

WTB-Hawaii celebrates Strength of Wounded Warriors during November

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A joint services color guard presented the colors during military appreciation night at University of Hawaii vs. Air Force game, Oct. 31.

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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — November marks Warrior Care, an entire month dedicated to the Army's commitment to care and recovery of our wounded, ill and injured Soldiers, veterans, their families and caregivers.

It is also an opportunity for Warrior Transition Battalion-Hawaii to inform and educate others on the resources and care available to WTB Soldiers.

The 2015 theme is "Show your Strength." The campaign will highlight four sub-themes – recovery, rehabilitation, reintegration and remaining strong – one each week this month to highlight physical, mental and spiritual strength.

WTB-Hawaii began Warrior Care Month, Oct. 31, by being honored at a tailgate party, followed by Military Appreciation Night, at Aloha Stadium, where the University of Hawaii took on the Air Force.

For Capt. Julia Ryan, Alpha Company senior nurse case manager, this was her sons' first football game.

"The boys were so excited!" Ryan said. "It was a great experience to share together as a family, especially as UH recognized the military and their families."

Sgt. 1st Class Manser Patis, Co. A. Soldier in Transition, was selected to sit on the field in the "best seat in da house."



Sgt. First Class Manser Patis, Alpha Company Soldier in Transition, poses with the Air Force Falcon during Military Appreciation Night, Oct. 31, at Aloha Stadium. Patis was nominated for the best seat in the house.

"I'm honored to be selected to represent the WTB-Hawaii," Patis exclaimed, not containing his excitement. "It was touching that they would do all this for me!"

The theme for halftime was patriotism. A joint services color guard presented the colors and honored all branches of the military at the event.

"I don't think I'm going to be able to sleep. It was that great of a day," Patis said at the end of the evening,

On Nov. 4, WTB-Hawaii hosted its own kickoff to mark the beginning of its Warrior Care Month events. Cadre spoke on topics, which related to the first sub-theme of recovery, to include the unique make-up of the quality of care in Hawaii, and personal accounts of recovery, which take place daily at WTB-Hawaii.

Distinguished guests included Tom Lee, Military Liaison for the Office of the Governor of Hawaii, who brought a unique perspective, being that he, himself, is a wounded warrior, having gone through the WTB in 2007 in San Antonio, Texas.



1st Lt. Ryan Sutherland, Bravo Company Executive Officer, goes for a strike during Warrior Transition Battalion's "Strikes for Strength" bowling event to kick off Warrior Care Month 2015.

Following the kickoff, WTB-Hawaii hosted "Strikes for Strength" bowling to celebrate recovery. Soldiers, cadre and their families were all in attendance, and even the youngest children enjoyed the event. It was a nice way to wrap up the day, highlight the week's theme and foster esprit de corps.

WTB-Hawaii hosted numerous events during November to include a sit volleyball tournament at Martinez Gym, Nov. 10, and a water polo tournament, Nov. 12, at Richardson Pool. The tournaments were against teams from the Navy/Marines.

Upcoming Events

- Resume class, 12:30-2:30 p.m., Nov. 19, at Bldg. 663.
- Transition Expo, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Nov. 20, in Bldg. 663, the Soldier Family Assistance Center: All are welcome to attend.
- "Day in the Life of a WTB Soldier" interactive open house, 9:30 a.m., Nov. 24, which will highlight what WTB Soldiers go through when they first in-process at the WTB.