

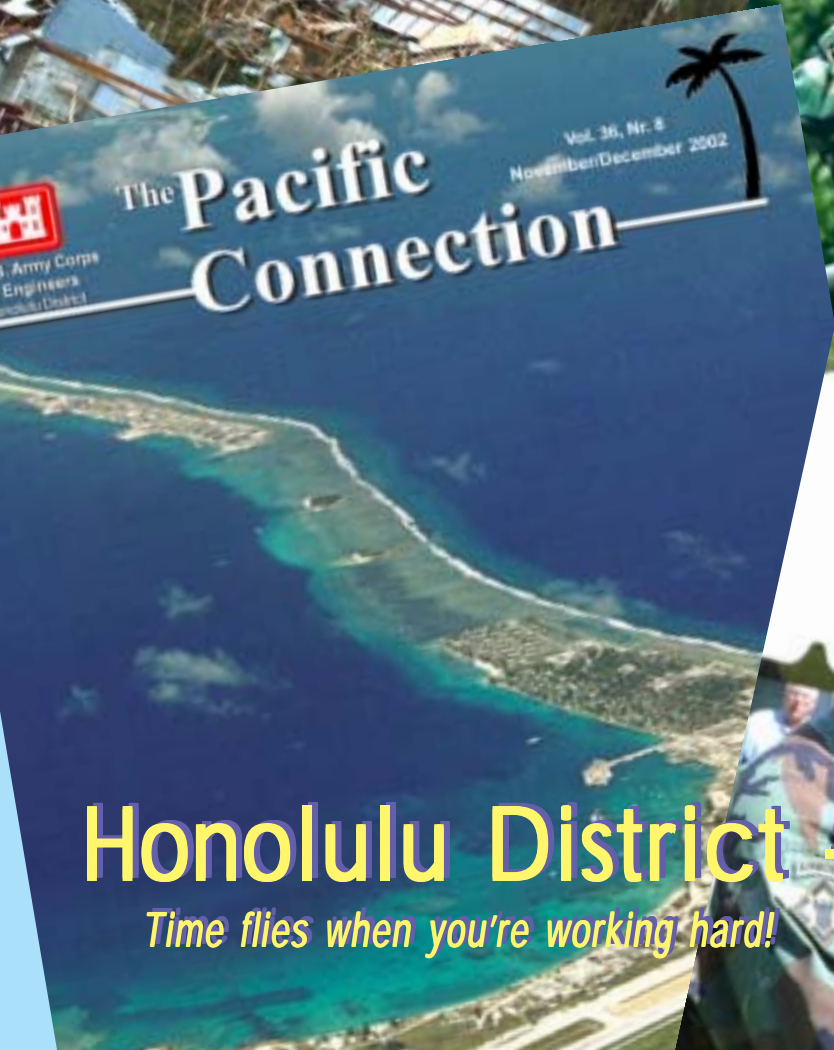


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Honolulu District - Year in Review

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Commander's Comments

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Honolulu District can be proud



By Lt. Col. David C. Press
Commander and District Engineer

Words cannot describe the momentum that our District has gained this year or the services that we performed for the nation.

The amount of positive change we created has allowed us to better serve our customers with quality projects, products and services.

You will see many of them in this special “Year in Review” issue of the Pacific Connection.

I am extremely impressed with the dedication, commitment, and work ethic of the District Ohana.

During the last year we have completed many important missions in Hawaii, the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, American Samoa, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas (CNMI), Palau and other locations in the Pacific. We have also completed real estate missions in Korea and

Japan.

Some of our largest programs include: the Army Whole Barracks Renewal Program, Army Transformation Support, Waikoloa FUDS (Formerly Used Defense Site), the Palau Compact Road, the C-17 Beddown at Hickam Air Force Base, and support to the state of Hawaii and the Pacific Region.

In addition, our District Ohana has provided outstanding support to the Federal Emergency Management Agency with disaster relief in Micronesia, Guam, and the CNMI. Many thanks to our dedicated employees who sacrificed so much to aid the victims of the natural disasters that struck those areas.

We can also be proud of the District employees who deployed or volunteered to deploy to support our nation in Operations Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom and Noble Eagle. This support to national security is vital.

Something that has not changed from last year is my Command Philosophy, which is posted on the District website. If you have not had a chance to read it yet, please do so. I want to reiterate parts of it here to ensure that we remain focused on these themes that are the backbone of what we do everyday. Here's the executive summary:

Mission First and People Always: Let's get the mission accomplished by doing the right things - right. Let's take care of people - co-workers, family members, and customers. Let's live the Army Values. (Loyalty, Duty, Respect, Selfless-Service, Honor, Integrity, and Personal Courage). Do our work legally, ethically and honestly.

Leadership Excellence: We must strive to excel at all levels. We have to develop leaders at all levels through training, coaching, mentoring, counseling (face-to-face and in writing), and supporting our people. Training is essential and must be Mission Essential Task List-focused. The District and our customers will benefit if everyone makes an effort to improve their leadership.

Stewardship: Accountability, financial management, security, safety, and customer service must be considered in all processes and actions. Focus on working safely in everything you do. Everyday is Safety Day in the District. Embrace PMBP (the Project Management Business Process) and the Environmental Operating Principles. Help us attain balance between economic development and environmental sustainability. Understand and support the Command Supply Discipline Program. Our goal is 100 percent accountability of everything.

Communication: Tell our story. Continue to develop and maintain excellent relationships with customers and other stakeholders. Share your knowledge, experiences and processes with others. Think and communicate regionally. Understand your role in the Learning Organization and foster synergy in all District Operations. According to author Stephen R. Covey,

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On the cover

In the year since Lt. Col. David C. Press became the 63rd Commander and District Engineer of the Honolulu District each month has brought new challenges and new triumphs. Take a moment to reflect all that you have accomplished during this period. "Time flies when you're working hard." Indeed!

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July 16
Change of Command — Lt. Col. David C. Press becomes the 63rd Commander and District Engineer of the Honolulu Engineer District. (Photo left, l-r) Lt. Col. Ronald N. Light, 62nd District Commander; Brig. Gen. Ronald L. Johnson, Pacific Ocean Division Commander; Lt. Col. Press.



July 17
HED Public Affairs Office completes in-house production of video "Palau Compact Road: Highway to Progress." (Background photo this page.)

JULY 2002

End of June HED awards contract for Launiupoko, Maui Shore Protection Project.

July 4
Typhoon Chataan strikes and Pacific Ocean Division (Forward) in Guam is staffed quickly following the activation of the Emergency Operations Center at Fort Shafter. In all, 100 Corps employees deploy to Guam, Chuuk and the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas to assist with response and recovery efforts.

July 18
District Engineer deploys to Guam for Typhoon Chataan. He also deploys to Saipan to meet with government officials.





2002-2003
 Work is progressing on the construction of a 53-mile-long road on the island of Babeldoab in the Republic of Palau (ROP). The ROP is the westernmost geographical area in Micronesia, some 4,600 miles from Hawaii. The project is being built by the United States under the provisions of the Compact of Free Association which emerged after World War II to foster the economic development of Pacific nations that aided the United States.

August 2002

SEPTEMBER 2002

August 16
 Groundbreaking Ceremony - \$9.5 million Kwajalein Cold Storage Facility.

September 3
 HED executes Federal Cost Sharing Agreement with the State of Hawaii for Kawaihae Deep Draft Harbor on the Big Island of Hawaii.

September 23
 HED awards contract for four Emergency Flood Control Repair projects on the Big Island of Hawaii.

August 14
 HED completes Faleasao Harbor, American Samoa.



August 28
 Chief of Engineers, Lt. Gen. Bob Flowers, visits Honolulu District, holds Town Hall Meeting and conducts a "walk-through" visit, stopping long enough to write a note of greeting to employees momentarily away from their desks.

September 30
 HED Contracting Office completes record year-end close-out of FY02 by awarding 44 contracts and task orders totalling \$26,640,764 by 10:30p.m.

October 14
Information Management upgrades the POH Storage Area Network from 1Terabyte to 3Terabytes.

October 21
HED begins PMBP (Project Management Business Process) ISO 9001:2000 certification. This process specifies requirements for a comprehensive quality management system.

OCTOBER 2002

October 6
Engineering and Construction creates Technical Support Branch as a life-cycle technical support organization which will also serve as the Regional Technical Center.

October 18
HED completes IFICS (In-Flight Interceptor Communications System) Radar Facility, Kwajalein. (Background photo pages 4 and 5.)



October 31
POD Team Burrito does it big at the Special Emphasis Program Committee Hispanic Heritage and Native-American Heritage event.



2002-2003

Throughout the year, employees from various District workgroups meet with students at high schools and colleges and provide information about careers with the Army Corps of Engineers and the Honolulu Engineer District.

October 24 PACAF (Pacific Air Forces) presents award to Bob Inouye for Design Project Manager of the Year.

December 8

Pacific Ocean Division (Forward) is activated in Guam, as is the Emergency Operations Center at Fort Shafter, as Corps employees deploy to Guam to assist with Supertyphoon Pongsona response and recovery efforts. Ultimately, more than 300 Corps employees deploy from Districts around the world. (Photo right and background pages 6 and 7.)



December 2-4

The District Engineer, the Chief of Contracting Division and the District's SADB (Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization) Specialist attend the 6th Annual USACE Small Business Conference, Washington, D.C. "Building Partnerships in Service to the Nation."

December 6

Regional Leadership Development Program begins. Twenty employees ultimately are accepted to participate at higher levels.

2002-2003

HED continues its support of the C-17 "Beddown" at Hickam AFB. New maintenance and training facilities and infrastructure designs are currently in progress to support the arrival of the C-17s in December 2005.



December 6

Honolulu District wins Fort Shafter Christmas Card Contest with an entry designed, painted and constructed by Clifford Olivera, Logistics.



December 15
HED completes Fire Training Facility at Hickam Air Force Base.



January 22
District Engineer briefs Chief of Engineers on the "State of the District" at USACE Headquarters, Washington, D.C.

December 9
Grace Nakaoka receives award from Lt. Col. Press at the December Town Hall Meeting and Annual District Awards Ceremony.



DECEMBER 2002

JANUARY 2003

December 10
First Pacific Partnering Conference, Honolulu. Sixty-five participants interested in doing business with the Corps of Engineers attend seminars on the Corps' capabilities and processes.

December 10
District Engineer deploys to Guam to serve as the Division Commander (Forward) for Super typhoon Pongsona response and recovery efforts.

December 19
HED executes Feasibility Agreement for Kahuku ecosystem.

December 16
The District's contributions of clothing, food and toys collected in the annual drive are loaded onto a truck for delivery to the Community Clearing House and distribution to organizations such as the Hawaii Food Bank.



December 24
HED awards contract for Amaluia/Faganeanea Shore Protection, American Samoa.

February 10
District Engineer deploys to the Republic of Palau to re-view construction progress of the 53-mile-long Palau Compact Road; to Kwajalein to discuss projects in support of U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command missions; and to Saipan to discuss CNMI projects.

February 18-21
HED assists the State of Hawaii in combating the salvinia molesta infestation of Lake Wilson, Wahiawa, by bringing in scientists from the Corps of Engineers Research and Development Center, Vicksburg, Mississippi. Here HED's Eric Li and Linda Nelson of ERDC survey efforts to stop the weed growth.



FEBRUARY 2003

February 20
The Pacific Regional Visitor Center at Fort DeRussy reopens with an interim exhibit prepared by the HED Public Affairs Office.



February 27
HED completes interior renovations of Fort Shafter building 230. (Above and background photo pages 8 and 9.)



March 7
HED completes Family Housing Project increment in Area J of 30 units at Schofield Barracks for non-commissioned and company-grade officers.

March 19-21
Maj. Gen. Hans Van Winkle, USACE Deputy Commander, visits Honolulu District.

April 7
Environmental Branch moves to building 230 from building 252.

April 10
8th Annual Corps of Engineers Workshop held in conjunction with Society of American Military Engineers at the Hale Koa Hotel with 275 participants.

April 2
HED representatives, together with the District Engineer, attend PTA Consolidated Training and Range Control Facility dedication.

April 8
HED completes Operations and Maintenance Improvement Program benchmarking, Phase I.

MARCH 2003

APRIL 2003

March 18
Fort Shafter Resident Office returns to renovated TAMC building 127.

March 20
Real Estate Office moves to TAMC building 127 from building 230.

March 26
Logistics Management Office moves to building 127 from Fort Shafter T-223.

March 20
Construction Representative Albert Mathis of the Palau Resident Office wins POD "Hard Hat of the Year" award for his work on the Palau Compact Road project.



April 1
Transfer of accounting services from Honolulu District to the USACE Finance Center in Millington, Tenn. HED served Far East District, Japan District and POD with transactions conducted in Korean won, Japanese yen and U.S. dollars. Disbursements exceeded \$750 million annually.



April 15
Base Development Team responds to Exercise RSOI, Korea.

April 15
USACE Command Sgt. Maj. Michael M. Balch visits Honolulu District projects.

May 1
HED completes congressionally directed Water Infrastructure Report for CNMI.



May 14
The annual District Safety Day once again kicks off with a traditional (4-mile) Run/(2-mile) Walk in the cool morning hours following sunrise at Fort Shafter.

APRIL 2003

MAY 2003



April 22
HED completes Family Housing project increment of 40 units in Area U at Schofield Barracks for non-commissioned and company-grade officers. (Above and background photo pages 10 and 11.)

May 15
Base Development Team responds to Exercise Cobra Gold, Thailand.

May 19-21
Pacific Ocean Division conducts Command Inspection of Honolulu District.

May 30
HED executes Kahalui Harbor Project Cooperation Agreement.

June 5

District Engineer announces that the remediation portion of the Tanapag PCB cleanup project is complete.



June 27

District Organization Day, McCoy Pavilion, Honolulu, Hawaii.

July 2
HED sends Kamalapa Project Cooperation Agreement to Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works.

June 26

HED completes elastomeric sealing of Tripler Army Medical Center exterior.



July 31
The U.S. Small Business Administration, Hawaii District Office, selects Honolulu District as one of three recipients for the "Outstanding Contract Support and Utilization of the 8(a) Program" award. This award is given to a contracting agency that has demonstrated extraordinary support of the program.

June 24

HED Commander Lt. Col. David C. Press installed as 2003-2004 President of the Honolulu Post, Society of American Military Engineers.

2002-2003

HED continues its support of Army Transformation. Studies and analysis are conducted for the draft Environmental Impact Statement.

JUNE 2003

JULY 2003

June 5

HED begins PMBP (Project Management Business Process) ISO 9001:2000 Internal Audit quality control process preliminary to Initial Management Review.



June 9

Chief of Engineers, Lt. Gen. Bob Flowers, visits for POD Change of Command and District Town Hall meeting. Pacific Ocean Division Commanding General Maj. Gen. Ronald L. Johnson is succeeded by Brig. Gen. Robert L. Davis.

July 7

HED completes Tripler Army Medical Center Labor and Delivery Room project.



Commander's Comments

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“synergy is the fruit of thinking win-win and seeking first to understand. It is not compromise. It's the creation of third alternatives that are genuinely better than solutions individuals could ever come up with on their own.” Be a team player, stay professional and enjoy your work.

These themes have served us well over the last year and I am confident that they will serve us well in the year to come.

The future promises to be exciting, challenging, and rewarding, with many opportunities for hard work and personal and professional satisfaction. We are working on over 450 projects valued at over \$1.7 billion.

This is a great time to serve in the Honolulu District.

Mahalo once again for your continued hard work, professionalism and willingness to go the extra mile to serve our great nation and all of our customers!

Essayons!

2002-2003 Employees of the Month

July **Stan Boc**, Engineering and Construction Division, Civil Works Technical Branch August **Kent Tamai**, Contracting Division, Services and Support Branch August **Curtis Yokoyama**, Engineering and Construction Division, Design Branch September **Dan Meyers**, Engineering and Construction Division, Civil Works Technical Branch September **Jeanne Tam**, Office of Counsel September **Chuck Streck**, Programs and Project Management Division, Environmental Branch October **Valerie Lee**, Programs and Project Management Division, Programs Management Branch October **Noriko Salangdron**, Resource Management Office, Management Analysis Branch October **Edith Matsuki**, Resource Management Office, Finance and Accounting Branch November **Rick Totten**, Office of Counsel November **Edith Matsuki**, Resource Management Office, Finance and Accounting Branch December **Janet Kojima**, Programs and Project Management Division, Environmental Branch December **Dennis Chung**, Engineering and Construction Division, Construction Branch January **Marsha Phillips**, Information Management Office and Construction Division, Cost Engineering Branch January **Paula Shimata**, Engineering and Construction Division, Construction Branch January **Mark Yoshimura**, and Accounting Branch February **Cindy Barger**, Programs and Project Management Division, Environmental Branch February **Malai Tubtim**, Engineering and Construction Division, Construction Branch March **Reynold Chun**, Engineering and Construction Division, Construction Branch, Schofield Barracks Resident Office March **Robert Mueller**, Engineering and Construction Division, Construction Branch, Schofield Barracks Resident Office April **Steve Takeguchi**, Engineering and Construction Division, Construction Branch, Fort Shafter Resident Office April **Craig Hashimoto**, Programs and Project Management Division, Programs Management Branch May **Victoria Cleaver**, Emergency Management Office May **Pat Billington**, Office of Counsel June **Lionel Nagata**, Engineering and Construction Division, Construction Branch, Schofield Barracks Resident Office June **Richard Raber**, Programs and Project Management Division, Programs Management Branch July **Laureen Lau**, Executive Office July **Louis Muzzarini**, Engineering and Construction Division, Technical Support Branch



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