winners were then announced. Third place went to Company A's Wolfpack-themed card; second place went to the Department of Radiology, with a card depicting the Simpsons.

The winner of this year's contest was the Social Work Department, with a card from Whoville.

Abrianna Detty, daughter of Spc. Stephen and Amber Detty, stepped forward to assist Gallagher in the lighting of the holiday tree and wasted no time pulling the candy cane lever.

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"She is really excited; she can't wait for Santa to come," her mother said.

The Pacific Fleet Band accompanied the audience in a sing-along featuring "Jingle Bells," "We Wish You a Merry Christmas" and "Here Comes Santa Claus."

But wait, where was Santa?

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303rd EOD participates in HKP exchange

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HONG KONG — The thunder of controlled detonations echoed through a long abandoned granite quarry, atop one of the many mountains in the Separate Administrative Region, or SAR, on the Chinese island.

This dramatic backdrop, overlooking the city and Victoria Harbor, framed the latest mission for 303rd Explosive Ordnance Disposal Detachment, 706th EOD Company, 45th Sustainment Brigade, 8th Theater Sustainment Command.

The Hong Kong Police EOD Bureau conducted certification exercises, and Capt. Tom Vail, commander, 706th EOD Co., 45th Sust. Bde., and his noncommissioned officer in charge, Sgt. 1st Class Kieran Dollard, were tasked as subject matter experts, exercise controllers and evaluators.

Working through the U.S. Consulate and U.S. Army-Pacific, the HKP EOD Bureau requested U.S. Army and Navy support to ensure its training program has the freshest operational experience and input that EOD experts can provide.

"This is our fourth year supporting this

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Sgt. 1st Class Kieran Dollard (center), 706th EOD Co., 45th Sust. Bde., 8th TSC, and his HKP EOD Bureau counterpart, observe a bomb-suited HKP EOD trainee execute a mobile X-ray investigation of a suspected improvised explosive device.

Milhorn fields questions during 130th Eng. Bde FRG town hall

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8th Theater Sustainment Command

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Future unit training, brigade-sponsored events, and Soldiers' and families' concerns were the main topics of discussion at the Sgt. Smith Theater, Nov. 22, here, during the first family readiness group town hall meeting conducted by Col. Jeffrey Milhorn, commander, 130th Engineer Brigade, 8th Theater Sustainment Command, since taking over as brigade commander.

"I want to know what's on your mind since we are the people who live, work and play around Schofield Barracks," Milhorn said, in his opening remarks. "I think these town hall open forums will be a great way for us to communicate across the brigade and the community."

Throughout the meeting, Milhorn and Command Sgt. Maj. Roy Ward, command sergeant major, 130th



Staff Sgt. Allie Mohammad (standing with microphone), 95th Eng. Co., 65th Eng. Bn., 130th Eng. Bde., 8th TSC, raises a question for the post housing representative, during the brigade FRG town hall at the Sgt. Smith Theater, Nov. 22.

Eng. Bde., recognized the accomplishments of brigade staff and the FRG. They also thanked families and volunteers for their continuous contributions to the unit.

Milhorn said the FRG town hall was an opportuni-

ty to address specific concerns to enhance the services and programs offered in Hawaii. Representatives

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Streaming debuts at live town hall

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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Health, wellness and safety, and more than 20 queries on a variety of housing, education and security issues, filled a fast-paced, 90-minute televised town hall, here, Dec. 1.

This town hall was the first time the live broadcast could be seen off-post, too. The live town hall was streamed via the garrison's Livestream website.

The first half of the town hall featured eight holiday-themed briefings that focused on holiday season safety and health and wellness programs, suggested by town hall co-host Maj. Gen. Michael J. Terry, commanding general, U.S. Army-Hawaii.

"The holiday period is a challenge sometimes, particularly for our single Soldiers," Terry said. "We want everyone to have a great holiday period and take advantage of these programs."

One underlying theme dominated the briefings: the holidays pose a special threat for substance abuse.

"Peace, joy ... wait ... what?" said Pam Jinnohara, Army Substance Abuse Program officer, when describing the program designed to combat holiday stress.

She talked about how heightened expectations for holiday gift giving and happy experiences can push Soldiers and family members beyond what is reasonable.

ASAP's "Peace, joy ... wait ... what?" holiday presentation at the Sgt. Smith Theater, here, Dec. 16, at 1 p.m., will provide help.

Dr. Daniel Ulrich, Child and Adolescent Assistance Center psychiatrist, described how holiday "blahs" could become depression. Lingered depressed moods, guilt, hopelessness, sleep problems and thoughts of suicide, he said, are some of the signs of clinical depression.

The initial step for handling serious symptoms of depression is to "talk to someone," Ulrich said. Communicating with a chain of command figure or a chaplain is a good beginning. Ulrich offered a range of behavioral health resources.

Behavioral Health Resources

- Soldier Assistance Center, 433-8600
- Adult Family Member Assistance Center, 433-8130
- Marriage and Family Treatment Center, 433-8130
- Child and Adolescent Assistance Center, 433-8140
- Tripler Army Medical Center – Psychiatry, Psychology and Social Work services, 433-2778

Viewers of the town hall took advantage of a variety of ways to communicate directly with Army Hawaii leadership, prior to and during the live broadcast: e-mailing "Ask the Commander"; using the garrison's social networks, Facebook and Twitter; or calling in – and, perhaps, to be selected to go live, on air.

One of the first live callers expressed concern about lack of bus transportation to and from Aliamanu Military Reservation.

"My daughter walks 1.3 miles to school and back every day," the caller said. "To do this, she walks up hill, through

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TAMC renames ward 'Tropic Lightning'

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HONOLULU — Soldiers and employees of the 25th Infantry Division and Tripler Army Medical Center gathered at an intimate ceremony, Dec. 1, where a surgical ward, formally known as "Six-Bravo-Two," was renamed the "Tropic Lightning Ward," as a tribute to all members of the 25th ID, past and present.

The dedication of the ward helps to solidify the ongoing partnership Tripler has with the Tropic Lightning Div.

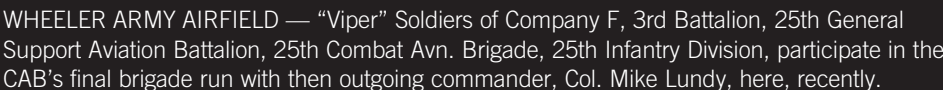
"It's important that all service members, particularly the members of the 25th (ID), know they have a medical home

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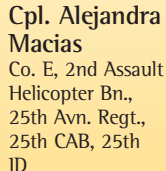
Number represents fatal accidents as defined by Army Regulation 385-10, which is inclusive of all active component U.S. Army units and personnel. Current as of 12/9/10.

Sandra Gallagher was misidentified as Sandra Franklin in the Dec. 3, page A-2, article "TAMC celebrates Thanksgiving."

To submit an “Ask the Commander” question, send an e-mail to AskTheCommander.usaghi@us.army.mil. For more information, call Bill Lenharr (656-0611) at USAG-HI Command Group, or call Aiko Brum (656-3155) or Jack Wiers (656-3489) at U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii Public Affairs.



Voices of Chana



‘Wolfhounds’ recognized for valorous actions

Deployed Forces

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CONTINGENCY OPERATING BASE SPEICHER, Iraq — Lt. Gen. Robert Cone, deputy commanding general of operations, U.S. Forces-Iraq, presented awards for valorous actions to Soldiers of 2nd Platoon, Company B, 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, during a ceremony, here, Dec. 2.

Sgt. 1st Class Kristopher Verrett, platoon sergeant, 2nd Platoon, Co. B, 1st Bn., 27th Inf. Regt., 2nd BCT, who is deployed in support of Operation New Dawn, was awarded the Silver Star for his actions during an enemy ambush, Sept. 7, in northern Iraq.

Eighteen of Verrett’s “Wolfhound” Soldiers in Co. B also received awards during the ceremony for their valorous actions Sept. 7.

Cone commended the Soldiers for their character, discipline and fortitude during the attack. “Valor is all about character,” Cone said. “In an instant, a challenge comes. In an instant, horrible thing happens, and either valor is there or it is not. The fact of the matter is, for the people in this platoon, it was there.”

During a mission in support of Commando Bn., 1st Bde., 4th Iraqi army Div., Verrett’s platoon

came under small-arms fire from an Iraqi soldier.

Simultaneously, the platoon was ambushed, coming under enemy forces fire from a secondary location.

During the initial barrage, 11 U.S. Soldiers were wounded, including Verrett.

Despite a 7.62-milimeter round, lodged in his shoulder, Verrett continued to lead his platoon, repeatedly putting himself in the line of fire, to gain full accountability of his Soldiers and prevent U.S. Soldiers and Iraqi forces from firing on each other.

While evacuating the area, he ignored his injuries and assisted in the movement of 10 other wounded Soldiers into medical evacuation helicopters, only seeking medical attention for himself after a direct order.

“I was humbled, shocked and proud when I got on the ground ... that day,” said Lt. Col. Donald Brown, commander, 1st Bn., 27th Inf. Regt., 2nd BCT. “When I heard about what Sgt. 1st Class



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Leaders of U.S. Forces-Iraq have presented Soldiers assigned to 2nd Platoon, Co. B, 1st Bn., 27th Inf. Regt., “Wolfhounds,” 2nd BCT, 25th ID, awards for valorous actions in the face of enemy contact. Awards were presented during a ceremony at COB Speicher, Dec. 2.

Verrett had done, in spite of his wounds ... how he had refused evacuation ... when I heard what all of these men had done, I knew that nothing could break these men or this company.”

Despite his actions, Verrett said he believes his Soldiers deserve more honor than himself.

‘Diablos’ conduct room-clearing drills with 49th Iraqi Army Bde.



IA soldiers of Co. C, 49th Bde., 12th IA Div., stack outside a wall of an abandoned building during room-clearing training at COS Warrior, Nov. 25. Supervised by noncommissioned officers of Co. D, 1st Bn., 14th Inf. Regt., 2nd BCT, 25th ID, Iraqi soldiers practiced verbal and nonverbal communication between squads as they moved into the rooms.

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CONTINGENCY OPERATING SITE WARRIOR, Iraq — The “Diablos” of Company D, 1st Battalion, 14th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, conducted military operations in urban terrain training with Co. C, 49th Bde., 12th Iraqi army Division, here, Nov. 25.

The Soldiers from Co. D instructed the IA soldiers throughout a monthlong training program, which culminated with IA troops learning procedures for entering a building and clearing a room.

The Diablos have instructed IA soldiers on room-clearing procedures at least three times a week for the last month. The training exercise mimics the rapid decisions and quick orders a squad or platoon would have to make during an actual room-clearance.

“It is important for the (IA soldiers) to learn how to effectively enter a building and clear a room,” said Sgt. Maj. Zrean, senior enlisted leader, 49th IA Bde. “Because they are always conducting raids and searching buildings, this training will al-

low them to be more organized and faster.”

IA soldiers conducted their room-clearing exercise in nearby abandoned buildings.

“This will make the training more realistic,” said Staff Sgt. Robert Drummond, infantryman, Co. D, 1st Bn., 14th Inf. Reg., 2nd BCT. “Using actual buildings will give them things they can’t get from a ‘glass house’ (drill), such as doors, windows (and) walls, which will allow them to learn how to effectively make quick decisions ... because in an actual clearing, the situation is ever-changing.”

During the glass-house drills, tape was used to represent the walls of a building, which allowed Soldiers to view and evaluate the training more effectively.

Squads received diverse instruction: how to stack on the outside wall near the door, to use verbal and nonverbal communication to signal each individual’s readiness for movement, to position each soldier as they enter a room, to know the importance of muzzle awareness, and to maintain security inside and outside the building and rooms.

When training from Diablos ends, the IA soldiers will conduct a live-fire exercise, demonstrating their capabilities to effectively enter a building and clear a room.

News Briefs

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

Today
Road Closures — Kolekole Pass, connecting Schofield Barracks to the Waianae coast through Naval Magazine-Lualualei, will be closed for training purposes, Dec. 10, 16 and 17. Motorists are encouraged to plan alternate commutes and allow additional travel time. Call 656-3152.

16 / Thursday
FBI Recruitment — Learn about the FBI by attending a career presentation, 10 a.m., Dec. 16, Directorate of Human Resources, Soldier Support Center, Building 750, Schofield Barracks. Call 655-1028.

ASAP Training — Mandatory Army Substance Abuse Program alcohol and drug awareness training is from 1-2:30 p.m., Dec. 16, Sgt. Smith Theater, Schofield Barracks. The class will focus on alcohol, drugs, stress and money during the holiday season. Call 655-6047.

20 / Monday
Lyman Road Closures — Lyman Road, Schofield Barracks, will be repaved from Dec.

20-Feb. 1, 2011. All work will be done in the evenings. Lyman Road will be drivable from 5 a.m.-6 p.m., daily. During the nightly closures, Foote Gate will serve as the visitor control center. Access to Duck Road in the evenings will be limited. Motorists are urged to take appropriate steps to limit traffic during that period.

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

25 / Saturday
Christmas Dinner — The 25th Infantry Division's 3rd Brigade Combat Team Dining Facility, Building 357, C Quad, Schofield Barracks, will welcome service members, families, retirees and authorized guests for a traditional Christmas feast, Dec. 25. Breakfast is scheduled for 7-8 a.m.; lunch, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.; and dinner, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Call 655-4833.

130th Eng.: Forum addresses concerns

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were on hand from U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii's Child, Youth and School Services; the Army and Air Force Exchange Service; USAG-HI's Juvenile Review Board, Army Community Service, Financial Readiness, Employment Readiness, Mobilization and Deployment, and Army Substance Abuse Program; from Tricare; and the brigade's Unit Ministry Team. Each agency representative provided informational presentations and answered questions from the audience. Randy Souza, resident service coordinator for Schofield Barracks Housing, received the majority of the attendees' requests for information regarding on-post housing. Command Sgt. Maj. Darryl Jannone, command sergeant major, U.S. Army Garrison-Oahu, briefed JRB procedures, which impose administrative actions for cases of juvenile misconduct. He also provided attendees with contact information for proper storage of abandoned vehicles while on post. "This is a good event for the unit and the Schofield Barracks community. I recommend more brigades to take an initiative and conduct brigade-sponsored town hall meetings," Jannone said. Door prizes were raffled off, including Pro Bowl tickets and two, one-night stays at the Turtle Bay Resort. The raffle brought much excitement to the crowd and gave attendees holding tickets motivation and incentive to participate in the meeting. Milhorn said he plans to make the FRG town hall forum a quarterly event, and he looks forward to addressing future concerns and receiving suggestions.

25th ID: TAMC ward honors Soldiers

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at Tripler," said Brig. Gen Keith Gallagher, commanding general of the Pacific Regional Medical Command and TAMC. "By dedicating this room, we honor our Soldiers with this recognition." The ceremony is part of a growing trend, Armywide, in which regional Army medical centers are dedicating wards or entire wings of hospitals to the divisional units that are treated and cared for there. "The renaming) shows a demonstrated allegiance between two great organizations: Tripler and the 25th (ID)," said Sgt. 1st Class Paul Huff, noncommissioned officer in charge, Tropic Lightning Ward. "Like hospitals at Fort Campbell (Ky.), (Fort) Bragg (N.C.), or (Fort) Benning (Ga.), this brings us on line with the rest of the Army. I'm just glad that I get to say I was a part of this." Constructed in 1948, Tripler has provided state-of-the-art medical care for Soldiers of the 25th ID from the beginning. Tripler saw its first influx of Tropic Lightning's combat injuries during the Korean War, thus forging the enduring relationship shared today between the wounded and caregivers. "The magnitude of effort it takes to support a division such as the Tropic Lightning Div. is staggering," said Maj. Gen. Bernard Champoux, commanding general, 25th ID. "Our Soldiers and their families take great comfort in knowing that dedicated medical professionals, here at Tripler, have our backs, allowing us to



Maj. Gen. Bernard Champoux (left), commanding general, 25th ID, and Command Sgt. Maj. Frank Leota (second from left), command sergeant major, 25th ID; join Brig. Gen. Keith Gallagher, commanding general PRMC and TAMC, and Command Sgt. Maj. William Franklin, command sergeant major, PRMC, as they unveil the sign that marks "Tropic Lightning Ward" at TAMC, Dec. 2. fulfill our mission with confidence." Champoux said the ward is special to him, not only because it bears the name of the division he commands, but his daughter, 1st Lt. Caroline Champoux, is a clinical staff nurse in the ward. "To the members of the 25th, it is a great honor to provide your care," Gallagher said. "Let this dedication be a constant reminder (that) it's an honor to serve you."

'Spice' products recently added to federal hit list

U.S. ARMY-PACIFIC PUBLIC AFFAIRS News Release

FORT SHAFTER — The use of five synthetic cannabinoids, found in Spice products, has been banned in the Federal Register. "Spice" and similar smoking blends contain psychoactive chemicals, so the Drug Enforcement Administration published its intent, Nov. 24, to ban their use. Cannabinoid chemicals are the active ingredients in products that are intended to mimic the effects of marijuana, such as Spice, "K2," "Blaze" and "Red X Dawn." During recent months, the smoking and sale of these herbal blends, which imitate the high produced by marijuana, has risen among Soldiers, family members and the general public. Many commands have already published punitive policy memorandums prohibiting the possession, use and distribution

of these types of substances. As well, current U.S. Army-Pacific policy prohibits the use, possession, distribution and/or purchase of certain intoxicating or psychoactive substances, such as Salvia Divinorum, Spice and its derivatives. After a 30-day mandatory comment period, the DEA may categorize these substances as Schedule I Controlled Substances in the register, which is reserved for unsafe, highly-abused substances that have no medical applications. The agency intends to publish a final ruling to temporarily control the chemicals. The possession and sale of these substances, or products that contain them, will become illegal in the U.S. for one year. A six-month extension of the ban could be implemented, too, while further study is conducted. Cannabinoid chemicals are marketed as harmless alternatives to illegal drugs, but

have not been approved by the Federal Drug Administration for human consumption. Moreover, no oversight regulates their production. Sold in head shops, the products are labeled as incense to mask their real purpose. Increased reports from poison centers, hospitals and law enforcement have sparked concern over the safety of these chemicals. Once the new national law becomes effective Dec. 24, Soldiers who possess or sell these products may face disciplinary action for violating a written order, as well as violations of the Uniform Code of Military Justice and federal law. Commanders are encouraged to contact their servicing judge advocate or trial counsel to learn more about judicial, nonjudicial and administrative options available to address the illegal use, possession, distribution and sale of illegal substances.

523rd Eng. Co. hits home run with Softball Field Road

Engineers’ improvements have made popular road more drivable for all

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WHEELER ARMY AIRFIELD — Soldiers from the 523rd Engineer Company, “Gravediggers,” 84th Eng. Battalion, 130th Eng. Brigade, 8th Theater Sustainment Command, completed work on Softball Field Road, here, Nov. 24.

The Gravediggers improved the well-traveled road, which serves military personnel and their families.

The road is a popular shortcut for Soldiers who use the airfield for morning physical training and a necessary route for families using the softball fields. The road services seven softball fields, which are used for a diverse collection of activities, including the Special Olympics softball tournament held earlier this year.

The road is also the only way to get to Wheeler’s popular paintball field.

“We definitely noticed the impact our construction had on the community,” said Staff Sgt. Brian Jewett, non-commissioned officer in charge of the project, 523rd Eng. Co., 84th Eng. Bn., 130th Eng. Bde. “We just hope there is a positive impact, as well, now that the road is more drivable.”

Project improvements, commissioned by U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii’s Directorate of Public Works, are saving motorists from numerous potholes and providing better durability. Further, the construction served as an invaluable training exercise for 523rd Eng. Co. equipment operators.

Projects like this provide a unique synergy for 84th Eng. Bn. construction companies and organizations that request their services. Employing organizations benefit from immense cost savings, and military construction units receive the opportunity to develop skills in a real construction environment, with accountability and deadlines.

“It was a great chance to improve our skills,” said Spc. Michael Charlton,



Spc. Michael Charlton, a heavy equipment operator from 523rd Eng. Co., 84th Eng. Bn., 130th Eng. Bde., 8th TSC, operates a vibrating compactor over an uncompacted portion of the Softball Field Road to add durability to the surface.

a heavy equipment operator with 523rd Eng. Co., 84th Eng. Bn., 130th Eng. Bde.

The platoon put in more than 600 man-hours into the project, pulling up the old road and laying and compacting new material.

One of the unique challenges the project posed was movement of all the necessary material needed in constructing the new surface. Soldiers traveled nonstop for the duration of the project — between the Makakilo Quarry and here — transporting more than 1,600 tons of gravel.

Once on-site, experienced and inexperienced Soldiers laid, shaped and compacted the material, creating a durable surface by deadline. Situational training was added to the construction project, allowing Soldiers to operate machinery, as they might have to while in dangerous conditions.

The project served as a train-up for selected Soldiers, who will travel to New Mexico in January, for the second phase of a road construction project along the U.S. and Mexico border. That mission will provide support for U.S. Border Patrol in its effort to control illegal operations across the border.



Spc. Dameon Williams (kneeling), human resources specialist, 2nd Bn., 25th Avn. Regt., 25th CAB, 25th ID, evaluates a casualty by initially checking for consciousness during the 25th CAB’s CLS qualification field training exercise at Wheeler Army Airfield, Nov. 18.

25th CAB certifies combat lifesavers

Story and Photo by
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WHEELER ARMY AIRFIELD — At war, the reality is, the first Soldier to respond to a casualty in need of immediate medical care is not always a medical professional.

For that reason, the 25th Combat Aviation Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, prioritizes teaching and training the fundamentals of combat lifesaving, or CLS, to all its Soldiers.

The first 49 Soldiers have participated in 25th CAB’s CLS training and qualification program since returning from Iraq, and they earned their CLS certification, here, Nov. 18.

The brigade plans to conduct two comprehensive CLS certification courses and one CLS re-certification course each month, until its anticipated deployment to Afghanistan, according to Staff Sgt. Alhassane Bah, combat medic and noncommissioned officer in charge, CLS certification program, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 25th CAB.

The recent, inaugural CLS certification course consisted of two days of classroom instruction and a written exam. It covered a host of medical techniques and procedures including evaluating a casualty, controlling bleeding and managing airways, treating penetrating chest trauma, using an improvised litter, and requesting a nine-line medical evacuation, wherein a Soldier communicates critical medical and tactical

information to a medical service provider to receive a patient evacuation.

“We make this training as realistic as we can,” Bah said. “When we deploy, combat lifesaving will be needed for Soldiers on mission. (Often) before any higher level of medical care is available, it’s the Soldiers in that convoy or on that mission that will need to suppress enemy fire and treat casualties until medical professionals arrive.”

On the third day, Soldiers participated in hands-on field training with combat medics.

During the fourth and final day, also called the culminating field training exercise, Soldiers teamed up in squads, treated and evacuated multiple patients under simulated battle conditions.

“We must train Soldiers in circumstances that they will confront in combat,” Bah continued.

Spc. Robert Vertullo, combat medic, 209th Aviation Support Battalion, 25th CAB, is one of several 25th CAB medics who clarified that they teach CLS certification, not advanced medical techniques.

“Our job is to show Soldiers how to save and prolong life until a medic or a higher level of medical care arrives,” Vertullo said. “For instance, some of the most critical elements of initial care are controlling massive bleeding, which is a primary reason Soldiers die on the battlefield, and then how to observe and treat airway (issues), among other things.

“We evaluate the Soldiers in the

combat lane scenario because handling things like massive bleeding must be (instinctive), which can be challenging under simulated combat,” Vertullo continued.

“Throughout the week, we received great training; (it was) very in-depth and thorough,” said Spc. Bret Trunnell, vehicle mechanic, Company E, 3rd Battalion, 25th General Support Avn. Bn., 25th CAB, who earned his certification. “It’s (rigorous), especially the (culminating field exercise).

“Carrying the (stretcher), low crawling to avoid simulated direct fire and just conducting all of the tactical field medical care is exhausting,” he continued. “Hands-on is the best way to learn CLS, and this training (simulates) a real experience that feels like you’re there, treating real patients under a tough environment.”

Sgt. Bob Calimlim, multi-channel transmission systems operator, Co. C, 209th Avn. Support Bn., 25th CAB, who also earned his certification, said he recognized the importance of becoming CLS proficient.

“The final lane day was realistic and challenging,” Calimlim said.

“Showing the instructors what you’ve retained while exercising squad movements, tactically providing medical care to a number of patients and then getting them evacuated, is incredibly stressful,” he said, “but it is definitely training that all Soldiers should (complete) and continue to refresh. It will definitely save lives.”



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Guy Dickinson, TAMC Internal Medicine, medical support assistant supervisor, logs on at one of the new TOL kiosks located inside the hospital.

Tricare Online is available for patient care

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HONOLULU – In response to beneficiary needs for greater health care access and convenience, Tripler Army Medical Center recently installed eight kiosks to aid beneficiaries in registering in Tricare Online, or TOL.

TOL is the Military Health System Patient Portal designed to provide online capabilities, tools and information for Tricare beneficiaries, and it's the first health care program of its scope and scale in both military and civilian health care systems.

All beneficiaries will have immediate access to one of the most comprehensive health care sites ever developed.

Kiosks are available in Internal Medicine, Family Medicine and the Exceptional Family Member Program and Pediatric clinics.

The Schofield Barracks Health Clinic provides three kiosks available near the Acute Care Clinic, the TriWest Office and in between the Pharmacy and the Family Practice Clinic.

Registered users can schedule primary care ap-

pointments any time; view military treatment facility directions, maps, contact information and clinic hours; request prescription refills, including a link to Tricare's mail order pharmacy; access personal health records; access Tricare benefits and services information to update user profiles or transfer an account to another military treatment facility; and change a password and update personal information.

"It works great," said Maj. Jonathan Sinnott, clinical nurse and officer in charge of TAMC's Department of Internal Medicine. "Once you learn the system, it's easy. It allows patients to self-manage their care."

Currently, TOL features the ability to make select appointments, refill prescriptions and complete health risk assessment questionnaires – all from a home or any computer. TOL also gives links to online Tricare enrollment, the Tricare Beneficiary Portal and useful health information resources.

For security purposes, users are required to log into TOL using either a Defense Manpower Data Center, Department of Defense Self-Service Logon

or a Common Access Card. A short registration process completes initial login.

"The hardest part about the whole thing is logging on for the first time, and the help desk is available to walk you through it step by step," Sinnott said.

Another new feature is the TOL Booking Appointments for Minors. With TBAM, adult beneficiaries can schedule, view, select and cancel both primary care and self-referral specialty appointments on behalf of themselves or their authorized family members, including adults who have granted access and children under 18 years of age.

Assistance

If you experience problems while using the website, call (800) 600-9332, which is available 24/7 for assistance. Visit <https://www.dm.dcc.osd.mil/appj/dsaccess/index.jsp> for more details on granting access to family members and obtaining DS logon accounts.

TAMC staff teams with local medical community to save patient, set record

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Tripler Army Medical Center Public Affairs

HONOLULU – A team of health care professionals, including local civilian and military doctors, set a world record while providing life-saving care to a 56-year-old patient.

They transported her 4,051 miles while performing Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation.

ECMO is an extracorporeal technique that provides both cardiac- and respiratory-support oxygen to patients when their heart and lungs no longer function. Essentially, ECMO is a machine that circulates and oxygenates the blood.

"ECMO is a form of cardiopulmonary bypass that has been used successfully in neonates – infants less than 30 days old – for (more than) 30 years," explained Lt. Col. Erik Osborn, pulmonary critical care physician, Tripler Army Medical Center.

Osborn said the procedure, while normally performed on infants, now has a higher success rate among adults due to technological advancements. However, the combination of the procedure and the circumstances surrounding it made the life-saving situation unique.

"There have been adult ECMO patients, and there have been ECMO patients who have had to be transported great distances, but this is the first time an adult patient has been transported this far," Osborn said.

A patient at Straub Hospital in Honolulu was suffering from pneumonia, when the patient's doctors and family decided that ECMO was the best option.

Dr. Mark Grattan, cardiothoracic surgeon at Straub, approached Pete May, senior director, Operations-Hawaii Specialty Care, perfusion support,

since the perfusion team had adult ECMO experience, personnel and equipment.

Calls were made to Air Force Lt. Col. Dr. Melissa Tyree, TAMC's ECMO medical director, and Len Tanaka, director and co-director of the Hawaii Hanuola Neonatal and Pediatric ECMO program, to explore ECMO physician support from the Pediatric ECMO team.

During the next two days, doctors and staff from Straub, TAMC and Kapiolani Medical Center worked in conjunction to set up the procedure.

"It took enormous efforts from the local medical community leadership, as well as the leadership at Tripler, to put all of this together, and I can't say enough about how well they made it happen," Grattan said. "It was a multi-hospital team, and the health care provided was excellent."

Osborn performed the procedure.

"Initially, Tripler was only contacted for logistical advice and possibly for equipment," Tyree said; "however, it became apparent that we not only had the equipment, but also the expertise, and Dr. Osborn was willing to participate."

Once the procedure was completed, there was still concern about monitoring the patient's recovery.

"Patients on ECMO require constant maintenance," said Melody Kilcommons, Kapiolani Medical Center's ECMO/transport clinical supervisor. "Someone needs to be with the patient all the time."

The patient needed to be transported to a facility on the mainland to receive necessary care and attention. The team decided to send the patient to Iowa City, Iowa, more than 4,000 miles away.

Currently, Osborn and Tyree are working to start a permanent adult ECMO program at TAMC.



Soldiers, masquerading as reindeer, escort Santa Claus to the TAMC tree lighting ceremony, Monday.

TAMC: Children are delighted in ceremony

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The expected visit by the man himself, during the last verse of the last song, didn't happen. Instead, children were called front and center and one of Santa's elves — in the guise of Sgt. Nathan Ikehara — read "Twas the Night Before Christmas" to those same wide-eyed children.

And then, like magic, reindeer appeared. But these reindeer were quite different. Clad in Army physical training attire, wearing antlers, bells and lights, the reindeer circled Oceanside Drive with a beaming Santa Claus in tow. Children erupted with delight and descend upon him, as he took to his throne.

Town Hall: Live callers ask questions

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a questionable neighborhood and across six lanes of traffic on a busy street. She is in the company of approximately 40-50 other military students on this journey."

Col. Douglas Mulbury, commander, U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii, explained that the issue could be raised through the Army Family Action Plan.

"We will try to find a solution," Mulbury said.

Another live caller wanted to know if and when Department of Defense schools will be constructed in Hawaii. Tamsin Keone, school liaison officer, replied that a survey is being conducted to gather data about the military's experience with schools in Hawaii.

Terry added that the survey's results will be shared with the community when they become available.

One Facebook user, whose husband is deployed, was concerned that her house had been broken into and her car vandalized. She wrote that she didn't feel safe in her neighborhood.

Lt. Col. Daniel Hulsebosch, director, USAG-HI's Directorate of Emergency Services, explained that gate guards are currently post-

To submit an "Ask the Commander" question, send an e-mail to AskTheCommander.usaghi@us.army.mil.

ed in housing areas 19 hours a day through a new program.

Terry added that he also was concerned.

"We're looking at increasing our (housing security) capabilities," Terry said. "I won't be satisfied until we have full coverage."

All questions received through the diverse media were logged, reviewed and prioritized. Though airtime allowed only slightly more than 20 responses during the final 45 minutes of the broadcast, all questions will be answered. Some will be featured in the January 2011 "Ask the Commander" column in the Hawaii Army Weekly.

The live town hall is being rebroadcast on garrison's installation access channel 2 after Dec. 15, and will continue through January, daily, at 12 p.m. and 6 p.m.

303rd EOD: Exchange enhances EOD capability

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program," Vail said. "The experience we share and techniques we learn from the Hong Kong Police enhance our mission capability and flexibility."

The HKP EOD Bureau is responsible for all EOD missions in the SAR.

"The city was extensively fought over and bombed during World War II, and rendering (it) safe of old and unstable wartime bombs, hand grenades and naval ordnance is a major part of our workload," said a spokesperson for HKP EOD Bureau. "The majority of our EOD technicians are volunteers from the HKP, and these certification exercises are vital to ensure they are trained and ready with the latest in techniques."

"We are very appreciative of the expertise and insights Vail and his team bring to our training," he added.

The monthlong certification exercises are very similar to U.S. Army situational training exercises. The demanding training was conducted day and night, with scenarios varying from a suspicious package in a building to forensic examination of an actual detonation.

Students were alerted to a threat, responded to the site, assessed the situation and took appropriate action. Members of the 303rd EOD served alongside HKP EOD Bureau leadership as observer controllers/trainers and concluded each training



Capt. Tom Vail (right), commander, 706th EOD Co., 45th Sust. Bde., 8th TSC, alongside his HKP EOD Bureau counterpart, evaluates the deployment of a tracked robot to investigate a suspected roadside threat.

lane with an after-action review.

USARPAC and 8th TSC will continue to support Pacific Rim missions, such as these, to foster positive impressions and forge strong relationships that will help shape Hong Kong's historic transition from SAR to full control of the Chinese government by 2047.

'Tis the season



Co. A's Wolfpack-themed card (right) won third place in TAMC's Holiday Card Lane contest; the Department of Radiology, with a card depicting "The Simpsons," won second place.

USARHAW celebrates holiday creativity

VANESSA LYNCH
News Editor

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS – Greeting cards go hand-in-hand with the holidays, and on Army installations across Oahu, it's no different.

Well, maybe a little different.

Giant holiday cards measuring 4 feet by 8 feet have greeted residents, employees and visitors as they enter Schofield Barracks, Fort Shafter and Tripler Army Medical Center since the 1990s.

U.S. Army Garrison-Oahu's Holiday Card Lanes and associated contests give units and organizations an opportunity to spread holiday cheer throughout the community in a really big way. The annual contests are open to all units, agencies and organizations on post.

"We have a lot of very talented and creative individuals within our units and organizations," said James Brown, director, Oahu North Community, about the artistic abilities of participants, past and present.

The holiday lane card contests, along with community tree lighting ceremonies, signify the start of the holiday season for Army Hawaii.

The Oahu North Community's annual Holiday Card Lane event will be observed through Jan. 7, along Macomb Road, Schofield Barracks. Winners were recognized at the Christmas Tree Lighting Program, Tuesday.

First place went to the 325th Brigade Support Battalion, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division; second place went to the Schofield Youth Center; and third place went to Army Field Support Battalion-Hawaii.

The Oahu South Community annual Holiday Card Lane event will be observed through Jan. 3, along Chapel Field, across from Richardson Theatre, Fort Shafter. Winners were recognized at the tree lighting ceremony. Thursday.

First place went to the 196th Signal Brigade, second place went to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers-Pacific Ocean Division and third place went to the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

The Holiday Card Lane on Tripler, which can be



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The Department of Social Work's card depicting Whoville won this year's TAMC Holiday Card contest.

viewed as drivers exit on Krukowski Lane, will be displayed until Dec. 31. Winners were announced at the tree lighting ceremony, Monday.

Company A took third place, the Radiology Department received second place and the Social Work Department took TAMC's top spot.

Holiday Card Lane Winners

Fort Shafter

1st, 196th Signal Bde., U.S. Army-Pacific
2nd, USACE-POD
3rd, DFMWR, U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii

Schofield Barracks

1st, 325th BSB, 3rd BCT, 25th ID
2nd, Schofield Youth Center, USAG-HI
3rd, Army Field Support Battalion-Hawaii

**Tripler Army
Medical Center**

1st, Social Work Dept.
2nd, Radiology Dept.
3rd, Co. A



Vanessa Lynch | Honolulu Star-Advertiser

From left to right are the winners of the Oahu North Community Holiday Card Lane: first place went to the 325th BSB, 3rd BCT, 25th ID; third place went to Army Field Support Battalion-Hawaii; and second place went to the Schofield Youth Center. USAG-HI



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

South Community

•Aliamanu Military Reservation Chapel

Dec. 24	4 p.m.	Children's Mass (Catholic)
Dec. 24	7 p.m.	Service (Protestant)
Dec. 25	9 a.m.	Mass (Catholic)
Dec. 26	8:30 a.m.	Mass (Catholic)
Jan. 2	8:30 a.m.	Mass (Catholic)
Jan. 2	10:30 a.m.	Service (Protestant)
Jan. 2	12:30 a.m.	Gospel Service (Protestant)

• *Fort DeRussy Chapel (near the Hale Koa Hotel, Waikiki)*

Dec. 24	5 p.m.	Service (Protestant)
Dec. 25	5 p.m.	Mass (Catholic)
Jan. 1	5 p.m.	Mass (Catholic)

• *Tripler Army Medical Center*
Dec. 24 5 p.m. Vigil Mass (Catholic)
Dec. 24 7 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
(Protestant)

Dec. 25	11 a.m.	Mass (Catholic)
Dec. 26	11 a.m.	Mass (Catholic)
Jan. 1	5 p.m.	Mass (Catholic)
Jan. 2	11 a.m.	Mass (Catholic)

North Community

Norm Community
•Schofield Barracks Main Post Chapel
 Dec. 15 6 p.m. Family Night Caroling
 Dec. 18 7 p.m. Wiccan Yule Celebration
 Dec. 19 6 p.m. Christmas Concert
 Dec. 24 5 p.m. Christmas Children's Mass (Catholic)
 Dec. 24 7 p.m. Candlelight Service
 Dec. 25 10:30 a.m. Mass (Catholic)
 Dec. 26 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass (Catholic)
 Dec. 31 10 p.m. Watch Night Service

• *Wheeler Army Airfield Chapel*
Dec. 13 6:30 p.m. Reconciliation
Service (Catholic)

Dec. 24 10 p.m. Christmas Vigil Mass (Catholic)

•*Helemano Military Reservation Chapel*
Dec. 24 4 p.m. Christmas Caroling





Today

SKIES classes — Registration is open for School of Knowledge, Inspiration, Exploration and Skills Unlimited classes starting in January. Instruction in martial arts, theater, dance, instrument lessons, and more, is available for keiki and youth 6 months-18 years old. Also, a cooking class for 4-12-year-olds will be offered. Call 655-9818.

11 / Saturday

Open House — See what Outdoor Recreation at Schofield Barracks has to offer, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Dec. 11. Call 655-0143.

Read to the Dogs — Children who can read on their own can sign up for a 15-minute session to read to a dog, 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m., Dec. 11, at Sgt. Yano Library, Schofield Barracks. This program improves children's reading and communication skills by reading to a trained service dog. To register, call 833-4851 or 655-8002. Sessions are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Discover Scuba —Experience scuba for free, 2-4 p.m., Dec. 11, Schofield Barracks. Class is held in a controlled pool environment. Call 655-0143.

13 / Monday

Seether Concert — Pick up free tickets, 12 p.m., Dec. 13, at the Tropics Recreation Center, Schofield Barracks, or at the Fort Shafter Physical Fitness Center. Doors open for the concert at 6 p.m., Dec. 18, at the Tropics. Limit two tickets per person. Meet and greet Seether at 3 p.m., Dec. 18, at the K Quad Dining Facility, Building 780, Schofield Barracks, before the concert. Call 655-0111/3.

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 the Kalakaua Community Center, Schofield Barracks. A beginners' class starts at 6 p.m.; an advanced class is at 7 p.m.

Classes feature the different types of hula and fundamentals of hula steps, movement and posture. Call 655-9694 or email nhliaison@gmail.com.

14 / Tuesday

Free Fishing Workshop — Learn how to fish from a boat, 5-7:30 p.m., Dec. 14. Call 655-0143.

16 / Thursday

Texas Hold 'em and Bunco — Games start at 6:30 p.m., Dec. 16, at the Tropics Recreation Center, Schofield Barracks. First, second and third place prizes will be awarded. Call 655-5697.

17 / Friday

Teen Job Fair — Set for 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Dec. 17, at Army Community Service, Building 2091, Schofield Barracks. Teens can meet with employers and get information about colleges. Call 655-0445.

Eddie's Santa Shop — Enjoy great family fun at Family Fun Friday, 6-9 p.m., Dec. 17, Tropics Recreation Center, Schofield Barracks. Free pizza is served on a first-come, first-served basis. Students from the School of Knowledge, Inspiration, Exploration and Skills Unlimited will perform. Call 655-5797 or visit www.mwrmymhawaii.com.

Intramural Basketball Tournament — Deadline to enter is Dec. 17. The tournament runs Jan. 10-March 18 at Fort Shafter and Schofield Barracks. Call 655-8056.

18 / Saturday

Woodshop Safety Class — Get certified for the woodshop, 8 a.m., Dec. 18, at the Arts and Crafts Center, Schofield Barracks. Cost is \$10. Call 655-4202.

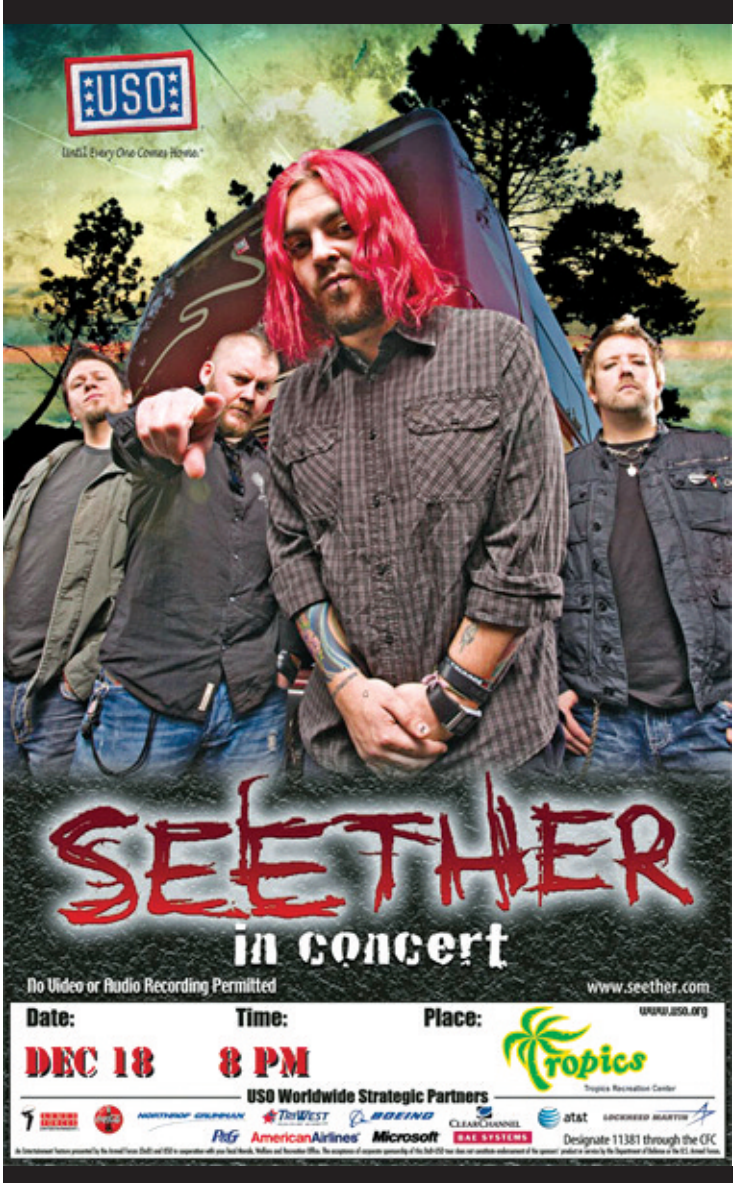
Newcomers Island Tour — Sign up for the free newcomers island tour that departs 8 a.m., Dec. 18, from Shafter Flats' Army Community Service, Building 1599. Call 438-4499.

Ongoing

"Camelot" — The musical "Camelot" runs through Dec. 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 or call 438-4480.

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.

Free Exercise Classes — Soldiers and family members can sign up for free classes at the Schofield Barracks Health and Fitness Center. Classes include group cycling, cardio-kickboxing and



yoga. Visit www.mwrmymhawaii.com or call 655-8007.

Arts and Crafts — Visit the Schofield Barracks Arts and Crafts Center for creative fun:

- Basic quilting and sewing is taught 6-8 p.m., every Tuesday. Cost is just \$25 for the first class and \$5 for each additional class. Call 655-4202.
- Learn water color mixing and abstract techniques 12-2 p.m., every Wednesday. Four sessions are \$50 and include all the supplies needed. Call 655-9042.
- Make lei 12-2 p.m., every Thursday. All ages are welcome. Cost is \$10. Call 655-4202.
- Join Mom and Tot Crafts and create a fun project with your 3-5-year-old, 10-11 a.m., every Thursday. Cost is \$3 and covers class and supplies. Call 655-4202.

Family Child Care — Individuals interested in caring for children in their home can inquire with the Child, Youth and School Services' Family Child Care program. Call 655-8373 or 837-0236.

Picture Framing — Make that photo memory even more special with customized framing at the Schofield Barracks Arts and Crafts Center. One

session is only \$45 and includes instruction and materials. Framing is available daily from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Call 655-4202 to register.

EDGE! — This program is free for Blue Star Card holders the first week of every month. EDGE! offers out-of-school opportunities for children and youth, ages 6-18, to participate in cutting-edge art, fitness, life skills and adventure activities. Normal cost is \$30 per week for first- through fifth-graders, and is free for sixth- through 12th-graders. Visit www.mwrmymhawaii.com or call 656-0095.

SOAR — Student Online Achievement Resources is a free online program offering testing and tutorials in reading and mathematics for grades three-12. Call 655-9818 or e-mail SoarHawaii@hotmail.com.

Blue Star Benefits — 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.



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
•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 under reeltime movie listing.

Paranormal Activity 2

(R)
Fri., Dec. 10, 7 p.m.
Sat., Dec. 11, 7 p.m.

Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel

(PG)
Sat., Dec. 11, 11 a.m.
Family movie special following "Breakfast with Santa" at the Schofield Barracks Main Exchange food court.

Legends of the Guardians: The Owls Of Ga'Hoole

(PG)
Sun., Dec. 12, 2 p.m.



Skyline

(PG-13)
Wed., Dec. 15, 7 p.m.

Red

(PG-13)
Thurs., Dec. 16, 7 p.m.

No shows on Mondays or Tuesdays.

Holiday season events

Today

Christmas Concert — The annual Toys for Tots' Na Mele o na Keiki (Music for the Children) concert starts at 7 p.m., Dec. 10, Neal S. Blaisdell Concert Hall. It features the Marine Forces Pacific Band; guest artists include Amy Hanaialii Gilliom and Henry Kapono. Also, Marines will be on hand to accept donations to Toys for Tots. Pick up free tickets at the Blaisdell box office; tickets are limited to four per person.

"The Nutcracker" — Students from the Hawaii State Ballet Company will perform the perennial Christmas favorite, "The Nutcracker," at the Mamiya Theatre at 3140 Waiālae Ave. Performances are Dec. 10-12, 17-19. Visit www.hawaiistateballet.com/tickets or call 550-8457.

13 / Monday

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 contest is open to all Island Palm Communities residents.

Visit www.facebook.com/islandpalmcommunities.

Christmas Intramural Softball Tournament — Cheer on your favorite team, Dec. 13-17. Call 655-8056 for times and locations.

15 / Wednesday

"Polar Bear Express" — Elementary age children can enjoy "The Polar Express" activities, 3-3:45 p.m., Dec. 15, Sgt. Yano Library, Schofield Bar-

racks. Registration isn't required. Call 655-8002.

Christmas Ornaments — Create a one-of-a-kind decoration, 6-8 p.m., Dec. 15. Parents can bring children 8 years old and older. Cost is \$12 for one ornament. Call 655-4202.

17 / Friday

SKIES Holiday Show — This Schools of Knowledge, Inspiration, Exploration and Skills Unlimited event features dancers, 6 p.m., Dec. 17, Tropics Recreation Center, Schofield Barracks.

18 / Saturday

"Family Christmas Hymn Sing" — Event is hosted by the Hawaii Officers' Christian Fellowship for the benefit of all ranks, 4:30-7:30 p.m., Dec. 18, Chapel Center, 180 Kuntz Ave., Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Includes a potluck supper; limited nursery available.

RSVP by Dec. 15 at sing_dec180@yahoo.com.

19 / Sunday

Christmas Concert — "The Joyful Sound of Christmas" runs 6-7 p.m., Dec. 19, Main Post Chapel, Schofield Barracks. Keiki will receive a special gift at the concert's conclusion. Call 655-0696.

24 / Sunday

Single Soldier Christmas Party — Enjoy live music, a traditional turkey dinner and presents for each single Soldier, 3-8 p.m., Dec. 24, Tropics Recreation Center, Schofield Barracks. Win an XBOX360 Kinect for tackiest sweater/outfit; and also win prizes for the best karaoke and scavenger hunt. Free shuttle service from Fort Shafter and Tripler Army Medical Center is available; for details, call 655-1130/5697.

Holiday Parades

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

Dec. 10, Haleiwa Christmas Parade — from 6-8 p.m., starting at Weed Circle, to Kamehameha Highway, through Haleiwa Town, to end at Haleiwa Beach Park. Call 637-4558, or e-mail NorthShoreCCC@aol.com or visit www.gonorthshorehawaii.com.

Dec. 11, Aiea Community Association Christmas Parade — from 8:30-10 a.m., starting at Pearlridge Elementary School parking lot, to Moanalua Road, to Kaamilo Street, to Ulune Street, to Halewiliko Street, to end at Aiea Sugar Mill Site. Call 429-1282 or e-mail claireset@hawaii.rr.com.

Dec. 11, Waimanalo Christmas Parade — from 10-11:30 a.m., starting at Waimanalo District Park, to Hihimanu Street, to Kumuhau Street, to Humuniki Street, to Kalaniana'ole Highway, ending at Waimanalo Beach Park. A Marine color guard and fire truck will be in the parade. Call 768-3888 or e-mail pteruya@honolulu.gov.

Dec. 18, Ewa Beach/Lions Club Holiday Parade — Begins at 10 a.m., starting by Ilima School parking lot at 91-884 Fort Weaver Rd.; proceeds on a two-mile course, clockwise, around the large block bounded by Fort Weaver Road, Kuhina Street, to Hanakahi Strett and North Road. Following the parade, a Christmas hoolaulea with food and craft vendors and entertainment will be open from 12-9 p.m. at Ewa Beach Community Park at 91-955 North Rd.



25 / Saturday

Christmas Dinner — The 25th Infantry Division's 3rd Brigade Combat Team Dining Facility, Building 357, C Quad, Schofield Barracks, will welcome service members, families, retirees and authorized guests for a traditional Christmas feast, Dec. 25.

Breakfast is scheduled for 7-8 a.m.; lunch, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.; and dinner, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Call 655-4833.

Ongoing

Holiday Card Lane — View giant holiday cards by traveling down Krukowski Road, Tripler Army Medical Center, through Dec. 31; Chapel Field, across from Richardson Theatre, Fort Shafter, through Jan. 3; and Macomb Road, Schofield Barracks, through Jan. 7.



Sgt. Nathan Akridge | 3rd Brigade Combat Team Public Affairs, 25th Infantry Division

Staff Sgt. Ryan Ventura, Co. B., 325th BSB, 3rd BCT, 25th ID, displays the engraved 3rd BCT Bronco on one of the four bookstands the brigade delivered to Wahiawa Elementary, Dec. 2.

‘Broncos’ deliver bookstands to Wahiawa Elementary students

STAFF SGT. AMBER ROBINSON & SGT. NATHAN AKRIDGE
3rd Brigade Combat Team Public Affairs, 25th Infantry Division

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Soldiers with the “Bronco” Brigade made a special visit to Wahiawa Elementary, Dec. 2, to deliver four handmade bookstands. Lt. Col. Joseph Morrow, commander; Command Sgt. Maj. Vance Snider; and 1st Lt. Kassie Villanueva, Civil Af-

fairs, all of the 325th Brigade Support Battalion, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, visited the school to learn how the unit could help. “(The school) said they needed bookstands, so we decided to build them,” Villanueva said. “Instead of buying the desks for themselves, they could use

SEE BRONCOS, B-4

Holiday crowd enjoys snow at AMR

Story and Photo by
LAURA BRATCHER
Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation

ALIAMANU MILITARY RESERVATION — Snow fell, here, Saturday. Keiki wearing summer shorts and sandals jumped right into the piles of snow, specially brought in for the 14th Annual Holiday Fun Fest. The event was organized by the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation and drew in more than 1,000 visitors. Kathy Giannetti, chief, Community Recreation Programs, FMWR, said the snow was received with “awe and amazement. The kids were so excited it was hard to get them to wait until we could spread it out.” A holiday parade, including canines decked out in their finest holiday attire, kicked off the celebration. Later, students from the Schools of Knowledge, Inspiration, Exploration and Skills Unlimited entertained the crowd. Also, children could test their arts and crafts skills by assembling gingerbread houses and other holiday crafts. For those who had not mailed their lists to the North Pole yet, Santa listened to children’s wish lists and



Besides tons of snow to jump into, the annual Holiday Fun Fest features a parade, entertainment and arts and crafts. Keiki can also pose for a picture with Santa and whisper their wish lists.

posed for pictures with them. Door prizes brought smiles to children’s faces, along with performances by singer Jaylin Banks and Schofield Barracks’ teen band Delayed Resistance. Smiles and laughter could be seen and heard, as the community enjoyed

the celebration. “I think the snow was a great addition to the annual Holiday Fun Fest,” Giannetti said. “You could tell from the smiles and laughter that they were having a great time playing in the snow under the Hawaiian sun.”

Keiki, spouses treated to holiday entertainment at Native Hawaiian Liaison event

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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Christmas came early for spouses and children of deployed Soldiers at a holiday party at the Nehelani, here, Friday. The spouses and keiki are members of the Blue Star Card Program, a U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii initiative. Children from the Waianae unit of the Queen Liliuokalani Children’s Center also were invited. The center provides services for orphaned and destitute children of Hawaiian heritage. The evening included a buffet and entertainment. Additionally, USAG-HI civilian employees and the Ahahui Siwila Hawaii O Kapolei Hawaiian Civic Club donated a wrapped gift to each child.



Kamehameha School’s Alumni Glee Club sings Hawaiian Christmas songs, Dec. 3.

View videos and more photos from the Christmas dinner at www.flickr.com/photos/usag-hi/sets/.

Sponsored by the Native Hawaiian Liaison Office, USAG-HI, the event was the latest in the Distinguished

to be exposed to this island, to the island’s beauty and to the culture of the native Hawaiian people.

Lecture Series. The Native Hawaiian Liaison Office focuses on strengthening cultural understanding and building friendships between the Army in Hawaii and the native Hawaiian community. “This is a very, very special night, and we have a very special audience,” said Col. Douglas Mulbury, commander, USAG-HI. “We want our military families

“Likewise, we invite native Hawaiians on to our installations to allow them to interact with our Soldiers and their families,” he said. “We in the Army want to be good neighbors; this is our home while we’re here. We are here with you, and we have more in common than we have apart. We’re glad you could come out tonight.” Sarah Chadwick, coordinator, Blue Star Card Program, said these types of events help families get through deployment. “It’s especially tough for our families during the holidays, so I’m happy to see you guys out here tonight,” she said. “Thank you so much for coming.” “Tonight, we’re going to shape our music around the word ‘ohana,’ which means ‘family’ in Hawaiian,” said Aaron Mahi, director, Kamehameha

School’s Alumni Glee Club. “Ohana is the foundation of our community.” The club sang Christmas-themed music in English and Hawaiian, inviting the audience to participate several times. “Let’s practice those bells,” Mahi said, directing the audience members to jingle their car keys in “Jingle Bells” and “Christmas in Hawaii.” “Not too bad.” Mahi mentioned the glee club is made up of alumni not only from the Kamehameha Schools, but other schools as well. Some of the members have also served in the military. Glee club member Samuel Kamaka served in the Army sometime after Pearl Harbor. He remembers training at Schofield Barracks before departing for Guadalcanal “to help clean it up.”

8th TSC visits Sunset Elementary, aids in studies

MAJ. ELIZABETH POWERS
45th Sustainment Brigade, 8th Theater Sustainment Command

FORT SHAFTER – Leadership from the 8th Theater Sustainment Command visited students at Sunset Beach Elementary School in Haleiwa, Friday.

Maj. Gen. Michael J. Terry, commander, 8th TSC, was among the group that visited the school, as part of the Installation School Partnership Program.

The Installation School Partnership Program is a unit and school program established in the mid-1980s. Through the program, 8th TSC is partnered with seven elementary schools and one intermediate high school.

“The intent is to provide sustainable support and services between the military units and schools that promote a positive impact to the community, as well as enhance the learning environment for the students,” Terry said.

During the tour, students showed Terry their projects, like the barrel that collects rain to water plants. The project teaches students how to plant and harvest food.

Another project, a rock garden built from a collapsed hut, teaches students about indigenous flora and fauna in a Hawaiian Studies Program.

Leadership also toured the robotics program and computer lab.

Col. Dianne Roberson, commander, 45th Sustainment Brigade, 8th TSC, visited with kindergarten students, who sang “Little Packages” for her in the cafeteria.

“The open communication and the help the school has received has been outstanding,” said Phyllis Shipman, school principal.

The 45th Special Troops Battalion, 45th Sust. Bde., 8th TSC, has helped Sunset Beach Elementary with events such as the Presidential Fitness Awards Program and plans to support the school’s robotics program with help from signal Soldiers, according to 1st Lt. Kevin White, school liaison, 45th STB, 45th Sust. Bde.

Future projects also include after-school tutoring and reading to students and developing a “welcome to school” book with fourth- and fifth-grade students’ help. The book will be for incoming kindergarteners. The unit is planning to help teach geography, basic first aid, nutrition, math, personal finance, human anatomy and physiology, and it will help paint the world map on the school’s sidewalk.

“These are just a few of the ideas that we will begin with Sunset,” said Lt. Col. Tracy Lanier, commander, 45th STB, 45th Sust. Bde.



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Maj. Gen. Michael J. Terry, commander, 8th Theater Sustainment Command, discusses how the 8th TSC can support Sunset Beach Elementary School with Phyllis Shipman, principal, and members of her staff, Friday.



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Science Fair judges Capt. Olivia Anglade, 84th Engineer Battalion, 130th Eng. Brigade, 8th Theater Sustainment Command, and Dr. Sherwood Maynard, University of Hawaii-Manoa, interview a budding scientist.

Local students win at science fair

JAN IWASE
Hale Kula Elementary School

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS – Wahiawa Elementary School was abuzz with excitement, Dec. 2, as 57 fifth-graders representing eight area elementary schools shared their projects with judges, parents and teachers at the 4th Annual North Central District Science Fair.

“The fifth-grade North Central Science Fair has grown from humble beginnings, starting with just two schools,” said Rampal Singh, science resource teacher with the Leilehua Complex. “This year, there were eight schools participating, and for the first time, the judges could interview our budding scientists.

“The room was filled with excitement, a great sense of accomplishment and pride,” Singh added.

Using the scientific method, each project started with inquiry and a question that could be tested. Students articulated the process to judges, who included U.S. Army engineers, Leilehua High School honors students, Department of Education science specialists and University of Hawaii educators.

“This year’s North Central District Science Fair

was the best ever!” said Bob Leinau, who has been a judge at all four science fairs. “The quality of the science projects has improved each year. It is amazing to see fifth-grade students producing at this level. This is the type of work product that has application both in higher education and in the workforce.”

While each student was honored with special awards, winners were selected and announced at the end of the evening.

For David Hall, one of the first-place winners, the announcement was bittersweet. His father, Staff Sgt. Blair Hess, was not there to see him receive his award because he had deployed that morning with the Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 25th Infantry Division. Hall credited his father who had helped him to build the catapult for his project and assisted with research and investigation.

“The science behind the projects has gotten better every year, and the quality of the displays was remarkable. It was an inspirational night,” Singh said. “We sincerely hope that early opportunities like this will help spike students’ interest in science and careers in science-related fields.”

Science Fair Winners

First place:

David Hall, Hale Kula - “How does the weight of an object affect the distance it travels?”
Travis Afuso, Mililani Uka - “Filter away your chlorine today!”

Second place:

Brandi Leong, Iliahi - “Does the way you hold a softball affect the speed of the pitch?”
Cade Yoshimura, Mililani Mauka - “Mneumonics on the brain.”

Third place:

Thorin Jean, Hale Kula - “Environmental variables of sweet peas.”
Isaac Reibsome II, Wheeler - “Will magnets affect the growth of bean plants?”

Honorable mention:

Emily Travis, Mililani Uka - “Coach, we have to warm up.”
Emily Poirier, Mililani Mauka - “Are Wii fit?”

Broncos: Students delighted

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that money where it’s needed.”

Spc. Jeremy Haas, Company A, who made the bookstands, engraved a bronco into the wood.

“I like the bookstands because it has a horse,” said Damien Nakapaahu-Paahana, who attends kindergarten.

“I love the fact that (the desk) can be used as a bookstand and is awesome for storage,” said Naomi Salaveria, kindergarten teacher at Wahiawa Elementary. “The kids were excited. You could see it in their eyes. You could just hear the ‘oohs’ and ‘ahs.’”

“(What is important) is the unity of working together,” said Troy Tamura, principal, Wahiawa Elementary. “It makes it even more special that someone cared enough to make something for these kids.”

“I hope it helps them to respect us and accept us,” said Staff Sgt. Ryan Ventura, Company B. “I’m from here, and I think this will show them we’re here to help. It will help them realize we’re more than just fighters.”