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4th of July celebration at Schofield turns 40

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS, Hawaii – As the nation celebrates its 235th birthday July 4, U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii invites the public to its 40th Annual Fourth of July Spectacular on Weyand and Sills Field, here.

Admission is free and open to the general public. The daylong event begins at 9 a.m. with a 5K run, followed by a 1-mile keiki run.

Weyand Field will be in full holiday mode by 10 a.m. with food, pony rides, game booths, midway rides, music, entertainment and demonstrations underway. The evening’s entertainment at the main stage includes local musical headliners Natural Vibrations and a new car giveaway.

“We invite the local community to join us, and we are pleased to continue the tradition, now in its 40th year, of hosting this special day of holiday entertainment and fun,” said Col. Douglas S. Mulbury, commander, U.S. Army Garrison–Hawaii.

The annual fireworks show begins promptly at 8:30 p.m. It will be preceded by members of the 25th Infantry Division Band, joined by the Harrison, Indiana High School Band, for the playing of the “1812 Overture,” featuring live cannon fire, followed by the patriotic “Flags We Have Followed” presentation and concert.

“Our nation’s birthday has particular significance, especially now, as we welcome back so many of our Soldiers from deployment in Iraq,” Mulbury said. “Just as importantly, we also remember our many Soldiers, including the thousands of men and women currently serving the cause of freedom in Iraq and Afghanistan.”

For those wanting to avoid traffic congestion following the fireworks display, guests are invited to stay and enjoy the after party. All four Schofield gates will remain open to the public until midnight.

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To enter Schofield Barracks, vehicle drivers and all passengers 16 years of age and older are required to show a valid State or Federal ID at the gates. Drivers must possess a valid vehicle registration and proof of insurance to enter the post. All vehicles, coolers and backpacks are subject to inspection while on Schofield Barracks.

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

Visit the U.S. Army Garrison–Hawaii Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation website at www.mwrarmyhawaii.com for more information.

MEDIA NOTE: Please R.S.V.P. by 9 a.m. Monday, July 4, so that media parking passes and escort may be reserved. Interviews with members of 25th Infantry Division command will be made available from 11 a.m. – 12 noon, July 4, subject to R.S.V.P. For more information or assistance, contact Jack Wiers, chief, Media Relations at 808-542-3157, preferred cell phone 808-499-8305, or email Jack.Wiers@us.army.mil.

4TH OF JULY SPECTACULAR SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 8 a.m. Late registration for 5K Run/packet pick-up.
- 9 a.m. 5K Run starts. Entry fee is \$20. The top three male and female finishers will receive awards in the following age groups; 17 and under, 18-29, 30-39 and participants older than 40 years old.
- 10 a.m. Children's one mile fun run starts. Entry is free, and all finishers will receive a ribbon. T-shirts may be purchased for \$10 (while supply lasts).
- 10 a.m. Booths, games, midway and sales are open, including the Information Booth, food booths, ATM, and lost and found. Tickets are required for all games, rides, and food and beverage sales.
- 11:30 a.m. Military Police working dog demonstration.
- 2:15 p.m. Parachute jump by Sky Dive Hawaii.
- 3-7 p.m. Mechanical bull riding is open.
- 5:25 p.m. Flag retreat.
- 8:30 p.m. Professional fireworks display from the commissary parking lot.

MWR Main Stage

- 12:00 p.m. Mad Science (MWR Stage)
- 1:00 p.m. 25th ID Configurations Jazz Combo (MWR Stage)
- 2:30 p.m. Nesian N.I.N.E.
- 3:30 p.m. Rebel Souljahz

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- 4:30 p.m. Flux Capacitor
- 5:30 p.m. Natural Vibrations
- 7 p.m. Prize drawing for the car giveaway.
- 7:10 p.m. “1812 Overture”
- 7:30 p.m. 50 state patriotic salute.
- 8 p.m. 25th ID Band members and Harrison High School concert.
- 8:50-10:30 p.m. After party with deejay

Important Information

- All personal fireworks are prohibited on post; this includes sparklers.
- Blankets and low-back chairs are preferred for seating.
- No pets are allowed on Weyand Field, Sills Field or Desiderio Field.
- Open flame or charcoal cooking is not permitted, except in pre-reserved picnic areas.
- Canopies are allowed on the field until 5 p.m., and all umbrellas must be lowered for the concerts at 5:30 p.m.
- Lost children may be found at the Military Police Control Tent on Desiderio Field. Lost and Found will be located at the Information Booth on Weyand Field.

Traffic

- The loop from Cadet Sheridan Road to Trimble Road, Humphreys Road and Kolekole Avenue on Schofield Barracks will be closed.
- Due to security requirements, 100-percent ID and vehicle checks will be in progress. Vehicle drivers and all passengers 16 years of age and older are required to show a valid state or federal government ID at the gates. Visitor passes will not be issued for the Fourth of July Spectacular.
- Residents are encouraged to walk to the event if they live on post.
- The Commissary and Flagview Mall stores are closed July 4. The parking lot will close at 9 p.m., July 3, and reopen at 6 a.m., July 5.

Exit plan

- McNair Gate: Left or right turn allowed on Wilikina Drive.
- Macomb Gate: Left or right turn on Wilikina Drive.
- Foote Gate: Left turn only on Kunia Road, and right turn only on Wilikina Drive.
- Lyman Gate : Use the left lane for Wheeler Army Airfield, Waikiki, Mililani and Pearl City; traffic in left lane will be directed through WAAF. Exit at Kawamura gate will be left-turn only. Use Lyman’s right lane for Ewa Beach, Kapolei, Waianae.