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Commander's Comments



Lt. Col. David E. Anderson
Commander and District Engineer

The year 2005 was a challenging year for the Honolulu Engineer District.

I'm so proud of all we've accomplished, how we've overcome serious challenges that were thrown in our path, and how we have contributed to the well-being of Soldiers, civilians, and the environment.

On the cover: The Year 2005



Cover design by Roland I. Stine depicts a montage of projects and successes for 2005.

I'm proud how so many of us have stood up to support disaster relief and the Global War on Terror.

I want to personally thank all the volunteers who deployed to Afghanistan, Iraq and Kosovo as well as those who volunteered in response to Hurricanes Dennis, Katrina, Rita and Wilma and the tsunami in Indonesia.

Also thanks to those who stayed behind taking on the additional duties of those deployed. Volunteering and making a difference exemplifies the generous aloha spirit that makes up the Honolulu District.

Times and technologies may have changed but HED's basic mission:

to provide superior federal engineering and related services in the Pacific Region in order to strengthen the Nation's security and improve our quality of life

remains relatively unchanged.

This year marked HED's Centennial — 100 years of contributions to the defense of the Pacific and the country. We, along with all those who came before us, have earned the Nation's trust by delivering quality projects. We've evolved to meet the needs of the Nation and balance the needs of the environment. Recent world circumstances have created a new type of war and supporting our Soldiers in this Global War on Terror remains our number one priority.

I'm confident we'll maintain the momentum of our successes in 2005 and focus on the hard work ahead. Projects and initiatives like Whole Barracks Renewal, MILCON transformation, Global War on Terror, C-17 Beddown, projects in support of the new Stryker Brigade in the 25th Infantry Division, implementation of the National Security Personnel System, the

Palau Compact Road, the breakwater at Kaumalapau Harbor, the Makua Valley EIS, numerous projects on Kwajalein Island and the Indonesia coastal road project will require our best efforts and team work.

With so much going on here at HED, it would be easy to get stressed and forget about the last line in our vision statement — to have fun. I've said it before, but it's so important to maintain balance in your life and try to have some fun.

“I'm confident we'll maintain the momentum of our successes in 2005”

Take care of yourselves and your families, make time to enjoy yourself here in paradise and find time for hobbies and things you enjoy.

So enjoy this “Year-in-Review” edition of the Pacific Connection. It is our “yearbook” of the year just passed. It provides a great snapshot of an awesome year.

I hope everyone had a chance to rest up over the holidays and is prepared for another great challenging year, as we continue to strive to be:

*The best place where the best people serve...
...singularly focused on executing quality projects...
...reliable and responsible...
...and having fun!*

Essays!



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2005: Recognizing excellence and future District leaders



HED Employees of the Year : (L to R) Lynette Oh, Project Manager of the Year; Justin Pummell, Professional Employee of the Year; HED Commander Lt. Col. David E. Anderson; Misty Payne, Administrative Support of the Year; Louis Muzzarini, Leader of the Year. Not pictured: Alfred Carvalho, Technical Employee of the Year.



Lt. Col. David Anderson presents the Bronze Order of the de Fleury Medal to Chief, Engineering and Construction Division James L. Bersson at the Command Town Hall December 2.

Photos by Joseph Bonfiglio

Project Delivery Team of the Year, C-17 North Sector Beddown PDT: Front Row, (L to R): Jody Yoshishige, Gayle Oshiro, Al Carvalho, Gerald Young, Laura Miles, Bryan Ginoza (A-E), Wendy McClain (A-E), Richard Iha, Scott Mochizuki with HED Commander Lt. Col. David Anderson; Back Row, (L to R): Tom Broderick (Kiewitt), Wendy Mow, Bob Inouye, TSgt. Robert Padar (BCE), Lou Schiff (BCE). Not Pictured: Bernie Marcos (PACAF) and Gordon Kuioka.



HED Honors Regional Leadership Development Program Graduates



The 2005 RLDP - Leadership Assessment graduates: (L to R) Phillip Mun (Advisor), Vecy Pascual, Lisa Clark, Paula Reinhard, Pam Hayes, Bev Ledesma, Misty Payne, Edith Matsuki, Kendall Lee, Sandy Ishida with HED Commander Lt. Col. David E. Anderson.



The 2005 RLDP - Team Leadership graduates: (L to R) Evan Ting, Paul Kai, Michael Wong, Lynette Kwock, Ronnie Kirkland, Michael Onuma, Adalina Chun, Gary Nip (Advisor) with HED Commander Lt. Col. David E. Anderson.

January

• **RLDP:** The third Regional Leadership Development Program (RLDP) class began Jan. 10 with the initial welcome by Lt. Col. Anderson. To date, 29 people have progressed through the program.



Project Manager Derek Chow discusses the Ala Wai Canal/Manoa Valley flood prevention project with the media. Photo by Dino W. Buchanan

• **Kwajalein Atoll Seminar:** Pacific Regional Visitor Center holds a seminar about Kwajalein Atoll Jan. 11 with participation from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. National Marine Fisheries Services, Republic of the Marshall Islands EPA.



As if foreshadowing a year of devastating natural disasters, the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) was activated Jan. 1 after the islands of Oahu and Kauai sustained substantial flooding. Photo by Joel Hendrix

• **Chief's visit:** HED/POD holds a Town Hall meeting Jan. 12 with Chief, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Lt. Gen. Carl A. Strock.

• **Kwajalein Vehicle Paint Shop Groundbreaking:** Work began on the 19,400 square foot facility Jan. 19. The project is one of many HED has constructed in support of the Ronald Reagan Ballistic Missile Defense Test Site and the 2,000 American military and civilians who support the mission.

• **Project blessing:** Contractor, Safeco Inc. held a project blessing ceremony Jan. 21 for the Hydrant Fuel System Replacement Project on Hickam Air Force Base.

• **Design Charrette:** Chris Takashige and Earl Hiraki participated in a design charrette for the Schofield Barracks Urban Assault Course. Jan. 25-27 at the Hale Ikena on Fort Shafter.

• **MG Robert Griffin visit:** The DCG USACE visited Jan. 26-27 touring the Kaunalapau Breakwater Project, Pacific Regional Visitor Center, Kaneohe Dam and the Waikiki Beach Shore Protection Project.

• **Partnering Workshop:** Louis Muzzarini, Allyn Tabata, Roy Fujinaka, Kimberly Jyo, Allan Ponciano, Fabian Ladao, Robert Shimizu and Earl Hiraki represented Construction Branch in a Partnering Workshop with Dick Pacific Construction Corporation at the new Nehelani, Schofield Barracks Jan. 27.

• **Asquiroga Bay:** By January, the repair of Asquiroga Bay Shore Protection Project, Guam, is essentially complete. The shoreline was severely damaged by Typhoon Pongsana in 2002.

• **Indonesia Tsunami Assistance:** An initial engineering assessment team is deployed to Indonesia and Sri Lanka in response to the December 2004 tsunami. Technical Integration Group's Justin Pummell and Benton Ching deployed to perform mapping and geospatial analysis duties for the Sumatra-Andaman Island Earthquake/Tsunami at the request of the Pacific Ocean Division Emergency Operations Center.



Work is progressing on the \$10 million vehicle paint shop on Kwajalein Island. Courtesy photo

February



HED volunteers Tom Goto (left) and Ron Nakagawa assist with the Oahu High School Mathcounts competition. Courtesy photo

• **Tropical Cyclone Olaf:** The District EOC is activated when Olaf hits American Samoa Feb. 1 as a Category 4 storm. The American Samoan Manua islands of Tau and Ofo were severely impacted by the storm. Dan Meyers and Eric Li of Civil Works Technical Branch deployed to conduct initial project inspections. Lincoln Gayagas of Emergency Management deployed to conduct rehabilitation inspection and became the lead Corps representative. Technical Integration Group's Benton Ching and Justin Pummell worked long hours into the night in order to develop map books for all of American Samoa. Two days after Olaf struck, the map books deployed with the emergency personnel and were invaluable tools for orientation purposes and mark-up with critical infrastructure and damages information. TIG continually updates the books to provide invaluable historical records.

• **OB/GYN Clinic at Schofield Barracks Opens:** Grand opening ceremony for the OB/GYN and Pediatric Clinic at Schofield Barracks is held Feb. 1. Scott Mochizuki and Sheldon Nishina (EC-CF) were recognized for their efforts.

• **Wetlands Preservation in Hawaii Seminar:** The Pacific Regional Visitor's Center holds a wetlands seminar Feb. 8 featuring a panel discussion by various state and federal agencies on what is needed to preserve Hawaii's wetlands.

• **Mathcounts:** As part of HED's outreach program, employees volunteer to serve as proctors, scorers and monitors for the Feb. 12 event which encourages Hawaii's youth to pursue career in science and engineering.

• **ASACW Tour:** The Honorable John Paul Woodley Jr., Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, visits HED and POD Feb. 18. He toured various civil works projects and the Pacific Regional Visitor's Center.

• **New Deputy Chief, E&C Division:** Curtis Yokoyama returns to HED from POD, where he served as the POD Staff Structural Engineer.

• **Engineer Week Outreach:** Cynthia Wong coordinated HED participation which included a display in Kahala Mall and a hands-on display at the Pacific Regional Visitor's Center. The displays demonstrated to school age children the math and science skills used in engineering.



Design Branch Secretary Sharon Kashiwabara views a Black History Month display. Photo by Dino W. Buchanan

• **National Engineer's Week:** The week of Feb. 20-26 offered a variety of activities and competitions such as "Kids Discover Engineering", "Introduce a Girl to Engineering" and the recognition of various engineers in our communities.

• **FSRO transition:** The Fort Shafter Resident Office became the Fort Shafter Area Office Feb. 22. Tim Phillips became Fort Shafter Area Engineer, Bob Inouye the Air Force Resident Engineer and Dickson Ma the Army/Civil Works Resident Engineer.

• **HED Overview Class:** Human Resources Office holds the HED overview class for newcomers Feb. 23-25 giving new employees a glimpse into HED's varied projects, branches and missions.

• **Feng Shui Classes:** Design Branch Chief Gary Nip conducts Feng Shui classes Feb. 24 to help employees improve their health.

• **Lunch on the Lawn:** The Special Emphasis Program Committee (SEPC) holds "Lunch on the Lawn" Feb. 25 as part of Black History Month. The event included a variety of entertainment and educational items.



HED Engineer Ron Pang (right) and Edi Setianto of the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) discuss damage to the coastal road in Indonesia after the December 2004 tsunami. HED/POD is partnering with USAID to reconstruct the coastal waterway from Banda Aceh to Meulaboh. Courtesy photo

March



HED members discuss the Makua Military Reservation Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). The 60-day public review period began on March 25. Courtesy photo



Construction work progresses on the C-17 Flight Simulator building on Hickam AFB. HED is responsible for the \$153 million C-17 Beddown project which includes the C-17 Simulator building, Squadron Operations building and a Consolidated maintenance complex as well as support facilities. Courtesy photo

Sam Song, former Deputy Chief, Engineering and Construction Division, was presented the Bronze Order of the de Fleury Medal during his retirement ceremony in March. Song retired after 29 years of government service. Photo by Joseph Bonfiglio



- **Ala Wai Flood Prevention Project:** Project Manager Derek Chow met with Hawaii Congressman Neil Abercrombie's staff March 1 concerning the Ala Wai Canal Flood Prevention project. HED is partnering with Hawaii's Department of Land and Natural Resources to study ways of restoring the Ala Wai ecosystem and prevent flooding. Among the options being considered: building flood walls around the Ala Wai Canal, widening and dredging the canal to increase its carrying capacity and raising the canal bridges so debris won't block the flow of water and diverting floodwaters to the Ala Wai Golf Course and other "storage" areas.

- **E&C Technical Seminar:** Regulatory Branch held a Division Technical Seminar March 9 with guest speakers from the State of Hawaii Department of Health, Environmental Management Division.

- **Kaumalapau Harbor, Lanai:** The contractor completed the evaluation/assessment on the condition of the existing dock. The \$16 million project includes repairing the existing breakwater built by private interests in the 1920s. Kaumalapau is Lanai's only commercial harbor capable of accommodating tug and barge services necessary to the welfare of the island's residents and visitors. The Kaumalapau Harbor was officially transferred from Lanai Company to the State of Hawaii in July 2000.



Former POD Commander, Brig. Gen. Larry Davis inspects the existing Kaumalapau Harbor. Courtesy photo

- **Small Business Safety Training:** The Safety/Occupational Health Office conducts small business safety training for contractor personnel at the Prince Kuhio Federal Building March 17.

- **Manele Harbor Reprogramming Request:** Approval to reprogram funding from Port Allen Breakwater Repair Project into the Manele Harbor Dredging Project is granted.

- **Dining Facility in Quad 1 at Schofield Barracks opens:** The facility is part of the \$907 million Whole Barracks Renewal Program to modernize and upgrade single Soldiers' quarters at Schofield Barracks, Wheeler Army Airfield and Tripler Army Medical Center through a multi-year.

- **Mass Management Tool (MMT):** Delivered to several island populations including Kauai, the Big Island, CNMI, Guam, Puerto Rico, St. Thomas, Maui, Kalauao and American Samoa. The MMT is a decision-making tool used by emergency management planners to help keep island residents safe during natural disasters.

April



U.S. Army Chief of Engineers Lt. Gen. Carl A. Strock presented Hawaii Congressman Neil Abercrombie the Silver Order of the de Fleury Medal at Corps of Engineers Headquarters in Washington, D.C. April 13. Courtesy photo

- UH College of Engineering Career Job Fair:** Lisa Clark (HR), Tammy Luke (PP-A), Curtis Yokoyama (EC), Clayton Sorayama (EC-Q) and Mike Onuma (EC-DM) represented HED at the Career Job Fair April 1.
- General Contractors Association Award Dinner:** Chief, E & C Division, James Besson was recognized at the April 2 event for his contribution serving as a judge for the 2005 Build Hawaii Awards Program.
- Hawaii Technology Education Association Fair:** As part of HED's local outreach program, Lawrence Onaka and Roy Chung (both of EC-DA) served as judges for the 51st Annual event April 5.
- Governor's proclamation:** In celebration of HED's first century of service to Hawaii and the Pacific Region, Hawaii Governor Linda Lingle proclaims April 15 as USACE Honolulu Engineer District Day.
- Manele Bay Dredging:** Dan Meyers traveled to Lanai with Army 7th Dive Detachment Soldiers April 15, 2005 to successfully locate a Fiber Optic Cable in the federal navigation channel. The cable's unknown location temporarily suspended the dredging contractor's work.
- Partnering in the Pacific Seminar:** A seminar on storm water quality was held at the Pacific Regional Visitor's Center. The educational event featured experts from the University of Hawaii, State of Hawaii and City and County of Honolulu.
- Earth Day 2005:** The RVC staff and Corps personnel participated in the April 23 event which included trolley rides to seven different Earth Day activity sites including Manoa, Palolo and Makiki streams.
- Corps of Engineers Workshop:** More than 200 people attended the cooperative workshop hosted by Honolulu District and the A-E/ construction contractor community at the Hale Koa Hotel April 19. Presentations provided industry partners with information on District projected workload, technical subjects and perspectives.
- Leadership Seminar for the Pacific Island Power Utility Managers Conference:** Joel Hendrix (EM) and Justin Pummell (TIG) presented the Hawaii Critical Infrastructure GIS Generator Database to the "Leadership Seminar for the Pacific Island Power Utility Managers" conference at the East-West Center, University of Hawaii-Manoa Apr. 19. The presentation focused on various forms of GIS analysis to determine where emergency generators can be obtained and deployed during a disaster.
- PROSPECT Training:** Resource Management conducts a course on Budget Training at the 9th Reserve Service Center, Ft. Shafter.
- Child Development Center Addition, Fort Shafter:** Construction begins April 27.
- PACOM support:** Technical Integration Group's Justin Pummell and Benton Ching briefed USPACOM members on GIS capabilities in support of PACOM's upcoming Critical Infrastructure Protection (CIP) assessment in the Republic of the Philippines. This represents the active role Honolulu District has in the Global War on Terror.
- Wailupe Stream Project:** Eric Lee assists in collecting data for the Wailupe Stream Interior Analysis Field Work and Research.
- POD Military Construction Contractor of the Year:** Niking Corporation, a contractor under the Small Business Administration's 8(a) program, was POD's selection for the 2004 Military Construction Contractor of the Year award for their outstanding performance on the FY04 C-17 MILCON project, Kuntz Gate and Road on Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii. This was the first project in the C-17 Beddown program which will transform Hickam AFB into the Pacific C-17 hub.



On Earth Day elementary students learn about the salinity content of the Pacific Ocean from a local hydrologist at HED's Pacific Regional Visitor's Center. Photo by Dino W. Buchanan

May



A Hawaiian worker and project blessing ceremony was held May 21 for the joint DLNR-HED \$3.26 million Kahului Light Draft Harbor Project on Maui. Courtesy photo

- **Malama Kailua Festival:** The Malama Kailua Festival attracted more than 5,000 people on May 1. The Corps of Engineers and City and County (C&C) of Honolulu sponsored an exhibition table and provided information on Corps and C&C activities in Kawainui Marsh.
- **Small Business Seminar:** The Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (SADBU) Office held a seminar for small business owners on the Island of Hawaii May 3. The day-long event outlined procedures for doing business with the U.S. Army and the Corps of Engineers.
- **Liliha Outreach:** Employees provided entertainment and aloha to Honolulu's Liliha Nursing Home residents May 3.

- **Makani Pahili Disaster Exercise:** Joel Hendrix (EM) and Justin Pummell (EC) participated in the State of Hawaii's Makani Pahili disaster exercise May 12 which entailed using a GIS emergency generator product created to predict what facilities will be affected by a natural disaster.
- **SEPC Asian Pacific Multicultural Day:** The Special Emphasis Program Committee and Resource Management Office sponsored the May 17 event which included music, displays, a fashion show, story telling and a cooking contest.
- **Support to Small Business Administration Program:** Erick Kozuma and Dickson Ma (EC-Q) presented a seminar May 20 at Fort Shafter.
- **Kahului Harbor Project Blessing ceremony:** The joint DLNR-HED \$3.26 million project includes widening and deepening the channel, replacing the loading dock and installing a boat ramp.
- **Engineer Inspector General (EIG) Visit:** Selected staff members were interviewed by the EIG concerning the Regional Business practices May 23-27.
- **Whole Barracks Renewal (WBR) Phase 6A Aviation Bde. :** Tenant spaces (AAFES and Credit Union) were turned over to the customer May 31.
- **HURREVAC Training:** Benton Ching (TIG) assisted the University of Hawaii with tsunami-inundation modeling and mapping. The HURREVAC program is used to create various scenarios to show/predict damage after a disaster occurs.
- **Sri Lanka Tsunami Assistance:** Pat Tom prepared plans to repair three harbors in Sri Lanka damaged by the Indian Ocean tsunami. Stan Boc, ERDC, traveled to Sri Lanka to accomplish a site inspection and to provide technical assistance. John Emmerson (PPM) coordinated and represented POD.
- **New Gazebos:** Employees in Fort Shafter's buildings 127 and 230 begin using gazebos for breaktimes.



Program Analyst Jill Tomishima (left) and Secretary Anne Chang receive a Chinese fortune telling lesson from Support Assistant Susan Chun as part of Asian/Pacific Multicultural Day. Photo by Dino W. Buchanan

June



Gray skies couldn't dampen spirits of the sandcastle building contest at HED's 2005 Organization Day held June 24 at Bellow AFS. Photo by Dino W. Buchanan

- **Safety Day:** The annual event included a health fair, speakers from Schofield Barracks and the American Heart Association as well as a unit run/walk June 1.
- **Living Reefs Seminar:** The Regional Visitor Center held "A Living Reefs Seminar" June 8 in collaboration with DLNR, University of Hawaii Sea Grant – West Hawaii, the Waikiki Aquarium and the Hawaii Wildlife Fund. This educational outreach effort by businesses and government agencies raises awareness about impacts to our coral reefs.
- **Roi-Namur Fuel Pier Repair Project:** HED participates in a pre-design conference for the Roi-Namur Fuel Pier Repair Project with USAKA (Kwajalein) June 7-9.
- **Dillie Rapley returns from Iraq:** Real Estate Specialist Dillie Rapley returns from Iraq. She is one of several HED employees who have deployed in support of the Global War on Terror.
- **Partnering session:** Environmental Branch Chief Chuck Streck and Environmental Protection Specialist Helene Takemoto participated in a partnering session on Guam with the Environmental Protection Agency.
- **HED Organization Day 2005:** The District celebrated its heritage and enjoyed camaraderie with family and friends.



HED's "Safety Guard", Eric Bjorken, directs traffic during the two-mile run/four-mile walk in conjunction with HED Safety Day. Photo by Sarah H. Cox

HED biologist Cindy Barger wins the Federal Executive Board Employee of the Year Award (Professional Category) at the 2005 FEB luncheon held in Waikiki June 8. Photo by Joseph Bonfiglio



The 53-mile long Palau road nears completion. The second Daewoo Inc. asphalt plant became fully operational this month allowing the Korean contractor to double its asphalt-generating capacity. Courtesy photo



HED Personnel Provide Quality Support to 2005 U. S. Hurricane Relief Efforts

Story by Sarah H. Cox
Command Information Specialist

Days before Hurricane Katrina made landfall, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Emergency Operation Centers (EOC) around the globe were preparing for 24-hour operations.

Members of HED/POD EOCs began making preparations for deploying response teams to provide assistance when called upon by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

The EOC serves as a command center for local, regional and national emergencies, coordinating taskers, alerting, preparing and deploying response teams, putting plans in place and preparing daily situation reports.

The EOC is managed by the Emergency Manager for the District Commander who oversees the District's overall emergency response.

"As a storm develops, we monitor it closely via various weather internet sites," said Honolulu Engineer District Emergency Operations Planner Lincoln Gayagas.

"In the Pacific, we are the responding organization for storms like Hurricanes Katrina and Rita; we are a support organization - providing volunteers and expertise as needed in support of FEMA."

The first HED volunteers, a Power Planning and Response Team (PRT), left Honolulu on a "pre-declaration mission" two days before Hurricane Katrina made landfall.

The team helps provide emergency generator power to critical facilities such as hospitals, police stations, water pumping stations, water treatment centers, and civil defense

and emergency operation centers.

The eight-member team, made of specialists for contracting, liaisons, mission management, data management, logistics and quality assurance, arrived in Mississippi August 26 to await the costliest Atlantic Ocean hurricane in U.S. history.

On August 29, 2005, Hurricane Katrina roared across the U.S. Gulf Coast leaving behind \$200 billion in damages, five million homes without power, thousands of homeless families and more than 1,280 dead.

Shortly after Hurricane Katrina devastated the Mississippi and Louisiana coastlines, HED deployed a three-person Logistics PRT and a six-person Roofing Quality Assurance team to work the FEMA temporary roofing mission out of USACE's Louisiana Recovery Field Office (LARFO) in Baton Rouge.

The roofing team supported FEMA's Operation Blue Roof Program by assessing the damage, providing temporary plastic sheeting and conducting final inspections of the blue roofs installed.



HED Construction Representative Steve Takeguchi assesses roof damage as part of FEMA's Blue Roof Program. Courtesy photo



Allan Ponciano, HED Construction Representative makes his way to the Corps' Quarterboat on the Mississippi River. The self-sufficient boat deployed to New Orleans to house scores of Corps employees assisting with Hurricane Katrina disaster relief. Courtesy photo



Kennji Santiago (LM) inspects an emergency generator in Mississippi while deployed with the Power PRT. Courtesy photo

According to HED Emergency Operations Planner Katie Tamashiro, what makes the FEMA missions successful is

having the right people. "Having people who truly want to make a difference, people who have the right mind set is necessary to every mission."

Tamashiro and HEDEM Chief, Joel Hendrix deployed to Louisiana, each as a member of FEMA Strike Team for St. Bernard Parish and for Washington Parish, respectively.

Both were assigned as the USACE Liaison to manage, monitor, and provide support to all mission assignments from FEMA i.e. emergency power, temporary roofing, temporary housing, debris management, technical assistance under the Corps' authorities.

"We need to continue developing our collective 'expeditionary mindset.' Our missions are different from those working in downtown Honolulu".

"The professional community needs to know that we aren't engineers who just sit in cubicles all day," Gayagas said

The Corps maintains more than 40 PRTs at its districts around the world - ready to respond to disasters.

At press time, HED had deployed 47 employees to the Gulf Coast region.

‘Hawaiian Belles’: The Aloha Spirit Thrives in Recovery Areas

Story by Sarah H. Cox
Command Information Specialist

It’s 3 a.m., the air thick and sticky. Long work hours make days and nights swirl together like melted ice cream, but there is hearty laughter, music and “Aloha Spirit” coming from the 24-hour Supply Room at the Louisiana Recovery Field Office (LA RFO) in Baton Rouge.

Inside the former college classroom turned supply room, three HED employees use their Aloha Spirit while in-processing employees, processing time cards and issuing tools and supplies to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) employees who’ve deployed to the areas devastated by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

Laureen Vizcarra, Pauline Kahalioumi and Pam Hayes were among 47 HED members who deployed to Louisiana and Mississippi in the aftermath of Katrina, one of the worst Atlantic Ocean-bred storms on record.

HED raises \$1,287 for Hurricane relief



Lt. Col. David E. Anderson (left) listens for bids as Auctioneer Dave Kam, (Chief, Contracting) prepares for the “pie-in-the-face” deployment. The 2005 Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) fund-raiser held Oct. 12 included a luncheon and opportunities for employees to “deliver” a pie to their favorite leader. The fund-raiser netted \$1,287 for the American Red Cross Hurricane Katrina relief fund. Photo by Sarah H. Cox



Pauline Kahalioumi (left) and Laureen Vizcarra and unload supplies at the Baton Rouge Louisiana Recover Field Office. Laureen, Pauline and coworker Pam Hayes were dubbed the “Hawaiian Belles” by their USACE teammates. Courtesy photo

Volunteer response workers sometimes face emotional stress as well as physical hardships. These three HED volunteer response workers chose to utilize their Hawaiian spirit as a source of moral support. Their USACE teammates in Louisiana dubbed them the “Hawaiian Belles.”

The Aloha Spirit has been defined in Hawaii as a sense of caring and hospitality to other people - even those who face stressing environments. Luckily, the Hawaiian Belles brought plenty.

“We try to keep our sense of humor and laugh out loud,” said Laureen Vizcarra, an engineering technician. “To ease the stress and keep each other awake, we listen to oldies music and we all get together periodically throughout the night to share a laugh.”

HED Information Technology Specialist Pauline Kahalioumi always brings a bit of Hawaiian Aloha Spirit to every disaster relief deployment.

“I share chocolate Macadamia nut candies. If we can give a little of our time to make someone’s day a little happier - we should,” Kahalioumi said.

“It’s the Aloha Spirit.”

For the HED disaster relief teams, deployment to these areas is certainly not all fun and laughter. These teams worked 12 hour shifts, seven days a week.

The LA RFO operated 24 hours everyday to receive and distribute a variety of supplies from cots to mail to water.

Vizcarra and Kahalioumi worked the midnight shift at the LA RFO, while Hayes assisted the Human Resource office with time cards and administrative duties.

“Anything which helps the people get their lives back to normal quickly makes a difference,” Vizcarra said. “We know we are making a difference with every rainsuit, every water jug and every hammer we hand out.”

And in true Aloha Spirit, the Hawaiian Belles and their HED teammates know they have made a definite difference in the lives of many.

“We get a sense of accomplishment; do our utmost to ensure we help the mission teams accomplish their goals,” Vizcarra said.

“Their frustrations are our frustrations, their successes are our successes.”



Vizcarra and Kahalioumi prepare tools and supplies for USACE employees deployed to the Gulf Coast. Courtesy photo

July



Chief of Engineers Lt. Gen. Carl A. Strock presided over the Pacific Ocean Division Change of Command ceremony at Fort Shafter. Col. (P) John W. Peabody became the Division's 27th Commander during the July 29 ceremony. Photo by Sarah H. Cox



Hawaii State Representative Glenn Wakai (right) looks at the Moanalua Valley hillside with HED Engineer Randy Mita (center) and a Prometheus Construction representative. HED partnered with the State of Hawaii in a proactive project to remove boulders from the Diamond Head side of the valley to avert potential rockslides. Photo by Dino W. Buchanan

- **HED mentors students:** Employees mentor five high school students in the Leeward Community College Upward Bound program.
- **New Deputy Commander arrives:** Major Robert J. Kroning arrives after serving a year in Baghdad, Iraq.
- **Hurricanes in the Pacific Seminar.** The Pacific Regional Visitor's Center, Hawaii Civil Defense, FEMA and the National Weather Service conducted a public forum on Pacific Hurricanes and emergency egress procedures.
- **Schofield Barracks Fire Station:** The \$5.4 million contract for construction of the fire station on Schofield Barracks was awarded.
- **C-17 Corrosion Control Hangar, HAFB:** The design directive was received on July 29. The hangar is one of the many projects in the \$153 million C-17 Beddown program.
- **Rockfall Mitigation Project Hawaiian Blessing:** Moanalua Valley residents and project workers attend ceremonies July 25.
- **POD Change of Command Ceremony:** Col. (P) John W. Peabody became the Division's 27th Commander July 29, relieving Brig. Gen. Larry Davis during ceremonies held in Fort Shafter's Palm Circle.



The 10,000 square foot, \$5.1 million Pohakuloa Training Area (PTA) Headquarters and Range Control Building opened July 8. The building supports the 2nd Brigade 25th Infantry Division. Photo by Bob McElroy



Project Manager Derek Chow (center) returns from a four-month tour of duty supporting Corps' reconstruction efforts at FOB Danger near Tikrit, Iraq. Courtesy photo

August

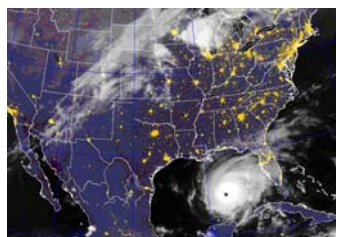


Emergency Management Chief Joel Hendrix is interviewed by KITV Honolulu reporter Dick Allgire Aug. 30 after Hurricane Katrina devastated the Gulf Coast. Photo by Dino W. Buchanan

- **Coastal Zone and National Flood Insurance Program Workshops:** USACE, along with DLNR and FEMA, participated in the “Coastal Zones and the National Flood Insurance Program Workshops” on the islands of Oahu, Kauai, Maui and Hawaii to provide flood information to the public.
- **Makua Military Reservation EIS public meetings:** HED and 25th ID Garrison Commander held meetings at Waianae District Park and Nanaikapono Elementary School Aug 23, 25 and 27.
- **Life Skills Clinic:** The 15th Medical Group’s new 6,082 square-foot clinic on Hickam AFB opened for business.
- **Super Typhoon Nabi approaches Commonwealth of Northern Marianas (CNMI):** The Category 3 storm caused 17 deaths in the CNMI.
- **CNMI Governor’s Request:** Governor Juan Babauta personally requested HED’s Environmental Protection Specialist Helene Takemoto to give a FUDS presentation for the CNMI’s 3rd Annual Governor’s Safety and Health Week.
- **Power Team Deploys:** Prior to Hurricane Katrina’s arrival, HED deployed an eight-man Response Team Aug. 26 to help provide emergency electric power to critical facilities.

Hurricane Katrina Devastates the Gulf Coast

August 29: Hurricane Katrina roared across the U.S. Gulf Coast leaving behind \$200 billion in damage, five million homes without power, thousands of homeless families and more than 1,300 dead.



Honolulu District Geographer Wins National GIS Map Award

Story by Sarah H. Cox
Command Information Specialist

In August, HED Geographer Justin Pummell won first place, best single map product at the 2005 Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI) International User Conference for creating a map of the Federated States of Micronesia Flush Toilet Availability. His full-color map was selected the best from 3,500 entries.

Pummell’s creation was one of approximately 100 different maps he and the HED Technical Integration Group Team (TIG) created after Typhoon Sudal blew through the Federated States of Micronesia in April 2004. The TIG’s maps provided the emergency responders with vital information prior to their arrival in the disaster area.

Using the latest in Geographic Information System (GIS) technology, Pummell’s award-winning map showcases the USACE’s relationship with FEMA, as well as USACE’s efforts to build a geospatial database in remote Pacific regions.



From Mount Kaala Oahu, HED Geographer Justin Pummell (right) gathers data for a wetland survey as Steve Kim, HED Environmental Protection Specialist assists. Courtesy photo

In simple terms, the GIS is a computer system; a combination of a skilled professional, hardware, software and data. The data can come from a number of sources such as a census, the internet, databases, CAD files, aerial photographs, global positioning system or any other accurate source.

“GIS combines the real and digital world

by offering users more than just a visual snapshot of an area,” Pummell said.

Pummell and his TIG counterparts, as members of the National GIS Planning Response Team, are often called upon by FEMA after natural disasters to provide vital data or maps quickly.

“Knowing the conditions of a disaster area before they go in is crucial to emergency responders,” Pummell said. “GIS allows us to give emergency workers the information they need to perform their missions.”

Emergency Management planners take advantage of GIS not only for relief efforts, but for hazard scenario modeling and future evacuation planning.

Besides assisting Emergency Management, TIG is currently working on projects for the National Capital Region, American Samoa shoreline surveys, proposed trails on the Big Island of Hawaii and Oahu, various U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii Department of Public Works projects and highway mapping for the State of Hawaii Department of Transportation.

September

Whole Barracks Renewal Progresses



New living quarters such as this quad-complex at Schofield Barracks improves the quality of life for thousands of Soldiers in Hawaii. The Corps is responsible for the \$907 million Whole Barracks Renewal (WBR) Program to upgrade single Soldiers' quarters. Courtesy photo

In September, HED awarded a contract of \$43,736,330 to Nan, Inc. for the construction of Phase 2E of the Whole Barracks Renewal (WBR) project at Schofield Barracks. The contract includes Phase 2F1 of the WBR program as an option.

Phase 2E consists of constructing a barracks complex including barracks, battalion headquarters with troop aid stations, brigade headquarters, a central cooling plant building, paving, walks, curbs and gutters, parking, road improvements, information systems and site improvements.

Construction package 2F1 consists of the construction of a six story-barracks with company operations facilities as part of a barracks quad complex. Phase 2F1 also includes a basketball court and the demolition of two buildings totaling 9,498 square meters.

- **FEMA support mission to Louisiana:** HED's Emergency Management chief and military planner deployed Sept. 1 to Baton Rouge as mission liaisons.
- **High Operating Organization:** Logistics received results of the High Performing Organization (HPO) study on Sept. 9.
- **POD Civil Works Summit:** HED personnel participated in the POD Civil Works Summit at Alaska District Sept. 14-15.
- **C-17 Flight Simulator building:** Turned over to the customer Aug. 20.
- **Master Plan for Camp Humphreys, South Korea:** Far East District requested input from HED regarding requirements in the master plan. Camp Humphreys will be expanded to accept a large portion of the military assets that are being relocated from Yongsan Korea.
- **GIS Support to HQ-USACE:** Justin Pummell (TIG) participated in HQ Civil/Military Emergency Preparedness Program (Partnership for Peace) Sept. 26 and was the GIS representative in the Romania and Kyrgyz Republic Table Top Exercises.
- **Alenaio Flood Control Project (FCP) receives high marks:** Reports from the Department of Public Works in Hilo, Hawaii indicate that Alenaio FCP performed well after heavy rains.
- **Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Temporary Lodging Facility, Tripler AMC (TAMC):** Task Order awarded to Wil Chee Planning for \$87,000.
- **Project Order for TAMC Modularity:** With additional military personnel expected on island in support of modularity and an increase in staff and facilities at TAMC, the Surgeon General's Office approved several projects for TAMC.
- **Hurricanes Jova and Kenneth approach Hawaiian Islands:** Emergency Management activates the POH/POD Emergency Operations Center. The storms created heavy rains, but did not make landfall.

SEPC Sponsors Disability Awareness Speaker

Professional speaker Nancy Stevens helped HED employees alleviate their awkward tendencies when relating to people with disabilities during a seminar held at Ft. Shafter.

The educational event sponsored by the District's Special Emphasis Program Committee (SEPC) increased employee awareness of people with disabilities.

Blind since birth, Stevens is a snow skier, accomplished singer, musician, cross-country cyclist, hiker, rock-climber, counselor, entrepreneur and triathlete.

"We brought Ms. Stevens here for our Consideration of Others Training and our Disability Awareness Program," said EEO Manager Phillip Mun.

Mun said helping alleviate the awkwardness and making people feel at

ease around the disabled is the first step in creating a successful working relationship.

Stevens' presentation included singing and playing guitar, humorous anecdotes, a demonstration of new products for the disabled and a question and answer session.

"I learned things I'd never thought about before," said Program Analyst Polly Bjorken. "From now on, I'll always remember never to pet or feed a working guide dog".

Many District employees left the presentation inspired by Stevens' outlook on life and realized their unfounded misconceptions about working alongside disabled people.

HED employees received Stevens' practical advice for working with people with disabilities and an appreciation for the daily challenges of 54 million Americans.



Professional speaker, musician, entrepreneur and Olympic athlete Nancy Stevens, performs for the audience at Fort Shafter Flats. Stevens' presentation taught the fundamentals of etiquette when relating to people with disabilities. Photo by Sarah H. Cox

October

Pacific Regional Visitor Center Park Ranger Garland Ireland (right) explains the complexities of the Ala Wai Watershed to a group of Honolulu area middle school students and teachers during World Water Monitoring Day Oct. 21 at Puu Ualakaa State Park. More than 75 students attended the annual event which included testing the water quality of Makiki Stream and Ala Wai Canal. The Pacific Regional Visitor's Center is located at Fort DeRussy in Waikiki and is open to the public Tuesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Photo by Dino W. Buchanan



- **USACE Bridge Inspections:** Eric Sugiyama (EC-Q), a FHA certified bridge inspector, participated as a member of an ERDC Team to inspect bridges on Army property on Oahu Oct. 3-6.
- **Photovoltaic/Diesel Energy System, Kwajalein:** A final inspection was completed and work was accepted for the Hybrid Photovoltaic/Diesel Energy System Project, Illigenni Island, U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll, Marshall Islands.
- **Dining Facility, Wheeler AAF:** The facility was turned over to the customer Oct. 5.
- **C-17 Beddown Project, Hickam AFB:** The Consolidated Maintenance and the Squadron Operations facilities were turned over to the customer Oct. 7.
- **Engineering Outreach, Holomua Elementary School:** Eric Sugiyama (EC-Q) gave a presentation about bridges to students Oct. 17.
- **Career Fair, University of Hawaii at Manoa:** Jim Bersson, Tammy Luke (PP-A), Clayton Sorayama (EC-Q), D.J. Fusero (EC-C) and Iris Hew (EC-C) accepted resumes from prospective interns and discussed USACE careers in Engineering.
- **Southeast Oahu Regional Sediment Management (RSM) shoreline inventory:** Justin Pummell and Benton Ching (TIG) assisted Tom Smith and Jessica Hays (EC-T) in completing a coastal shoreline inventory along southeastern Oahu. The information gathered during the survey is now a part of an interactive internet mapping tool for the RSM project.
- **The Kwajalein Resident Office (KRO) briefings to Lt. Col. Justin Hirniak:** The KRO conducted in-depth briefs and project site visits for the incoming Commander, Ronald Reagan Ballistic Missile Defense Test Site/USAKA.

HED Commander Lt. Col. David E. Anderson (left), U.S. Army Garrison Commander Col. Howard J. Killian and Chief G7 25th ID(L) G7 Lt. Col. Michael Webb break ground on the Stryker Brigade Combat Team (SBCT) Motorpool Oct. 12. The event marks the beginning of a project to provide the SBCT an 84,954 square foot vehicle maintenance facility and 1.77 million square feet of organizational vehicle parking. Courtesy photo



Celebrating Hispanic American Diversities



HED employees learn to salsa at the SEPC-sponsored Hispanic American Culture event Oct. 28. The annual event included displays, guest speakers, Hispanic food and beverages and dance lessons led by Project Manager Darren Walls. Photo by Dino W. Buchanan

November



Helicopters removed the remains of approximately 50 boulders from the Moanalua Valley cliffside to a stockpile area on Tripler AMC grounds as part of the Moanalua Rockfall Mitigation Project. HED partnered with the State of Hawaii to prevent potential rockslides to homes in the Moanalua Valley. Photo by Sarah H. Cox



Honolulu District and contractor Healy Tibbitts employees inspect the completed Kahului Light Draft Harbor project in Maui. The \$3.6 million DLNR-HED project included deepening and widening the harbor, constructing three boat ramps and a loading dock. Courtesy photo

- **Pearl Harbor Maintenance Dredging:** Dredging contract awarded to American Marine Corporation Nov. 2 for \$2,128,800.
- **U.S. Coral Reef Task Force Meeting, Palau:** Task Force meeting Palau Nov. 4-7 to discuss status of on-going coordination with Federal resource agencies on Hawaii for coral reef mitigation issues.
- **GIS Day 2005:** Justin Pummell of Technical Integration Group participated in the State of Hawaii's GIS Day activities at Ala Moana Beach Park Nov. 15. He taught elementary students about GIS and its everyday uses as part of Geography Awareness Week.
- **Iao Stream Flood Control Project (FCP):** HED Environmental Engineer Ed Yamada and Chemist Mark Arakaki reviewed the draft Environmental Assessment for the Iao Stream Flood Control Project. The FCP project entailed formulating four designs and alternatives to correct the current levee system for the Iao Stream on Maui.
- **Bellows AFS Fountain Grass and Vegetation Remediation Project:** HED is contracting services to assist the Air Force with minimizing and controlling the spread of obnoxious and introduced weeds, fountain grass and vegetation during the installation of communication lines.
- **Support Work for Army Defense Ammunition Center (DAC):** DAC, of McAlester, Oklahoma requested EC-E's support to issue a contract for testing of a prototype, field-portable, quantitative thin-layer chromatography (TLC) system.
- **Samoa Coastal Erosion Atlas:** Justin Pummell (TIG), Tom Smith (EC-T), and Jessica Hays (EC-T) completed a draft version of the American Samoa Shoreline Atlas. The atlas, produced every 10 years for the American Samoa government, methodically analyzes the current shoreline status of all major islands in American Samoa. It also provides the resulting information in an interactive GIS format which can be used by the American Samoa Government, USACE and other agencies.

HED wins 2005 PACAF Awards



HED Commander Lt. Col. David E. Anderson (left) receives the Air Force District/Division Agent of the Year Award Nov. 15 from the Civil Engineer, HQ PACAF, Col. William Corson. Also honored by the Air Force were:

- Air Force Civilian Project Manager of the Year Award - Design Agent: Gordon Kuioka
- Air Force Civilian Project Manager of the Year - Construction Agent Award: Robert Inouye

Photo by Sarah H. Cox

December

Information Management Office employees load trucks full of food, clothes, toiletries and toys for Hawaii's needy families. HED employees donated 700 lbs. of food to the Hawaii Food Bank and a truck load of other items to the Helping Hands Hawaii Community Clearinghouse. (L to R) Pauline Kahalioumi, Ruby Mizue, Darryl Hasegawa, Roland Stine, Marsha Phillips, Ada Chun and Sharon Freitas. Photo by Lori Sorayama



HED construction representative Wayne Birgado (right) and his brother Staff Sgt. Cliff Birgado are currently serving together in Afghanistan. Wayne, who has spent the past 18 months in Afghanistan with AED, is teaching his brother Corps procedures and policies. Cliff is a Logistics NCOIC and a QA representative, while Wayne is currently assisting with the Bagram Airfield Project. Courtesy photo



Holiday Cheer: SEPC Shares Holiday Spirit
Special Emphasis Committee (SEPC) volunteers present gifts to Liliha Retirement Home residents Dec. 14. The volunteers entertained the residents with Christmas songs and cheerful holiday fellowship. Photo by Sarah H. Cox

- **HED Command Townhall:** Annual award winners and Regional Leadership Development Program graduates recognized Dec. 2 at the Command Townhall Meeting. See page 3 for more details.
- **Roi-Namur Fuel Pier pre-design conference and site visit:** HED held a conference Dec. 7-9 for the Roi-Namur Fuel Pier Repair and Saltwater Intake projects with USAKA and KRS (Kwajalein support contractor).
- **Crystal Mahalo Award:** The Hawaii Civil Defense presented the District with a special recognition award Dec. 9 in appreciation of HED's outstanding support to Hawaii's civil defense mission.
- **The Diesel Truck Stand modifications (HAFB):** The design projects were successfully turned over to the Air Force on Dec. 14.



In spite of a hectic year for Emergency Management Division, Emergency Operations Planner Katie Tamashiro takes time to entertain co-workers at the RM/Executive Office holiday party. Tamashiro had just returned from Louisiana where she served as a USACE Mission Liaison. She helped to manage, monitor and provide support to all mission assignments from FEMA, such as emergency power, temporary roofing and housing, debris management and technical assistance under the Corps' authorities. Photo by Monica Kaji

District Employees of the Month



Benton Ching, Hydraulic Engineer

September

Benton Ching is recognized for his exceptional support and prompt assistance in developing the maps and information the Real Estate Office needed for appraisal purposes. These products were critical in the District's process to execute the FY05 MCA Drum Road Upgrade. His "Can-Do" attitude is a prized and valued asset to HED.



Samantha Young, Admin. Assistant

September

Samantha Young supports all of the one person offices which include SADB, Safety, EEO, PAO, HR & executive office back-up as well as E & C Civil Works. In her one year here, she has gained a great deal of knowledge and skill and does an outstanding job. She is also improving her skills by participating in the RLDP Class.



Kevin Araki, Mechanical Engineer

October:

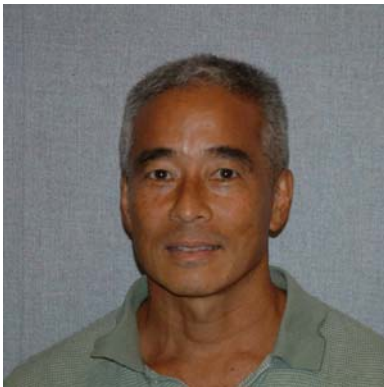
Kevin Araki goes beyond his normal duties and has a positive impact on the quality of products we deliver to our customers. He single-handedly ensures that Construction Branch employees are equipped to deliver the highest quality facilities and understand the Government's responsibilities in ensuring Quality Assurance on all construction projects.



Gerald Young, Civil Engineer

October

Gerald Young's recent projects include five C-17 MILCON projects on Hickam AFB including the Flight Simulator Facility, Squadron Ops Facility, Consolidated Maintenance Complex, and Support Utilities, phase 1 & 2. His work for the Air Force Project Office has been instrumental in tracking schedules and funds controls to prevent potential delays.



Randall Mita, Civil Engineer

November

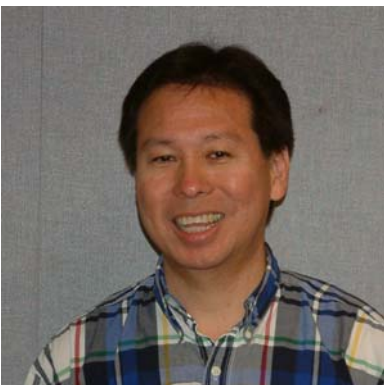
As part of Fort Shafter Resident Office, Randy Mita serves as Team Leader for the Army Project Office. He has been instrumental in the success of the Rockfall Mitigation project to remove boulders threatening lives and property. He is also the team leader for the Tripler Army Medical Center (TAMC) Project Office.



Reynold Chun, Mechanical Engineer

November

Reynold Chun's extensive engineering knowledge and understanding of customers' needs earns him high respect. He initiated efforts to scope and fee numerous year-end projects worth over \$1.5 million. His dedicated work ethic, team attitude and outstanding customer support make him an outstanding representative for the Design Branch and HED.



Stan Wakumoto, Elec. Engineer

December

Stan Wakumoto displays exceptional leadership in support of POD Electrical Communities of Practice (CoP). He led efforts to implement Cathodic Protection measures which improve quality and maintainability for our customers. He continuously displays great leadership in our continued support of all PDTs including those of Alaska, Japan and Korea Districts.



Roxane Iseri, Program Analyst

December

Roxane Iseri provides outstanding leadership in guiding employees through numerous changes in business processes and implementation of P2. She ensures the financial management support is provided efficiently. She also manages PPM's operating budget, serves as a member of the CDO working group and ensures timely financial closeout of old projects.



Spotlight on the Customer

Third Honolulu District Partnering Conference Strengthens Partnerships in the Pacific



Al Carroll (left), Installation Management Agency, Pacific, discusses a fine point with PM Gary Shirakata about the Makua Environmental Impact Statement at the District's Pacific Partnering Conference.

Story and photo by Joseph Bonfiglio
Chief, Public Affairs

More than 120 Honolulu District customers and employees gathered at Fort Shafter, Nov. 30, 2005 for the third District Pacific Partnering Conference.

The theme was, "Strengthening Partnerships in the Pacific."

"You should know your Soldier's voice in the dark. In order for us to fulfill our mission to provide superior federal engineering and related services in the Pacific Region and strengthen the Nation's security and improve our quality of life, we have to work together to ensure strong strategic partnerships between the Corps and our customers," Lt. Col. David E. Anderson, Commander, Honolulu District, said in his opening remarks.

"Our District is dedicated to customer care. We will always emphasize customer service since we exist to serve you," Anderson said.

Anderson mentioned the challenges facing the District, especially MILCON Transformation.

The forum is unique in that it had a cross-section of all District Partners – Civil Works, Military and Interagency and International Services.

After the opening remarks, participants received presentations from Peter Young, the Chairperson, and Director of the State of Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources; Wayne Hashiro, then Director of the Department of Design and

Construction, City and County of Honolulu and Allan Carroll, Chief, Public Works Division, Pacific Area Region Office of the Installation Management Agency. All presented the latest developments in their programs.

Hashiro and Young complimented the good partnership with the Corps and pledged to work together to address issues in the future.

Carroll, a retired U.S. Army colonel and engineer, challenged the Corps to think out of the box and bend the rules in providing facilities for the Army better, faster and on budget.

After Carroll spoke, Col. Howard J. Killian, Commander, U.S. Army Garrison Hawaii, spoke of the good relationship the District has with the Garrison, but also echoed Carroll's urging to work smarter, faster and greener.

The rest of the morning featured a series of breakout sessions including:

- National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Process by Alec Wong of the Hawaii State Department of Health and Lolly Silva
- Cultural Resources: Laws and Regulations by Christi Shaw
- Honolulu District's Contract Toolbox / Small Business Consideration by Monica Kaji and David Kam
- Design Quality Management by Erick Kozuma
- Legal Aspects of Construction Claims by Rick Totten
- Regulatory Program – An Overview by George Young
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Coordination by Michael Molina and Gina Schultz of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Kanalei Shun
- Geographic Information System by Justin Pummel
- MILCON Transformation by Steve Cayetano
- Civil Works and Interagency and International Services Programs by Paul Mizue

The Honorable David Cohen, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Office of Insular Affairs, U.S. Dept. of the Interior, was the luncheon speaker. He mentioned the importance of DOI / Corps projects in the Marshal Islands and Palau and looked forward to the completion of the Palau Compact Road scheduled for summer 2006.

"The conference was very useful," said Chris Conger, Shoreline Specialist with the University of Hawaii Sea Grant College Program. "I especially enjoyed the networking opportunities and presentations on coordination with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System and the District's Regulatory overview. I plan to come back next year."

All of the material from the Pacific Partnering Conference are on a web site accessible to the attendees where their questions and concerns will be answered and periodically updated, as needed.

According to the Conference Committee Chairman, Paul Mizue, organizing and executing the conference was a true team effort for the District involving participation from many divisions and offices.

Aloha means:**Hello:**

Jim Galariada, Garland Ireland, Keane Nishimoto, Lana O'Malley, Debbie Solis, Yvonne Watarai and Mary Yoshimura

Good-bye:

Roy Awakuni, Joe Barboo, Nic Cabe, Joe Delgado, Leonard Furukawa, Myra Hamamura, Greg Havo, Stacie Hirano, John Hutchins, Darold Homan, Bob Inouye, Ivan Awa, John Lopes, Annette Zapf, Ron Pang and Karen Turner

Congratulations:

Samantha Young and husband Dennis on the birth of their daughter Shayla Keilani.



Lynn Arakaki, Chief, Construction/A-E Contracts Branch receives a Commander's Coin from Lt. Gen. Carl A. Strock at the USACE Town Hall in Washington D.C. Nov. 17. Arakaki was recognized for her TDY assistance to the Principal Assistant Responsible for Contracting. USACE photo

**Trick or Treat:**

District employees show off their creative Halloween spirit on Oct. 31. (L to R): Lise Ditzel-Ma, PM; Rodney Leong, PM; Karen Chang, PM; Polly Bjorkan, program analyst; Roxane Iseri, chief, military program support; Anne Chang, secretary and Tammy Luke, PM. Photo by Sarah H. Cox

2005 Employees of the Month

Jan: Bruce Stevenson & Duane Arakawa
 Feb: Doris Aguilar & Roy Chung
 March: David Lindsey & Owen Ogata
 April: Ruby Mizue & "Jakarta Five"- Eric Kozuma, Ray Kong, Ron Pang, Eric Sugiyama and David Wong
 May: Geoff Lee & Chris Takashige
 June: James Tamura & Eric Bjorken
 July: Milly Arzaga & Brian Chung
 Aug: Sarah Cox & E&C Budget team of Louis Muzzarini, Anna Flatt and Randy Wong
 Sept: Benton Ching & Samantha Young
 Oct: Kevin Araki & Gerald Young
 Nov: Randy Mita & Reynold Chun
 Dec: Stan Wakumoto & Roxane Iseri

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