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Schofield celebrates Nation’s independence

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS, Hawaii –U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii invites the public to celebrate Independence Day at its 41st Annual Fourth of July Spectacular, here.

Admission is free and open to the general public. The daylong event begins at 8 a.m. with a 5K run, and concludes with a dazzling, patriotic fireworks display.

Family festivities at Weyand Field will be in full swing at 10 a.m. with food, pony and mechanical bull rides, game booths, midway rides, music, entertainment and demonstrations. Two popular Southern California bands, Hoobastank and Jack’s Mannequin, will step up to the main stage starting at 4 p.m., followed by a new car giveaway at 7 p.m.

“We are pleased to continue this ‘spectacular’ tradition, now in its 41st year, and invite the community to join us for a special day of holiday entertainment and fun,” said Col. Douglas S. Mulbury, commander, USAG-HI.

This year, youth can enjoy a variety of unlimited Xtreme Fun rides between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., with the purchase of a \$20 wristband. Families can also shop at the new Farmer’s Market and mini exchange shop located near the main stage.

The annual fireworks show begins promptly at 8:30 p.m. The aerial spectacle will be accompanied by a rousing patriotic soundtrack with dynamic effects that will start at ground level and spread across the night sky. It will be preceded by members of the 25th Infantry Division Band for the playing of the “1812 Overture,” featuring live canon fire, followed by the patriotic “Flags We Have Followed” presentation and concert.

“Our nation’s birthday is a time to come together, to celebrate our heritage and the countless patriots — both uniformed and civilian — who have built up the strength of this great nation,” 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 Afghanistan.”

The Schofield Barracks Fourth of July Spectacular annually attracts 30,000 to 50,000 attendees, according to the garrison’s Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation organizers.

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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. Visitors can enter Schofield through any of the following gates: Macomb, McNair, Lyman or Foote. All four Schofield gates will be open to the public until midnight.

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.

To avoid post-firework traffic congestion, visitors are encouraged to review the event exit routes listed below, and plan accordingly.

For the complete schedule of events, traffic maps and announcements, click [here](#), or visit www.mwrarmyhawaii.com.

Post-Fireworks Exit Routes

Schofield Barracks

- McNair Gate: Exit left or right onto Wilikina Drive.
- Macomb Gate: Exit left or right onto Wilikina Drive.
- Foote Gate: Exit **left only** onto Kunia Road. At the intersection of Wilikina Drive and Kunia Road, **right turn only**.
- Lyman Gate: Exit using the left lane for travel to Wheeler Army Airfield, Waikiki, Mililani and Pearl City. Exit using the right lane for travel to Ewa Beach, Kapolei, Waianae. Visitors exiting from Lyman Gate will not be allowed to go across to Wheeler Army Airfield.

Wheeler Army Airfield

- Kunia Gate: Closed to inbound traffic. Post residents accessing Wheeler Army Airfield must enter via Kawamura Gate.

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MEDIA NOTE: Interested media should contact the USAG-HI Public Affairs Office to attend the event or request photographs. Please R.S.V.P. no later than 4 p.m., July 3. Contact [Ms. Stefanie Gardin](#) at (808) 656-3160 or cell (808) 542-9489.