CSA stresses importance of Pacific theater at USARHAW town hall

Army Chief of Staff meets with USARPAC command

Chair of the Army Gen. Raymond Odierno, center, holds a meeting with Soldiers with the Sgt. Smith Theater, here, Feb. 12. Odierno addressed USARHAW Soldiers with an overview of the Army's future and stressed the importance of the mission in the Pacific theater. "The work that you are doing here is very important, specifically the 25th Infantry Division," Odierno said. "You provide us the capability to respond in a variety of ways, whether it's humanitarian assistance, response to a natural disaster or responding to an unforeseen threat." Troop Lightning Soldiers were concerned with how the downsizing of forces and numerous budget cuts will affect future operations of the force. "It's our responsibility to develop leaders," Odierno said. "We have an environment that's decreasing our budget, and that's a problem we have to continue to deal with," Odierno said. "I have to make sure we develop the best Army possible within the means that we are given."
83 reservists log 3,200 encounters at Tripler

MALIKHERI GROSS and CAPT. IIOE FORD

94th Army Medical Command (Department Support) HONOLULU — Eighty-three service members of the 256th Combat Support Hospital, 310th Medical Brigade, 94th Army Medical Command and the 18th Medical Command, California National Guard, air evacuated more than 3,200 clinical encounters during annual training at Tripler Army Medical Center, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Field, and Schofield Barracks, Jan. 21-27. According to Lt. Col. Derric Holtkemper, this was the first time that the Army and its National Guard personnel performed delayed orientation medical training in a joint services environment at TAMC. “This was a great opportunity to cross train our low-density military occupational specialties (MOS), such as physical therapists, operating room technicians and dieticians,” said 1st Lt. Deily Conductor, noncommissioned officer in charge of the 256th Soldiers at TAMC. Personnel were assigned to various clinical and support departments, including surgical services, psychiatry, primary care, obstetrics, gynecology, emergency medicine, pediatrics and orthopedics. Services provided included physical and ablation, emergency and critical care, acute and chronic disease management, labor and delivery, infectious disease, renal, pulmonary, and non-military obstetrics. The personnel of delaying orientation medical training is a joint services environment at TAMC. The Army and the National Guard personnel performed delayed orientation medical training in a joint services environment at TAMC. This was a great opportunity to cross train our low-density military occupational specialties (MOS), such as physical therapists, operating room technicians and dieticians, said 1st Lt. Deily Conductor, noncommissioned officer in charge of the 256th Soldiers at TAMC. Personnel were assigned to various clinical and support departments, including surgical services, psychiatry, primary care, obstetrics, gynecology, emergency medicine, pediatrics and orthopedics. Services provided included physical and ablation, emergency and critical care, acute and chronic disease management, labor and delivery, infectious disease, renal, pulmonary, and non-military obstetrics. Services provided included physical and ablation, emergency and critical care, acute and chronic disease management, labor and delivery, infectious disease, renal, pulmonary, and non-military obstetrics.

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CHAPLAIN (COL.) KEVIN REVEL

94th Army Medical Command Division

“God grant me serenity to accept the things I cannot change; courage to change the things I can; and wisdom to know the difference.” — Alcoholics Anonymous

We can learn by being sensitive to other people’s issues and we should deal with those people that separate us.

“The role that African-Americans played to build this nation, to take everyone in this world to build a nation.” — Staff Sgt. Millie M. Griffiths, 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne)

“You must continue to challenge the beliefs and( )” — Ruby R. Bagrodija, U.S. Army

“We all equal should respect each other differently. In order to get their respect we must respect each other.” — Bellie Ryan, Tripler Army Medical Center
USARPAC: Odierno boards Army warcraft
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After visiting with USARPAC, Odierno talked with Soldiers and leaders from the 94th AAMDC and the 94th Army Air and Missle Defense Command, 8th Theater Sustainment Command’s logistical support units, and 25th Infantry Division, to include the noncommissioned officer Training Center, Light

ning Academy, and the Jungle Operations Training Center.

While at the 94th AAMDC, Odierno received an overview of the Integrated Air and Missile Defense plan from the 94th AAMDC staff directors and recognized several Soldiers for their achievements.

Odierno visited three platoons of Hickam Air Force Base, where 816th CSS-LSV

The 8th Theater Sustainment Command provides logistics support to all units in the Pacific and around the world, providing a key role in the Army’s mission to fight and win.

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broad variety of environments,“ Odierno said.

The Army Chief of Staff spoke with recent graduates of the Adap
tive Leader Course and stressed the importance of various training environments.

“Opportunities to challenge Soldiers and leaders to overcome obstacles in the Lighting Academy terrain.

Odierno commented on the importance of Soldiers setting up leaders solve problems. When Soldiers see leaders solve problems, it builds confidence that they will follow, Odi
ero said.

An impressive exercise in amphibious capability,” said Odierno. “We have a unique advantage over any other Army, and that’s our offi
cers/commissioned officer corps … overcoming adversity and coming up with new ways to solve problems.”

Odierno mentioned one of the most important things the Army stressed in the Adaptive Leader Course is about it. “Bring able to think through complex problems with what each other. New Soldiers will learn the leadership along with this experience to become more flexible and adaptive on the battlefield.”

“Learning to be successful in an environment you have never seen before helps add to the overall confidence,” Odierno said. “You have to prepare for many missions in many places.”

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The leaders represent the TSC’s 8th Special Troops Battalion, 6th Support Battalion, 4th Medical Battery, 100th Engineer Brigade, and 10th Regional Support Group.

To minimize disruption to those ongoing mis

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Phase One, “Leadership and the Army Profession,” went off the event.

The learning from each other about their different branches and military occupational specialties, and increasing critical awareness of roles and responsibilities outside the U.S. The program is a dynamic broadening opportunity where participants interact directly with the future leaders at the NCO Academy.

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and humanitarian interests of civilian populations for U.S. and Thai forces to support the needs of the people.

"We are exchanging medical techniques with the Royal Thai Army and teaching them our Combat Lifesaver course," said Sgt. Elisabeth Griffin, a medic with 1st Battalion, 278th Infantry Regiment, 2nd SBCT. "This building of trust, as well as some of their medical services, has been helping to teach us their techniques."

"I am absolutely confident that the Cobra Gold training exercise this year will be successfully accomplished as every person who participates in this program displays discipline and sincere intention to the training," said Maj. Gen. Pongponrat Patich, the 31st Infantry Regiment, 2nd SBCT, Cobra Gold 15 opening ceremony on the Royal Thai Army's Camp 31-3, near Lopburi, Thailand, Feb. 13.

"I want our Soldiers to walk away from this exercise recognizing how valuable we are in the Army," said Pritchett. "We learned so many different ways we can be valuable in the Army, and every person who completed the Cobra Gold 15 was a once-in-a-lifetime experience."

"This training is a very good opportunity for us to join and learn and exchange knowledge with each other," said 2Lt. Campostrin Tengveer, a platoon leader from 31st Inf. Regt. We learn from each other and show off our knowledge of technology and equipment, and we can show the Soldiers of the U.S. Army what we know, which is good for the future."

"A total of 43 Royal Thai Army officers received official Cobra Gold Lester certification."

"We learned how to use the first aid kits of the U.S. Soldiers," said Tengveer. "We learned so many different ways to help someone and save someone."

Strengthening the medical capabilities, introduced Soldiers from both nations gain new medical knowledge and feel the interoperability between the two military units, while demonstrating a strong partnership.

"Working with the Royal Thai Army has been a once-in-a-lifetime experience," said Griffin. "They are very professional, and their professionalism has been a huge contributing factor to the success of this training."

"The joint training between these two nations is what allows us to strengthen our knowledge in the new skills they have learned, and at the same time, share this knowledge with their fellow Soldiers, continuously building and strengthening our partnerships, as well as demonstrating their high level of training and dedication to the success of this mission."
Charlie Battery breaks in new M777 Howitzers

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25th Infantry Division

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Soldiers of Charlie Battery, 3rd Battalion, 7th Field Artillery Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, certified their newly acquired M777 Howitzers for the first time, here, Feb. 10-12.

The certifying process was the last thing the Soldiers did during their two-week field exercise at Area X-ray. In order to certify the weapon systems, each had to go through several fire missions during table 5 and 6 certifications.

“These certifications are the final stamp of approval to support an infantry company in the field,” said Capt. Jason Vanderheyden, commander, Charlie Battery, 3-7th FA, 3rd BCT.

When the unit was fielded its brand new M777 Howitzers in December, the commander said, “It was like Christmas when we opened them.”

Once all the wrapping was off, each M777 was assigned a team of nine Soldiers who had a little more than a month to prepare for this field exercise.

“For these Soldiers to go from no experience to this stage of certification – in a month – is a huge accomplishment,” said Vanderheyden.

The Soldiers spent each day completing 10 to 12 fire missions for each table certification, so it helped the crew get to know each other better.

“This exercise has brought us closer together as a section and given us a better understanding of our drills,” said Staff Sgt. Marshall Whitaker, section chief, C Battery, 3-7th FA, 3rd BCT.

Whitaker continued to say, that over the past month, his crew has become more like a small family due to doing everything together.

In order for each weapon system to become certified, it took a whole team effort. It would have only taken one person on the team, however, to mess up the fire mission, according to the section chief.

The next step for the battery was to get back out to the range and complete table 12 certification, which would allow the unit to fire three M777 systems at the same target at one time.

When the exercise was complete, the copperhead commander was proud of his Soldiers. He stated they did a great job getting their guns ready to go and certified during this exercise.

Bronco Brigade participates in Leader Training Program

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NORTH FORT POLK, Louisiana — The commanders and staff of “Bronco Brigade,” 3rd Brigade Combat Team (BCT), 25th Infantry Division, traveled, here, Feb. 4, to conduct some leaders’ training before their upcoming rotation to the Joint Readiness Training Center (JRTC), this spring.

The Bronco Brigade, battalion leaders and staff officers, along with the brigade commander, Col. Scott Kelly, spent eight days at the JRTC Leaders Training Program to fine-tune their warfighting skills in preparation for JRTC.

The goals for the Bronco Brigade were to ensure all commanders’ and staff training objectives were identified, standard operating procedures were validated, and refinements identified and enhanced the brigade’s ability to execute the Military Decision Making Process (MDMP) and conduct planning. The brigade’s staff, battalion and specialty company command teams prepared and executed the tactical operations orders for a JRTC-based scenario.

“I say that every training opportunity is a great training opportunity that greatly improves our batallions and BCT mission command capability, particularly focused on the MDMP,” said Kelly. “The opportunity to focus the staff for such an event under the tutelage of seasoned coaches was invaluable, and we are a more ready brigade for the experience.”

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IMCOM’s human capital plan shapes 2025 workforce

Dana Davis, a financial management specialist at U.S. Army Installation Management Command Europe Region headquarters, pre- pares draft copies of the plan for staffing, as Gormley, SHCP project lead. “We formed a tiger team of your peers,” Gormley said, “a multidisciplined team that represent- ed all of IMCOM’s functional responsibilities, from all regions and garrisons, to develop and publish IMCOM’s first-ever Strategic Human Capital Plan.”

The team started with an assessment of the command, identifying opportunities for improve- ment using standards published by the Office of Personnel Management and the Government Accountability Office, along with employee feedback.

“We want employees to know that meaningful cultural change is coming,” said Lois Keith, Civilian Personnel chief of IMCOM. “It’s important that the workforce knows that this is a group ef- fort — a transparent data-driven, fact-based part- nership for Public Service ‘Best Places to Work’ rankings, historical data and demographics, as well as employee and supervisor interviews (from headquarters, region and garrison levels) that guided development of IMCOM’s Strategic Human Capital Plan.

The plan is scheduled for publication in Febru-

HD to participate in 2015 National Engineers Week

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers-Honolulu District Public Affairs

SAN ANTONIO — The newly developed U.S. Army Installation Management Command Strategic Human Capital Plan (SHCP) lays groundwork for reshaping its workforce and cul- ture to answer the future needs of the Army, pro- vide premier installation management and be- come one of the premier federal workplaces by the year 2025.

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Sounds of Freedom 25th ID teams with community for Great Aloha Run

The Sounds of Freedom division of the Great Aloha Run, which consists of service members from all branches of the military running in formation with their community, can trace its name and lineage back more than 40 years to the 25th Infantry Division, according to the Great Aloha Run website. In 1974, then Maj. Gen. Harry Brooks Jr., commander of the 25th ID, led his Soldiers on marches through Waialae, and as they marched, the Soldiers chanted cadences for encouragement. When residents of Waialae complained about the noise, Brooks reportedly explained that the cadences were the “sounds of freedom.”

“When you hear the chanting of our Soldiers, they are in training. When you do not hear them, it means they are off to defend and protect our country. They are the sounds of freedom,” Brooks said.

In 1986, then Lt. Gen. William Schneider, commander of the 25th ID, contacted the Great Aloha Run and asked that his Soldiers be allowed to participate as a special division called the Sounds of Freedom.

The annual run began at the Aloha Tower and ended at the Aloha Stadium. Countless Soldiers, civilians and the community enjoyed the event with more than 4,000 Soldiers chanting Army cadences and numerous unit colors displayed for all to see. “Sounds of Freedom” as they partnered with civilians, showing them what we all are about,” Posey said. “It was amazing seeing someone in the late 70s during the run. The community showed a lot of support.”

All displayed unity for this event, and they appreciated the confidence the local community has for the armed forces in Hawaii. Appreciated the confidence the local community has for the armed forces in Hawaii. Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine counterparts, jam-packed the streets, here, for the Great Aloha Run.

To be fair, the Marines were the first military branch to participate in the Great Aloha Run. A contingent of 600 Marines from Kaneohe, led by Col. James Rita, entered the inaugural Great Aloha Run in 1985 as a show of goodwill. But over the years, the Sounds of Freedom has come to encompass all service branches, and it continues to be dominated by Soldiers from the 25th ID.

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The breakdown is as follows:
• 2,546 Soldiers from the Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion.
• 1,600 Soldiers from the 3rd BCT.
• 1,600 Soldiers from the 25th Combat Aviation Brigade.
• 254 Soldiers from the Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion.
• 500 Soldiers from the 25th Combat Aviation Brigade.

Also representing the Army in the Sounds of Freedom were 780 Soldiers from the 8th Theater Sustainment Command, 41 from the Pacific Regional Medical Cmd., 31 from the 506th Military Intelligence Bde., 28 from U.S. Army-Pacific’s H&H Bn. and 16 from the 38th Med. Cmd.

Rounding out the military participation were 56 service members from the Navy, 51 service members from the Air Force, 22 service members from the Coast Guard and 16 service members from the Marines.
25 / Wednesday

CPR — Registration for SKIES Unlimited free CPR first aid and current courses will be 12-10 a.m., Feb. 25. Class participation requires registration by a parent/guardian with CYSS. Parent consent forms and fees will be covered. Register at 656-9180.

26 / Thursday

Omaha 

— Contact local base for a schedule of events.

Ancape
to join the SHP Troops Recreation Center every Thursday from 5:30 p.m. The 3rd floor is a fun, lively environment (with no bar) where you get to meet other females and interact with Army players around. All ID card holders 18 and older are welcome. Don’t have a poker face? Come on! Join the tropical atmosphere and feature menu items. Call 655-9088.

27 / Friday

Hawaii Luau Lunch Buffet

— Enjoy local style food every last Friday of the month. 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., SB Kolekole and FS Mulligan’s Bar & Grill. Cost is $15.50 per person. Call 656-4505 or Mulligan’s for reservations. 1706. Showings scheduled Feb. 20, 21, 27 and 28. More information is available online at www.170six.com or call 783-8381.

EPTS: Exceptional Family Member Program

— Schedule is located at the Main Post Chapel. For more information or to bring the family, please call 655-8268.

28 / Saturday

— Please check our weekly family events listing for more information.

Music Virtuosi, Feb. 21, at 7:30 p.m., AMR Chapel. Features musicians from the Hawaii Symphony, Grand Canyon Philharmonic and more. A $10 donation is requested. Call 839-4319.

29 / Sunday

— Army Family Team Building Command (AFTB) will host a Chili Cook-off & Fundraiser at ShaJNi at 500th MI Brigade, hosts an Observation Orienteering and Trivia PT advancement gathering, begins at 5:30 p.m. and continues until 7:30 p.m. at a.m. at Palm Circle, Fort Shafter, to celebrate Black History Month. Tickets $15-$50. Call 733-0274.

25 / Wednesday

The Wedding Ringer


26 / Thursday

Black History Month — The 106th Military Intelligence Battalion, 506th MI Brigade, hosts an Observance Program and Town Hall event from 8 a.m. – 2 p.m., Feb. 26. At Dendy Drake-Duke Theatre. For more information, please call 655-8268.

See MWR B-5
To support this message, the Army Community Service’s Financial Resilience Center is hosting a week of events around U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii to educate Soldiers and their families about their personal finances.

“New habits

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**Army CYS offers child care option**

**BITA C. HALL**
(Child, Youth and School Services)

**SCHOFIELD BARRACKS —** Child care circumstances vary from military family to family, however, choosing the Child and Youth Services Family Child Care Home Program was the answer for one family.

**Exploring options**
Megan Lewis and her husband, Spc. Daniel Lewis, moved to Honolulu Military Reservation late last year. Shortly after getting settled, Megan went to Parent Central Services to register their son, Fenway (then age 2), for child care at IHB.

They found the child development center (CDC) or a family child care (FCC) home.

**FCC program**
FCC homes are operated by military spouses who undergo extensive background checks, classes and training to be certified and licensed to care for up to six children in their home.

Megan chose FCC, preferring the consistency of only one provider for Fenway, affording him the opportunity to build a strong, healthy bond with his caregiver.

“My son is shy, and I feel the home environment of an FCC is so overwhelming for him,” said Megan.

The smaller group size in a cozy home setting appeals to her, being more conducive to personalized, one-on-one interactions and attention.

“He has been able to overcome his shyness and has developed into a little leader,” Megan added.

Fenway loves his FCC home at HMR and his FCC provider (Mele Nuusila), Megan said.

Some of the activities Fenway especially enjoys at Mele’s include gardening, field trips and cooking.

Megan is pleased with Fenway’s progress in learning many new skills during his days with his FCC provider.

“The children also enjoy healthy, tasty, USDA-approved daily meals and snacks.

One child’s story
Megan moved to the island from the mainland, and is reluctant to go home at the end of the day, said her mother "The best thing about Fenway’s second mother, like family," Megan shared, citing his special bond with his provider that has allowed him to “open up and blossom.”

The professional relationship has also blossomed and developed into a friendship between the two families.

**Contact FCC**
FCC homes are located at Schofield Barracks Wheeler Army Airfield, Honolulu Military Reservation, Aliamanu Military Reservation and Fort Shafter.

Normal operating hours are 5:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Monday-Friday.

For further information about the Family Child Care program, or the requirements and certification process to become an Army FCC provider, call 653-8377.

**Scholarships available to IPC residents**

**ISLAND PALM COMMUNITIES**

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — WinnCompanies, the firm providing the property management and maintenance services to Island Palm Communities, is celebrating more than four decades in business by offering a scholarship to Island Palm Communities, is celebrating more than four decades in business by offering a scholarship to Island Palm Communities, is celebrating more than four decades in business by offering a scholarship to Island Palm Communities, is celebrating more than four decades in business by offering a scholarship to Island Palm Communities, is celebrating more than four decades in business by offering a scholarship to Island Palm Communities, is celebrating more than four decades in business by offering a scholarship to Island Palm Communities, is celebrating more than four decades in business by offering a scholarship to Island Palm Communities, is celebrating more than four decades in business by offering a scholarship to Island Palm Communities, is celebrating more than four 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“Dark & Stormy” drinks from now until summer. My husband’s first stop was the base Package Store: 27 candles, batteries, five cases of water, two lighters and basics—baggies of food, packages of bread. Two hours later, he returned to the kitchen floor with Stop & Shop bags on the sarcasm, as my husband asked, “Do you think you bought enough?” I asked, this, but they still happen in the islands. We’ve learned to embrace ‘expected’ power outages, not a matter of if we lose power; it’s a to Army Emergency Relief from AER Early Donation — Right Arm Night — Kick back, beginning at 5 p.m., with your “right arm” with drink specials and a pop-up buffet at SB Nehelani. Spouses and GO memer vacation. I can’t wait for the storms as opening a tavern. Another storm’s coming in a couple days, paused on his way out the door to announce, “Yet another storm’s coming in a couple days; he added, “but don’t worry, I’ll be in the house today.” My hero. (Note: A 20-year military spouse and mother of three, Molinari has plenty of humor to share in her column, “The Meat and Potatoes of Life,” which appears in military and civilian newspapers and at www.themeatandpotatoeso.com.)