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singularly focused on
executing quality projects
relevant, ready,
responsive and reliable
and having fun!"**



Aloha to the friends and members of the POH Ohana!

The District continues to have a lot going on. Consider what's been going on since my last report to you in this forum. Since then, we've had some major missions, hit some significant milestones and achieved some great accomplishments, many of which you have the opportunity to read about in these pages. In the past two months, we've deployed the 565th Engineer Detachment Forward Engineer Support Team – Advance to Afghanistan where they are doing a tremendous job supporting RC-South; we supported the local Makani Pahili exercise to strengthen our local relationships and internal procedures to support a natural disaster in the Hawaiian islands and prepare for the 2012 Hurricane Season; dedicated a repaired shore protection project in American Samoa; broke ground on many new projects to include Phase 1 of the new USARPAC headquarters, Warrior in Transition Facilities at Schofield Barracks, Vietnam Pavilion at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl and a new barracks complex at Helemano Military Reservation; and we are postured to break ground on a great ecosystem restoration project at Kawainui Marsh. In support of our world-class workforce we've held an informative District Safety Day and a great Organization Day at Bellows Air Station. And of course we continue to execute an enormous construction workload while doing all the other things we do daily to serve our many stakeholders. I'm extremely proud of what the District is doing every day to serve the Service members and communities of the Pacific.

You have probably already noticed, but the summer change of command season is already upon us. This year, the Honolulu District will be among those organizations changing command. On July 18, I will pass command of this great organization to Lt. Col. Tom Asbery. He is not new to the Army Corps of Engineers, having spent time in USACE's Europe District. That experience, along with 18 years of leadership and service to our nation, will serve him well as he leads the Honolulu District over the next couple of years. Since this will be my last opportunity to write to you in this forum, let me say just a few things. It's been a humble privilege for me to serve as the 67th Commander and District Engineer of the Honolulu District for the last two years. It's been personally and professionally rewarding on so many levels. I'm never failed to be impressed by quality of professionals serving in the District or their steadfast commitment to solving the region's most challenging engineering problems. The magnitude of the mission these great Americans execute every day is staggering. A quick look at the pages of this magazine shows you that the people of the Honolulu District are making a difference every day and validating that this is "the best place where the best people serve."

Kate and I have been honored to serve with each of you and look forward to seeing and serving with you all again. Mahalo for your support and friendship.

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565th Engineer Detachment Deploys to Afghanistan

The Honolulu District-based 565th Engineer Detachment, Forward Engineer Support Team-Advance (FEST-A) held a Deployment Casing Ceremony April 24 at Fort Shafter's Palm Circle to mark its official deployment to support Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan.

Presiding over the ceremony, Honolulu District Commander, Lt. Col. Douglas B. Guttormsen praised the Detachment and commended the spirit of volunteerism that the team-members exemplify.

"No FEST unit that I am aware of has established a better reputation across the Corps and across the Pacific," Guttormsen said. "The unit's unique skills and capabilities have made a significant engineering impact in the Pacific during the last three years and will continue to make a difference when deployed downrange."

The FEST-A consists of a Detachment Commander, a non-commissioned officer-in-charge and six Department of Defense civilians who serve in the jobs of a geographic information system specialist, and civil, structural, environmental, mechanical and electrical engineers with other engineering disciplines available for augmentation depending on the mission.

The detachment is deployed to Kandahar Air Base Afghanistan and is providing technical engineering support to Regional Command South, currently headquartered by the 82nd Airborne Division. According to 565th Commander, Maj. William C. Hannan Jr., "The detachment has worked extremely hard over the past



year and is ready for its Afghanistan mission. I couldn't be more proud of this team and we all look forward to providing excellent technical engineer support wherever our mission takes us in Afghanistan."

The original 565th was constituted on Sept. 9, 1944 in the Army of the United States as the 3090th Engineer Service Detachment. On March 20, 1951 it was designated as the 565th Engineer Welding Detachment and allotted to the Regular Army and eventually, as the 565th Engineer Detachment on April 22, 1965.

Since that date the unit has been activated and deactivated three times with the recent activation date of Oct. 16, 2007. The unit saw extensive action during World War II in Normandy and Germany and during the Vietnam War.

The current unit, which has been active since Oct. 2007, has the mission of providing responsive technical engineer planning and limited design capabilities in support of combatant commands and civil agencies for the Full Spectrum of Operations. The unit has traveled to the



565th ENG DET Commander Maj. William Hannan (center left), Mike Bruse and Sgt. 1st Class Gary Malkin case the detachment guidon. Photo by Angela E. Kershner

Philippines, the Republic of Palau, the Marshall Islands, Germany, Korea and to Thailand in support of the Corps.

The evolution of an on-call, all-volunteer FEST-A to an established military unit was motivated by the Corps' No. 1 goal in its Campaign Plan, which is delivering USACE support to combat, stability and disaster operations through forward deployed and reach-back capabilities.

As the Army's needs have changed since the Cold War, the FEST-A has become a vital asset. With military deployments to nations such as Somalia, Bosnia, Saudi Arabia, Iraq and

Afghanistan since the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989, the Army and USACE discovered gaps in their ability to rapidly provide the facilities in these austere environments that U.S. service members need to conduct operations.

The Corps responded by ensuring the top priority was executing the concept of field force engineering. It started in 1999 with the establishment of "Legacy FEST-As", and teams for logistics, environmental support, contingency real estate and infrastructure assessment. The Alaska District was the first FEST-A to go into Iraq in 2003. By 2009, field force engineering became a formal part of the Army.



565th Engineer Detachment, Forward Engineer Support Team-Advance (FEST-A) Commander Maj. William Hannan (front) will lead the eight-man Honolulu District-based team on deployment to support Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan. Photo by Angela E. Kershner

Army Corps, Army Garrison Break Ground on New Schofield Barracks Warriors in Transition Complex

Story by Dino W. Buchanan
Pacific Connection Editor

With the turning of soil by seven Hawaiian 'O'o sticks on April 2, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii and contractor Nordic PCL Construction, Inc. officials broke ground on a new \$59.085 million Warriors in Transition barracks and complex during a traditional Hawaiian site blessing ceremony.

The new 120 personnel Soldier barracks and the complex, which includes a Soldier Family Assistance Center (SFAC), will be built on an existing parking area adjacent to the post Medical clinic.

"This is an enormously important project for us and our Soldiers," said U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii (USAG-HI) Executive Officer Col. Jay Hammer. "It's important for those Soldiers that have gone into combat and returned hurt with sustained life-long injuries."

During the ceremony Honolulu District Commander Lt. Col. Douglas B. Guttormsen told guests that construction of this project showcases the Corps' commitment to building quality facilities for the Garrison and Wounded Warriors returning from deployments.

"Half of this new barracks will be the same as those recently built here at Schofield – but the other half will be different – being uniquely designed with the wounded warrior in mind," Guttormsen said. "These new facilities are being constructed in order to support the wounded warriors' needs and for Soldiers currently occupying the Warrior Transition Battalion trailers and Bldg 692."

Warrior Transition Battalion Deputy Commander Stephanie Garvin told guests at the ceremonies the battalion is eagerly looking forward to consolidating its operations into one location.

"Currently our battalion is spread out in numerous locations around the post, and these new facilities will allow us to work from one location and provide the best services possible," Garvin said. "It will make it easier not only for the wounded Soldiers, but their families as well."

The design-build construction contract for the barracks and SFAC complex was awarded to Nordic PCL Construction in March 2011. Completion is scheduled for October 2013.

This design-build construction contract is for building two structures, the five-story, 120 person barracks; a four-story building combining the SFAC, two company operations facilities (COFs), and one battalion headquarters (BOF); plus a central plant and other facilities.

The project is being done in two phases as existing parking is first being removed and additional parking is being created along McCornack Road across from the Dental Clinic. Once the parking area phase is complete then construction of the two structures will commence. There will be a net gain of 170 parking stalls (255 total spaces after completion).

The barracks will be constructed in a unique design to accommodate wounded warriors and will have many ADA-compliant features.



USAG-HI Executive Officer Col. Jay Hammer, (third from right) leads the turning of the soil for the \$59.085 million Warrior in Transition Barracks and complex April 2. Also participating were (left to right) Lloyd Arakaki, Architects Hawaii, Ltd.; Dickson Ma, Schofield Barracks Area Engineer; Maj. Stephanie Garvin, deputy commander Warrior Transition Battalion, Schofield Barracks; Glen Kaneshige, president, Nordic PCL, Inc., Col. Hammer; Honolulu District Commander Lt. Col. Douglas B. Guttormsen; and Owen Ogata, Construction Project Engineer, Honolulu District. Photo by Dino W. Buchanan

The barracks will have 30 units on one side in a one-plus-one configuration, consisting of two bedrooms with walk-in closets, a shared bath and a kitchenette/ dining area. Laundry facilities for the one-plus-one units will be located in the hallway on each floor. The 30 units on the opposite side will be in a Strickland suite design of two bedrooms – each with its own bathroom with roll-in showers, walk-in closets, a shared living room, a shared kitchenette/dining area and full laundry facilities inside the unit. Additionally all of the first floor Strickland suites will be ADA compliant for access.

The adjacent four-story building will house the SFAC on the first floor, with the two COFs on the second and third floors and the BOF on the fourth floor. The SFAC will include child care facilities that will have direct access to the children's outdoor playground being constructed directly adjacent to the new building.

Sustainability and protecting the environment are also key components in the construction of this barracks as several significant innovations and energy saving elements will be included in the barracks including solar water heating and high-efficiency appliances and plumbing systems. Nordic will be pursuing LEED Silver certification through the U.S. Green Building Council.

Participating in the traditional maile lei untying ceremony were Col. Hammer; Lt. Col. Guttormsen; Glen Kaneshige, president, Nordic PCL and Maj. Garvin.

The Rev. Dr. Kaleo Patterson of the Pacific Justice and Reconciliation Center led the Ha-

waiian blessing and maile lei untying / ground breaking ceremonies. Also attending the ceremonies was Col. Jennifer Walker, Deputy Commander for Clinical Services, U.S. Army Health Clinic - Schofield Barracks.

The U.S. Army established Warrior Transition Units (WTUs) at major military treatment facilities located around the world. WTUs provide personal support to wounded Soldiers who require at least six months of rehabilitative care and complex medical management.

A WTU closely resembles a "line" Army unit, with a professional cadre and integrated Army processes that builds on the Army's strength of unit cohesion and teamwork so that wounded Soldiers can focus on healing to transition back to the Army or to civilian status. Each wounded, ill, and injured Soldier works with a Triad of Care—primary care manager (normally a physician), nurse case manager, and squad leader—who coordinate their care with other clinical and non-clinical professionals.

The Warrior Transition Brigade (WTB) is unlike any other brigade in the Army with these units focused only on healing wounded Soldiers. The WTB is a unique composition of multiple components, consisting of active duty, Reserve and National Guard members and Department of the Army civilians. Schofield Barracks has roughly 180 Soldiers assigned to the WTB.



Leaders from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers joined officials from the Veterans Administration, the American Battle Monuments Commission and others on May 9 to break ground and bless the new Vietnam Pavilions Project at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl. From left to right: Honolulu District Chief, Military Branch, Andrew Kohashi; Honolulu District Project Manager Jason Tanaka; Contractor Mike Gangloff; ABMC Chief of Staff Michael Conley; Director, National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific Gene Castagnetti; Honolulu District Commander Lt. Col. Douglas B. Guttormsen; ABMC Director, U.S. Memorials, Thomas Sole; President Fung Associates Louis Fung (architect); Contractor Paul Wong and State of Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources Deputy Director William Tam. Photo by Joseph Bonfiglio

Corps of Engineers Joins ABMC, VA and DLNR for Vietnam Pavilions Project Groundbreaking at Punchbowl

Story by
Joseph Bonfiglio

Chief, Honolulu District Public Affairs

Leaders from the Corps of Engineers joined officials from the American Battle Monuments Commission, the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources and others May 9 to break ground for the new Vietnam Pavilions Project at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl.

In April, the Corps awarded a construction contract to build the new pavilions to Innovative-Mira Joint Venture (IM JV LLC) of Aiea, Oahu. The lead architect and designer is Fung Associates, Inc. of Honolulu.

"The Army Corps of Engineers has been serving our nation for 107 years, since 1905. In that time, we've built a lot of projects in a lot of places across the Pacific. I would argue today that none of those projects is more significant or will have a more enduring legacy than the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, which we constructed in the late 1940s and which first opened on July 19, 1949," said Honolulu District Commander Lt. Col. Douglas B. Guttormsen.

"Since then, we've had the solemn privilege to manage the construction of a number of renovations and upgrades to this monument and these hallowed grounds. We're here today to break ground and bless our latest project to honor our Vietnam era Veterans and their sacrifices," said Guttormsen.

"With the addition of these pavilions, we will appropriately honor the service and sacrifice of those who fought in Vietnam and in par-

ticular those commemorated in the memorial's courts of the missing," said Mike Conley, Chief of Staff for the American Battle Monuments Commission.

According to Director of the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl, Gene Castagnetti, "as a Vietnam Veteran, I'd like to be the voice of those who can't be here today. Over 3.5 million American men and women served in the Vietnam Campaign. Five hundred and forty three thousand actually fought in country [at its peak]. Of that number, 300,000 were wounded and 58,000 were killed in action. This was an enormous sacrifice. And we have 2,489 names listed in our courts of the missing. And when you look at the name of this cemetery, the Hawaiian word is Puowaina (Hill of Sacrifice) it is appropriate to honor the American sacrifice in that era for the noble cause of Vietnam. Today we honor those Veterans and today's ceremony shows that they are not forgotten."

The project entails constructing two new pavilions located next to the two existing flag poles which flank the processional stairs of the Honolulu Memorial, one of 25 federal memorials maintained worldwide by the American Battle Monuments Commission (ABMC). The design of the new pavilions will be compatible with the materials, features and architectural style of the existing map galleries' terminating pavilions. One of the two pavilions will include Vietnam War battle maps to complement the existing World War II and Korean War battle maps. The other pavilion will serve as an orientation center for the Memorial.

In addition, the project will provide exterior illumination to the pavilions and, repair and/or replace existing walkway areas, drainage and landscaping that are affected by the construc-

tion. Handicap accessibility will be improved to the Memorial by adding a handicap ramp to the Mauka side map gallery entrance, rebuilding the handicap ramps to the restrooms to meet current guidelines, and providing an accessible parking and loading stall in the upper area of the Memorial.

The actual Honolulu Memorial inside the cemetery grounds was built by the Corps of Engineers and dedicated in 1966 to honor those missing in action from World War II's Pacific theater and the Korean War and contains wall-mounted battle maps commemorating famous battles, such as the Battle of Midway. The memorial was expanded in 1980 to bear the names of 2,504 missing service members from the Vietnam War, but battle maps from the Vietnam War were not included.

During construction of the new pavilions and handicap accessibility improvements, public access to portions of the Memorial may be limited. However, access to the Memorial Chapel, columbarium, and all gravesites will not be affected. The Committal Services, interments and burials conducted by the Department of Veterans Affairs, National Cemetery Administration will continue without interruption.

The Honolulu Memorial commemorates 18,096 American World War II missing from the Pacific, excluding those from the southwest Pacific; 8,200 Americans missing from the Korean War; and 2,504 Americans missing from the Vietnam War. Galleries containing mosaic maps and descriptions of the achievements of the American armed forces in the Central and South Pacific regions in World War II and in Korea flank the memorial chapel.

Project completion is scheduled for November 2012.

District joins City and County of Honolulu, Community to Celebrate Earth Day 2012

Story by
Joseph Bonfiglio

Chief, Honolulu District Public Affairs

Volunteers from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers partnered with the City and County of Honolulu and other concerned citizens on April 14 to participate in Honolulu's Earth Day 2012 Mauka to Makai Clean Water Expo.

Approximately 30 volunteers from the Punahou High School Junior ROTC program (which includes students from other area high schools including Damien and some local home-schooled students), members of the Radford High School African-American Club and Corps' employees and family members joined forces to clean up the beach and berm area of the Corps' Pacific Regional Visitor Center (RVC) at Fort DeRussy. Over 50 volunteers participated.

"We're excited to be out here," said Lt. Col. Robert Takao, commander of the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps at Punahou High School. "I'm very encouraged by what I see of these young people," Takao said. "They need adults to steer them in the right direction and the (RVC) staff, by providing these opportunities in an organized and safe manner, enables these students to have a good experience which will make them want to come back and do this again. I'm very happy with the staff here and what they have done to organize this event and support it."

"We've had a good relationship with the RVC staff for a number of years both in terms of education and service. The Corps should be pleased that they have forged this relationship with the JROTC program over the years," Takao said.

The cleanup was part of Earth Month Mauka to Makai efforts to protect the Ala Wai Watershed and Oahu's reefs.

In addition, the cleanup was also an America's Great Outdoors event which promotes President Obama's vision to have Americans get out, get fit and appreciate and care for our Great Outdoors.

"We're celebrating Earth Day with our volunteer groups to come out and clean up the beach berm behind the Regional Visitor Center, picking up the litter, and making people aware of some of the things and activities we can do to help save our planet," said Mike Wong, Chief of the Civil Works Technical Branch at the Honolulu District.

"I always feel good when we can convey some of the messages about saving our planet and keeping it clean to the younger kids," Wong said.

"Our Park Ranger Angela Jones and my Administrative Assistant, Joanne Brostrom did a super job in organizing and coordinating this event."

In addition to the Fort DeRussy cleanup, the City and County of Honolulu Department of Environmental Services sponsored other environmental events the same day including an Earth Day Mauka to Makai Clean Water Expo at the Waikiki Aquarium with participants from



Students from the Punahou High School Junior ROTC program and Corps' employees and family members joined forces to clean up the beach and berm area of the Corps' Pacific Regional Visitor Center at Fort DeRussy as part of Honolulu's Earth Day 2012 Mauka to Makai Clean Water Expo. Photo by Joseph Bonfiglio

many organizations interested in keeping Honolulu clean and green.

The expo showcased the efforts of city, state and federal agencies to preserve and protect Hawaii's environment, with an emphasis on the Islands' unique water resources.



Mauka to Makai, a Clean Water Expo at the Waikiki Aquarium, offered family-friendly activities and hands-on educational displays. The free green event showcased more than 20 city, state and federal agencies that work together

to preserve and protect Hawaii's environment, with an emphasis on Hawaii's water resources.

Cindy Barger of the Honolulu District attended the expo and told participants about the Ala Wai Watershed project in which the Corps is teaming up with the City and County of Honolulu and the State of Hawaii to study various solutions for a comprehensive watershed approach to reducing the risk of flooding, restore the aquatic ecosystem and improving the water quality of the area. Barger manned the Corps' booth at the event to educate the community on issues in the watershed and objectives of the Ala Wai Watershed Project.

Partners in the Ala Wai Watershed Project also had booths at the event: the Natural Resources Conservation Service; City and County Department of Environmental Services; Board of Water Supply; Department of Land and Natural Resources, Commission for Water Resource Management and the Department of Health.

All of the events featured family-friendly and hands-on educational displays by city, state and federal agencies and the University of Hawaii. Hundreds of people participated in several events around the city and county including many adopt a stream clean ups in the Ala Wai watershed. Earth Day in Honolulu increases awareness and support for ongoing education and efforts to build partnerships and grassroots involvement to keep the aina clean year-round.



Army Breaks Ground on Future USARPAC Command Facility

United States Army Pacific broke ground on the first phase of a new command and control facility at Fort Shafter, Hawaii on April 9. When totally completed, the facility will provide a new mission essential operational headquarters supporting the Theater Army, critical to the security and stability of the Pacific Theater. (Top) Breaking ground from left to right are: U.S. Army Pacific Commander Lt. Gen. Francis J. Wiercinski; Hawaii Sen. Daniel K. Inouye; Niking Corp. Inc. President Robert King; Commander U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii Col. Douglas S. Mulbury and Honolulu District Commander Lt. Col. Douglas B. Guttormsen. Photo by Joseph Bonfiglio

(Right) An architectural rendering of the entry way to the future United States Army Pacific command and control facility. Courtesy graphic



Makani Pahili 2012: CTOC Team Trains for Potential Disasters

Honolulu District personnel participated in the State of Hawaii and Joint Task Force-Homeland Defense's *Makani Pahili* Exercise in early June.

District-wide support of the annual catastrophic disaster response exercise included internal drills and table-top exercises to assess the command's capability to execute mission essential functions and provide external support to the State of Hawaii / JTF-HD in the event of a Category 4 hurricane impact to the Hawaiian Islands.

One important capability of the District's disaster response is deployment of the Containerized Tactical Operations Center (CTOC) and CTOC team. The containerized system provides a rapidly deployable tactical operations and communications platform for first responders where there are no available facilities or communications capabilities.

Photos by Angela E. Kershner



Safety Day 2012:

Promoting Safety and Health Awareness



Photo by Dino W. Buchanan



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Honolulu District held its 18th Annual Safety Day in late May focusing on increasing the safety and health awareness for all employees while enjoying a day filled with fun, fitness and camaraderie.

More than 80 employees (top) began the day with a brisk four mile run or a two mile walk around Fort Shafter.

The all-day event continued with Water Safety Awareness training by the District's Park Ranger Angela Jones and Debbie Solis (above left) at Fort Shafter's 1st Lt. Jon Brostrom Community Center pool, blood pressure checks provided by U.S. Army nurses, guidance on Dental Hygiene by U.S. Navy Health personnel and an educational brief on Diabetes Control by Capt. Joy Metevier (above right) from Tripler Army Medical Center's Nutrition Clinic. Local Hawaii comedian and DoD civilian employee Bo Irvine (right) addressed a standing room-only crowd on Risk Management.

Seminars on Hazard Communication and Fall Protection were also held at the District's Fort Shafter Area Office at Tripler Army Medical Center and Schofield Barracks Area Office.

All sessions were well-attended by District employees eager to learn about the various topics offered, with attendance at the events earning employees credit towards their mandatory annual safety training goals.

Photo by Joseph Bonfiglio



Asian Pacific-Islanders American Heritage Month



In honor of Asian Pacific-Islanders American Heritage Month, the Honolulu District Special Emphasis Program Committee (SEPC) presented guest speaker Annelie Amaral, who held a panel discussion on "A Focus on Hawaiian Culture and the American Military." Amaral is the highly respected Native Hawaiian liaison for U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii. Her mission for the Garrison is "to create and maintain a trusting and mutually beneficial relationship between the Native Hawaiian community and the U.S. Army-Hawaii that promotes activities which honor, defend and enrich the sanctity of life, core principles of a sustainable society and the physical attributes and values of Hawaii that define the host culture and goals of the U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii." She has more than 20 years of experience within the Hawaii public sector including having served with the Honolulu Police Department from 1975 to 1982 as a Honolulu Police Officer. She has worked for State government in various functions from 1982 to 1996, as the State Coordinator of the Office of Affirmative Action under former Hawaii Governor George Ariyoshi, as the Deputy Administrator for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, and as a member of the House of Representative of the Hawaii State Legislature, retiring as the Majority Floor Leader in 1996. Photo by Angela E. Kershner

New District Telephone Numbers Implemented

Honolulu District has switched to a new digital Voice-over-Internet Protocol (VoIP) telephone system, a change that makes the District more cost effective and efficient, but also changes our legacy phone numbers. We realize that this may initially be an inconvenience to those we work with and support. Listed below are the new telephone numbers for key District offices.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call us on one of our main numbers.

Main Honolulu District Contact Numbers:

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|--------------------------------------|--------------|---------------------------------|--------------|
| General Questions | 808-835-4004 | Regulatory (Permits) | 808-835-4303 |
| District Commander/ Executive Office | 808-835-4000 | Contracting | 808-835-4386 |
| Emergency Management | 808-835-4017 | Engineering and Construction | 808-835-4112 |
| Environmental Programs (FUDS) | 808-835-4079 | Programs and Project Management | 808-835-4100 |
| Legal / Office of Counsel | 808-835-4428 | - Military Programs | 808-835-4062 |
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| Small and Disadvantaged Businesses | 808-835-4020 | | |
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District Employees Honored with Honolulu-Pacific FEB Awards

Honolulu District employees were honored at the 2012 Honolulu-Pacific Federal Executive Board (FEB) Excellence in Government Awards luncheon held in April at the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel.

The District Honorees were:

- Employer of Choice: Honolulu District
- Team Excellence: Assessment Team of the Federated States of Micronesia's Program Management Unit (Team : Athline Clark, Joanne Hasegawa, Jonathan Swanson, Thomas Maruyama, Raymond Kong, and Sharon Ishikawa)
- Federal Supervisor/Manager of the Year: Dan Nakamura
- Federal Employee of the Year - Professional, Administrative and Technical: Walter Nagai
- Federal Employee of the Year - Clerical and Assistant: Diane Oda
- Federal Employee of the Year - Trades and Crafts: Clifford Olivera
- Exceptional Community Service: Louis Muzzarini, Jr.
- Leader of the Year: Candace Lotomau
- Mentor of the Year: Niel Tamayori



Employer of Choice: Honolulu District Accepting: District Commander Lt. Col. Douglas Guttormsen



Federal Employee of the Year - Professional, Administrative and Technical: Walter Nagai



Exceptional Community Service: Louis Muzzarini, Jr.



Team Excellence: Assessment Team of the Federated States of Micronesia's Program Management Unit



Federal Employee of the Year - Clerical and Assistant: Diane Oda.



Leader of the Year: Candace Lotomau



Federal Supervisor/Manager of the Year: Dan Nakamura



Federal Employee of the Year - Trades and Crafts: Clifford Olivera.



Mentor of the Year: Niel Tamayori

Corps Completes FUDS Cleanup at Saipan's Edoni Site

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Honolulu District, announced today that the Edoni Formerly Used Defense Site (FUDS) cleanup on the island of Saipan in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) has been successfully completed.

The site, located on Capital Hill, has been cleaned up by the Corps to a level that allows for unlimited use.

The Edoni Site encompasses roughly 1.4 acres and is a former borrow pit where coral aggregate was mined.

The environmental investigation and cleanup of Edoni Site was performed under the Defense Environmental Restoration Program for Formerly Used Defense Sites (DERP-FUDS), a program initiated in 1983 by the U.S. Congress in response to concerns about former abandoned military properties and releases of hazardous substances from those properties.

The purpose of DERP-FUDS is to ensure environmental restoration of formerly used defense sites. The program's objective is to reduce - in a timely, cost-effective manner - risks to human health and safety and the environment resulting from past U.S. military activities.

The cleanup project included the removal of 1,537 cubic yards of soil contaminated with PCBs (polychlorinated biphenyls) and about 1,800 cubic yards of lead tainted soil to meet the environmental cleanup levels established by the CNMI Division of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for unrestricted use.

According to Honolulu District FUDS Project Manager Helene Takemoto, "our goal in the FUDS program is to reduce risk to human health and the environment through implementation of effective, legally compliant, and cost-effective response actions done to the highest standards of safety."

"We are very pleased to be winding up another successful environmental project that will have a positive impact on the people of Saipan. We are fully committed to public health and the safety of our workers and the public," Takemoto said.



Contaminated soil is removed from the Edoni Formerly Used Defense Site (FUDS) on Saipan. The extraction site was used by the U.S. military during and after World War II as a waste repository. Photo by Helene Takemoto

Army Corps, Garrison Break Ground for Helemano Unaccompanied Enlisted Personnel Housing Facility

Story by Dino W. Buchanan
Pacific Connection Editor

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Honolulu District and Honolulu-based contractor Sumo-Nan, LLC officials broke ground June 14 on a new unaccompanied enlisted personnel housing facility (barracks) for 140 personnel at Helemano Military Reservation.

Kahu Sherman Thompson led the site blessing and groundbreaking ceremonies that were attended by U.S. Army Garrison- Hawaii Executive Officer Col. Jay Hammer, USAG-HI Directorate of Public Works Project Manager Svetlana O'Malley, Stan Sagum, project engineer, SUMO-NAN JV and Honolulu District's Chief, Construction Branch, Louis Muzzarini.

"Honolulu District is committed to building and managing the construction of high quality projects that improve the quality of life for service members and their families and that provide jobs and money which stimulate the local economy," said Honolulu District's Chief, Construction Branch, Louis Muzzarini. "While this is the first barracks to be constructed by SUMO-NAN, LLC, NAN has successfully completed several barracks for the Army, most recently having built the New Barracks on Fort Shafter."

The new facility will have 70 units in a one-plus-one configuration consisting of two bedrooms with walk-in closets, a shared bath, a kitchenette and dining area, with fire alarm/sprinkler protection, air conditioning and mass notification systems. The barracks includes laundry facilities on each floor, boot wash stations at each ground floor entry, a full basketball court, barbeque area, plus motorcycle and bicycle shelters. The contractor's design team will



Kahu Sherman Thompson (left) assists Stan Sagum, project engineer, SUMO-NAN JV, U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii Executive Officer Col. Jay Hammer, and Honolulu District's Chief, Construction Branch, Louis Muzzarini with the ceremonial untying of the maile lei during site blessing and groundbreaking ceremonies for a new 140 personnel barracks . Photo by Dino W. Buchanan

be required to meet Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver certification or better for the design and construction of the facility.

Upon completion, the barracks is scheduled to be occupied by the Soldiers of the 307th Integrated Theater Signal Battalion.

The project was awarded as a \$28,024,553 firm-fixed-price contract on Sept. 1, 2011 after being solicited as a small business set-aside and having eight proposals received. The project completion date is Oct. 2013.



District Holds Blood Drive In Memory of Former Employee

Last year our friend and coworker, Francis Tonaki (Logistics Delivery Point, Honolulu) passed away. At his request and a few months prior to his passing, we held a blood drive to encourage blood donation and to help others in need.

In his memory, the District held another blood drive in mid-June. Blood donations were taken by personnel from the Armed Services Blood Program, Tripler Army Medical Center Blood Donor Center. Blood donor appointments were taken in advance online and walk-ins welcomed as well. Sixteen pints of blood were donated by District employees.

At left, Assistant District Council Lindsey Kasperowicz brought some light reading material with her while donating a pint. Photo by Angela E. Kershner

Org Day 2012: District Camaraderie at Bellows AFS



Photo by Waverly Johnson



Photo by Waverly Johnson



Photo by Joseph Bonfiglio



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More than 200 employees, family members, friends and District retirees gathered in mid-June for the District's 2012 Organization Day at Bellows Air Force Station on Oahu.

This annual event allows the hardworking workforce time to enjoy camaraderie while having some fun.

Employees enjoyed a brisk Zumba exercise session in the morning, various games as well as plenty of time to relax, barbeque and enjoy the beach. Children were also able to enjoy a jump house.

EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH

EMPLOYEE AWARDS PROGRAM

Every month employees are chosen as Honolulu District Employees of the Month. In addition to being immortalized on the "Plaque of Fame" in Bldg. 230, they receive a special reserved parking space and a choice of *Lokahi* gifts.

The Employee of the Month program is managed by the Awards Committee which is empowered to act on behalf of the District Commander.

The Committee, manages a number of award programs including: *Lokahi*, Top 60, On-the-Spot, the District's annual awards and other special commendations.

March



JOSH MUELLER

Josh is recognized for his drive to continually research the issues to develop contracting solutions. He's proactive in his approach to every project and diligent in engaging internal business partners. His desire to do the right thing for our customers and tax payers has a positive impact in delivering quality projects and services, on time and in budget.

March



GLEN OSHIRO

Was recognized for his outstanding service in developing the negotiation documents for the FY13 Stryker Brigade Combat Team Complex Phase I - a unique venture that partners the POH's in-house design staff with a private Architect-Engineer team to prepare the full design package.

April



ANGELA KERSHNER

Demonstrated outstanding leadership and technical skills leading the District Website Migration PDT, updating/coordinating all content and migrating the information to the new website. She spent several months diligently working with offices to update their content for this migration.

May



MAJ. SALLY HANNAN

Was recognized for outstanding leadership acumen/ commitment to excellence in executing various politically sensitive FUDS projects at various stages of investigation and cleanup. She aggressively reached out to communities impacted by our projects through many forums such as Restoration Advisory Boards (RAB).

June



TRISTIN SUETSUGU

Tristin volunteered to be the contract specialist for the 8(a) MATOC, Fort Shafter Flats Flood Mitigation Project, Palau Repair, and the AMR Waterline projects. As a second-year intern, she has accepted the challenges of understanding construction contracting and has issued all the solicitations in a timely manner.

DLNR Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation and Corps of Engineers Terminate Navigation Improvement Project for Ma'alaea Small Boat Harbor

Story by
*Honolulu District Public Affairs &
Hawaii DLNR Public Affairs*

Based on careful consideration of the implementation costs, regulatory requirements and other concerns expressed by the community, the navigation improvement project for the Ma'alaea Small Boat Harbor has been terminated by the project sponsors.

The project involved investigation of harbor improvements to address navigational safety and surge-related problems in Ma'alaea Harbor. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) was the Federal sponsor, and the State of Hawaii's Department of Land and Natural Resources Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation (DOBOR) was the non-Federal sponsor. The project was originally authorized in 1968 and, over the course of time, a variety of alternative project designs including both

external and internal breakwater structures were investigated to address the navigational safety and surge-related problems. However, concerns over impacts to adjacent surf breaks and biological resources were raised on several occasions, resulting in multiple delays in the planning process.

Most recently, USACE and DOBOR re-initiated the project in 2009, with a focus on using stakeholder input and updated technical information to better define and inform the planning process.

Through this effort, the decision to terminate the project was made based on careful consideration of the high cost associated with the proposed improvements (particularly in light of the current and foreseeable economic conditions), the regulatory constraints and mitigation requirements for unavoidable impacts to coral reefs, and community concerns regarding impacts to surf sites and natural resources.

"Based on stakeholder input, we are choosing not to move forward on this project at this time. We thank the

community for their input and will continue to work with residents to identify priority projects in Maui County," said William J. Aila, Jr., DLNR Chairperson.

Independent of this project, the State of Hawaii has initiated improvements to the existing harbor infrastructure, including upgrades to the existing utilities (e.g., water and wastewater), a new ferry terminal building and loading facility, a new comfort station, and parking lot improvements.

In addition, the harbor's northern catwalk has recently been replaced. Although not specifically intended to address surge-related or navigational safety issues, it is expected that these efforts will significantly improve conditions for boaters and other users of the harbor. DOBOR will continue to assess conditions within Ma'alaea Harbor, with consideration given to community needs and environmental requirements, and may consider future actions as needed to maintain a safe and functioning harbor.

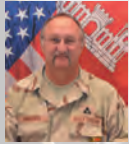
Aloha to our Overseas Contingency Operations volunteers who are deployed to Afghanistan:



Nicholas Morikawa



Fred Nakahara



Steven Prudence



Derek Chow

TRANSITIONS

Welcome: Thomas Hiltner / Lt. Col. Thomas D. Asbery / Matthew Perrett / Jennifer Eugenio / Zacahary Horiuchi / Michelle Lazaro / Cainan Shinjo / Geraldine Ribao

Welcome Back: Jeff Daniels / Maj. Jeremiah Gipson

Goodbye: Ray Kong / Yvette Storay / Jay Kashiwamura / Sharon Kusoda / Steve Stello / Owen Ogata / Dominique Cordy / Ed Yoshimura / Susan Chun / Jim Sherman / Maj. Jeremiah Gipson



District Commander Lt. Col. Douglas B. Guttormsen presented Ike Borja with a commemorative koa jewelry box at the District's Pa'ina held in March in appreciation for Borja's multiple deployments to Afghanistan. Photo by Angela E. Kershner

Employee Retirements

The District Ohana congratulates Susan Chun (Office of Counsel) and Ed Yoshimura (Schofield Barracks Area Office) who retired from federal service in June.



Ed is retiring prior to starting a new career with the City & County of Honolulu as a contract hire engineer. He worked for the federal government for 36 years.



Susan is retiring following 35 years of federal service.

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