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U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii Celebrates 100 Years

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS, Hawaii—As the nation celebrates its 233rd birthday July 4, USAG-HI invites the public to the 38th Annual Fourth of July Spectacular and Centennial Celebration on Sills Field, here.

The daylong event, starting at 8 a.m., features food, game booths, midway rides, music, fireworks and the chance to win prizes like a brand new car.

For those wanting a little competition, there will be a 1K run for the children, 5K run for adults, and a greased pole-climbing contest for those who like a challenge. Be sure to bring a camera for this event!

"This year's annual Fourth of July Spectacular has added significance to the Soldiers, families and retirees that make up U.S. Army Hawaii," said Col. Matthew T. Margotta, commander, U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii. "We are excited because, this week, Schofield Barracks celebrates 100 years of service to our nation here on Oahu."

Exclusive centennial events this year include self-guided walking and driving tours. Visitors will relive Hawaii's rich military history as they pass a myriad of historic buildings, now listed on the National Register as the Schofield Barracks' Historic District.

A few of the sights visitors can expect to see are Hawaii's first permanent Army barracks, built in 1911, which are still used as housing today. Visitors can also visit several fascinating art deco style architecture, dating back to the 1930s, and travel forward in time to the modern structures and memorials dedicated to Hawaii's fighting men and women.

For those preferring a more leisurely tour of Schofield Barracks, free bus tours are available from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Narrated by military experts, the tours will leave at 40-minute intervals from Schofield's Kalakaua Community Center.

The evening events kick off at 4 p.m. with Hawaii's home-grown, award-winning local band EMKE. Ages 8-18, the members of this band have recorded several CDs appealing to young and old alike.

At 5:30 p.m., the iconic feature band Kansas will hit the stage playing the classic rock that made them famous. The band is best known for their hits “Carry on Wayward Son” and “Dust in the Wind.”

The fireworks display will start promptly at 8:30 p.m. The highlight of the display comes when the 43rd Army Band of the Nebraska Army National Guard play the “1812 Overture” accompanied by live cannon fire.

For those wanting to avoid traffic congestion following the fireworks display, guests are invited to stick around and enjoy the local bands playing afterwards. All four gates to Schofield will be open to the public from 8 a.m. to midnight.

Vehicle occupants must have photo identification, and drivers must possess a valid vehicle registration and proof of insurance to enter the post. All vehicles, backpacks and coolers will be subject to search.

Attendees are reminded to leave pets and high-back chairs at home, as they will not be allowed on Sills Field. Additionally, fireworks, sparklers, glass containers and firearms are not permitted.

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MEDIA NOTE: Please R.S.V.P. by 6 p.m. Friday, July 3, so that media parking and passes may be reserved. Also, please make known any special requests for interviews so that Army escorts can make necessary arrangements. Media is welcome to cover the event from reserved locations directly in front of the concert stage. For more information or assistance, please call Loran D. Doane, Media Relations at 808-542-3157, preferred cell 317-847-2222, or email loran.doane@us.army.mil.

4TH OF JULY SPECTACULAR SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

8 a.m.	Late Registration for 5K Fun Run / Packet Pick-up
9 a.m.	5K Fun Run & Registration for Children's 1-Mile Fun Run
9:30 a.m.	Schofield Barracks Historic District bus tours – Kalakaua CC
10 a.m.	Children's 1-Mile Fun Run Hawaii Military Vehicle Preservation Association static display Games and Ride Midway & Greased Pole contest open Crafts and New Products Bazaar open Food Booths open
11 a.m.	MWR Stage
4 p.m.	Flag Retreat at Main Stage
4:05 p.m.	EMKE (local award winning youth band)
4:45 p.m.	Schofield Barracks Centennial Ceremony
5:30 p.m.	KANSAS
7 p.m.	Drawing for new car (tentative)
7:10 p.m.	43rd Army Band of the Nebraska Army National Guard and “1812 Overture”
7:30 p.m.	“The Flags We Follow”
8:00 p.m.	43rd Army Band of the Nebraska Army National Guard Mini Concert
8:30 p.m.	Fireworks Following the fireworks a live band will play until approximately 10:30 p.m