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Safety, summer go hand-in-hand

CG hopes "operations triad" and "oak tree counseling" make an impact on troops

Lt. Col. John Brown
Editor, Army Weekly

As we observe Memorial Day, every Soldier, civilian family and even consumer is reminded about the true meaning of the event. Be sure to reflect on those who served before us to protect the freedoms and liberties we enjoy today.

Several brave service members gave their lives so we could make the most of ours. Let us honor and recognize their gift of freedom by focusing on safety.

Memorial Day weekend marks the beginning of summer plans for families vacationing near Schofield Barracks and increased outdoor activities. The Army historically experiences an increase in serious accidents and fatalities during the summer period.

Increased motorcycle accidents will lead to travel and water-related safety considerations. Supply chain managers and leaders at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, have lined up a "Lifeline of Operations" trial for our service leaders, involvement, effective training, and personal accountability. This triad involves a shared responsibility for the safety of our Soldiers.

Before the start of this Memorial Day weekend, I challenge leaders at all levels to spend time and conduct "oak tree counseling" with their Soldiers.

Ask them questions about their plans for the holiday weekend, and then follow up with some sound advice to keep them and their family members safe. Emphasize these points: responsible driving, safe driving practices and seat belt usage.

Personal accountability is critical to our combat readiness. Every Soldier must adopt the "Lifeline of Operations" trial to the plan every event from moving the lawn to securing the property and crossing personal safety in mind.

We are a nation at war and can afford to relax our efforts at only 100 percent readiness of our forces. The goal is zero accidents.

Leaders, I count on you to make this happen. I do.

Sgt. Lillie

The 25th Infantry Division and U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii, community members, are invited to attend several changes of command ceremonies taking place in May and June.

The change of command ceremony is a time-honored tradition that formally transfers the continuity of authority when a command is passed from one commander to another.

Local ceremonies will be preceded by an awards ceremony, 15 minutes prior to the change of command ceremony. Point of contact for more details is Capt. Ryan Panetta, 655-2083 (unless otherwise noted).

The following ceremonies will be held at Sills Field, Schofield Barracks, unless otherwise noted:


June 4, 11 a.m., 2nd Squadron, 14th Cavalry Regiment, Lt. Col. David Duval will pass command to Lt. Col. Timothy Gaughy.

June 8, 2 p.m., 30th Signal Battalion, Lt. Col. Daryl Shaw will pass command to Lt. Col. Joseph Dowpany.

Join us in celebrating our heroes and paying respect to those who served before us. Let us remember and honor them.

In one word, what does Memorial Day mean to you and how do you plan to spend it?
25th CAB latecomer looks forward to Hawaii duty

STAFF Sgt. TYRONE C. MARSHALL JR.
Task Force Lightning Public Affairs Office

ALEXANDER ROBLES, an airframe mechanic from Fort Campbell, Ky., is currently attached to A Co., 209th Aviation Support Battalion, 25th Combat Aviation Brigade, at Contingency Operating Base Speicher, Iraq, just outside Tikrit. He serves with the Region 2 Border Transition Team. He revealed what he liked most about the experience on his current deployment:

"Meeting new people and getting to know them on a personal level," he said.

Overall, he has enjoyed his time here at Fort Campbell, Ky., prior to leaving for Iraq. He discussed his military occupation specialty (MOS) with an interesting twist.

"My MOS is 2F5 (petroleum supply specialist) and 18X (special forces candidates)."

Robles had previous experience from working with SOAR, or Special Operations Aviation Regiment, at Fort Campbell, Ky., prior to leaving the Army for a short period.

"In Special Operations Aviation Regiment, you have to be able to do your part," said Robles. "My part was chopper maintenance."

Robles was quick to point out the differences and similarities between his previous job and current occupation.

"It's got its ups and downs," said Robles. "It's growing pains like they say."  

"I love doing this," he said smiling. "This is what I came in for. I'm doing well and the Army is keeping me fit as far as training."

Robles has deployed four times since joining the Army. In his four and a half years in the Army, he has deployed four times.

"Some of my goals are to go back to my unit and finish my school which is about two years long," he said. "I will deploy again to this country but not until after those two years of school. I came in about October. It's the 'Q' course. Then I'll be tabbed out for Special Forces."

Robles said he's looking forward to the challenge. He's already experienced high operational tempo since joining the Army. In his four and a half years in the Army, he has deployed four times.

"Everything I do for the military is from the bottom of my heart and I give my last to it. I'd do it over and over again," he said.
Hawaii Guard takes on southwest border

“Operation Jump Start” tests 29th Brigade STB’s engineering & surveillance

TUCSON, Ariz. — More than 180 Soldiers from the Hawaii Army National Guard’s 29th Brigade Special Troops Battalion are spending annual training on the southwestern border of Arizona, this month, in support of Operation Jump Start. The battalion is conducting surveillance and counter-mobility operations to disrupt and prevent illegal border crossings.

Special Troops Soldiers, members of Task Force Tucson’s entry identification teams (EITs) are performing surveillance missions, while Task Force Diamondback engineers are constructing roads and fences.

The National Guard presence is freeing up U.S. Border Patrol personnel to concentrate on their law enforcement mission.

More than 60 engineers from A Company are cutting new roads, rebuilding fences and improving the drainage in the Tucson sector’s border towns of Nogales and Sierra Vista.

“The roads being cut through the rolling small mountain range will improve access for the border personnel,” said Capt. Ausk Ahmad, commander of Company A. “The twenty-foot pipe walls being erected will replace some of the older aircraft landing ramp walls. Our Hawaii Air Guard engineers were part of a team erecting the ‘Yuma fence line last fall.’

‘The mission has given the veterans an opportunity to share their expertise, especially in heavy equipment operation, and welding to our newer Soldiers,’ said Sgt. 1st Class Ian S. Ross, a member of the unit when it was an engineering battalion more than 30 years ago.

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‘The balance of battalion Soldiers are making up the ten EITs,’ said Kaoiwi. “Our observation posts are on clearly visible locations on hillslopes facing the border.”

The 24-hour mission uses binoculars and infrared sensors to detect undocumented aliens (UDA) during the day or at night.

‘This mission has provided an opportunity for our new battalion to test all of our mobilization operation in a real-world mission,” Kaoiwi said.
Transformation is not only a matter of replacing equipment, weapon systems and tactics, but also about role change. From the M119 to the M777A1 howitzer and now to an infantry-capable battalion, the 2-11th Field Artillery Regiment has become more lethal than ever before.

Recently, with the help of its sister battalion, the 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment Wolfhounds, firing batteries trained on specific tasks that tested their skill in intelligence collection, town assessments and more. During Operation Gunners Fury II, the 2-11th FAR's "On Time" Battalion learned and committed to memory the good habits of an infantry battalion. First Lt. Sean Hollars, 1st Platoon leader, A Co., 1-27th, was recruited to be an observer controller (OC).

"From day one to day two there were improvements," Hollars said. "Common tasks that infantrymen do instinctively, guys begin to pay attention to the second day... After they had trouble with crowd control the first day, [they had] a plan for unruly crowds the second day."

Each Soldier, to include those who supported the training exercise, had an opportunity to internalize lessons learned.

"Something else that paid off was our hot wash [a meeting to discuss mistakes and ways to improve] with the firing battery, which was subsequently followed by another hot wash with our [opposition force]." Hollars said. "I can see that setting up for success in future training exercises."

Intelligence collection and effective use of information has become a large part of the infantry mission. The 2-11th FAR's firing batteries are discovering the complexity of the Iraqi fight. It isn't just fire missions anymore, but a far more intricate fight involving community relations and savvy ways to exploit information.

"Utilizing the [opposition forces] helped to hone information skills that otherwise you wouldn't think of using in combat," said 1st Lt. Joshua Haffer, A Battery platoon leader, 2-11th FAR. "The [opposition forces] did an outstanding job in their portrayal of the Iraqi circumstance which caused us to think and react accordingly."

"We should do more cooperative training... particularly when we'll be working with multi-national force," said Sgt. 1st Class Ernest Oberst, 1st Platoon sergeant, A Co., 1-27th Infantry Regiment.

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Signal unit prepares for hurricane evacuees

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FORT SHAFTER — A tunnel dug during World War II as a communications hub and bomb shelter is again ready to protect military families if a hurricane strikes Oahu. Soldiers of Headquarters and Head- quarters Company (HHC), 516th Signal Brigade, opened the shelter, located in a hillside of northern Fort Shafter, May 16–17, during the statewide Makani Pahili hurricane readiness exercise.

Designated for residents of Aliamanu Military Reservation, the shelter can hold up to 1,173 people for the duration of a storm, according to 1st Sgt. Thomas Valdespino of the HHC, 516th Signal Brigade. “This is just to wait out the storm,” said Valdespino, indicating a 2-by-4 foot rectangle of tape on the concrete floor, the space allotted for each evacuee. The shelter likely wouldn’t be occupied for more than 12 hours, he explained.

The tunnel shelter, and two others on Fort Shafter, is part of a network of more than 100 spread across every inhabited island in Hawaii. They open every year as defenses of local, state and federal authorities for aid during disasters. It validated hurricane plans and ensured service components were prepared to execute “Defensive Support of Civilian Authorities,” according to Lt. Col. Ed Toy, JTF-HD deputy commander.

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The shelter managers used the radio to send hourly updates to the U.S. Army Garrison, Oahu (formerly Oahu Base Support Battalion) and receive information about the status of the storm. First aid is administered by five combat medics and 15 Red Cross-trained workers from HHC, 516th.

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Fort Shafter — President Bush hosted the first-ever presidential joint commissioning ceremony for 55 Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) cadets and midshipmen in the East Room of the White House, May 17. Secretary of Defense Robert Gates administered the commissioning oath to the cadets and midshipmen.

David Song, from the University of Hawai'i Army ROTC program, was one of 55 cadets and midshipmen commissioned.

A Pennsylvania native, Song is a former enlisted Soldier who has completed a combat tour in Afghanistan on a civil affairs team before the ROTC program. He is currently enrolled at the Hawaii Pacific University where he is finishing his master's degree in diplomacy and military studies.

"This is truly an honor to be part of today's ceremony and to represent my family and the Army ROTC program on Hawai'i," Song said. "I wanted to further my education and develop myself as a leader. The ROTC program at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa offered me an excellent opportunity to seek both," Song said, also comparing ROTC and Officer Candidate School paths to commissioning.

Song's parents, Bin So and Jung Hee Song, originally from Korea, also attended the ceremony. The Songs currently reside in Doylestown, Penn.

"My parents ... came here seeking a better life. I owe this country my freedom and I want to pay debt to those who went before me," Song said. Song attributed much of his work ethic to working with his parents in the inner-city streets of Philadelphia. The Songs used to run a small produce store where David occasionally worked weekends.

"It was hard work," Song said. "My father would get up early in the morning to purchase the produce at the market, while my mother would prep the store before opening hours. When we finally closed the store, we ended a fourteen-hour day and most of the time, took work home with us. My parents did this for twenty-five years, all for their children's sake."

Of the 55 men and women commissioned in the ceremony, 23 were Army ROTC cadets, according to an Army News Service release. The cadets represented more than 28,000 young people who have decided to make Army ROTC a part of their total college experience.

Since its inception in 1916, more than a half-million men and women have become officers through the Army ROTC program. The majority of officers serving in today's Army started their military career through the ROTC program, as a means to become an officer and to lead Soldiers in a time of war. Army ROTC is an elective curriculum, taken along with required college classes by students at nearly 1,500 colleges and universities around the nation. The University of Hawai'i Army ROTC program supports all universities and colleges on Oahu and has been producing commissioned officers for the Army for more than 85 years.
PEARL HARBOR — Thirteen Stryker vehicles from 1st Battalion, 14th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team returned to the West Loch, here from Pohakuloa Training Area (PTA) on the Big Island. The Strykers, along with other various support vehicles, were transported onboard the U.S. Army Low Speed Vessel (LSV-2) Clinger, a supply ship that ferries Army cargo between the islands. The Strykers belong to the latest rotation of Soldiers training at PTA in preparation for the brigade's deployment to Iraq in December.
Armor: Quality meets needed standards
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Together to fail, and the discs gathered at the bottom of the vest, leaving gaps in protection, he said. Brown also noted that the Dragon Skin vests are significantly heavier and thicker than the Interceptor vests. Dragon Skin vests in size extra large are 47.5 pounds and 1.7 to 1.9 inches thick, the Interceptor vests in size large, which offer an equivalent coverage area to the extra large Dragon Skin vests, weigh 28 pounds and are 1.3 inches thick.

“Bottom line is it does not meet Army standards,” Brown said of the Pinnacle body armor. Brown showed reporters videos of the tests, which were supervised by the chief executive officer of Pinnacle. He also displayed the actual vests that were tested, with markers showing the penetration sites. The Army did not initially release the information about the tests because of possible security concerns, Brown said.

“We are facing a very media-savvy enemy,” he said. “They’re not only media-savvy, they are Internet savvy. Everything that we put out into the public domain, we pretty much assume that they alone could ever see it,” she said. “I ask them to look for opportunities to serve in greater capacities because whenever you do that you’re taking care of the guys who have served or are serving in Iraq or Afghanistan.”

For more information on the General Douglas MacArthur Leadership Award, visit www.macarthurmemorial.org. (Editor’s Note: Jeremy S. Buddemeier, U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii, contributed reporting.)
Corps plays vital role in protecting Pacific reefs

By SARAH H. OHI
Honolulu, Hawaii

FORT SHAFTER — Honolulu District is one of the nation’s main partners in protecting Pacific coral reefs.

Honolulu Engineer District biologist Candy Burger said the government has established several programs to protect our coral reefs.

"The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has three main roles in protecting the living coral reefs," Burger said. "First is as an enabler, its regulatory program, its proper permitting and project management, and its collaboration with partners such as local academic and private organizations, as well as local, state and federal agencies," Burger said.

Corals are among the "rainforests of the sea," and just like their land-counterparts, coral reefs are living organisms, Burger said.

"Corals provide food and livelihood for millions of people around the world," Burger said.

"When we think about why we care about the coral reefs, it’s because they protect us," said Burger. "Our Coral Reef Protection Program is one of the primary ways that we work to protect the living coral reefs: its enforcement and its collaboration with partners about the plight of the coral reefs.

Subject matter experts from the University of Hawaii, the University of Hawaii at Manoa, the University of La Verne, the University of Hawaii at Hilo and the University of Hawaii at Manoa provided insight at the seminar "Sedi-Mitigation: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the State of Hawaii’s Local Action Strategy for Land Based Pollution Abatement in the State of Hawaii" on June 11, to help educate the district’s employees, customers, contractors and sponsors about the plight of the coral reefs.

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WHEELER ARMY AIR FIELD — Thirty-five children marched alongside Master Sgt. Ira D. Burns, noncommissioned officer in charge, 2nd Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment, (2-6th Cav.) singing cadences, Saturday. The group participated in the first spur ride specifically for children of Soldiers serving in Iraq.

The spur ride was open to all children, ages 5-16, of deployed 2nd Cav. Soldiers, and all units attached. Burns facilitated the children’s event.

“Ever since this event came up, I was sure I could do it too,” Amber said. “We bring out our children to have a day of fun, and learn a little more about the struggles their parents face.”

The Order of the Spur is a cavalry tradition in the United States Army. For cavalry Soldiers to join the Order of the Spur, they must pass a series of tests set by their command, known as the spur ride. Once accomplished, the soldiers are awarded spurs to be worn with their military uniforms.

The spur ride is normally a two-to-five-day event where a Soldier must pass a series of tests that evaluate their navigation, shooting, first responder, physical fitness and other military skills. The tests may also include a written portion covering cavalry history and tactics.

The 2-6th Cav. recently set up a lighter version of the spur ride for spouses and children, simulating a battlefield. There, Soldiers briefed children on combat tactics and the training needed.

In the spur ride, each participant provides assistance to teammates before the obstacle course, each team leader providing assistance to teammates behind.

Karen Barker, FRG advisor and family member, helped organize Saturday’s event.

“Children [of deployed Soldiers] often feel detached from their parents,” Barker said. “Our goal with this event is to serve a bridge to allow the children to feel closer to their moms or dads by showing them what their dad does for his country a little bit more.”

“My dad always bragged about doing things like this. I was sure I could do it too,” Amber said. “But it’s a lot harder than I thought.”

By the end of the run, you will be tired and have fun, but we want to give them an idea of what their dad does for his country a little bit more.”

The kids did an awesome job,” said Barker. “We brought them out here to get them muddy and have a little fun — to ease the pressure of the deployment.”

To end the event, a fire truck pulled up and hosed off the muddy children. Children screamed, laughed and danced under the cascade of water. Brown shirts turned white again and camouflage face paint washed across the concrete.

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“Hope they have a good time — and appreciate what their dad does for his country a little bit more.”

Daughter, Amber, understands the hard work her father faces.

“My dad always bragged about doing things like this. I was sure I could do it too,” Amber said. “But it’s a lot harder than I thought.”

Throughout the course of the day, children ran over piles of dirt and mud, climbed and crawled up and down hills and stealthily maneuvered their way under the rope fence.

They dodged water balloon attacks from mothers waiting on the sidelines, and attempted to sneak across the groundsundetected, armed with water guns. The children used actual military tactics, including the low crawl, and practiced to complete the run.

All participants successfully made it through the obstacle course, each team leader providing assistance to teammates behind.

Keiki spur ride participants and volunteers cheer for a job well done. Thirty-five children of the 2-6th Cav. got a taste of the Soldier’s life during a day filled with mud and fun.

Lead by Master Sgt. Burns, children run the obstacle course armed with water guns. Throughout the day, they learned how to ward off attackers and maneuver their way across the muddy track.
June

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Canoes Club — The Honolulu Pearl Canoe Club, a military-ori-
tinated outrigger paddling canoe club, is currently recruiting new
paddlers for all ages, skill levels and experience levels for
the upcoming outrigger canoe regatta season. Regatta dates
are sparses ranging from June 3, 6-9 miles, held every Sunday
from June 3 to July 22 at Kahiki Beach, Kerns Lagoon, Nanakuli
Beach and Waimanalo Beach. This private organization oper-
ates on Naval Station Pearl Harbor and is open to all military and
civilians. Learn six-man, outrigger canoe paddling skills, water
safety techniques for fun or competition in a positive so-
cial experience. All ages interested in paddling are invited
to participate in the regatta, visit the Morale, Welfare and
Recreation (MWR) Co-
idered at Rainbow Bay
Marina, near the Arizona Mem-
orial Visitor’s Center, any Monday,
Wednesday or Friday between 5
p.m. and sunset.
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for more details.

8 / Friday

Patriot Walk Run — Under this
year’s Patriot Walk Run is
“No Veteran Left Behind,” and
you are invited to participate, June 16, at 8 a.m.; however, entry
deadline is June 9.
The 5K course (3.1 mile) is a
flat, fast run around Iroquois Point Island Club, which finishes at
the beach. Cost is $17 for military and $20 for general admission.
Late entries up to race morning are $25. Free T-shirts in age
and gender categories. For more details, call the Island Club,
located at 505 Iroquois Ave., Ewa
Barracks, at 655-9799, or visit www.
honolulupearl.com.
All proceeds go toward helping veterans get off the streets or hav-
ing an affordable place to stay.

10 / Sunday

Volmcrilcll — Menhune Marchers are sponsoring a 10K
Marlin Marathon, volmcrilcll, or walk, June 10. This walk will start
at the Miliwana Community Center, corner of Kaunia Street and
Manele Parkways, at 6 a.m. It should finish by noon. Cost is $3;
call Carol at 636-1575.

Ongoing

Take Off Pounds Sensibly — The TOPS support group meets
every Thursday evening at the
Army Medical Command,
Hawaii & Vicinity. Meet to
share weight loss tips, discuss
concerns and provide encourage-
ment to each other. Call Cheryl
at 696-4423.

Golfers Wanted — Are you looking for a golf club? Military-
Fliers will be awarded in many
playing golf on Sunday mornings.
For more details, call the Island Club, 347-8101 or 347-3222.
Time is limited to allow weight loss tips, or discuss
concerns and provide encour-
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at 696-4423.

Float Fest — Fuerber’s Flyin
women’s running club invites
women of all ages and skill levels
to join them at the University of
Hawaii track at Cooke Field.
The club meets Wednesdays
from 5:15 p.m. Cost is $50 per
year. Call 377-1079.

Masters Swim Programs —
Team Move hosts a master’s swim
program weekdays from 7:30
a.m. to 7:45 p.m. on
Iroquois Point Island Club,
Schofield Barracks, from 7–8:15
a.m., and Saturdays from 7–8:15
in the Pearl City district park swimming pool.
These innovative group work-
outs are designed for beginning
and advanced swimmers. Expert
coaching is provided to improve
form and technique. All ages
are welcome. Cost is $1.50 per
month for Team Move members
and $2.50 per month for nonmem-
bers. The pool is located at 798
Hoosmann St., Pearl City.

June

1 / Friday

Swimming Pools — Effective June 1, the op-
portunities for the three of the four U.S. Army
Forces, Hawaii, swimming pools will be changed in
order to conduct staff-to-service training. Call Alax-
andres (333-0253), Topper (413-5257) or Richardson
Pool (655-3938) for new hours of operation infor-
mation.

2 / Sunday

Ladies Golf Clinic — Ladies, sharpen those gilli-
skill at a golf clinic. This clinic will be held
June 2 at the Leilehua Golf Course located out-
side the Wheeler Army Air Field front gate.
Reef: Corps protects ‘underwater rainforests’

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the protection of coral reefs as "special aquatic sites."

Also, Executive Order 13187 ("Coral Reef Protection") states all federal agencies need to use their programs to protect coral reef ecosystems and ensure that their actions don’t degrade coral reef ecosystems.

"With everything we do, whether it’s a civil works or a military construction project, we use a planning process to study and protect the coral reefs where practical," Barger explained.

Construction, operational and design impacts can be greatly reduced through sustainable and low-impact design techniques.

Regulatory policies and the Corps’ and EPA’s draft "Mitigation Rule" allow the Corps and its partners to implement mitigation that makes sense for the system – focusing on causes of coral decline rather than symptoms.

"There are exceptions in wetland mitigation to take a watershed approach and "pool" mitigation requirements for several projects to make one large mitigation area to get more "bang for your buck," Barger said. "We want to work towards this goal with coral reefs."

There are plenty of actions that we can do to turn things around, but it takes commitment from all levels," he added.

"The Corps works closely with DLNR, as well as local and federal agencies, to identify sediment sources and help manage the amount of sediment that finds its way to the ocean."

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