

## Media Advisory

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WHO: Oahu Army Natural Resource Program

**WHAT:** Earth Day Celebration and Environmental Open House

WHEN: Thursday, April 23, 1-3 p.m.

**WHERE:** Schofield Barracks

**DETAILS:** The U.S. Army Garrison's Oahu Army Natural Resource Program is hosting an open house to dedicate their new agriculture base yard and interpretative garden.

The base yard addition is part of the Army's continuing effort to grow and reintroduce endangered native Hawaiian plant species into the wild.

Utilizing new technology and plant propagation techniques, the OANRP hopes to double the number of plants being grown at any one time. Currently, there are 53 species being cared for by by Army staff, for future planting on Army training lands.

In addition to tree and fern planting, the open house will also provide a walking tour of the new interpretative garden. The garden provides a place for students and educators may get an up close glimpse of Hawaii's very special flora and fauna.

MEDIA NOTE: Media wishing to attend should R.S.V.P. no later than 11a.m., April 23. For further information please contact Loran D. Doane, Media Relations chief, at 656-3157 or 317-847-2222.