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## Native Hawaiian Advisor contract awarded

**SCHOFIELD BARRACKS, Hawaii** – Honua Consulting of Honolulu has been awarded a contract to serve as the U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii's Native Hawaiian Advisor.

The firm, headed by Dr. Trisha Kehaulani Watson, will provide Soldiers and families with classes on Native Hawaiian culture, history and activities, and will coordinate opportunities for Native Hawaiian groups and organizations to visit and learn about Army missions and training in the state. The firm will also help facilitate the garrison's Native Hawaiian Advisory Council.

"We've made a serious commitment to enhancing better understanding between the Army and the Native Hawaiian community," said Col. Daniel Whitney, commander, USAG-HI. "This contract reinforces that commitment and the mutual education goals between our two communities outlined in the Army's 2010 Native Hawaiian Covenant."

"We are extremely excited to have this opportunity to work with the Army in continuing to build its Native Hawaiian cultural and educational programs," Watson said. "We appreciate the Army's commitment to building its relationship with the Native Hawaiian community."

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**Note:** For information regarding U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii's Native Hawaiian Advisor, please contact Dennis Drake, Director of Public Affairs, at 656-3154.