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Army birthday equals keiki fun

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS, Hawaii—Few children ever get the opportunity to see 233 candles on a birthday cake, let alone blow them out. However, June 9-14, when the Army celebrates its 233rd birthday, kids across Oahu will do just that—learning a little about the nation’s history in the process.

Army units across the nation have long taken pride in celebrating the Army birthday, often with great pomp and ceremony. In recent years, these birthday celebrations have taken on an added importance, serving as an outlet for military parents and their children to bond while sharing some memories and history behind those 233 candles.

Oahu festivities will kick off with a number of fun events. Children will make birthday cards, banners and the ever-stylish birthday hats. They’ll also showcase their creativity with cake and cupcake decorating.

Of course, no birthday is complete without a trip down memory lane. Throughout the week, parents and guests will read aloud the Army birthday storybook; children will try on uniforms; and teens will check out old photographs at the Tropic Lightning Museum.

Partial Event Dates:

June 9—Schofield Barracks teen center barbeque and cupcake-decorating contest

June 10—Birthday Bash on Schofield Barracks

June 11—Teen field “trip down memory lane” to the Tropic Lightning Museum

June 13—Birthday Bash at Helemano Military Reservation