

## INSIDE Memorial service

The 25th Infantry Division will host a memorial service for the Task Force Lightning Soldiers who perished in the Black Hawk crash, Wednesday. The service is tentatively scheduled at Schofield's Main Post Chapel, Wednesday, Aug. 29, at 10 a.m. Call 655-9717 for details.



## Life support

In Kirkuk, Iraq, two combat medics risk their lives every day to care for Soldiers; neither would have it any other way.

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## Heading home

The "Hearts Toward Home" deployment reintegration workshop provides an interactive approach for reuniting families. Workshop dates are today, Aug. 25 and 31, from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. and 1-4 p.m. Call 655-4227.

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## 14 killed in copter crash

MULTINATIONAL DIVISION-NORTH  
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News Release

TIKRIT, Iraq – Fourteen Task Force Lightning Soldiers died when the aircraft they were riding went down in northern Iraq, Wednesday.

Two UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters were on a night operation when one of the aircraft crashed. That helicopter had been carrying four crewmembers and 10 passengers. The 10 passengers were stationed at Schofield Barracks.

Initial indications are that the aircraft experienced a mechanical malfunction. There were no indications of hostile fire.

The cause of the incident is under investigation, and names of the deceased are being withheld pending next of kin notification by the Dept. of Defense.

## Fire threatens flower

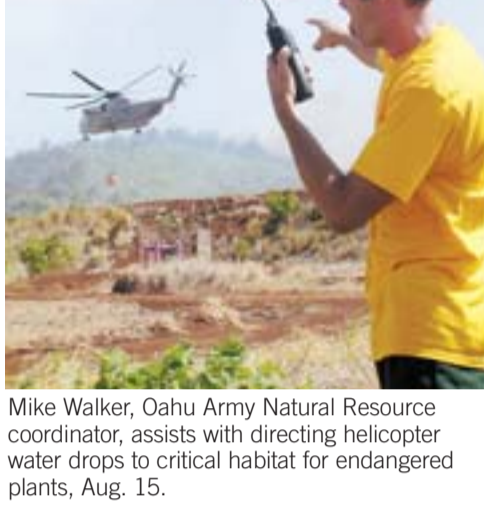
KIM WELCH  
Army Natural Resource Program

WAIALUA – The wildfire that burned nearly 7,000 acres along the Waianae Range last week almost decimated an entire species.

Following a helicopter survey of the burned area, Matt Keir, of the Oahu Army Natural Resource Program (OANRP), confirmed that more than two-thirds of Oahu's largest concentration of the state flower, the hibiscus, had been killed by the fire.

On the surface, this statement might seem outlandish, as one is likely to see a large assortment of beautifully colored hibiscus flowers blooming in yards and gardens throughout Hawaii. Ironically, the majority of these plants are hybridizations, the result of avid gardeners cross-breeding hibiscus to produce amazing color varieties.

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Mike Walker, Oahu Army Natural Resource coordinator, assists with directing helicopter water drops to critical habitat for endangered plants, Aug. 15.

## Ft. Shafter legal office opens in Bldg. 718

SMOLLY HAYDEN  
Staff Writer

FORT SHAFTER – To better serve the needs of the military community living and working in the Fort Shafter area, the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate announced the opening of the Legal Assistance Office here, Aug. 13.

The office provides a wide range of free legal services to eligible clients, including estate planning; powers of attorney; and help addressing family, real or personal property, consumer protection, military and tax law issues.

"Providing legal assistance at Fort Shafter will allow eligible clients to obtain help with their legal concerns closer to where they live and work," said Capt. Mary Meek, chief of Client Services, Fort Shafter Legal Assistance, 8th Theater Sustainment Command (TSC). "This benefits both the client and the command because Soldiers will need to spend less time and less worry in attending to legal matters."

Legal Assistance services are open to all active duty members, military retirees, National Guard or reserves service members on active duty orders for more than 29 days, and family members.

"The Legal Assistance program is a great, free resource for military members, retirees and their families to get assistance that could cost thousands of dollars in the civilian world," said Meek.

A handful of Soldiers used the office's services in the first few days after it opened, and the outcome has been positive.

"So far everyone who has used our service has been satisfied," said Meek.

Meek believes the office will help individuals and the command be more productive, and stressed the office's high commitment to help people.

"We handle the problems that might otherwise plague individuals," said Meek. "We take care of the Soldiers and help the Army function by working together."

Eligible clients may call the office to set up an appointment. The office provides powers of attorney and notary services on a walk-in basis and offers claims service every Thursday.

"Service is our mission," said Spc. Joe Sullivan, noncommissioned officer in charge. "It is a great honor for me to help people who give so much for their country."

## Lithographers pack ink, move to K Quad

70th Engineer Co., Topographic, sheds cumbersome printers for 21st century portability

Story and Photos by  
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FORT SHAFTER – In his 17 years as civilian shop foreman here, Garrett Horie has seen more than 300 lithographer Soldiers breeze into and out of the base printing plant doors.

However, last week, 26 Soldiers from the 70th Engineer Company, Topographic, left the warehouse-sized plant for good. That's because the unit has relocated to the newly emerging oasis of buildings at Schofield's K Quad.

Before the unit moved, though, it had to finish one final job; to print approximately 15,000 maps of ranges and training areas in Hawaii.

For nearly two weeks, Soldiers worked round-the-clock to complete the job and prepare for the big move, according to 2nd Lt. Eric Etter, platoon leader, 70th Eng. Co., Topographic.

### The Process

The magnitude of a job this size involves more than simply pushing the "print" button an ungodly number of times. Even when it runs smoothly, the process can be tedious.

First, an existing map is collected from a database. Satellite imagery is also used. For new areas not in the database, an additional step is required. The Terrain Platoon coordinates with the 5th Planning and Control Detachment and electronically updates a map's data by walking the land and entering information using global positioning system (GPS) units.

A computer consolidates the GPS input, separates various colors and sends the information to an image setter, which uses a laser to burn a negative onto a pliable, two-by-three-foot aluminum sheet.



Garrett Horie (right), base plant civilian shop foreman, and Spc. James Salavea, team leader, 70th Engineer Company, Topographic, make adjustments to a Hiedelberg Double-Head Press prior to printing a set of maps.

The sheet is run through a developer, which chemically washes the burnt image and applies a gum finish to protect the sheet. Then, the sheet is placed on the printing press for several test runs, to ensure proper alignment, and the maps are printed.

However, this process is a best-case scenario.

"If you're not on the press every day, it can be a headache," said Horie, pushing back his thin, black-framed glasses, which were speckled with white paint from a recent home-improvement project. A third generation pressman, Horie has worked as a printer since he was 8 years old.

Horie made quarter-turn adjustments



with a 1/2-inch wrench as he and several Soldiers fine-tuned the Volkswagen van-sized Hiedelberg Double-Head Printing Press. (Double head means the press can print two colors at a time.)

"Give me a soft bend," Horie shouted to Spc. James Salavea, who gently bent the aluminum sheet on the opposite side of the press.

After making color corrections and plate alignments, Soldiers changed the ink in both reservoirs and ran the maps through the press a second time to complete one four-color set of the massive project.

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## Army confirms depleted uranium at USAG-Pohakuloa site

U.S. ARMY GARRISON, HAWAII, PUBLIC AFFAIRS  
News Release

POHAKULOLOA TRAINING AREA, Hawaii – Experts from the government contractor Cabrera Services confirmed Monday the use of the Davy Crockett recoilless gun, a formerly classified weapons system, and the presence of depleted uranium (DU) in the impact area at U.S. Army Garrison (USAG), Pohakuloa. This material is the same type previously found at Schofield Barracks.

The DU, as it was found at Pohakuloa, is not a health risk to the public. The impact area where DU was found is a remote area not open to public access, so it is highly unlikely that the general public would come into contact with DU there, said Col. Matthew T. Margotta, commander, U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii.

Cabrera Services, with support from USAG-Hawaii's Safety Office, conducted the visual aerial survey of the impact area

at Pohakuloa, Aug. 16-18, as part of the Army's efforts to determine the extent of DU use in Hawaii. The Army does not currently use DU in training ammunition.

The purpose of the scoping survey was to determine if the Davy Crockett was fired on Pohakuloa and whether DU is present.

"This is just the first step," said Margotta. "The scoping survey was not designed to determine the extent or levels of DU at Pohakuloa; that part will come later."

Now that DU has been confirmed at Pohakuloa, the Army will coordinate with the state of Hawaii and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to determine the next steps based on these findings.

A separate visual aerial survey of the impact area at Makua Military Reservation was conducted Aug. 13-14; however, the survey was inconclusive because the team could not see the ground due to heavy vegetation in the suspected impact area.

Soil samples were taken at both Makua and Pohakuloa, and those samples are currently being sent to an independent laboratory for analysis.

The following actions are part of the Army's four-part plan to address DU in an open, transparent manner:

- The Army will continue to provide all information obtained to the Hawaii State Department of Health in a timely manner.

- The state will be a partner in the planning and execution of an extensive survey and monitoring effort to address Schofield Barracks' range, Makua Military Reservation, and U.S. Army Garrison.

- The state will be a partner in the planning and execution of a mutually agreed upon response.

- The Army will provide any necessary training to state participants.

The Davy Crockett was a recoilless gun that was in the Army inventory from 1960 until 1968. Although it could use several types of munitions, the munition of interest

is the XM-101 spotter round that contained DU.

In August 2005, a contractor discovered 15 tail assemblies from the XM-101 spotter round while conducting range clearance activities. In 2006, a limited survey confirmed the presence of DU fragments from the XM-101 on a portion of Schofield Barracks' impact area.

Lab results from the air samples of Schofield's prescribed burn (July 30-Aug. 2) showed no DU health hazard from the burn and accompanying smoke.

"If there's one thing the community-both on and off post-needs to know, it's that we take their safety seriously. We're going to do the right thing," Margotta said.

## Pillowcasing care

Two Army wives create "Operation Headrest," to ensure the sacrifices of single Soldiers don't go unnoticed

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# Post 9/11 jobs merit joint credit

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WASHINGTON — A new system that updates rules written in 1986 now governs how officers receive credit for serving in joint assignments.

Sheila M. Earle, acting principal director to the deputy undersecretary of defense for military personnel policy, and Navy Rear Adm. Donna L. Crisp, director for manpower and personnel for the Joint Staff, hosted a media roundtable to announce the new Joint Qualification System for awarding joint credit to officers at the Pentagon, recently.

"We think it's a great opportunity for our officer corps," Earle said.

The Goldwater-Nichols Department of Defense Reorganization Act of 1986 set the criteria for joint positions that the Defense Department has used ever since. The new system keeps in place the tenets of the act, but allows for the post-9/11 operating environment, Crisp said.

The previous system offered only a time-phased sequence of schools and assignments offering rigid standards for the time and type of service that could receive credit. Also, it allowed only for full credit, so if only nine months of a 10-month position were served, no partial credit was given.

The new system, which takes effect Oct. 1, offers an additional "experience-based" track with a point system for recognizing joint service. The original track remains in place, but the second track allows for awarding partial credit or for awarding credit for an expanded list of joint positions. All original educational requirements remain in place, but some credit can be given for additional education, training and exercises.

The new system recognizes the skills that aid U.S. military efforts to respond to national security threats, as well as interagency, combat operations and humanitarian crises, officials said. It also accounts for the intensity, environment, and duration or frequency of a joint activity.

A key change is the ability to award credit to reserve component officers, previously not allowed.

"What we couldn't predict in 1986 is how joint we would become. What this does is allows us to capture all of that extra talent that is working on joint task forces and gives them the credit and brings them into being a joint qualified officer," Crisp said. "We are together as one joint force. The changes and the new system will allow us to capture those experiences so the officer can get credit for them, as well ... it will allow the combatant commanders and leadership to know who those experts are so we can utilize them in the future."

The new system also encourages career-long, joint development, Crisp said.

Active duty officers will be able to recover credit for positions served since Sept. 11, 2001, Crisp said. Reserve component officers who served in qualifying joint assignments from Oct. 1, 1986, until Sep. 30, 2007, may be awarded joint duty credit, she added.

As of Oct. 1, 2008, active component officers are required to complete a full joint duty assignment and be designated a joint qualified officer for appointment to the rank of general or flag officer.

# Army & VA team to dispel myths

**LT. COL. KEVIN V. ARATA**

U.S. Army Human Resources Command Public Affairs

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Army and U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs have completed their first review of Traumatic Service members' Group Life Insurance (TSGLI) since its start in 2005. The congressionally-mandated insurance program has provided about \$250 million to traumatically-injured members of the armed services. Of that, about \$136 million was paid to Soldiers in the U.S. Army — more than twice the next highest service.

While those figures definitely represent success in working towards the program's mission — to provide financial help for traumatically injured Soldiers, TSGLI still faces challenges with educating service members about the program and dispelling some myths that have grown around TSGLI during its short existence.

TSGLI was created to help service members and their families get through tough financial times that often happen when a service member is severely injured. Approved TSGLI claimants receive a one-time payment of up to \$100,000, based on the type and severity of the injury. That money might be the difference that allows a Soldier's family to stay with him or her during recovery, help with unforeseen expenses, or give a financial head start on life after recovery.

From the Army's point of view, the program faces some interrelated challenges: ensuring that all Soldiers are aware of TSGLI, understand its purpose, and know how to file a correctly prepared claim; and decreasing the

claim processing time.

According to Col. John F. Sackett, who leads the TSGLI Division under the U.S. Army Physical Disability Agency (USAPDA), the average time to process a claim from receipt at Army through payment by the Office of ServiceMembers' Group Life Insurance is 30 days.

Sackett believes both situations can be improved through outreach educating Soldiers, health care providers, counselors, and advocates.

"Our main focus is on determining which Soldiers are eligible to receive this payment, based on the claim they file, and then making sure eligible Soldiers receive payment as quickly as possible, so this money is available while they recover from their injury," he said.

"One of our biggest barriers," said Sackett, "is the lack of knowledge and general misconceptions that are out there regarding TSGLI. These barriers create situations where Soldiers who are not eligible file claims, or Soldiers who are eligible file claims without supplying the required documentation allowing us to adjudicate their claim quickly."

To reduce these barriers, the Army uses a robust outreach program including messaging, educational materials, media outreach, and a constantly updated dynamic Web site, along with numerous in-person appearances and briefings at significant military events and repeated visits to military treatment facilities (MTFs).

But, more is needed, so Army TSGLI is working hard to place "boots on the ground" at major MTFs starting late this summer through this fall. TSGLI counselors will provide a full stance of claims assistance, medical staff and caseworker education, and extensive Soldier records procurement, on behalf of the Soldier, working through Warrior Transition Units and through Soldier and Family Assistance Centers.

While the overall focus of the outreach

program is on educating claimants and the people who care for them, specific messages have been created to help dispel five myths that have grown up around the program:

**Myth #1** TSGLI is just for combat injuries. False.

Any qualifying injury incurred after Dec. 1, 2005, is eligible for TSGLI coverage, regardless of whether it was in combat or not. The only exception is the retroactive program, which covers Soldiers injured beginning Oct. 7, 2001, through Nov. 30, 2005, but only if they were injured in a Combat Zone Tax Exclusion (CZTE) area supporting Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) or Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF).

**Myth #2** A health care provider's statement is all that is needed to verify a TSGLI claim. False.

While TSGLI claims won't be approved without a certification from a health care provider, additional documentation must be provided to substantiate the certification. The documentation may include medical reports and tests that establish the type of injury and the time that the Soldier was incapacitated as a result. Specific information is available on the TSGLI Web site.

**Myth #3** TSGLI replaces a traumatically injured Soldier's income. False.

TSGLI provides one-time, tax-free payment that can help a Soldier and family member get through short-term difficulties related to his or her injury and has no affect on regular pay.

**Myth #4** TSGLI is an entitlement to Soldiers incurring any traumatic injuries. False.

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Get more about TSGLI, at the U.S. Army TSGLI service center, 1-800-237-1336, or visit [www.tsgli.army.mil](http://www.tsgli.army.mil).



Courtesy Photo

## Motorcycle jam

WHEELER ARMY AIR FIELD — Soldier and civilian motorcyclists wait in line to have their motorcycles safety checked during U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii's Safety Stand Down at the gulch here, Aug. 16. More than 700 personnel attended the stand down, which also included a stunt rider, DUI goggle simulation event and traffic safety courses at Schofield's Sgt. Smith Theater.

## LIGHTNING SPIRIT

# Extended family reminds us we are not alone

**CHAPLAIN (CAPT.) APRILL BRIGHT**

Aliamanu Military Reservation Deputy Community Chaplain

Growing up in North Carolina was a wonderful experience for me for many reasons. I really loved the southern hospitality, the great food, and most of all, the sense of community that I felt among others.

Those in our community were connected in a very special way because we were relational. We considered ourselves to be an extended family. People were genuinely concerned about others and their well-being.

I remember the time when my grandmother died. People from the community were so helpful in making sure my family felt safe and loved. They wanted to ensure that we understood their commitment to help us through this tough time.

Some ladies from the church often baked pies and prepared dinners as an act of kindness for families of deceased in the community. This act of kindness was and still is re-

ciprocated in that same town even to this day.

Many of us can attest to similar experiences. Perhaps we have given to someone in hard times, or maybe we have received from others. Whichever, whether we are the ones giving or receiving, when we reach out to our neighbors and when we are concerned about the welfare of others, we are sharing a sense of community.

Community can be described as a body of unified individuals sharing the same concerns and values. In essence, community is the sense of connectedness and relationship. It is the "ohana", the relationship that only comes from family and the love and care that families provide.



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Sometimes in life we experience challenges that seem so unbearable. We experience problems that seem so difficult to solve. In these times, we are refreshed when we feel a sense of community and when we know that we have ohana, an extended family.

We should feel encouraged to know that there are those who are among us who care for us. They remind us that we are not alone.

In these hard times — when our nation is at war, our politicians are at odds with one another, and our Soldiers are at work defending our countries and fighting for the freedom of others — let us remember how important community is.

I challenge you to reach out to someone in need. Let them know that you are there for them and that you are concerned for them.

As you extend yourself to others, allow your heart to feel the joy of that experience. It will enable you to extend the sense of community that we can and will benefit from in our times of need.

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## 284 days since last fatal accident

Soldiers, as your daily reminder to be safe, place a "red dot" on your wristwatch.

A division training holiday will be awarded for the next 100 consecutive days with no accidental fatalities. Current as of 8/22/07.

# Voices of Lightning:

What has been the best part about being back in school?



"Meeting new people."

**Shakiyah Dexter**  
Fourth Grade,  
Maj. Gen. William R. Shafter Elementary School



"Seeing all my friends."

**Alyssia Lowers**  
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"Having new teachers."

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"Playing at recess."

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"Friends."

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# Female medics pull their weight, and then some **OIF**

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KIRKUK, Iraq — Temperatures exceeded 115 degrees during the five-hour mission in Amerli that day, the scene of a massive suicide truck bombing just four days earlier. More than 50 Soldiers were on-site and tensions were high.

Soldiers kept alert, but visibly struggled under the weight of dozens of pounds of battle gear. Throughout the sun-scorched day, all but two Soldiers limited their movement as much as possible. All but two could afford that luxury.

“Bolo” and “Collver” continuously walked up and down the lines of men.  
“Drink water,” they repeated. “Are you feeling OK?” they asked.

They were the two Soldiers charged with ensuring that each man stayed hydrated and returned safely to base. As usual, they were the mission’s only dedicated medical personnel.

Spc. Vanessa Bolognese and Spc. Aimee Collver, both combat medics with Personal Security Detachment (PSD), 3rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team (3IBCT), 25th Infantry Division, kept their comrades healthy “outside the wire” that day in Amerli, just as they do every day in the Kirkuk Province, here, though neither is doing exactly what she thought she’d be doing in the Army. And neither would trade her job for another.



Army combat medics, Spc. Aimee Collver, foreground, and Spc. Vanessa Bolognese, both with the 25th Infantry Division, 3rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team, Personal Security Detachment, help pull security duty during a mission in Amerli, Iraq, in July.

“Before I enlisted, I was going to school to become a [registered nurse],” said Bolognese. “I wanted a medical job,” said the 21-year-old from Chino Hills, Calif. “In fact, the first time I heard the term ‘combat medic’ was during [advanced individual training] at Fort Sam Houston, [Texas]. They pretty much told us there, ‘You will be deploying. You will be working in Iraq.’”

Bolognese’s colleague and roommate had similar motivations.

“I’d been working in a nursing home after high school,” said Collver. “When I walked into the recruiter’s office, I knew that I wanted a medical job,” said 23-year-old Collver from Puyallup, Wash. “The health care specialist job was available, and I was told that I would be working in a hospital setting,” she said. “Of course, I don’t work in a hospital, and nothing out here in Iraq is anything like what I thought.”

Each combat medic works as the designated medical asset to the 3IBCT’s PSD; the PSD primary mission is to transport certain members of the brigade’s command group around 3IBCT’s area of operation. The PSD also provides personal security for the command group to and from its various destinations and while on-site, according to Staff Sgt. Jeremy Brandon, noncommissioned officer in charge, PSD, 3IBCT.

Brandon, a native of Jacksonville, Fla., serving

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# Innovative 209th ASB crew fully restores an Iraqi warplane

**SPC. BRYANNA POULIN**  
25th Combat Aviation Brigade Public Affairs

TIKRIT, Iraq — Disregarded as rubbish and primarily used by insects, varmints and other wild creatures, a piece of junk recently found new life as an aviation masterpiece through the creative skills and ingenuity of Soldiers at Contingency Operating Base Speicher, here.

Soldiers from B Company, 209th Aviation Support Battalion (ASB), 25th Combat Aviation Brigade (CAB), gave up their personal time to rebuild an L-29 Delfin war-trainer jet. They made it look as if it had never weathered the harsh elements in Iraq.

“The task was to find an abandoned plane and put it back to the condition of when it was flown,” said 1st Lt. Brian Crawford, B Co. platoon leader. “Besides being a home for wild animals, the fire department used it as a training aid for downed aircrafts ... and it was a horrible mess.”

Powered by a Bristol Siddeley Viper turbojet engine

and designed to be a straightforward, rugged, yet easy-to-fly aircraft, the L-29 trainer originated in Czechoslovakia in 1959. It was sold to Iraq between the late 1960s and early 1980s, then used as a primary jet trainer and advanced combat trainer.

“There is a lot of history behind the Delfin, making the restoration significant for the 25th CAB,” Crawford said.

Fascinatingly enough, this isn’t the first time B Co. Soldiers have restored old aircrafts.

“We have previously restored an aircraft at Wheeler Army Air Field,” Crawford said. “The difference in restoring this one, though, is the operational tempo in Iraq ... making it difficult to find time to fix the aircraft.”

Working under stringent conditions, with limited time, Soldiers used on-hand supplies and scrap metal to reconstruct the Delfin.

“All the supplies were lying around the shop. ...We

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1st Lt. Brian Crawford | 209th Aviation Support Battalion

A Soldier from B Co., 209th Aviation Support Battalion, 25th Combat Aviation Brigade, adds artistic touches to the L-29 Telfin war airplane at Contingency Operating Base Speicher.

# Medics: Camaraderie, work ethic drive female duo

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on his third combat deployment, is charged with supervising both Bolognese and Collver. He explained each Soldier is vital to mission success.

"We often conduct operations as an independent element," Brandon said. "For that reason, we need to have our own dedicated medical support. Bolognese and Collver are that support. We always have one of them with us wherever we go," he said, adding he couldn't be happier with their performance.

As for Bolognese and Collver, even though neither is working in the comfortable confines of a hospital, each wouldn't choose to do anything else.

"Of course, the job is mentally challenging because of the unknown anytime you leave the wire," said Collver, "but I love being with this group because there's so much camaraderie. I take a lot of pride in knowing that they're well taken care of because I'm there for them," she said.

"Their well-being depends on me when I'm with them," echoed Bolognese. "In that sense, it's wonderful to know that when I look back at my deployment, I can say that I did go out there every day and risk my life to take care of other Soldiers. That's a lot more than most people can say," said Bolognese.



Above – The bag of a combat medic, pictured here, adds an additional 30 to 35 pounds to the combat load of Soldiers like Spc. Aimee Collver and Spc. Vanessa Bolognese. Both Soldiers work with the 25th Infantry Division's 3rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team, an otherwise all-male Personal Security Detachment in Kirkuk Province, Iraq.



Right – Collver traverses a hill during one of her daily missions in the Kirkuk Province. Unlike her male counterparts, Collver hauls her 30- to 35-pound aid bag on her back when she goes out on all the missions to which she's assigned.

# TSGLI: Education speeds process for helping heroes in need

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TSGLI provides an insurance benefit for one or more of a total of 44 scheduled physical losses due to external force or violence. These covered losses include amputation, burns, paralysis, brain injury or coma, loss of senses (e.g. blindness), or temporary losses of two of six activities of daily living (ADLs) such as eating, bathing, dressing, continence, transferring, and toileting. It does not cover post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

**Myth #5** TSGLI denies the first claim attempt automatically. False.

Good documentation is the key to a quick award of TSGLI. Loss schedule Nos. 1–43 covers losses that have a defined and measurable loss. Loss No. 44, the activities of daily living does not, and further requires the medical provider documentation to substantiate the duration (e.g. 30, 60, 90 or 120 days) of two or more ADLs in which the Soldier was completely dependent (defined as 75-100 percent care by another person).

By dispelling these five myths, TSGLI will be better positioned to help the Soldiers who are truly eligible for this benefit, and do so in an even more timely manner.

"As claimants become better educated about

TSGLI, it can't help but speed up our processes, which allows us to better accomplish our objective of helping heroes in times of need," said Sackett.

Sackett and the outreach team rely heavily on the Web site and Web-based outreach e-tools to help in dispelling these myths and more.

The TSGLI Web site has an array of features including user-friendly graphics, detailed program information, outreach materials, program statistics that detail claims and dollars paid to date, plus an online discussion forum, where users can log in, post questions or comments, and interact with others to share best practices and answer common questions.



Spc. Bryanna Poulin | 25th CAB Public Affairs

Spc. John Oldham, aircraft structural repairer, B Co., 209th ASB, adds a 209th symbol to the L-29 Telfin war fighter.

# 209th: Crew restores jet with perseverance

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used our own paint and the scrap metal from the airframe shop," said Sgt. Ricardo E. Thongs, B Co., 209th air structural repair supervisor, who also had a direct role in the first aircraft reconstruction at Wheeler. "It [the L-29 reconstruction] has taken a while to complete because we have had other missions and can only work on this when we don't have regular aircraft maintenance."

Crawford and Thongs explained, since B Co. Soldiers voluntarily used their personal time to work on the aircraft – between 12-hour workday shifts, the Telfin received a more personal touch. Crawford added that the Soldiers displayed passion and pride while restoring the Telfin.

"Little by little, Soldiers worked on the plane, boosting the spirits among the company," Thongs said.

Soldiers also dealt with the unforgiving elements of Iraq and situations unlike those faced in Hawaii.

"Most of the time the work is done out in the sun," Crawford said. "It's so hot that the paint sometimes melts from the aircraft. ...We do more maintenance for aircraft out here than we ever perform in Hawaii."

"It's been an impressive project, to see what these guys can do with a pile of junk," Crawford said. "The perseverance that these Soldiers displayed is very powerful and inspiring."

# Maps: System saves on resources

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## Movin' On Up

Once the 15,000-map job was complete, Soldiers dismantled the printing presses, but didn't bring them to Schofield Barracks. Instead, the 22-year-old presses were sent to the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office for recycling, and the unit was upgraded to a more modern system called the High Velocity Map Plotter (HVMP).

The new system uses the same GPS input, but sends information directly to a large plotter, which prints maps.

"It's like an HP deskjet on steroids," Horie said. While the old presses could crank out 10,000 maps in 48 hours, the HVMP can require up to two weeks to produce just 1,000 maps, according to Horie.

However, the HVMP has a distinct advantage over the old system — its portability.

Whereas the old system required as many as 24 semitrucks to operate in the field, including separate trucks for the presses, a cutter and storing maps, the new system combines everything into a container roughly half the size of a semitrailer, which fits on the back of a light-medium tactical vehicle.

In addition, the new system is less manpower-intensive and more environmentally friendly; one to three Soldiers can run the HVMP without the need for chemicals or aluminum sheets.

However, despite several advantages, not everyone was happy to see the old presses go.

"I've been with these machines longer than most of my relationships," said Horie, who referred to one of the presses as "Ol' Betsy."

"I can depend more on these [machines] than I can my ex-old lady," he added.

Most Soldiers seemed more concerned about the



Pfc. Carla Rudimch, 70th Engineer Company, Topographic, checks the High Velocity Map Plotter as it prints a map of the National Training Center, Fort Irwin, Calif.

additional commute time or leaving the small-town feel of Fort Shafter for Schofield Barracks.

"It's quiet here," Pfc. Chrystal Allen said. "We're used to that."

# Fire: State flower down, but not out

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One has to search harder to find true native Hawaiian hibiscus, plants that have been thriving in Hawaii prior to the arrival of human gardeners. On Oahu, those searching for the only native yellow hibiscus, mao hau hele (*Hibiscus brackenridgei*), should focus their search along the rugged Waianae Mountains.

Historically, this plant has grown throughout the Waianae Range. However, due to land disturbances and development, mao hau hele has been listed as endangered, with only three remaining populations known on Oahu, including Kealia (approximately 42 plants), Makua Valley (approximately 30 plants), and the Waialua area (more than 700 plants). In each area, mao hau hele grows differently, from a rambling shrub found in Makua Valley to an impressive 23-foot-tall tree in the Waialua area.

Hopefully, actions taken by OANRP staff before, during and after the fire will help ensure this critically endangered hibiscus remains in the wild.

For several years before the fire, OANRP natural resource management technicians have traversed rugged terrain to monitor the health of the three known mao hau hele populations.

Technicians took cuttings from mature hibiscus plants at each site and brought the cuttings back to the OANRP nursery for regeneration. Numer-

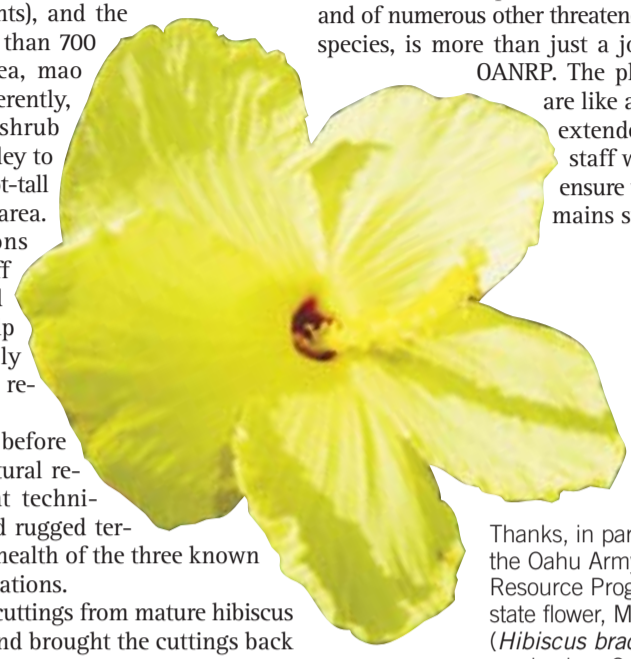
ous plants in the OANRP nursery have been regenerated from this wild stock.

During the fire, OANRP hired two private helicopters to help protect the mao hau hele, along with many other threatened and endangered species. The program's staff members also actively assisted with firefighting efforts by providing maps, firsthand knowledge of the terrain and posting lookouts.

Following the fire, OANRP staff will be working closely with state Natural Area Reserve personnel and private landowners to develop a plan to reintroduce the nursery-grown hibiscus into the wild.

The continued protection of the mao hau hele, and of numerous other threatened and endangered species, is more than just a job for the staff at

OANRP. The plants and animals are like a part of the staff's extended ohana, and the staff will do all it can to ensure that this family remains strong and vital.



Thanks, in part to efforts by the Oahu Army Natural Resource Program, the Hawaii state flower, Mao hau hele (*Hibiscus brackenridgei*), has survived on Oahu.

The Doctor Is In

# August is National Immunization Awareness Month

**DR. JACK SMITH**

Acting Chief Medical Officer, Tricare Management Activity

With summer drawing to a close, parents are enrolling their children in school, and young adults are entering college. Now is also the perfect time for all service members, retirees and their families to catch up on immunizations for youth and teens.

August is National Immunization Awareness Month, and Tricare is encouraging all beneficiaries to take the time to review their individual and family immunization records with their physician.

Tricare and its team of health care professionals realize the important role of immunizations as part of a healthy lifestyle. Beneficiaries can receive all necessary vaccinations through military treatment facilities, Tricare network and non-network providers.

## Why are immunizations important?

Immunizations are important to overall public health. With the exception of safe drinking water, there is no other health improvement strategy with such a tremendous effect on reducing disease and improving health.

Vaccine-preventable diseases and deaths still oc-

cur in the U.S., affecting children, adolescents and adults. Pneumococcal disease, for example, still causes thousands of deaths and 175,000 hospitalizations each year in the U.S. alone. Together, pneumonia and influenza are the seventh leading cause of death in the U.S., and the sixth leading cause of death among people 65 years of age and older.

Immunizations are critical for mission readiness. If you are a service member who is deploying overseas, you should receive all required immunizations before arriving in country. If you are not current on immunizations, you should obtain indicated vaccines at your unit's medical facility immediately upon arrival to ensure you remain healthy throughout the deployment.

## Who should be immunized?

Immunizations are important, regardless of age, sex, race, ethnic background or country of origin. Recommended vaccinations begin at birth and continue throughout life. By staying up-to-date on your immunizations, you can protect yourself from life-threatening conditions while also protecting your family, friends and community from their spread.

## When should one be immunized?

Children are particularly vulnerable to infection, which is why they should be kept up to date with required immunizations and necessary boosters throughout life. Immunizations are not only important for your child's health but also a requirement for school attendance. If you have not already scheduled your children an appointment for immunizations, you should do so as soon as possible.

## What shots are routine?

Don't forget to stay up to date with immunizations. Tricare provides age-appropriate vaccines recommended and adopted by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's Advisory Committee on Immunizations Practices.

For children and adolescents in the U.S., many immunizations are considered routine. Visit [www.cdc.gov/vaccines/recs/schedules/default.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/recs/schedules/default.htm) at the Centers for Disease

Control Web site to see the current immunization schedule for various age groups; however, not every listed vaccine is recommended for everyone.

## Did you know?

More than 12 million kids suffer from some type of vision impairment. During August, which is Children's Eye Health and Safety Month, Tricare reminds parents and caregivers that:



1) A child's eyes should be examined during regular pediatric appointments and vision testing should be conducted for all children starting around age 3.

2) Sports are the leading cause of eye injuries to children. Make sure your children wear protect eyewear when participating in all sports and recreational activities.

3) If a child is having trouble seeing the blackboard or trouble seeing pictures or the words in a book, learning, as well as participating in recreational activities will suffer.

# News Briefs

Send news announcements to for Soldiers and civilian employees to community @hawaiiarmyweekly.com.

## 24 / Today

**ACAP Briefing** — The Army Career Alumni Program (ACAP) will host a Veterans Affairs and Disabled Transition Assistance Program briefing today, from 8:30 a.m.–3 p.m., at the Schofield Barracks Post Conference Room. Call 655-1028 to reserve a seat.

**CIF Closure** — The Schofield Barracks Central Issue Facility (CIF) will be closed today for physical inventory. Contact your supply sergeant for turn-ins, or schedule a turn-in appointment with CIF at 655-9876.

Normal operations will resume Aug. 27. For emergency services, call Kealii Kahanu, 284-1457, or Robert Cummings, 497-6574.

As of Sept. 1, all personnel will be required to make an appointment for all initial issues and turn-ins. Partial turn-ins and direct exchanges can be conducted during normal turn-in hours, from 7–10:30 a.m., daily, except for Thursdays from 7–11 a.m., when the CIF is closed. Partial issues, additional issues and direct exchanges can be conducted during normal issue hours, from noon–3:30 p.m.

To make an appointment, call 655-9876 or e-mail [joypiilani.omalza@us.army.mil](mailto:joypiilani.omalza@us.army.mil), [john.wells6@us.army.mil](mailto:john.wells6@us.army.mil) and [melanie.k.clarose@us.army.mil](mailto:melanie.k.clarose@us.army.mil).

**Women's Equality Day Luncheon** — The 500th Military Intelligence Battalion will host a Women's Equality Day luncheon today, from 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m., at Schofield's Nehelani. Guest Speaker Maj. Phoebe Jeter, Equal Opportunity program manager for U.S. Army, Pacific, will provide remarks.

## 27 / Monday

**Sexual Harassment Prevention** — The U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii, Equal Employment Opportunity Office will conduct mandatory training for civilian employees, supervisors and military supervisors of civilian employees the following dates:

- Richardson Theater, Fort Shafter: Aug. 27, 1 p.m., for supervisors; 2:30–3:30 p.m. for employees. (A sign language interpreter will be provided.)
- Richardson Theater, Fort Shafter: Aug. 28, 1–2 p.m., employees; 2:30–3:30 p.m. for supervisors.
- Sgt. Smith Theater, Schofield Barracks: Aug. 30, 9–10 a.m. and 1–2 p.m., for employees. (A sign language interpreter will be provided.); 10:30–11:30 a.m. & 2:30–3:30 p.m. for supervisors.
- Sgt. Smith Theater, Schofield: Aug. 31, 9–10 a.m. & 1–2 p.m., supervisors; 10:30–11:30 a.m. & 2:30–3:30 p.m. for employees.

For additional information, call 438-1132.

**ACAP Briefings** — Soldiers who are separating from the Army must attend a mandatory Army Career Alumni Program pre-separation briefing at Building 896, Room 108. Soldiers may walk in Mondays–Fridays from 8 a.m.–4 p.m. The next session of briefings runs Monday–Thursday, Aug. 27–29. Call 655-1028 to schedule an appointment.

## 29 / Wednesday

**Pre-Retirement Orientation** — The Retirement Services Office, Schofield Barracks, will host a semi-annual pre-retirement orientation, Aug. 29, 8–11:30 a.m. at the Schofield Barracks Post Conference Room, Building 584, Trimble Road, across the street from Sgt. Smith Theater. This orientation is for Soldiers with 18 or more years of active service. Spouses of applicable military personnel are encouraged to attend.

Representatives of federal and state agencies and military staff offices will provide information concerning benefits and privileges of military retirement, and they will be available to answer individual questions. Call 655-1585/1514 for more details.

# September

## 4 / Tuesday

**Troops to Teachers** — Soldiers seeking careers in

public education may attend a Troops to Teachers briefing any first Tuesday of the month at the Education Center, Building 560, Room 221, from 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m.

**SIMS** — The next Senior Spouse Information Meeting (SIMS) will occur Sept. 4 at 9 a.m. in the Post Conference Room. Brigade and battalion command representatives, rear detachment spouses, and community agencies are invited.

## 11 / Wednesday

**SSA Closure** — The Supply Support Activity (SSA) will be closed Sept. 11–21 for a physical inventory. Normal operations will resume Sept. 24. For emergency services during this period, call Alfred Chugen, 656-0744, or Sam Sapatu, 656-2277.

## 14 / Friday

**Signal Ball** — All interested personnel are invited to attend the 2007 Signal Corps Regimental Ball on Friday, Sept. 14, at the Koolau Golf Course, Kaneohe. Maj. Gen. Donna L. Dacier, commanding general, 311th Signal Command (Theater), will be the guest speaker.

The evening will include traditional military ceremonies, a three-course dinner, entertainment, dancing and a ceremonial cake. Cost is \$50 per person.

For information, call Master Sgt. Quentin Whitehurst, 656-1367, or Bill McPherson, 438-8264.



# PAU HANA



# Community prepares warm welcome for single Soldiers

**MOLLY HAYDEN**  
Staff Writer

MILILANI — When Soldiers return from a deployment, reunions with their families can be emotional. However, for single Soldiers whose families don't live in Hawaii, redeployment can seem anticlimactic when they return to an empty barracks room or apartment.

With the help of two Army family members, single Soldiers from Schofield Barracks will be greeted with an extra "thank you" when they return home from their 15-month deployment.

Kimm Geise, wife of Capt. John Geise, 3rd Battalion, 7th Field Artillery Regiment (FA), and Michele Pritchard, wife of Lt. Col. Jack Pritchard, also of 3-7th FA, understand the sacrifice every Soldier makes when he or she deploys. To show their appreciation, the two women started "Operation Headrest" as a personal project to let single Soldiers returning to

es wanted to create patriotic, handmade or decorated pillowcases that 3-7th FA's single Soldiers could lay their heads upon when they returned from deployment. The project was extended to reach as many single Soldiers as possible.

"As long as the pillowcases keep coming in, we'll keep handing them out to any service member," said Geise. "They are all heroes."

To date, support has been overwhelming.

In just two months, the pair has received more than 90 pillowcases from across the country. Pillowcases sent by both children and adults, donning American flags and words of support, including one that reads "Caution: A hero sleeps here," have flooded Geise's home.

Individuals, Boy Scout Troops and elementary schools from many different states have united to send pillowcases to extend thanks to returning Soldiers. A handwritten note will be included with each pillowcase.

Clarksville, Tenn., resident and Army family member Ursula Kimberling saw the importance of the project and recently sent a hand-sewn pillowcase to Geise. Her son-in-law is currently serving in Iraq.

"This is my way of showing a Soldier that someone out there cares," said Kimberling. "This is a cause that is close to my heart."

For Kimm, Operation Headrest is not only a way to welcome single Soldiers home, but a way to give Americans a chance to say thank you for the Soldiers' service, too.

"This is our opportunity to remind each [Soldier] that they are truly appreciated for their dedication and service," said Kimm. "We just want them to know that their sacrifice is not going unnoticed."



Photos courtesy of Kimm Geise

Michele Pritchard, left, and Kimm Geise show off a few pillowcases sent to Hawaii by supportive Americans around the country. The two Army wives started Operation Headrest to show single Soldiers their sacrifices have not gone unnoticed and to welcome them home from a long deployment.

For more information on how you can support Operation Headrest, visit [www.operationheadrest.com](http://www.operationheadrest.com) or e-mail Kimm Geise at [operationheadrest@yahoo.com](mailto:operationheadrest@yahoo.com).



Pillow cases spreading words of appreciation have been sent by kids and adults all over the United States. The pillow cases will welcome single Soldiers home as they return from deployment.

Hawaii know that someone cares.

"A lot of these Soldiers are returning home and they don't have anyone here to welcome them," said Pritchard. "This is our way of giving them a hug and thank you for what they've done."

Operation Headrest started last month. The spouses

# Predeployment expo arms families with information

Story and Photo by  
**CAPT. DAVID UTHLAUT**

Company, 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment

Army Community Services (ACS) held a predeployment expo at the Nehelani Banquet and Conference Center for Soldiers and families of 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, this month.

Several groups provided support for the expo, including the unit's family readiness support assistant and ACS representatives, Army Hawaii Family Housing, the 125th Finance Battalion, the American Red Cross, and Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

Support personnel put together two collective presentations for the Soldiers — one for Soldiers with family members, and one for Soldiers. Support staff highlighted important deployment information relevant to the representatives' areas of expertise. As well, between briefs, support representatives answered questions and distributed pamphlets at information booths.

A majority of Soldiers came out of the expo feeling much more knowledgeable about deployment preparations, and comfortable knowing their families will be cared for in their absence.

"It was great to have all of these agencies in one place, and I thought the Yellow In-

formation Book they handed out was particularly helpful," said one spouse of a 1-27th Inf. Regt. Soldier.

Just as families are integral in supporting their Soldiers downrange, support personnel on post play a key role ensuring a deployed unit's success when they support the Soldiers' families. The expo allowed the support staff to provide Soldiers and families with information before any deployment-related issues arise.

Wolfhound Soldiers of the 1-27th Inf. Regt. gather additional information during the predeployment expo at the Nehelani Club, this month.



# Savings abound, so 'no need' for price matching at Schofield commissary

**RICK BRINK**

Defense Commissary Agency

The savings commissary shoppers enjoy every day could be called "simply spectacular" thanks to the way the Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA) sells products, ensuring savings that exceed 30 percent, according to the agency's director.

"We don't use 'price matching' or 'rain checks' to deliver savings to our shoppers," said Patrick Nixon, DeCA's director and chief executive officer. He said commissary shoppers save, on average, "30 percent or more on their purchases compared to commercial prices — savings worth more than \$3,000 annually for a family of four. Our method of selling products 'at cost' continues to be the best way to serve our customers."

Nixon said sometimes customers ask why commissaries don't match the sale prices of other retailers or provide "rain checks" for commissary sale items. It's because commissaries are required by law to sell items at prices set only high enough to recover item cost, with no profit or

overhead factored into the price.

Because commercial pricing practices differ from commissary practices, customers from time to time find selected items at lower prices in commercial stores. These items, called "loss leaders," are sold at prices below cost to attract customers who often buy other high-profit items during their shopping trips in order to get the low-price loss leader.

The savings perception created by loss leaders and other commercial pricing practices, however, doesn't match the reality of commissary shopping savings and the level of customer satisfaction reported by commissary shoppers, Nixon said.

"Although you may find selected items at lower prices in commercial stores, our price surveys provide convincing evidence that if you shop regularly in a commissary for your grocery needs, you will save 30 percent or more on your grocery bill versus what you would pay in a commercial store for the same selection of items. And you get these savings without the hassle of rain checks or price matching," he said.

## State-of-the-art registers to make shopping more efficient at commissary

**DEFENSE COMMISSARY AGENCY**

News Release

Soon, Schofield commissary customers can expect an improved level of service when they pay for their groceries, according to store officials. Starting Sept. 4, the Schofield store will begin installing the Defense Commissary Agency's (DeCA) new state-of-the-art checkout stations.

This new front-end operation, known as the Commissary Advanced Resale Transaction System, or CARTS, features new cashier stations designed to make purchasing groceries easier and more efficient, said Susan Sturgeon-Campbell, store director. The system also includes self-checkout modules that will enable customers to scan and pay for their own purchases.

"Our customers will definitely benefit from this new system," said Sturgeon-

Campbell of the checkout operation that is scheduled to be installed in each of DeCA's 261 stores. "DeCA wanted a checkout process that was simple to use, accurate and secure in scanning purchases, and reliable in that it wouldn't disrupt store operations. We have that with CARTS.

"We are especially excited about the enhanced self-checkout stations," Sturgeon-Campbell continued. "The automated teller machine has become a staple of the banking industry and self-checkouts will do the same for the commissary benefit."

The commissary agency contracted with IBM in December 2005 to replace the commissaries' aging front-end system with a newer, more reliable operating system "that was built specifically for retailers," said Sturgeon-Campbell. "We have improved the look and function of check stands thanks to an ergonomic design that reduces a lot of unnecessary 'stuff' between the cashier and the customer."

Other features of the new checkout stands include the following:

- A 15-inch, color-screen display to allow customers a better view of their purchases. The screen can also be used to remind shoppers of store specials and other promotions.
  - A touch-screen display for cashiers that will speed up the checkout process.
  - A handheld scanner that allows cashiers to reach bulkier items in the cart.
  - Price-check stations that will enable customers to scan the price of products before they reach the checkout station.
  - Electronic check conversion, which speeds up the check-writing process by eliminating the need for store personnel to handle paper checks and bank deposits.
- "This system represents a new era of service for the customer," said Sturgeon-Campbell. "Our customers will be amazed at how this technology will improve their shopping experience."





**24 / Today**

**Health & Fitness Center** – There is no longer a membership fee to use the Schofield Barracks Health & Fitness Center (HFC), Building 582, which offers cardio and weight machines, speed bags, stability balls, a tread wall, and stretch stations.

Bring your own earphones and enjoy more than 75 channels of cable TV while you work out on the cardio theater. Aerobic classes, dance classes, massage therapy and personal trainers are also available Monday-Saturday for a nominal fee.

Bring in your Blue Star Card and receive a discount on an unlimited monthly class pass. Call 655-8007.

**"Hearts Toward Home"** – This upcoming deployment reintegration workshop will help prepare families for homecomings and provide an interactive approach designed to assist families with understanding trauma, stress and other challenges facing healthy reintegration with spouses or parents.

Topics will address the following issues: How will it be different? What can I do to prepare? How do I identify the signs and symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD)? How do I prepare my children? What are some techniques for self-care?

Workshop dates are Aug. 24, 25 & 31 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. and 1-4 p.m. Call Army Community Service (ACS), 655-4227, for more details.

**Middle School Teen Dance** – Dance to popular tunes at the Youth Center Teen Dance at Aliamanu Military Reservation (AMR) from 7-11:30 p.m. A disc jockey will spin the latest dance music; refreshments will be served.

Teens must present their military or Child and Youth Service (CYS) ID for entry. Cost is \$3 for CYS members and \$4 for non-CYS members. Call 833-0920.

**ACS Job Fair** – Bring your resume to the ACS Job Fair held at AMR Chapel from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Call 655-4227.

**25 / Saturday**

**Inaugural ChiliFest** – Got Chili? Come out to MWR's hottest event of the summer and support family readiness groups as they compete to win cash and prizes in



Debbie Wyllie | Directorate of Public Works

**Olfactory overload**

Children get a full sensorial tour of the wastewater treatment plant during the Directorate of Public Works "Bring Your Child to Work" day, Friday. In addition to the treatment plant, the 22 children visited the Schofield Fire Department, F Quad Dining Facility, Natural Resource Center, a motor pool and Energy Conservation and Environmental Compliance Officer classes.

the first-ever Chili Cook-off at Schofield Barracks.

You'll enjoy plenty of food, fun and music, 3-7:30 p.m. at Sills and Desiderio Fields, adjacent to Fernandez Hall, Building 580, Schofield Barracks. Who knows, you just might be able to get your Christmas shopping done early at the Craft & New Products Bazaar.

Entertainment will include singer/songwriter Scotty Bryan, a karaoke contest, line dancing and a puppet show for keiki, courtesy of the ACS Family Advocacy Program.

Admission to ChiliFest is free and open to the public. Call 655-0111.

**Motorcycle Show & Shine** – Motorcycle owners and enthusiasts, shine up your bike and show it off at the ChiliFest 2007 Motorcycle Show & Shine, Aug 25. The first 50 bikers to enter will get a free ChiliFest T-shirt.

Visit <http://mwrarmyhawaii.com/leisure-activities/laevents.asp> to register. Call 655-0111 for more details.

**Free Babysitting Classes** – Youths 11-and-a-half years old and older are invited to attend a free babysitting class at the AMR Youth Center, Aug. 25, and at Kaala Community Center, Schofield Barracks, Sept. 15, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Youths 13 -and-a-half and older are in-

formed to learn CPR/Standard First Aid, also at the AMR Youth Center, Sept. 22, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Youth must be members of Child and Youth Service (CYS) or be enrolled in Schools of Knowledge, Inspiration, Exploration and Skills (SKIES) Unlimited to participate. Call AMR (833-5393) or Kaala Community Center (655-8380).

**Texas Hold 'Em Tournament** – Put on your best poker face and participate in a free Texas Hold 'Em Tournament at the Tropics, Schofield Barracks, from 6-10 p.m. Players must be seated by 5:45 p.m. Call 655-5697.

**28 / Tuesday**

**Blood Drive** – Help out a fellow Soldier by donating blood at the Tropics from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Call the Tripler Blood Donor Center at 433-6148.

**31 / Friday**

**Teen Social** – Join your friends at the Teen Social, Aug. 31, 7-11 p.m., at the AMR Teen Center, for some fun, karaoke, dance, pool and foos ball. Door prizes and refreshments will be available.

Cost is \$3 for CYS members and \$4 for non-CYS members. Military ID or CYS membership ID is required. Call 833-0920.

information, call 677-0110 or visit [www.hawaiiplantationvillage.org](http://www.hawaiiplantationvillage.org).

**"Shred 'Em & Forget 'Em Day"** – In its efforts to help protect businesses and consumers against identity theft, the Better Business Bureau of Hawaii (BBB) will partner with member business ShredEx to host its first "Shred 'Em & Forget 'Em" Day, Sept. 1, 8 a.m.-noon at the ShredEx office, 98-736A Moanalua Loop, in Aiea.

Businesses and residents are invited to bring up to four boxes of confidential documents for free shredding. Visit the BBB Web site at [www.hawaii.bbb.org](http://www.hawaii.bbb.org) or call the Senior Scam Hotline at 536-8609.

**2 / Sunday**

**"Mighty Mo"** – To commemorate the 62nd anniversary of the end of history's most destructive war, veteran Edwin Ogonowski, a past crew member of the USS Battleship Missouri and a retired Chicago police officer, will join keynote speaker Adm. Timothy J. Keating, commander, U.S. Pacific Command, during ceremonies at the Battleship Missouri Memorial, Sept. 2, 8:45-9:45 a.m. on the Missouri's fantail.

The ceremony, which coincides with the time of day that representatives from 10 nations signed the formal Instrument of Surrender onboard the USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay after World War II, is free and open to the public. It features patriotic music, a color guard and a traditional military rifle volley salute to those veterans who paid the ultimate sacrifice in defense of freedom.

Free shuttle service will be available between 7:45-8:30 a.m. at the Missouri's shuttle boarding station near the USS Bowfin Submarine Museum and Park. Free return shuttle will remain available through 5 p.m. Call 423-2263 and press 7 immediately following the greeting for more details.

**Iolani Palace** – Military members and their families are encouraged to learn more about Native Hawaiian history and culture, during a free tour at Iolani Palace, Sunday, Sept. 2, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. In celebration of Queen Lili'uokalani's birthday, palace staff will host educational informa-

**September**

**6 / Thursday**

**"Once Upon A Mattress"** – Richardson Theatre at Fort Shafter begins its 65th season with this musical starring Tina Shelton.

Enjoy comedy, romance and music. Performances run Sept 6-8, 14-15, and 21-22. Call the Box Office at 438-4480.

**Ongoing**

**Fort Shafter Teen Center** – The Teen Center has something for everyone. It's where teens can make new friends, participate in club activities, and learn about employment programs and leadership opportunities.

Teens can also access the Internet; play video games, ping pong and foosball; listen to music; watch TV; or enjoy snacks.

The Teen Center is open Monday-Friday, 2-6 p.m., and Wednesdays, 1-6 p.m. Some Friday nights and weekends, extended hours apply for special events.

The Fort Shafter Teen Center is located across the street from the Richardson Theatre parking lot, Building 505, Bonney Loop. Call the manager at 438-6470.

**5 / Wednesday**

**South Town Hall** – Let your voice be heard at the bimonthly Oahu South Town Hall meeting, Sept. 5 at 6:30 p.m., at the Aliamanu Military Reservation (AMR) Chapel. Call Rosey Stone, deputy community director, 438-6147, for more details.

**7 / Friday**

**Peace Day** – Entry deadline is Sept. 7 to join Hawaii as the first state in the nation to celebrate Peace Day, Sept. 21.

In honor of the United Nations International Day of Peace, people of all ages in Hawaii are invited to submit an artistic expression of what "peace" means to them. The artwork will be displayed at the State Capitol; award winners will be announced at a special ceremony on the 21st.

To submit your expression, send two-dimensional art (such as paintings, drawings, prints or posters) or a literary submissions of 500 words or less (stories, essays and poetry) to Dr. Jeannie Lum; Matsunaga Institute for Peace; University of Hawaii at Manoa; Saunders Hall #723; 2424 Maile Way; Honolulu, Hawaii 96822.

Drop off pieces in person to State Capitol, Room 427, Honolulu. For each submission, include your name, age, mailing address and telephone number. If desired, you may also include a brief bio and explanation of the piece submitted.

**11 / Tuesday**

**"7 Habits" Covey Seminars** – John Covey will teach a one-day course, "The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Army Families," Sept. 10-13 at Schofield. This workshop is specific to Army families and will focus upon ways to improve participants' ability in family decision making, goal setting, managing stress, and increasing deploy-

**Worship Services**

**Aliamanu (AMR) Chapel, 836-4599**

- Catholic Sunday, 8:30 a.m. – Mass Sunday, 9:45 a.m. – Religious Education (Sept.-May only)
- Gospel Sunday, 11 a.m. – Sunday School (Sept.-June only) Sunday, 12:30 p.m. – Worship service
- Protestant Sundays, 9:45 a.m. – Worship Service Sunday, 11 a.m. – Sunday School (Sept. – June only)

**Fort DeRussy Chapel, 836-4599**

- Catholic Saturday, 5 p.m. – Mass in Chapel (May-Aug.) Saturday, 6 p.m. – Mass on Beach
- Protestant Sunday, 9 a.m. – Worship Service

**Fort Shafter Chapel, 836-4599**

- Contemporary Protestant Sunday, 9 a.m. – "The Wave" Worship

**Helemano (HMR) Chapel**

- Contemporary Protestant Sunday, 10 a.m. – Worship Service & Children's Church

**\*Main Post Chapel, 655-9307**

*\* (Note: During renovation, services normally held in the sanctuary will take place at the Wheeler Chapel.)*

- Catholic Sunday, 9 a.m. – CCD & RCIA Collective Protestant Sunday, 10:30 a.m. – Sunday School
- Gospel Sunday, 10:30 a.m. – Sunday School

**MPC Annex, Building 791**

- Chalice Circle Tuesday, 7 p.m.
- Islamic Prayers and Study Friday, 1 p.m.
- Buddhist 4th Sunday, 1 p.m.

**Soldiers Chapel**

- Catholic Friday-Saturday, 12 p.m. – Adoration (24 hours)
- Protestant Sunday, 9:30 a.m. – Worship Service

**Tripler AMC Chapel, 433-5727**

- Catholic Sunday, 11 a.m. – Mass Monday – Friday, 12 p.m. – Mass Saturday, 5 p.m. – Mass
- Protestant Sunday, 9 a.m. – Worship Service

**Wheeler Chapel**

- Catholic Saturday, 5 p.m. – Mass Sunday, 10:30 a.m. – Mass
- Collective Protestant Sunday, 9 a.m. – Worship Service
- Gospel Sunday, 12 p.m. – Worship Service

**Community Calendar**

Send announcements of community events to [community@hawaiiarmyweekly.com](mailto:community@hawaiiarmyweekly.com)

**24 / Today**

**Women's Equality Day Luncheon** – The 25th Infantry Division and 500th Military Intelligence Brigade will host the 13th Annual Women's Equality Day Celebration, today, 11 a.m., at the Nehelani, Schofield Barracks. The community is invited to help celebrate the theme "Women's Right to Vote."

Call Sgt. 1st Class Pitchford at 438-6891 or Staff Sgt. Rohrig at 655-8384.

**Job Fair** – Army Community Service (ACS) will sponsor its second Mini Job Fair, today, 9 a.m.-noon at the Aliamanu Military Reservation (AMR) Chapel.

Whether you are a first-time job seeker or not, job fairs should not be missed when job searching because they open the door to a variety of employment opportunities. Attendees have the chance to apply for positions with multiple employers and meet representatives from many companies in one setting.

Bring your resume; admission is free. Call 655-4227 for more information.

**Smart Buy Workshop** – Learn how to "shop smart" and start saving. Class will be held today, 9:30 a.m.-noon, at ACS Schofield, Building 2091. Call Georgianna McAnany at 655-1714 or e-mail [Georgianna.McAnany@schofield.ar.my.mil](mailto:Georgianna.McAnany@schofield.ar.my.mil).

**26 / Sunday**

**CPR Classes** – The American Red Cross is offering a CPR/First Aid class, Sunday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. The course will certify participants in adult, child and infant CPR, and standard first aid.

To register, call the Schofield Barracks Service Center at 655-4927.

**27 / Monday**

**Realtor Program** – The Volunteer Realtor Program at the Fort Shafter Housing Services Office will not be available Aug. 27-Sept. 7. Assistance will resume Sept. 10. Call Pam Hirota, 438-1518.

**Employment Orientation** – Looking for a job in Hawaii? Attend an ACS employment orientation and get employment information on federal, state, private sector and staffing agencies. Reference materials, job listings, computers and more will be available for use.

Several workshops are upcoming:

- Aug. 27, 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m., at AMR Chapel.
- Aug. 31, 9-10:30 a.m., ACS Schofield Barracks.

Call ACS Schofield at 655-4227 or the Fort Shafter Outreach Center at 438-9285. Register online at [www.mwrarmyhawaii.com](http://www.mwrarmyhawaii.com), or call 438-9285.

Free child care vouchers are available; however, children must be registered and space reserved by parents. Call 655-5314 (Schofield) or 833-5393 (AMR).

**28 / Tuesday**

**PWOC Fall Kick-off** – The Protestant Women of the Chapel invites all women to their Fall Kick-off program, "Prepare for the Bridegroom," Tuesday, Aug. 28, 9 a.m.-11:30 a.m. PWOC meets at the Schofield Barracks Main Post Chapel, Room 212 (in the building across from the chapel and above the Petersen Child Development Center).

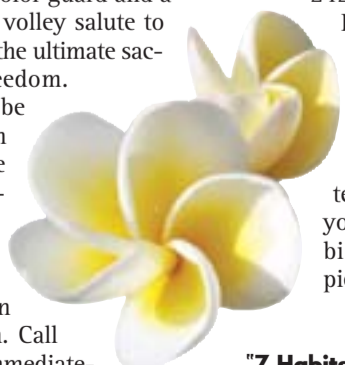
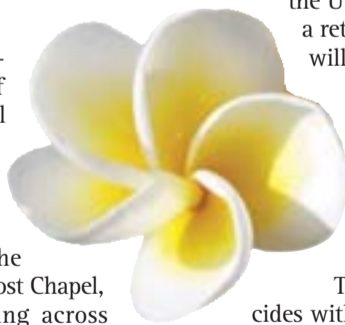
Free prearranged child care is available for CDC-registered children. Call Katie Payne at 206-8504 for more details.

**September**

**1 / Saturday**

**Hawaii's Plantation Village** – HPV commemorates 15 years with "Relive the Plantation Days," Sept. 1, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., an event that will highlight Hawaii's multi-ethnic heritage and children. Visitors and keiki can wander through the Village, taste a variety of ono ethnic food samples and enjoy a line-up of family entertainment punctuated by a special performance from Frank DeLima, one of Hawaii's funniest and favorite comedians.

Balloon-artists, storytelling, plantation-era games and activities, such as milk caps (pogs), marbles, and more, will abound, too. The special 'happy birthday' sing-along will take place at noon. Admission and parking are free. For more



**This Week at the MOVIES Sgt. Smith Theater**



**Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix**

(PG-13)  
Friday, 7 p.m.  
Sunday, 2 p.m.  
Thursday, 7 p.m.



**Dead or Alive**

(PG-13)  
Saturday, 7 p.m.



**Fantastic Four: Rise of the Silver Surfer**

(PG)  
Wednesday, 7 p.m.

# Hi-tech cameras help deter PX shoplifting

**ARMY & AIR FORCE EXCHANGE SERVICE**  
News Release

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS – Upgraded camera systems capable of recording to digital video recorders (DVR), as well as a 2002 amendment allowing federal retailers to pursue losses and administrative costs related to shoplifting, produced a decrease in theft at the Schofield Post Exchange, or PX.

The Schofield PX logged a 4 percent decrease from last year, from 141 incidents in 2005 to 136 in 2006.

The sophisticated anti-shoplifting measures are also being cited as a factor in reducing the cost of products involved in detected cases from \$ 18,403 in 2005 to \$ 9,111.

“Shoplifting at the exchange results in a reduced return on investment to our primary shareholders – the military community,” said Hawaii General Manager Mark Polczynski. “Because the Army & Air Force Exchange Service [AAFES] is a command with a mission to return earnings to Morale, Welfare and Recreation [MWR] activities, shoplifting at the PX is essentially the same thing as taking money directly from the pockets of military families.”

With a dual mission to provide quality goods and services at competitively lower prices and generate earnings to support MWR programs, AAFES, which has contributed more than \$2.4 billion to military quality of life programs in the past 10 years, continues to focus efforts on reducing theft.

To protect the MWR dividend and help strengthen the exchange benefit, AAFES loss prevention associates proactively identify store display areas that tend to have high theft rates. These areas include electronics, sporting goods and cosmetics, which offer small, high-value items. The Schofield PX has a camera surveillance system manned by detectives to monitor these areas, and with new DVR capability, detectives can review more than 100 hours of recording on each camera.

“No one likes catching shoplifters,” said Polczynski. “In fact, a major effort by loss prevention is to educate the public on our capability to monitor and record suspicious activity as a tool to deter shoplifting before it ever happens. It’s our hope that individuals who might be considering theft will see the security measures and think twice.”

If shoplifting is suspected, PX loss prevention associates turn the issue over to military police. In addition to possible disciplinary action and criminal prosecution, the Federal Claims Collection Act, which began March 1, 2002, allows AAFES to enact a flat, administrative cost (civil recovery) of \$200.

There may be further fees, in addition to the Civil Recovery Program, depending on the condition of the stolen merchandise.



Aiko Brum | U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii, Public Affairs

State-of-the-art technology and the latest loss prevention policies that help curb instances of shoplifting, re-enacted above, help AAFES Schofield keep costs down to benefit MWR programs for Soldiers and their families.

## Community Calendar

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ment and reintegration readiness.

For more details, call Cole Weeks at ACS, 655-422.

### 14 / Friday

**“4 Disciplines” Seminar** – Kevin Miller will teach a one-day course, “The 4 Disciplines of Execution,” Sept. 14, at Schofield Barracks. This workshop is specific to building effective teams and organizations. Call Cole Weeks at ACS, 655-4227.

**Aloha Festivals** – The statewide festival opens Sept. 14 and features a parade and ho’olaule’a, or block party, on each island. On Oahu, activities run through Sept. 28. For the most current schedule of events, visit [www.alohafestivals.com](http://www.alohafestivals.com). To purchase an Aloha Festivals ribbon, \$5, and receive the official 2007 program guide, call 589-1771.

### 15 / Saturday

**Floral Parade** – Scheduled to begin at 9 a.m., this year’s Aloha Festivals Floral Parade can best be described as an “eruption of flowers,” with pageantry unlike any other parade in the world. The procession includes pau riders, floral floats, hula halau and marching bands. The free, two-hour parade begins at Ala Moana Park and ends at Kapiolani Park. Discount parking will be provided throughout Waikiki. Call 589-1771 for more details.

### 19 / Wednesday

**Pacific Aviation Museum** – The museum is hosting a special after-hours hangar viewing and lecture, Sept. 19, 5–9 p.m., by local aviation historian Peter Forman, author of *Wings of Paradise*. Come and discover what attracted monarchs and the military to Ford Island during this special presentation. Call 441-1000 to make your reservation by Sept. 14. Seating is limited.

# Bowling is still ultimate family sport

Perfect your strikes during Bowling Week, Aug. 25-31.

Story and Photos by  
**MOLLY HAYDEN**  
Staff Writer

FORT SHAFTER — The sounds of pins crashing to the floor echoed against the walls as children screamed with delight and adults exchanged high-fives at the Fort Shafter Bowling Center, here, Friday.

Both professional-league players and amateur bowlers — Soldiers and civilians — converged to participate in this relaxed, timeless sport.

Five-year-old Benjamin Paul slowly stepped up to the lane, lugging his bowling ball with two hands.

He dropped the ball and patiently watched as it crept down the lane, crashing into and knocking over six pins.

Screeching with delight, Paul ran back to the ball return to do it all over again.

"I can throw strikes," he said, proudly, "spares too."

His father, Staff Sgt. Chris Paul, enjoys the family time spent at the bowling alley and brings his family a few times a



For hours of operation, or to join a bowling league, call the Fort Shafter Bowling Center, 438-6733; at Schofield, 655-0573; Tripler, 438-6733; or the Wheeler Bowling Center, 656-1745.

month.

"This is the thing to do on a Friday night," said Chris. "And we all enjoy it."

"I enjoy it because it's the only sport I can beat my husband at," said Shannon Paul, laughing.

Friday nights bring a fun-filled escape for the entire family at the bowling center with "Cosmic Bowling," which includes glow-in-the-dark shoes and disco lights. A large video arcade is also on-hand for entertainment.

"This is a casual and entertaining setting," said Assistant Manager Don Yonamine. "We have great food at the Strike Zone, air-conditioning and a nonsmoking environment. We have it all."

With only four public bowling alleys left on Oahu, Yonamine has seen surge in participation at the military bowling centers.

"A lot of adult and high school leagues practice here now, both military and non[military]," said Yonamine. "I see more and more kids taking up the sport."

For 17-year-old Suzana Signaigo, bowling has taught her confidence and patience.

"You have to concentrate and truly believe that you can hit a certain spot on the lane," said Signaigo. "There is a skill involved, but through patience, it can be learned."

"This is a social sport," said 16-year-old Midori Kusano.

The high schooler enjoys being with friends while polishing her skills on the lane.

"I like the individuality of the sport," said Kusano. "We all set personal goals and we never give up."

Currently, the military bowling centers op-



A crowd gathers at the Fort Shafter Bowling Center everyday. As public bowling lanes diminish on the island, more and more families are turning to military lanes to quell their thirst for the sport.

erate numerous adult and junior leagues, including six adult and one junior at Fort Shafter; four adult leagues at Wheeler Army Air Field; and nine adult and one junior at Schofield Barracks.

"Being in a military setting, you see so many different people that go in and out of your life," said Lani King, recreational aid, Morale, Welfare and Recreation. "Bowling is another way to participate in an activity with people from all over the world."



## 24 / Today

**Army Mini Sports Flag Football** — Youth Sports and Fitness at Child and Youth Services (CYS) presents an opportunity for children born between 2002-2003 to gain basic skills and understanding of flag football.

Cost is \$10 and includes a child T-shirt. The program will run through Sept. 14. Parents are encouraged to participate.

Call the Bennett Youth Center, Schofield Barracks, at 655-0883, or Aliamanu Military Reservation (AMR) at 836-1923.

**Company-Level Flag Football** — Application deadline for company-level flag football is today. All entries must be submitted to the USAG-HI Sports Office. Call 655-0856/0101.

## 30 / Thursday

**Indoor Soccer Tournament** — This Army Hawaii six-person indoor tournament will be held Sept. 10-21, 5:30-8:45 p.m., at the Martinez Physical Fitness Center, Schofield Barracks.

Registration deadline is Aug 30. Call Gerald Vidal or Joseph Pires at 655-4804.

## 31 / Friday

**Women's Ultimate Frisbee** —

The application deadline for battalion-level women's ultimate frisbee is Aug. 31. All entries must be submitted to USAG-HI Sports Office.

## Ongoing

**Cosmic Bowling** — The Schofield Bowling Center offers Cosmic Bowling, Friday & Saturday, 10 p.m.-1 a.m. and Sunday, 6-10 p.m. Plan a birthday party or enjoy bowling specials.

Birthday packages cost \$5 per child for two hours of unlimited bowling; add a food package for \$8 per child. Also, Monday-Friday enjoy lunch specials and discounted bowling rates. Call 655-0573.

**Brazilian Capoeira** — Develop the mind, body and spirit to include physical fitness, self-defense and self-discipline through Brazilian Capoeira. Classes are held Tuesdays from 5:30-7 p.m. at the Fort Shafter Physical Fitness Center. Call Mestre Kinha at 247-7890.

**Leilehua Golf Course Driving Range** — The golf driving range at the Leilehua Golf Course is open weekdays until 9:30 p.m. Call 655-4653.



Led by Col. Todd McCaffrey, commander, 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, (far left), Wolfhounds of the 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment tackle the 10-mile Kolekole Pass run, Aug. 9.

# 1-27th conquers Kolekole

Story and Photo by

**1ST LT. PETER WALTHER**

B Company, 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — The Kolekole Pass is a run route infamous among Schofield Barracks units.

Approximately 10 miles from start to finish, the route begins with a gradual uphill climb to the base of the Waianae mountains, then abruptly turns into a steep, two-mile trek to a lookout with breathtaking views of Oahu's west coast.

Many individual Soldiers have endeavored to make this arduous journey, but only one battalion comprised of more than 500 Soldiers has the physical and mental discipline to complete this run as a unit — the Wolfhounds of the 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment.

The Wolfhounds formed up a little earlier than usual in the morning, in early August, to complete the run as a battalion. Before the run, the youngest Wolfhound recited the history of Kolekole Pass. Immediately following, the battalion stepped off and began its five-mile run up Kolekole Avenue.

Col. Todd McCaffrey, commander, 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, began the run alongside the Wolfhounds, supporting them every step of the way.

Once Wolfhounds reached the summit and pushed on to the first lookout, which overlooks the Waianae Coast, Lt. Col. Richard "Flip" Wilson,

commander, 1-27th, addressed Soldiers while the battalion paused for a few minutes to reflect upon its accomplishment.

Soon, the battalion was stepping off, again. The warriors ran down the mountain to Lyman Road.

Near the end of the run, the Schofield Barracks Federal Fire Department hosed down the sweaty, exhausted Wolfhounds as they ran by a fire truck parked at Bowman Park. The cool water poured over the Soldiers as they dug deep to finish the run.

After the run, Soldiers stretched out and received their reward, a surprise breakfast of fruit, doughnuts, muffins and juice.

Most unit formation runs are inherently difficult. They require a great deal of mental and physical discipline to stay in formation, maintain proper intervals, and remain in step at the correct cadence — all while pushing hard to stay with the formation. What's more, the larger the unit and the greater the distance, the harder a formation run becomes.

Yet, the Wolfhounds of 1-27th Inf. Regt. proved these factors were of little concern. They displayed the attitude, discipline and teamwork of a battalion that is a cut above the rest by tackling the monumental Kolekole Pass.

The battalion is ready and willing to take on any obstacle its country asks, and will do so with a ferocity unmatched.

## Community Sports

Send sports announcements to [community@hawaiiarmyweekly.com](mailto:community@hawaiiarmyweekly.com).

### August

#### 25 / Saturday

**Hike Oahu** — Come join the Hawaiian Trail & Mountain Club on its next hiking adventure, beginning at 8 a.m.

-Saturday, 2-miler, Luaalaea, intermediate hikers. If you enjoy a little adventure and don't mind stream crossings, mud, lush foliage or waterfalls, this hike's for you. Definitely bring some rain gear and bug repellent. Call coordinator Thea Ferentino, 375-0384, to register.

-Sept. 2, 12-miler, Waiau, advanced hikers. The views along the way are great, but pay attention to the turn around time. Adequate water, sunscreen and rain gear are musts. Call coordinator Justin Ohara, 778-8629.

-Sept. 8, 2-miler, Kaukonahua Wade, intermediate hikers. Trek an interesting stream on this exploration, but be prepared to negotiate slippery rocks. Call coordinator Steve Brown, 247-8845.

A \$2 donation is requested of nonmembers 18 and older. Children under 18 must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Hikers meet at the Iolani Palace, unless otherwise noted. Bring lunch and water on all hikes; wear sturdy shoes and clothing as extra caution may be required on some trails.

Firearms, pets, radios and other audio devices are prohibited on all hikes. Visit <http://htmclub.org> for more details.

#### 31 / Friday

**Pearl Harbor Softball** — The 2007 Fall RBI Baseball & Fast Pitch Softball League will start in September at Pearl Harbor for all military-affiliated youth. Registration will be ongoing through Aug. 31 at the Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Youth Sports Office, 620

Main St., Building 3456, Pearl Harbor.

Boys, ages 13-18, can register for baseball; girls up to 18 can sign up for fast-pitch softball. Cost is \$30 per player, and each will receive a jersey, hat and trophy for participating.

A birth certificate and current physical examination card is needed when registering. Also, anyone who is interested in coaching can sign up at the MWR Youth Sports Office. Call 471-3501.

### September

#### 8 / Saturday

**All-Girls Rodeo** — Don't miss the 15th annual Zip Memorial All-Girls Rodeo, Sept. 8, at Kualoa Ranch.

Rodeo action begins at 9 a.m. and will include breakaway and team roping, goat-tying, barrel racing, pole-bending, steer undecorating, and a special exhibition event of "mixed barrels" that will have the state's top men and women barrel racers competing against each other in teams.

Tickets are \$7 in advance, \$9 at the gate. Call Lu Faborito at 668-9006 or visit HWRA [www.rodeooha.hawaii.gov](http://www.rodeooha.hawaii.gov) for more details.

#### 10 / Monday

**Niketown 5K Run** — Deadline to register for this year's Niketown 5K is Sept. 10. The race will take place Sept. 23, beginning at 7 a.m.; a 1-mile Fun Run will begin an hour later. Both runs will start at Niketown, 2080 Kalakaua Ave., in Waikiki, to benefit physical education in Oahu schools, and both are open to runners and walkers of all ability levels. Parents are encouraged to participate in the same event as their children.

Cost is \$20 (includes \$15 registration fee and \$5 tee shirt fee). One hundred percent of the registration fee is donated to Oahu schools, and runners can designate their entry fee to the school of their choice.

Free shuttle transportation will be provided to and from Kapiolani Park, and parking will be available at the Royal Hawaiian Shopping Center and Hale Koa Hotel (limited) for \$3. Visit [niketown5k.com](http://niketown5k.com).

#### 14 / Friday

**Hunter Education Courses** — The Hawaii Department of Land & Natural Resources offers monthly Hunter Education classes. Subjects covered include wildlife identification and conservation, firearms and archery safety, survival and first aid, game care, and more.

The free, two-day classes are held Fridays and Saturdays, and classes run from 5:45-10 p.m., Friday, and from 7:45 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday. Classes are family-friendly and open to anyone age 10 years and older. All students are required to provide a picture ID.

Upcoming classes are Sept. 14-15, Oct. 12-13, Oct. 19-20, Nov. 2-3, Nov. 16-17, Dec. 7-8, and Dec. 14-15 at the Nimitz Center, 1130 N. Nimitz Highway, Room A-212. Call 587-0200 or visit [www.state.hi.us/dlnr/IdxHunting.htm](http://www.state.hi.us/dlnr/IdxHunting.htm) for more details.

#### 22 / Saturday

**USO Base Race** — The 8th Annual USO Base Race Series event is scheduled Sept. 22 on historic Ford Island. This family-friendly fitness event will feature 5K and 10K races. All finishers will be eligible to win one of many door prizes, including a neighbor island getaway for two.

Make your commitment to fitness today, and sign up for the race. Visit [www.usohawaii@uso.org](http://www.usohawaii@uso.org) for an entry form or call 836-3351 for more details. Entry forms are also available at base fitness centers.

#### 22 / Saturday

**Hunting & Fishing Day** —

Hunters and anglers can come out and help celebrate the 36th annual National Hunting & Fishing Day, Sept. 22-23, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., at the Kokohead Shooting Range, the first left past Hanauma Bay, going towards Waimanalo, off Kalaniana'ole Highway.

Bring canned food or cash donations, because for each canned good or \$1 donation, you will receive a free activity coupon, good for trap shooting, archery, airgun, fish casting and more. Contributions benefit the Hawaii Food Bank.

For more details, call the state's Hunter Education Program at 587-0200.