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Tripler Army Medical Center

“THE PINK LADY”

Celebrates 60 Years of Service

Commander's Comments

Another beautiful day in paradise! Although my time as the commander of this great organization grows short, my attitude remains unchanged from day one. You all continue to impress me with your positive attitudes, competence and commitment. I could not have asked to serve with a better group of dedicated professionals than the members of the Honolulu District. It has truly been an honor and a privilege to be your commander!

We have accomplished many outstanding achievements over the past two years; all for the benefit of our Soldiers and Airmen and the people of Hawaii and the Pacific Region.

Our military construction (MILCON) program continues to thrive as evidenced by our remarkable progress on the Whole Barracks Renewal Program, C-17 facilities and Army Transformation projects. We have successfully implemented MILCON Transformation to provide critical facilities in less time and at a lower cost.

All of your hard work was recognized when the District was named the Design through Construction Agent of the Year by the Pacific Air Forces for the past two years and won this prestigious award for the entire Air Force last year. Since we are a nation at war, I cannot emphasize the importance of our mission to deliver these essential mission capabilities for our military men and women.

We continue to provide expert environmental support to our military customers to ensure we protect the unique environment and beauty of the Pacific.

Our Civil Works and Interagency and International Services programs continue to provide vital services to the people of Hawaii and the Pacific. We completed the Kaunalapau Harbor project which provides a lifeline to the residents of Lanai using state-of-the-art Core-Locs designed by the Corps' Engineer Research and Development Center.

We completed the monumental Palau Road project which is enabling the economic growth of the Republic of Palau. And we continue to make progress on critical harbor and flood damage reduction projects throughout the Pacific.

Our collaborative approach in addressing the needs of our communities, partners, stakeholders and the environment has been very successful and recognized as a model way of doing business.

All of the above accomplishments are a direct reflection



of your dedicated professionalism, and although we have achieved so much, what I will remember most about the Honolulu District are the great people.

You all performed your duties exceptionally well and overcame challenges with a positive attitude and usually with a smile on your face. Your support to various organizational and community activities such as Earth Day, MATHCOUNTS, Safety Day and Organization Day is a testament to your camaraderie and cooperative spirit.

Lt. Col. Jon Chytka will take command of this remarkable organization on July 25. He has served at U.S. Army Pacific for the past year and I know he is the right man for the job. I ask that you show him and his family the same support and aloha spirit you so graciously showed me and my family. I know he is excited to lead the Honolulu District to even greater heights.

In closing, I want to say thank you to all of my teammates in this great organization, our tremendously supportive Congressional Delegation, our wonderful partners and stakeholders at the State, Territorial and County levels and our incredible military customers. We could not serve our Nation and the people of Hawaii and the Pacific without your steadfast support and cooperation.

Thanks again for making this the best assignment of my career.

Mahalo Nui Loa and Essayons!

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Diamond in the Pacific
ON THE COVER
 A view of the main oceanside entrance to Tripler Army Medical Center on May 2, 2008 before ceremonies which commemorated the hospital's 60 years of service to America's Armed Services.
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 Dino W. Buchanan



Honolulu District Commander..... Lt. Col. Charles H. Klinge
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Honolulu District's 2008 Honolulu-Pacific Federal Executive Board honorees pose with their FEB certificates - (starting fourth from left, front row) Sharon Kobashiwara, Lise Ditzle-Ma; Erick Kozuma, Edwin Yago and Clifford Olivera with (second row fifth from left) Honolulu District Deputy Commander Maj. Corey Spencer, Pacific Ocean Division Commander Brig. Gen. John W. Peabody and Honolulu District Commander Lt. Col. Charles H. Klinge. Standing at left are personnel of the Kaunalapau Breakwater Project Delivery Team, which was an FEB Team Excellence honoree. Photo by Joseph Bonfiglio

District Employees Honored at 2008 FEB Luncheon

The 52nd Annual Excellence in Federal Government Awards luncheon for the Honolulu-Pacific region was held at the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel, Hawaii Ballroom on June 24. The theme for this year's event was "Leaders Modeling the Way."

The Federal Executive Board's mission is to strengthen the management and administration of Federal activities and promote government-wide management improvement; and encourage interagency cooperation with the objectives of improved intergovernmental coordination, cost reduction and better services to the public.

Honolulu District's five individual honorees and one team honoree were initially nominated at the District level and approved at the Division level, for submission as honorees at the FEB luncheon.

- Team Excellence - Kaunalapau Harbor Breakwater Repair Project Delivery Team.
- Federal Supervisor/Manager of the Year - Erick Kozuma.
- Federal Employee of the Year-Professional, Administrative, Technical - Edwin Yago.
- Federal Employee of the Year-Clerical and Assistant - Sharon Kashiwabara.
- Federal Employee of the Year-Trades and

Crafts - Clifford Olivera.

- Exceptional Community Service - Kalani Smith.



Honolulu District Deputy Commander Maj. Corey Spencer (second from left) and Honolulu District Commander Lt. Col. Charles H. Klinge (second from right) pose in front of the Corps of Engineers' static display at the 2008 Federal Executive Board luncheon held at the Sheraton Waikiki. Standing (at left) is Pacific Ocean Division's David Lindsey and (at right) the District's Chief, Workforce Management Debbie Alexander. Photo by Joseph Bonfiglio

2008 Corps of Engineers Workshop Enhances “A Green Future in the Pacific”

By Joseph Bonfiglio

Chief, Honolulu District, Public Affairs

More than 150 local architects, engineers, construction contractors and others in related fields attended the 13th Annual U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Workshop April 23 at the Ala Moana Hotel in Honolulu.

The workshop provided local design and construction representatives the latest information on the Honolulu District's project workload, technical information and administrative procedures that affect how to do business with the Corps.

This year's workshop theme was, “A Green Future in the Pacific.”

Sid Char, president of the of the American Institute of Architects' Honolulu Chapter, co-organizers of the workshop with the Corps, gave the opening remarks and introduced Tony Paresa, the District's deputy District Engineer for Programs & Project Management.

“The workshop's goal is to emphasize how important it is for the Corps and all our partners to work together to successfully execute our projects while protecting the environment,” said Paresa.

After discussing Workshop goals, Paresa gave a presentation that focused on projected future construction work and how construction work comes to the Corps.

Information presented during the 2008 workshop will allow participants to better understand contracting methods and procedures, to be aware of new standards and codes affecting military projects, to learn about design, construction and legal implications of working with the Honolulu District.

The luncheon speakers were Dr. Robert H. Richmond, Ph.D. of the University of Hawaii (UH) and Mr. Gerald Davis of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). They talked about the important partnership of the Corps, local industry and local stakeholders in protecting Hawaii's fragile reefs.

In their presentation, Richmond and Davis discussed the mountains to the sea concept of protecting the environment by controlling how much sediment and fresh water enter the sea in order to protect local reefs.

Richmond and Davis also discussed how the Corps's Civil Works and Regulatory divisions are partnering with NOAA, UH and Malama Maunaloa to help study the effects of sediment runoff in Maunaloa Bay and exploring ways to mitigate it.

The workshop and breakout sessions also provided opportunity for industry part-



Honolulu District Chief, Regulatory Branch George Young leads a breakout session on the “Corps Permits for Projects on Water” at the 13th Annual U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Workshop held April 23 at the Ala Moana Hotel in Honolulu. Photo by Joseph Bonfiglio

ners from the American Institute of Architects (Honolulu Chapter), American Council of Engineering Companies of Hawaii, General Contractors Association of Hawaii, Building Industry Association of Hawaii and the Associated Builders & Contractors of Hawaii to discuss issues one-on-one with Corps' employees in the spirit of partnership.

Corps and other functional area specialists gave a wide variety of presentations during breakout sessions, covering everything from Design and Construction Lessons Learned to the future of Military Construction Transformation. Breakout sessions included:

- LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) - What Works by David Bylund, Architects Hawaii
- Industry Concerns on Design Build Panel Discussion by Timothy Phillips - Honolulu District
- BIM (Building Information Model) in Detail by Deborah Solis - Honolulu District
- Design and Construction Lessons Learned by Erick Kozuma - HED HVAC Commissioning by Ed Yago - Honolulu District
- Corps Permits for Projects on Water by George Young - Honolulu District
- Future of Military Construction (MIL-CON) Transformation by Andrew Kohashi - Honolulu District
- Hawaii Environmental Compliance Assessment Training & Tracking by Russell Leong - Honolulu District
- Military Munitions Response Program by Chuck Streck - Honolulu District

According to Tad Ono of Parsons Brinckerhoff, the panel discussion about Industry Concerns on Design Build was the

best breakout session he had participated in during the 13 years he'd attended the HED Workshops.

“There was good give and take and a real discussion of the issues,” said Ono. “This kind of frank discussion helps constructors and designers come to a better understanding of each other.”

Louis Muzzarini, chief of HED's Construction Branch and Workshop emcee said, “this workshop is a great opportunity for the Corps to partner with our industry counterparts to discuss relevant issues and topics. We received a lot of positive feedback about the Design Build panel, which provided an insight into what works in private industry and what government can learn from it. This Workshop reflects well on the hard work of both the Corps and our industry partners in setting this up.”

The first annual Honolulu District Workshop was in 1996 at the Pagoda Hotel with the Consulting Engineers Council of Hawaii. Since then, they have changed their name to the American Council of Engineering Companies of Hawaii. In 1998 the workshop expanded to include the American Institute of Architects. In 2000, it again expanded to include the General Contractors Association, the Building Industry Association and the Associated Builders and Contractors Association.

This year's workshop was co-sponsored by the American Institute of Architects, Honolulu Chapter (AIA), American Council of Engineering Companies of Hawaii (ACECH), General Contractors Association of Hawaii (GCA), Building Industry Association of Hawaii (BIA) and the Associated Builders and Contractors of Hawaii (ABC) in conjunction with Honolulu District.

Quad Renovation Receives Award, Praise from Historical Society

By Stefanie Gardin

U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii, Public Affairs

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Old photographs are fun to look at because they show how people and places have changed over time. However, if you compared an old photo of Schofield's historic troop barracks (known as the quads) to the actual buildings today, you would be hard-pressed to tell the difference.

The Army and the Historic Hawaii Foundation couldn't be happier.

The Historic Hawaii Foundation presented U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii (USAG-HI) with a Preservation Honor Award, Thursday, for the garrison's rehabilitation of Schofield's historic Quads C and E, which date to 1916 and 1920, respectively.

"The recipients of the awards demonstrate various ways to make history come alive and to create tangible connections between the past and the present," Kiersten Faulkner, executive director of the Historic Hawaii Foundation, said in a release. "While each project is different, all are exemplary in demonstrating how preservation builds community."

The rehabilitation effort maintains the barracks' historic significance while, at the same time, providing Soldiers with all the modern conveniences in the interior renovations.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), as well as contractors Nan Inc., Mason Architects Inc., and Architects Hawaii, were also honored for their support.

"We're very proud of the preservation work done by our contractors and our project managers for the U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii, in the rehabilitation of these historic quads," said Lt. Col. Charles H. Klinge, commander, Honolulu District, USACE.

The devil is in the details

The renovation of Quads C and E began in 2003, and while most of the effort involved a great deal of manpower, there was quite a bit of "bookpower" involved, too.

Ken Hays, the USAG-HI architectural historian, conducted extensive research, searching out photographs and drawings of the quads so that the team would know what features were necessary to bring the buildings back to their historic state, displaying them correctly.

Cornices, lanais, guard railings, lighting, windows and even gutters and paint colors were scrutinized and restored; however, the restoration was no easy task, according to Hays. Several hurdles popped up along the way.

First, restoration is a very detailed process, so it took some "coaching" to con-



From the lights to the windows to the gutters, Quads C and E have been restored to look like the buildings did in the early 1900s. Photo by Ken Hays, U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii, Architectural Historian

vince everyone involved about the importance of restoring each of the features.

Second, a number of the materials and designs needed are not common or even produced any more.

"We had to translate all of these 'needs' into new modern materials that meet anti-terrorism/force protection standards, in particular for the windows and the doors," Hays said. "Getting those manufactured to historic standards was quite a challenge."

Finally, the team had to come up with several creative workarounds to balance today's needs with historical accuracy. A good example was the lighting pattern.

For safety and security, the quads need brighter lighting now than they needed or had in the early 1900s. However, affixing brighter lights to the walls of modern-day quads would destroy the historical accuracy of the buildings.

"We came up with a lighting plan that really became invisible on the buildings when you look at them," Hays said. "Now all the lights are mounted on the inside surface of the columns, so when the viewer is looking he really doesn't see any lights at all; they're hidden."

"We had to work out a lot of details like that," Hays added.

Roots of the family tree

Legally, federal agencies have an obligation to preserve their historic structures to the maximum extent possible. On a more human level, though, the renovations preserve the legacy of the barracks, which have been "kind of the anchor of Schofield operations since they were built," according to Hays.

As well as being a part of national history, the quads are part of state and local history. They've served Soldiers through every major conflict, taking a few bullets themselves.

The quads have also been featured in films like "From Here to Eternity."

"There's a great tradition I think for the Soldiers that live here," Hays said. "I've had many of the Soldiers come up and tell me that their dad, their granddad and even great granddads have been in these quads."

Hays also added that some units, like the Wolfhounds in Quad D, have lived and worked in the same quad since it was built.

Barracks of old come of age

Behind every successful preservation effort, one still has to address the current occupants' needs, and the Army continues to meet this challenge head on.

While the exteriors of Quads C and E look very much like they did in 1916 and 1920, the interior is a stark difference. Gone are the days of multi-person bathrooms and rows of bunk beds.

Now the rooms in these quads are designed to meet the Army's "1 + 1" standard; each Soldier has a private room and two Soldiers share a common/kitchen area and bathroom.

"This really is a model of how preservation can work, and it works kind of perfectly because everybody wins," Hays said. "The Soldiers live to a very high standard... they have extremely nice living quarters, and the heritage of the Army, the state and the nation gets preserved."

In total, Schofield Barracks has eight historic quads. The Army is renovating five quads and demolishing three, which will be replaced with new barracks.

All of this construction is part of the Army's Whole Barracks Renewal (WBR) Program at Schofield — a more than 10-year, \$1 billion-plus effort to improve the quality of life for single Soldiers.

“THE PINK LADY”

Diamond in the Pacific



Picturesque view of Tripler Army Medical Center atop Moanalua ridge as it appeared in 2007. The “Pink Lady” celebrates her Diamond Anniversary - 60 years - of service to America’s Armed Forces in 2008. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers file photo

By Dino W. Buchanan
Pacific Connection Editor

The “Pink Lady” celebrates its Diamond anniversary this year. The sprawling facility with its signature coral pink paint is visible for miles into the Pacific Ocean and clearly seen by those traveling east towards Honolulu and Waikiki.

Tripler Army Medical Center officially celebrates 60 years of service to America’s servicemen and women on Sept. 10, but due to scheduling and other conflicts the anniversary of the construction was celebrated a bit early – on May 2.

Although the hospital has provided world-class medical care atop Moanalua ridge for 60 years, the original facility - Tripler General Hospital - was built at Fort Shafter and named after Brevet Brig. Gen. Charles Stuart Tripler in 1920. By the time the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor Tripler had 450 beds and later grew to 1,000 beds. Plans for the new Tripler atop Moanalua ridge were drawn up in 1942, but actual construction didn’t begin until 1945.

In 1948 Honolulu Engineer District completed one of Oahu’s most famous landmarks at a cost of \$40 million. To

protect against earthquake damage, the new 1,500-bed medical center was constructed as 12 independent buildings. At the time, Tripler became the tallest skyscraper in the Pacific

Today Tripler Army Medical Center is the home of the Pacific Regional Medical Command and is the largest medical facility in the Pacific with a staff of 4,200 serving nearly 800,000 eligible beneficiaries in the region.

The 375-acre medical center is also the home of the Spark Matsunaga Veterans Affairs Clinic, which includes a

60-bed Center for Aging completed in 1992, the Center of Excellence in Disaster management and Humanitarian Assistance and the Pacific Telehealth and Technology Hui.

On May 2, a long list of dignitaries, including Hawaii Gov. Linda Lingle, former Tripler commanders, officials and hundreds of well-wishers attended the kickoff ceremonies of a yearlong 60th anniversary celebration of Tripler.

“Our pink safe haven was truly a home away from home for the wounded, for the visitor, retired personnel visiting Hawaii and like I said it’s home and it’s been tremendous to be associated with it,” said Elizabeth Roth, who was married to the late Albert Henry Roth who oversaw the construction of Tripler Army Medical Center.

“Charlie Chaplin was here, Jack Lord from Hawaii Five-O used to come,” said Roth. “They (the engineers) decided that this hospital should be painted and they used the coral hue of the soil in the surrounding area and



Elizabeth Roth, who was married to the late Albert Henry Roth who oversaw the construction of Tripler Army Medical Center, speaks at Tripler’s 60th Anniversary ceremonies May 2.

Photo by Dino W. Buchanan



Hawaii Gov. Linda Lingle speaks at Tripler's 60th Anniversary ceremonies May 2. Photo by Dino W. Buchanan

they decided that would be a good color.”

For the anniversary celebration kickoff, Tripler’s Kyser Auditorium displayed historical memorabilia that will soon be enclosed in a time capsule to be reopened in the year 2048. The hospital’s Anuenue Café played 1940s music and served a “Liberty-style” menu with food from the era.

“When you look at it, we have been in continuous wars since 1950, of course Tripler has been our major facility for the Pacific theater,” said Donald Devaney, Tripler Provost Marshal.

During the Korean War more than 60,000 air evacuees passed through

Tripler and later returning prisoners of war were treated during the Vietnam War era.

At the official ceremony Gov. Lingle and three former Tripler commanding generals praised the institution for its accomplishments, from being the first healthcare facility in Hawaii to offer AIDS testing to all admitted patients and the first hospital in the state to perform a laparoscopic gall bladder removal.

“You can be proud of your 60th anniversary,” Maj. Gen. Carla Hawley-Bowland, who headed Tripler in 2006 and 2007, told the assemblage. “Your innovations, your creativity, your Ohana spirit keep this place together and keep this place at the forefront of excellence in Army medicine.”

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- Elizabeth Roth

“There’s fascinating history here,” said Mindy Anderson, Tripler’s chief of public affairs. “I looked through our archives and our guest books list everybody from Dear Abby to Dorothy Lamour, who came through on Dec. 25, 1952. And Robert and Ethel Kennedy were here in 1961. And Jack Dempsey



(Above) A ceremonial honor guard dressed in retro-Army uniforms stands at parade rest while listening to the 60th Anniversary ceremonies. Photo by Dino W. Buchanan
(Below) A view of the main entrance to the recently completed “Tripler General Hospital” as it appeared in 1948. The hospital had yet to take on its signature coats of coral pink paint. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers file photo

was here. And so was Louis Armstrong. And that’s just the tip of the iceberg.”

As one of Hawaii’s most famous landmarks, Tripler Army Medical Center continues to be one of the Honolulu District’s key customers, while providing world-class medical facilities for military personnel, their families, retirees and deployable DOD civilians.



Coincidence?: Are the “Pink Lady” &

By **Dino W. Buchanan**
Pacific Connection Editor

Although the ceremonious atmosphere atop Moanalua Ridge kept everyone aglow on May 2, the main question probably twirling on the minds of the guests was why the hospital has its distinctive coral pink hue.

“And even after they are given the official answer,” said Donald Devaney, Tripler’s provost marshal and unofficial historian, “they are not satisfied.”

“People don’t want the answer,” said Devaney, 71, “they want the myth.”

One of the most repeated “myths” surrounds millionaire businessman Henry Kaiser, who had an affinity for pink and used that color scheme for everything he constructed in the 1950s. But Kaiser didn’t come to Hawaii until after Tripler was constructed and painted.

Another myth involves a soldier who ordered the wrong color - 30 million gallons of pink - instead of blue. So pink was used until that supply was exhausted. Or there is the explanation that construction practices after World War II involved using whatever material was available. Mixing white mortar, crushed coral and Moanalua red dirt results in pink.

A variation of that “myth” deals with a disagreement over the color and a lottery being used to select the final color, while another story says pink was used during World War II to camouflage the building. However, the war was over by the time hospital was completed.

One myth is that the woman who donated the land specified the paint. However, the National Archives reports that the royal family, which provided the land, never made such a request.

Devaney, a retired Army command sergeant major, said a persistent story involves Robert Thompson, the landscape architect for both Tripler and the “Pink Palace” - Waikiki’s Royal Hawaiian Hotel.

“But that’s just coincidence,” said Devaney who also serves as Tripler’s informal historian. “Let the myths live on. People want to have their own version of the Pink Lady.”

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(Top) A view of Tripler Army Medical Center on May 2, 2008 prior to the 60th Anniversary ceremonies. Photo by Dino W. Buchanan

(Bottom Photo) This aerial view of Tripler was taken just prior to its completion in 1948. Please note that the building complex still has not been painted its current coral pink hue. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers file photo

Tripler General Hospital Construction Facts

Designer: York and Sawyer, Architects-Engineers, New York

Construction: Morrison-Knudsen Inc., California; Peter Kiewit Sons, Inc., California

Resident Manager (York and Sawyer): A.J. Patrizio; (Contractors) W.R. Johnston
Corps Supervisor/District Engineer: COL B.L. Robinson, COL B.M. Harloe

Resident Engineer: A.O. Strandberg

Surgeon General Representative: COL A.L. Tynes; Lt. Col. J.T. McGibony

Officially, Army engineers in 1948 wanted the hospital and its surrounding buildings to avoid an “institutional atmosphere.” Instead, the planners

wanted “to create the impression of a residential community and chose a pink coral stucco finish,” Devaney said.

“Pink Palace” color schemes related?



The Royal Hawaiian Hotel - sometimes called the “Pink Palace of the Pacific” - is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Royal Hawaiian opened its doors on Feb. 1, 1927 with a black-tie gala attended by more than 1,200 guests and quickly became an icon of Hawaii’s glory days.

It was the Hawaii residence or “Western White House” of President Franklin D. Roosevelt and boasts the bar that invented the famous Shirley Temple cocktail for the child star who visited in the 1930s.

During World War II the “Pink Palace” was closed to tourists while it was rented by the U.S. Navy as a rest and relaxation site for Sailors returning from combat tours in the Pacific. Sailors paid as little as 25 cents per night for a room. The Navy returned the hotel in October 1945 and after a \$2 million restoration the hotel reopened Feb. 1, 1947, 20 years to the day after the hotel first opened in 1927.

The hotel is now closed - for just the second time - until Jan. 1, 2009 while undergoing \$110 million in improvements including making the interior areas less pink in color - but the famous exterior color will stay intact. Courtesy photo



» The Royal Hawaiian Hotel as it appears today (top left, above center left) and a rare color photo of the hotel as it appeared on Waikiki Beach in 1940 (above center right). Courtesy photos

» The original architect’s conception drawing in 1946 of the future Tripler General Hospital (below left); an aerial view of the Tripler Army Medical Center grounds in 2007 (above center); and contractors pouring a concrete foundation of Tripler in 1947. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers file photos

Cayetano, Johnson Named to District Leadership Positions

Stephen Cayetano was recently named as Honolulu District's new deputy chief for Programs and Project Management Division, filling a vacancy left by the promotion of Anthony J. Paresa to Deputy for Project Management/Chief, Programs and Project Management Division.



Stephen Cayetano

Cayetano moved to Honolulu District from the Pacific Ocean Division (POD) headquarters at Fort Shafter where he served as the District Support Team Leader for the Honolulu District. Cayetano has also served as the Air Force and Defense Logistics Agency Program Manager supporting the Japan, Korea, Alaska and Honolulu Districts within POD; served three separate terms as a Chief, Environmental Branch at the Honolulu, Japan and



Edwin Johnson

Europe Districts as well as serving as a project engineer and office engineer in various area and resident offices in Japan, Hawaii and Europe.

Edwin C. Johnson was also recently named Honolulu District's deputy chief, Engineering and Construction Division, filling a vacancy left by the retirement of Curtis Yokoyama.

Johnson was most recently employed as the deputy director of Public Works, U.S. Army Garrison, Bamberg, Germany. He is a licensed architect and holds both a Masters in Architecture and Civil Engineering from the Illinois Institute of Technology. His previous Army Corps of Engineers' experience includes positions as a structural engineer, chief Technical Support Section and architect, Chicago District.

GWOT UPDATE



Fortunato "Sonny" Sapida

Three Honolulu District employees are currently deployed supporting the Global War on Terror [GWOT].

Fortunato "Sonny" Sapida deployed July 6 for one year to Gulf Region Division (GRD) as a contract specialist, where he'll be working in the Mosul area.

Maj. Matt Luzzatto is returning from Iraq in early August and is scheduled to return to work at the District in September after a few weeks of leave.

"Ike" Borja remains on station in Iraq as part of his one-year deployment to GRD.



Maj. Matt Luzzatto

Corps, Air Force Break Ground for New DCGS Intel Squadron Facility at Hickam

Honolulu District and Air Force officials held a Hawaii Blessing ceremony in April for the \$15 million design and construction of the DCGS Intel Squadron Operations facility at Hickam Air Force Base.

The project entails design and construction of a Secure Compartmented Information Facility (SCIF) to support ANQ-272 Sentinel Weapons System's Pacific node, Distributed Ground System-5 (DGS-5). The DGS-5 is the primary intelligence exploitation node for the Pacific Air Force (PACAF) Global Hawk, Predator and U-2 operations.

The new facility will contain a command section, staff offices/training rooms, systems maintenance area, scheduling/operations, communications support and other mechanical areas.



(Photo at right) Air Force Col. Martin Neubauer, Headquarters, Pacific Air Force and Honolulu District Commander Lt. Col. Charles H. Klinge untie the ceremonial maile lei symbolizing the start of construction of the DCGS Intel Squadron Operations facility. Photo by Dino W. Buchanan

Civil Works Tech Branch Chief Jim Pennaz Moving to Kansas City District

A farewell party was held June 25 for James Pennaz as he transfers to the Corps' Kansas City District where he will become the chief, Hydrologic Engineering Branch.

More than 40 friends, family and District Ohana crammed the Building 230 conference rooms to give Jim a rousing sendoff.

Jim Pennaz has served as the chief of Civil Works Technical Branch, Honolulu

District since it was created from within Civil and Public Works Branch in November 1999.

He was born and raised in Minnesota where he obtained his Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering and Master of Science in Civil Engineering (Water Resources) from the University of Minnesota. After two quarters of post graduate study, he

joined the Corps' Saint Paul Engineer District in 1974.

He transferred to the Pacific Ocean Division, Honolulu District in 1977 as a Hydraulic Engineer. He has worked in all phases of Civil Works including design, project formulation and project management. He has also done extensive work throughout the District's area of responsibility including developing a hydropower project on Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia and completing flood control projects in Guam, Kauai, Hawaii and Oahu. One of his latest projects was technical management of a water supply project for a village of 615 people in East Timor.

Pennaz is an instructor in AE Contracting for the Corps PROSPECT program and served as a member of the Visitor Center Initiative Multidiscipline Field Team, HQUSACE.

He also worked with the Department of Civil Engineering, University of Hawaii in developing and teaching CE 426, Advanced Hydraulic Design and has written numerous technical papers in the field of water resources.

Pennaz is a Registered Professional Engineer (Civil) in Minnesota and Hawaii and a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

He is married to Sandra J. Pennaz. Their youngest son, Eric, is a chemistry major at the University of Chicago and their oldest son, Matt, is a project researcher at the East-West Center, University of Hawaii.



Jim Pennaz (right) shows Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works John Paul Woodley Jr. a diagram of Corps projects in Hawaii. Photo by Dino W. Buchanan

Corps' Kaunalapau project Wins GCA Hawaii's Top Honor

Three Honolulu District projects received recognition at the General Contractors Association (GCA) of Hawaii's 5th Annual banquet and 2008 Build Hawaii awards in April.

The 2008 Build Hawaii Grand Award was presented for the Army Corps' Kaunalapau Breakwater project constructed on the island of Lanai. The breakwater was constructed by Traylor Brothers, Inc. (Pacific) for the Corps using 819, 35-ton, Core-Loc armor units fabricated by sub-contractor Grace Pacific Corporation. The Core-Loc units, designed by the Corps' Engineer Research and Development Center in Vicksburg, Miss., are some of the largest in the world and this was the first time the pre-cast concrete armor units of this specific design were used for a deep water breakwater.

Grace Pacific Corporation won the Grand Award and Award of Excellence in the Specialty Construction of more than \$3 million category. The newly

established Grand Award was chosen from all entries submitted and is considered the "best of the best" as voted on by a panel of GCA judges.

Two other Corps' projects received honorable mention awards in the federal construction category. These were: the Corps' Multiple Deployment Facility Complex project at Wheeler Army Airfield, completed by contractor Dick Pacific and the Hot Cargo Pads project at Hickam Air Force Base, completed by Watts Constructors.

The Build Hawaii award program is open to all GCA general contractors and specialty contractors for projects completed in 2007. Awards were based on the submissions received, with a panel of judges reviewing entries and scoring how each of the project entries met eight outlined criteria.

The judges' total scores were tabulated and an "Award of Excellence" was given to winners in six categories. Projects not scoring as highly but ex-

emplifying the highest standards of construction were given honorable mention awards. Award categories included: building construction; highway construction, construction management design-build/ design assist construction; specialty construction; residential; and industrial.

The Multiple Deployment Facility Complex was built by the partnership of the Corps and Dick Pacific Construction to support the 25th Infantry Division at Schofield Barracks.

The General Contractors Association of Hawaii (GCA) was formed in 1932 by general contractors from the four major islands of Hawaii and was incorporated in 1945. GCA Hawaii is a full service construction association serving general contractors, subcontractors, equipment/material suppliers and associate members and has 540 corporate members of which 351 are construction contractors.

EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH

April



Jennifer Ko: Is recognized for her outstanding performance as the contract specialist/contracting officer for the award of two command-interest Tier 1 construction projects: FY08 MCA Barracks, Fort Shafter & FY08 Replace Hydrant Fuel System, Hickam AFB. Ko demonstrated outstanding contracting skills, diligence, & perseverance in awarding these projects. The barracks project required the use of the complex MILCON transformation two-phase design-build selection procedures. The hydrant fuel system project required the use of alpha contracting procedures to finalize the specifications. To meet the award milestones, she worked nights & weekends – way beyond the call of duty.

April



Jenny Masunaga: Is recognized for her outstanding performance as legal advisor for the solicitation & award of three command-interest construction projects: FY07 MCA Child Development Center, Schofield Barracks; FY08 MCAF C-17 Parking Ramp, Hickam AFB; and the FY08 Replace Hydrant Fuel System, Hickam AFB. Jenny demonstrated outstanding legal expertise, leadership skills, & diligence, in providing sound & timely legal advice to the respective project delivery teams, which resulted in the timely award of these projects. As a result, the successful award of these important projects will enable us to provide much needed facilities to our Soldiers and Airmen as early as possible.

May



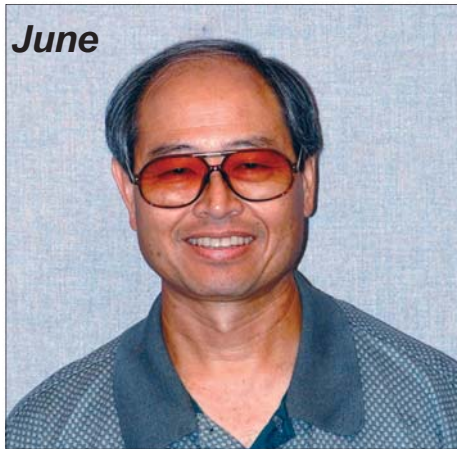
Glenn Kusaka: Glenn received the Corps of Engineers Construction Management Excellence Award for Pacific Ocean Division April 7; recognized for his efforts on the Kaunapali Harbor Breakwater Repair project. Through his extensive construction knowledge, excellent communication skills & strong positive work ethic, the customer's expectations were exceeded on this \$22.2M contract. He is an exceptional team leader who provided assistance to the Air Force Resident Office to oversee & manage a critical aircraft hangar project due to an unforeseen vacancy. He treats the members of his team and others with whom he is in contact on a daily basis with the utmost respect and professional courtesy.

May



Keane Nishimoto: In the early part of May, he was the only mechanical engineer in a section normally staffed by four. Keane completed the Department of the Army intern program last fiscal year & in his first year has been successfully working on many projects including renovation projects at Tripler Army Medical Center, Camp Zama (Japan) & Sagami General Depot, Japan. He also worked diligently to complete modifications to construction contracts that have already been awarded. His can-do attitude, eagerness to learn & ability to constructively work well with others has proven invaluable to his project delivery teammates.

June



Glen Takishita: As the project manager for the Honolulu District's 2008 Organization Day celebration, Glen felt strongly that building consensus was key to raising participation levels. He recruited a "coalition of the willing" from technical, administrative and other staff and together, he and his team conducted extensive research into the leisure /adventure activities offered by commercial & government sources. They polled the District Ohana so the team's plans would be in alignment with the District's preferences. Through Glen's leadership the Organization Day Committee promoted team building and established a new benchmark for future District Organization Day celebrations.

June



Owen Ogata: Is recognized for his commitment to excellence as civil engineer (and team leader) assigned to the FY08 Design-Build of the \$72 million, New Barracks Complex, Schofield Barracks. Despite having to maintain continued responsibilities for Quality Assurance and Contract Administration of the \$31 million, Design-Build WBR phase 4B2 at Quad E renovation, he provided valuable contributions in the 2 phases of Selection-Evaluation Board, during the period of 1 - 30 March, leading to the timely award of the Design-Build MILCON project. His proactive actions helped to insure important District metrics were met while also providing technical support expertise. His selfless dedication to duty enhances the quality of life for Soldiers.

Corps of Engineers joins City and County of Honolulu and Federal Partners to Celebrate Earth Day 2008 Activities at Pacific Regional Visitor Center

By Joseph Bonfiglio

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The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers recently joined with the City and County of Honolulu, other federal partners and concerned citizens to participate in Honolulu's Mauka to Makai Cleanup as part of Earth Day 2008.

Approximately 57 volunteers from the Corps, Tripler Army Medical Center and Navy Region Hawaii joined local high school students and community members to clean up the beach and berm area of the Corps' Pacific Regional Visitor Center (RVC) at Fort DeRussy on April 12.

"I feel good about doing this," said Lt. Col. Robert Takao, commander of the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps at Punahou High School. "This is a good opportunity to give back to the community."

The cleanup was also held in honor of the International Year of the Reef and the efforts to protect Oahu's reefs.

"I was happy to join the Earth Day volunteers. We gathered a significant amount of trash from the beach and berm area at Fort DeRussy," said Jim Pennaz, chief of the Civil Works Technical Branch at the Honolulu District.

"Our Park Ranger, Garland Ireland, 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:

- Waikiki Beach Cleanup
- Ala-Moana Boulevard Adopt-A-Highway
- Manoa Adopt-A-Stream
- Palolo Adopt-A-Stream
- Manoa-Palolo Drainage Channel Adopt-A-Stream and Beautification
- Mauka to Makai Expo at the Waikiki Aquarium
- Armored Catfish Roundup
- Restocking Hawaii's Prized Moi

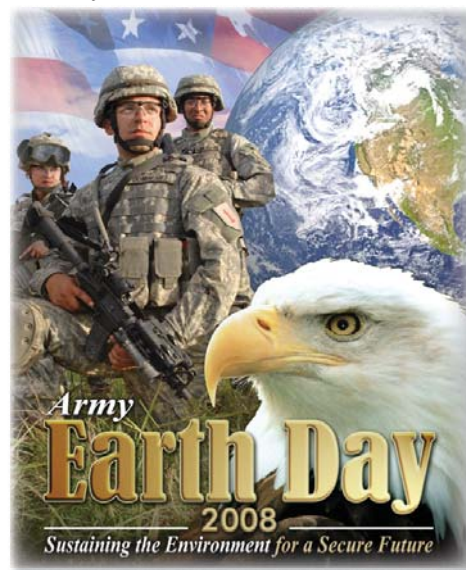
The goal of the Mauka to Makai cleanup was to showcase the efforts of government agencies to preserve and protect Hawaii's environment with an emphasis on Hawaii's unique water



Lt. Col. Robert Takao (left), commander of the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps at Punahou High School, and two local high school students protect the aina by helping to clean up the Pacific Regional Visitor Center (RVC) at Fort DeRussy. Photo by Joseph Bonfiglio

resources from the mountains to the sea.

All of the events featured family-friendly and hands-on educational dis-



plays by city, state and federal agencies and the University of Hawaii. Over 400 people participated city-wide.

Volunteers and representatives from the Ala Wai Association, 20 local civic organizations and the co-sponsors provided manpower for events throughout the Ala Wai Watershed area focusing on this year's U.S. Army Earth Day theme of "Sustaining the Environment for a Secure Future" and Honolulu's Earth Day 2008 theme of "Be An Everyday Environmental Hero."

Earth Day is an annual event in Honolulu and increases awareness and support for ongoing education and efforts to build partnerships and grassroots involvement to keep the aina clean year-round. Earth Day was established March 21, 1970 as an annual event to deepen reverence and care for life on the planet.

For more information about the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, log on to the Honolulu District website: <http://www.poh.usace.army.mil>; or call 438-2815 for information about the Pacific Regional Visitor Center.

The Corps' RVC first opened its doors at Battery Randolph in 1983. Its goal is to enhance the public's understanding of the multidimensional role of the U.S. Army and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Particular emphasis is on civil works and water resources development that affect the lives of all the residents of Hawaii and the people of the Pacific.

The RVC is located on the second floor of historic Battery Randolph at Fort DeRussy, Waikiki. Battery Randolph is listed on the National Register of Historic Sites and is one of 16 coastal fortifications built by the Corps between 1906 and 1917 for the protection of Honolulu and Pearl Harbors.

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Aloha

Aloha to GWOT volunteers:

“Ike” Borja, Maj.
Matt Luzzatto and
“Sonny” Sapida who
are currently deployed
in support of GWOT.

Hello:

Alan Leong; Edwin John-
son; Lori Wong; Lindsey
Kasperowicz; Nathan
Kanale Sadowski; Nellie
Williams

Welcome Back

Dean Fukuchi

Goodbye:

Chuck Streck; Stan
Wakamoto; Randy
Itamoto; “Sonny” Sapida
(GRD Iraq); Dan Briest;
Jim Pennaz;
Flora Tangonan-Roache

Lt. Col Jon J. Chytka

Lt. Col. Jon J. Chytka will become the 66th Commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers’ Honolulu District on July 25, 2008.

He was most recently prepositioned in Hawaii as the chief of Master Plans and Environment for the Engineer Division, United States Army - Pacific.

Lt. Col. Chytka began his military career with the 1st Engineer Battalion, 1st Infantry Division, serving as combat engineer platoon leader and an assault and obstacle platoon leader at Fort Riley, Kansas.

After completing the Engineer Officer Advanced Course, Lt. Col. Chytka joined the 44th Engineer Battalion’s staff of the 2nd Infantry Division in Camp Howze, Korea as the assistant brigade engineer supporting the 1st Brigade, 2ID and 5th Republic of Korea Armor Brigade.

He then took command of the 82nd Engineer Company at Camp Edwards, Korea. After command, he served as the U.S. Army exchange officer to Australia’s 3rd Combat Engineer Regiment where he was assigned to several positions including the Assistant S3 Operations, Regimental Executive Officer and Regimental S3.

Following his Australian tour, Lt. Col. Chytka taught/provided career counseling at Georgetown University as assistant professor of Military Science. After Command and General Staff College he was assigned to 1st Armored Division’s Engineer Brigade in Giessen, Germany where he served as the assistant division engineer and led the planning for the U.S.-Romania bilateral exercise ROMEX 2005, which was the proof of principle for future Army re-stationing initiatives in Romania. Upon redeploying from Romania, he moved to Baumholder, Germany to serve as the 40th Engineer Battalion’s Executive Officer during its train up and deployment to Operation Iraqi Freedom from 2005-07. Upon redeploying from Iraq, he returned to Engineer Brigade, 1AD as the brigade executive officer and would later become the brigade commander for two months to complete the inactivation of the 1AD Engineer Brigade - the last divisional engineer brigade.

Lt. Col. Chytka’s awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal (4 Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Commendation Medal (1 OLC), Army Achievement Medal (1 OLC), Humanitarian Service Medal, Air Assault Badge, Airborne Badge and Ranger Tab.

Lt. Col. Chytka earned a Bachelors Degree in Aerospace Engineering from the United States Military Academy and a Masters Degree in Engineering Management from the University of Missouri at Rolla. He is also a graduate of the Army Command and General Staff College and the Engineer Officer Basic and Advanced courses.

Lt. Col. Chytka is married to the former Juli Zielinski of Highland, New York and they have two children.



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