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Army to host Earth Month 2012 activities

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS, Hawaii —U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii (USAG-HI) and Island Palm Communities (IPC) are celebrating Earth Day by hosting a variety of activities throughout the month of April that inspire people to learn and care for the environment.

This year's USAG-HI Earth Day theme, "Give Back: Do something for the Earth," focuses on environmental stewardship and sustainability, and is echoed across nearly 20 events planned in April.

"This month-long celebration is a time to show respect for the Earth and all of the resources it provides," said Col. Douglas Mulbury, commander, USAG-HI.

USAG-HI and IPC are partnering with organizations island-wide to conduct service projects and awareness activities on Army installations and in neighboring communities.

The Army will kick-off Earth Month with a Fun Fest and Earth Day Festival for Soldiers and family members, April 7 from 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. at Schofield Barracks. The fest will feature a dozen exhibits focusing on topics such as recycling, endangered species, cultural resources, renewable energy, and water conservation.

April 14, 8-11 a.m. – Military and civilian volunteers will participate in a beach and berm clean-up and storm drain stenciling event hosted by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at the Pacific Regional Visitor Center, Fort DeRussy, Waikiki.

April 18 and 25 – The Hale Kula Elementary Gardening Club will showcase their new SYNERGY Outdoor Classroom during student-led tours at the school. Tours will feature the outdoor classroom's rainwater harvesting and native plant gardens as well as the Hale Kula Gardening Club's working garden.

April 21, 7:30 a.m.-noon – Army volunteers will partner with the City and County of Honolulu during the Mauka to Makai Bike Path Clean-up that stretches from Pearl Harbor to Waipahu Depot Road.

April 28, 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. – For the first time, Soldier and civilian volunteers will join together with the Native Hawaiian and environmental community to help restore one of Oahu's most beautiful treasures - Kaena Point State Park. Volunteers will pick up trash and marine debris along the shoreline and assist with marking the main and shoreline road alignments. This Earth Month activity is in partnership with the Department of Land and Natural Resources and is an initiative under the Army's covenant with Native Hawaiians.

“These events help remind us all - Soldiers, family members and civilians - that environmental responsibility is more than a one-day event,” said Mulbury.

Additional earth month activities include three organized trash clean-ups along Oahu beaches and streams, and a variety of events to include: dumpster diving for recyclable items, greening your workplace office visits, environmental game shows, tree plantings, cultural resources tours and open houses, endangered species exhibits, storm drain marker emplacement, movie nights, reusable bag promotion, volunteer service trips to clean out invasive weeds etc.

For more information and a schedule of Army Earth Month activities visit:

<http://www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil/sustainability/EarthMonth/EarthMonth2012.html>

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MEDIA NOTE: *Media interested in covering an Earth Month event please call the U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii Public Affairs Office at (808)656-3160 or (808) 542-9489.*