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## **PTA Commander praises Hilo students' achievements**

POHAKULOA TRAINING AREA, Hawaii— Lt. Col. Warline Richardson, PTA commander, handed out computer training certificates to more than 50 students during a simple graduation ceremony held at the Hilo Union Elementary School Library on June 2.

“All I ask is that each student dream big, stay creative, and pass on the skills they learn to others less fortunate,” Richardson said.

Also present was Andrea Brown, Powerpoint instructor of the students. Our graduates today are able to receive certificates, awards, and gifts for their achievement, all made possible with the sponsorship of Pohakuloa Training Area and the school partnership program, according to Ms. Brown.

Powerpoint is highly used as a visual aid by businesses, speakers, and instructors. It is a software application that is used as a slide or PC-based presentation in businesses for training and presentations, Brown said.

Brown added that Powerpoint can be a significant factor in educational growth.

Powerpoint adds fun into building and creating reports, stimulates imagination and skills that can be valuable in future interests, and it prepares children of today to be tomorrow's speaker, business person, movie maker, and even a graphic designer.

In the audience were many parents and siblings who had high praise for their children's achievements as they cheered and clapped during the ceremony presentations..

PTA works closely with local school authorities to coordinate this type of activity through its “Partnership with Schools” program.

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