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Sen. Daniel K. Inouye answers students' questions at Nanaikapono Elementary School in Nanakuli, Hawaii, as members of his staff, veterans, the state Dept. of Education and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers look on. Photo by Joseph Bonfiglio



The Honolulu District
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Lt. Col. Jon J. Chytka
District Commander

Commander's Comments

Aloha Ohana,

I have recently attended several changes of command including USAG-HI (Army), NAVFAC-HI (Navy), and the 647th Engineer Squadron (AF), and it started me thinking about my own limited time remaining as the Honolulu District Commander and reflecting back on the District's many accomplishments over the last two years.

I have truly been honored and blessed to be the Commander of this prestigious and dedicated Army organization. We have a unique and amazing mission set that no other government agency fulfills. It is a testament to the Army and its Engineers that many of the notable landmarks in Hawaii and other locations are Army Corps of Engineer projects. I am confident that our current contributions will also become a part of that great history. I will never forget the impacts that the District has made through projects like the Kikiaola Harbor, the clean-up of unexploded ordnance around Waikoloa on the Big Island or our tsunami recovery response to American Samoa.

We should all be proud of the work we have done in the form studies, assessments, designs, renovations and facilities we've built throughout the Pacific including Humanitarian Assistance projects in Asia and Pacific Islands. We are on the verge of completing the C-17 Beddown and Whole Barracks Renewal programs, have restarted the Stryker program at Schofield and PTA, started the Warrior in Transition facilities and the USARPAC Command and Control Facility and the list goes on and on.

These programs have purpose and are essential for our national security by providing our Warriors top notch training and administrative areas as well as quality of life improvements. Further, I am proud of the friendships we have strengthened with our national, state and territorial officials, sister services, our supported commands and other agencies. But as it was in 1905, the District still has much to accomplish, engineering challenges to solve, commands and partners to support and great projects to execute. As I wrote to Lt. Gen. Van Antwerp around two years ago, "we have a tremendous workforce made up of disciplined people genuinely trying to do the right thing..." I know the District team is up to the challenge.

As most of you know, on July 16, Lt. Col. Doug Guttormsen will become the 67th District Commander. The Army once again has selected exactly the right person for the job. He has the leadership, experience and educational background to lead the District to continued success. He has distinguished himself throughout his time in the Army through his body of work. He is joining us after just completing a very successful tour of duty in Iraq as the 130th Engineer Brigade Operations Officer (S3) where he worked with my predecessor Col. Chuck Klinge. I am confident that with leadership like Doug's, the District will continue to be "...the best place where the best people serve" focused on executing quality projects in a transparent, reliable and responsible way.

Finally, I want to give a shout out "HOOAH" (the Army word meaning thank you in this case) from my family as well as to all of you – our state and territorial governments, our congressional delegations, our supported commands and agencies, our industry partners and other colleagues as well as our District Ohana – for your terrific support and professionalism, but most importantly, for all that you do to serve our nation and her armed forces in the Pacific.

It has been an honor to serve alongside all of you. As I head off on my Afghanistan journey to assist in building a better tomorrow for that country, I leave behind my precious family – Juli and our children in the District's and greater Hawaii Ohana's caring arms. I am confident they are in good hands.

God Bless and BUILDING STRONG®!

Corps Workshop 2010:

“Are You Ready for the Challenge?”

Story and Photo by Joseph Bonfiglio
Chief, Public Affairs

Approximately 250 local architects, engineers, construction contractors and others in related fields attended the 15th Annual U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Workshop May 20, at the Hale Koa Hotel in Honolulu.

This year’s workshop theme was “*Are You Ready for the Challenge?*”

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.

Gary Nip, chief of the Honolulu District’s Design Branch said, “this workshop is a great opportunity for the Corps to partner with our industry counterparts to discuss relevant issues and topics. We received feedback from last year’s workshop to add more time for networking. Thus we added longer breaks to this year’s workshop resulting in many powerful conversations.”

Opening remarks were delivered by Charles Kaneshiro A.I.A, president of the American Institute of Architects (A.I.A.) Honolulu Chapter and Todd Barnes P.E., chief of the District’s Engineering & Construction Division. Barnes introduced Steve Cayetano, the District’s Programs and Project Management Division deputy chief.

According to Kaneshiro, this year’s workshop had the most attendees ever. He believed the slow local construction economy probably prompted the high attendance as local firms seek out Army contracts, which Kaneshiro said are always reliable. The Corps, and in particular Corps organizer Gary Nip and A.I.A., were especially proactive in getting the word out to industry, according to Kaneshiro.

“The workshop is a great opportunity to network with the Corps and for people from the design side meeting up with our clientele and those who are managing these projects. There’s a tremendous offering of different seminars besides just the networking opportunities so you can also gain knowledge,” he said.



Chief of Honolulu District’s Regional Technical Center Kevin Araki (standing at podium) leads a 2010 Corps Workshop breakout session entitled “Technicalities II !” at the 15th annual event held May 20 at the Hale Koa Hotel in Waikiki.

In discussing the workshop’s theme of *Are You Ready for the Challenge?* Kaneshiro noted, “... in the challenging environment we’re in, it really takes collaboration. In an environment of stewardship, we need everybody to be on board. It’s not only the job of the designer; it’s the job of the engineers, the job of the client and the job of the contractor, to pull these projects off. Unless we’re all continuing to communicate together, it’s going to be very difficult to achieve the goals of the Corps and the goals of these projects,” he said.

After discussing the overall mission of the District and workshop goals, Cayetano gave a presentation that focused on projected future construction work, how construction work comes to the Corps, and 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 District.

The luncheon speaker was Ross Roley, who represented Senior Executive George Ka’iliwai III of the U.S. Pacific Command (PACOM), and gave a presentation about sustainable energy initiatives spearheaded by PACOM, in particular how they are co-operating with the state of Hawaii to develop strategies and solutions to harness clean, efficient, secure, renewable and sustainable energy for the benefit of the people of Hawaii and the Asia Pacific Region.

The workshop and breakout sessions also provided opportunity for industry partners from the American Institute of Architects (Honolulu Chapter), Ameri-

can 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.

“We are working in collaboration with the people who are actually building the project to make it a better product and deliver it on time and on budget and so the need to be able to sit down at a table with everyone is critical for the success of the project and events like this promote that,” Kaneshiro said.

David Vasquez of Vasquez Marshall Architects echoed those sentiments.

“I come for the latest information and networking opportunities. I was especially interested in the future works briefing.”

In addition to information sharing, the Corps honored many contractors for their demonstrated excellence in the areas of quality and safety on Corps’ projects.

The first annual Honolulu District Corps Workshop was held in 1996 at the Pagoda Hotel in Honolulu.

This year’s workshop was co-sponsored by the Honolulu Chapter of A.I.A., ACECH, GCA of Hawaii, BIA of Hawaii and the ABC of Hawaii in conjunction with Honolulu District.



Preserving the 'Aina

District Employees Join Honolulu Earth Day 2010 Activities at Ft. DeRussy, Expo

Story and Photos by Joseph Bonfiglio
Chief, Public Affairs

Volunteers from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers partnered with the city and county of Honolulu and other concerned citizens to participate in Honolulu's Earth Day 2010 Mauka to Makai Environmental Expo April 10.

Approximately 15 volunteers from the Punahou High School Junior ROTC program (which includes students from 15 area high schools including Punahou, Damien, Sacred Hearts, Saint Francis and La Pietra), members of the North America Taiwanese Association Hawaii Chapter and Corps' employees and family members joined forces to clean up the beach and berm area of the Corps' Pacific Regional Visitor Center (RVC) at Fort DeRussy in Waikiki and the shoreline revetment at the Kakaako Waterfront Park. More than 60 total volunteers participated.

"I feel good about doing this," said Lt. Col. Robert Takao, commander of the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps at Punahou High School in Honolulu. "Our program has been doing this for several years now. It's a very worthwhile endeavor. Earth Day is about our future. It's really our way of giving back to this great land and world that we live in and it's important for us to understand how fragile the eco-systems are and what our responsibility is as inhabitants of this world to do our part to sustain it for our future," Takao said.

These sentiments were echoed by Punahou JROTC Cadet Daylan DeMello.

"I feel good about it because we're taking care of the earth and doing our part. We need to take care of the earth because one day it'll give back to us," DeMello said.

In the same vein, Julie Rohrer, administrative assistant for the Honolulu District Engineering Services Branch and president of the North America Taiwanese Association Hawaii Chapter, said, "it makes us feel good that we are useful and that we're doing something and contributing our efforts to our community to keep our environment nice and clean."

"We're celebrating Earth Day with our volunteer groups to come out and clean not only the beach berm behind the Regional Visitor Center, but also over at Kakaako Park, picking up the litter, and making people aware of some of the things and activities we can do to help save our planet," said Steve Yamamoto, chief, Civil Works Technical Branch, Honolulu District.

"I always feel good when we can convey some of the messages about saving our plan-



Cadets from the Punahou JROTC program clean up the Fort DeRussy berm as part of the Corps and city and county of Honolulu's Earth Day 2010 Mauka to Makai Environmental Expo.

et and to keeping it clean to the younger kids," Yamamoto said. "Our (Corps) Park Rangers Angela Jones and Corey Yamashita and my administrative assistant Joanne Brostrom did a super job in organizing and coordinating this event."

In addition to the Fort DeRussy clean-up, the City and County of Honolulu Department of Environmental Services also

sponsored other events the same day, including an Earth Day *Mauka to Makai Environmental Expo* at the Waikiki Aquarium with participants from many environmental organizations interested in keeping Honolulu green and clean.

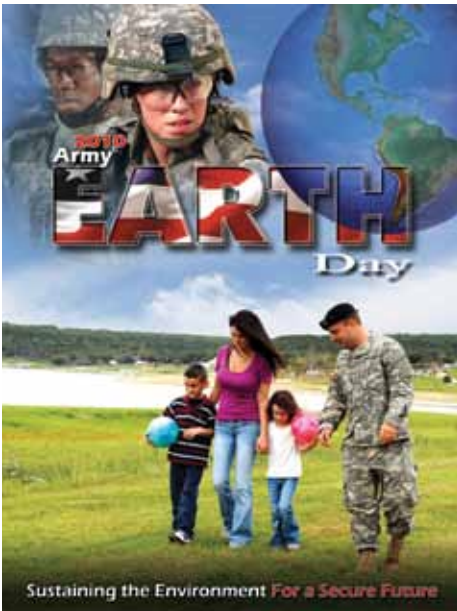
The expo showcased efforts of city, state and federal agencies to preserve and protect Hawaii's environment, with an em-



Corps Park Ranger Angela Jones teaches keiki about Earth Day as part of the Corps and city and county of Honolulu's Earth Day 2010 Mauka to Makai Environmental Expo.



Ladies from the North America Taiwanese Association Hawaii Chapter clean up Fort DeRussy as part of the Corps and city and county of Honolulu's Earth Day 2010 Mauka to Makai Environmental Expo.



- the first 500 families through the door received a native plant in celebration of the aquarium's new Hawaiian Native Plant exhibit

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

phasis on the islands' unique water resources.

Mauka to Makai offered family-friendly activities and hands-on educational displays. The free green event showcased more than 20 city, state and federal agencies that work together to preserve and protect Hawai'i's environment, with an emphasis on Hawai'i's water resources.

Highlights included:

- release of Kona kampachi and seahorses into Waikiki conservation waters
- water pollution prevention games and activity books
- natural-resource arts and crafts and picture-taking with water quality mascot 'Apoha the O'opu



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

All of the events featured family-friendly and hands-on educational displays by city, state and federal agencies and the University of Hawaii. Hundreds of people participated in several events around the city and county including many adopt-a-stream clean-ups in the Ala Wai watershed.

Earth Day is an annual event in Honolulu that 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.

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 at the RVC is on Civil Works and water resources development that affect the lives of Hawaii residents and the people of the Pacific region.

The RVC is located on the second floor of 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.



(Photo left and above) Approximately 15 student volunteers from the Punahou High School Junior ROTC program helped clean up the beach and berm area behind the Corps' Pacific Regional Visitor Center (RVC) at Fort DeRussy as part of Earth Day 2010 activities April 10.

Army Donates Computers to Educate Children About Discarded Munitions

Story by Joseph Bonfiglio
Chief, Public Affairs

Sen. Daniel K. Inouye and officials from the U.S. Army, state Department of Education (DOE), Hawaii 3R's and Native Hawaiian Veterans visited students on the Waianae Coast April 1, to see first hand how they are using computers donated by the Army to increase their safety and knowledge about unexploded ordnance (UXO).

The schools visited were Nanaikapono Elementary School and Ka Waihona Public Charter School in Nanakuli.

The first stop was at Nanaikapono where the students and faculty were thrilled to see the visiting senator.

The students presented the visiting party with leis and sang songs such as 'Aloha means I love you' with kupuna (elders) backing them up on ukuleles.

After the music and a question and answer session, the visiting party visited with the elementary school students and saw how they used their MacBook laptop computers to learn about UXO and other educational topics as well.

According to Principal Debra Knight, "I know it has taken a lot to make this happen. This computer donation is so critical for us. It really helps us to meet our goals for a 21st century education. We have to be able to prepare our kids for the 21st century. Mahalo!"

After an hour visit at Nanaikapono, the visiting party went to Ka Waihona Public Charter Elementary and Middle School. They were again greeted with leis and more singing and ukulele music from the eighth grade students.

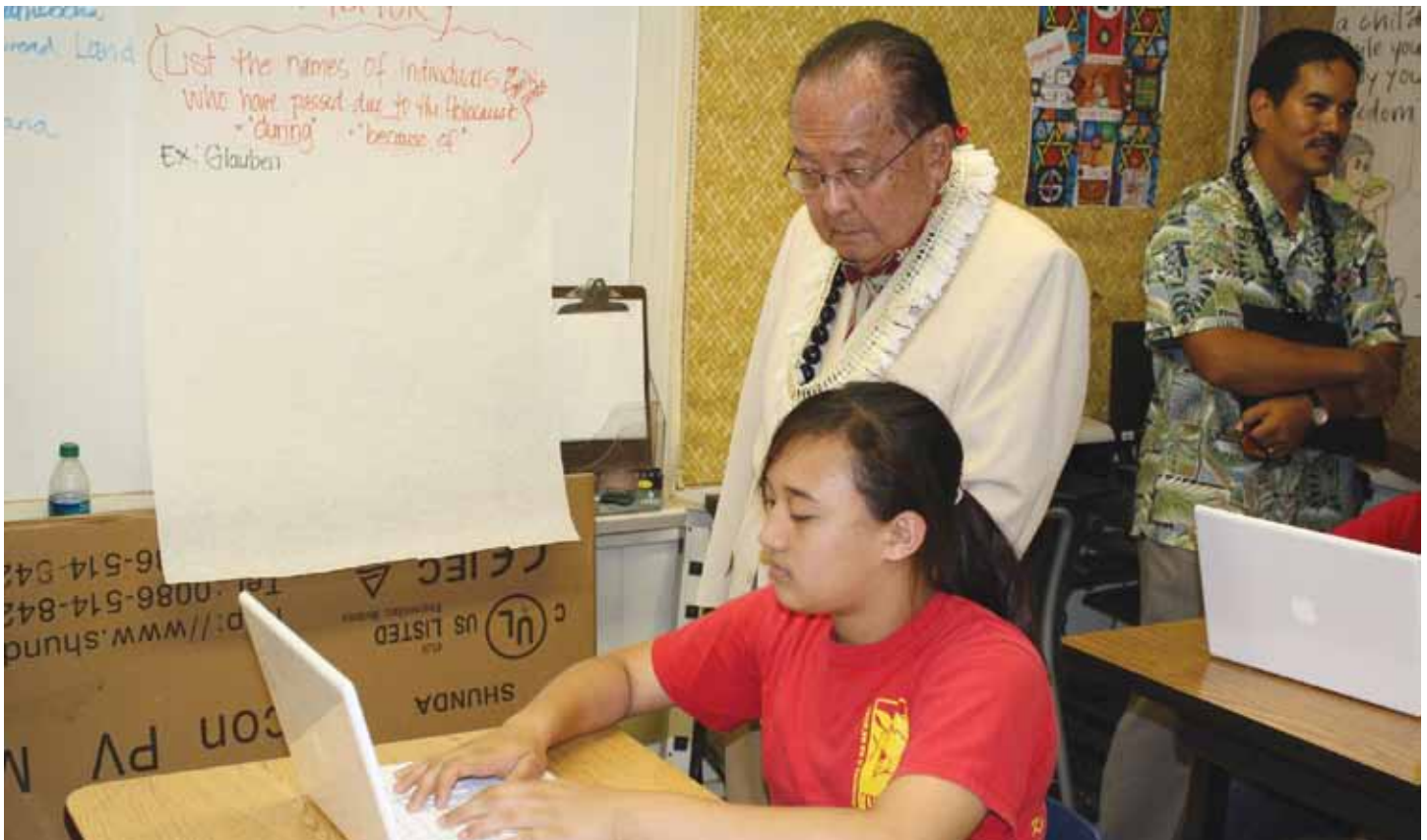
Ka Waihona Principal Alvin Parker thanked Sen. Inouye and the Army and took the visiting party to a Social Studies class where the students were

studying the Holocaust using their new Apple MacBook laptop computers.

According to Sen. Inouye, these two events brought together the local community and the Army community in the concept of *Ohana* and *Laulima*. (*Ohana* means family and *Laulima* means working together.)

"This morning I looked at two projects, the result of *Ohana* and *Laulima*," Inouye said. "This is where the military, the Corps of Engineers, the community, the Hawaiian organizations all got together and this is the result. We have students here who will be able to compete with the finest in the land."

"So I want to congratulate all of you in the *Ohana* who participated in bringing this up. And I hope you can keep this up. You all work together. I've been spending much time with adults and politicians and industry leaders and this morning was, I would say, a most memorable day. It's been inspir-



Sen. Daniel K. Inouye watches as a student at Ka Waihona Public Charter School in Nanakuli shows how she uses a new Apple MacBook laptop computer to study the history of the Holocaust. The computers also teach the students valuable lessons about public safety and how to deal with unexploded ordnance (UXO) or munitions. Anyone who believes they have encountered UXO or munitions should follow the 3Rs: Recognize when you have encountered a munition, Retreat—do not touch it and Report—advise a responsible adult. They should also call 911 and report the location. Photo by Joseph Bonfiglio



Sen. Daniel K. Inouye answers students' questions at Nanaikapono Elementary School in Nanakuli, Hawaii, as members of his staff, veterans, the state Dept. of Education and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers look on. Sen. Inouye, other veterans and officials from the Army visited students on the Waianae Coast April 1, to see first-hand how they are using computers donated by the Army to increase their safety and knowledge about discarded munitions. The schools visited were Nanaikapono Elementary School and Ka Waihona Public Charter School in Nanakuli. Photo by Joseph Bonfiglio

ing to be here and know that Hawaii is in good hands," Inouye said.

According to Honolulu District Deputy District Commander Maj. John Henderson, "the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers is very proud to represent the Army in this partnership with Sen. Inouye's office, the local community and our business partners, Native Hawaiian Veterans and Hawaii 3R's to help educate the children in these areas about the dangers of unexploded ordnance and what to do when they find it."

"We visited these two schools today to get a first-hand look at how this project is being implemented and to ensure that the federal dollars authorized are being used as intended," he said.

"It was absolutely great to see how these valuable teaching tools have

been integrated into the classrooms, the progress our kids are making in the awareness of UXO and the very positive impact this project is having in the local community to help keep our children safe," Henderson said.

The background of the program is that in Fiscal Year 2009 the U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii received \$850,000 to implement a UXO Safety Awareness Program for 11 leeward Oahu schools and two island of Hawaii schools.

Honolulu District, in turn supports the Garrison and local community by providing safety awareness and helping educate children who could be exposed to UXO.

In order to best do this, the District contracted Native Hawaiian Veterans, to launch a public safety / outreach

program for Oahu and the Big Island. Native Hawaiian Veterans subsequently subcontracted Hawaii 3R's to procure Apple MacBook laptop computer equipment for the schools with UXO Safety Awareness materials.

The unexploded ordnance safety awareness training computer program has a primary audience of students from kindergarten to 12th grade and has put 370 new laptop computers into DOE and charter schools between September 2009 and February 2010.

The interactive UXO Safety Awareness materials installed on the laptop computers provide short UXO Safety questions and answers called "Fun Facts" as part of the computer log in process.

District Employees Promote Corps Careers, Accept Awards at 54th

Honolulu-Pacific Federal Executive Board Luncheon



District employees Mark Yoshimura and Bob Shimizu (standing, back) man the Corps of Engineers career booth with District Workforce Management Chief Debbie Alexander at the 2010 Hawaii-Pacific Federal Executive Board EXPO that was held prior to the annual luncheon. Photos by Joseph Bonfiglio.



The 54th Annual Excellence in Federal Government Awards Luncheon and EXPO for the Honolulu-Pacific region was held at the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel, Hawaii Ballroom April 29.

Nearly 1,200 personnel from the region attended the event which focused on a 2010 theme of "Leaders Modeling Excellence."

Honolulu District had five individual honorees and one team honoree:

- » Team Excellence - Fort Shafter Barracks PDT (Team members: Karen Chang, Randy Mita, Paul Choy, Michael Miyata, Lynn Ishii, Clayton Sorayama, Jon Yoshinaga, Russell Leong, Grace Nakaoka, Elton Choy, Donald Schlack, Jeff Cochran, Dorinda Won, Lori Suzuki and Clyde Inouye

- » Federal Supervisor/Manager of the Year - Roxane Iseri

- » Federal Employee of the Year - Professional, Administrative, Technical - Maria Buckner

- » Federal Employee of the Year - Clerical and Assistant - Wendy Hammer

- » Federal Employee of the Year - Trades and Crafts - Steven Paahana

- » Leader of the Year - Harold Nakaoka

The Honolulu-Pacific FEB luncheon forum focuses on highlighting management improvements, employee achievements and how agencies recruit and retain their best. The FEB awards excellence by regional FEB members in eight categories.

The Honolulu-Pacific Federal Executive Board's mission fosters communication, coordination and collaboration with federal, state and local government agencies.



(Above left) Honolulu District Commander Lt. Col. Jon J. Chytka (right) congratulates the District's five individual FEB awardees: Harold Nakaoka, Roxane Iseri, Wendy Hammer, Steve Paahana and Maria Buckner prior to the luncheon.



(Below left) The District's Team Excellence Award winner - Fort Shafter Barracks Project Delivery Team poses with Honolulu District Commander Lt. Col. Jon J. Chytka (standing center) at the annual awards luncheon held in Waikiki.

District Ohana Bids Farewell to Deputy Commander

The District Ohana held a farewell reception for Maj. (P) John W. Henderson on June 9, prior to his leaving to assume the reigns as the Pacific Ocean Division Deputy Commander.

In a recent departure message to the District Ohana, Maj. (P) Henderson stated, "I feel very blessed to have been assigned to work with such a caring and professional team. You have made my family and I feel very welcome here, and I appreciate it more than any words can describe. Thanks also for all that you have taught me about Hawaii, leadership, District operations and the wonderful culture here I have learned so much from all of you... It has truly been my honor to serve with such an amazing team of professionals, focused on quality work and customer service, in this remarkable environment that promotes integrity, safety, transparency and respect for each other."

On June 29 Maj. (P) Henderson will be frocked to the rank of lieutenant colonel at Fort Shafter's Palm Circle Gazebo.



Honolulu District Deputy Commander Maj. John Henderson (standing right) laughs as Deputy Chief, Programs and Project Management Steve Cayetano reiterates a comical storyline at Maj. Henderson's farewell reception. Photo by Dino W. Buchanan

Army Dedicates Building to Children of Fallen Soldiers

Story by Loran Doane

U.S. Army Garrison - Hawaii Public Affairs

U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii dedicated a new School Age Center June 2 to children of all fallen Soldiers of the U.S. Army in Hawaii.

The \$12.3 million School Age Center, built by the Honolulu District, is named "Napua Koa," which is Hawaiian for "The Children of the Warrior."

"To be a warrior is to sacrifice. Our Soldiers and their families have given a lot of themselves and endured personal hardships during lengthy deployments away from home," said Col. Matthew Margotta, commander, U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii. "In return, we have promised to take care of our families, to provide them with quality programs and safe communities where they can grow and thrive. The School Age Center and planned Child Development Center are the products of that promise, providing our children — the children of the warriors — tools and facilities to learn, to explore or to just be kids.

Hawaii Sen. Daniel K. Inouye attended the dedication. Addressing the gathered families and community members, Inouye assured them that Congress will "do everything possible to make certain that your dependents who have to sweat it out at home will live as normal a life as possible." As Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee and of the Senate Defense Appropriations Subcommittee, Inouye plays a major role in drafting legislation to allocate funds to the military and various other government agencies.

In his remarks, he recounted a recent conversation he had while meeting with colleagues several weeks ago.

"One of my colleagues asked me the question, 'Why are we spending so much for these non-military-type activities?' I told my colleague, these men are all volunteers," Inouye said. "They are volunteers. They were not forced to join. They're volunteering their bodies for us," Inouye continued. "The least we can do is to make certain that their families, their children live a normal life — best education, best training — and if we're not up to it, then we have no business sending our men and women off to combat."

After the formal dedication, Inouye and other attendees (which included Honolulu District leadership) toured the new facility, seeing all of the things one would expect to find in a place of learning, such as classrooms, study areas, a computer lab and a multipurpose room, as well as a Techno Fun Room, a Performing Arts Room, an outdoor soccer field and a basketball court.

The Techno Fun Room contains the latest state-of-the-art gaming systems and electronic devices to support children's daily learning experiences. The room provides a fun place to kick back, relax and enjoy some time hanging out with friends from school. The Performing Arts Room provides props, costumes, music and scripts, allowing children to explore various performing arts, from dance to signing and even small stage productions. Children can participate in swimming events, numerous arts and crafts activities, team sports, special interest clubs and weekly excursions to other educational venues.

"The most exciting addition to the educational experiences that we offer our children, comes from the facility's smaller demonstration kitchen," said Julie Ariola, director of the center. "We'll be able to provide children the opportunity to work on food projects and observe cooking demonstrations outside of the larger kitchen area.

Army school-age centers offer before- and after-school programs for Army children in kindergarten through fifth grade. In Hawaii, more than 350 children are currently enrolled in these centers at Schofield Barracks, Aliamanu Military Reservation, Fort Shafter and Helemano Military Reservation.



(From left) 8th TSC Commander Maj. Gen. Michael Terry, Sen. Daniel Inouye, (children of Hawaii's fallen Soldiers) Jasmine Holland and Kiaras Washington, USAG-HI Commander Col. Matthew Margotta and Honolulu District Commander Lt. Col. Jon J. Chytka pause in prayer during the maile lei untying ceremony for the Napua Koa center. Photo by Andrew Kohashi





(Clockwise from top) An aerial view of Fort Shafter's new six-story barracks that will house approximately 156 single Soldiers. Courtesy photo.

The LEED Silver-certifiable facility will consume 30 percent less energy and includes parking stalls for hybrid vehicles. Photo by Dino W. Buchanan

Honolulu District Commander Lt. Col Jon J. Chytka (right) listens as U.S. Army Pacific Commander Lt. Gen. Benjamin R. Mixon comments on the new energy-efficient appliances in the room suites. Photo by Dino W. Buchanan

Army, Corps Open New Soldier Barracks

Story by Joseph Bonfiglio
Chief, Public Affairs

Officials from the U.S. Army Pacific, (USARPAC) the U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii (USAG-HI), the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Nan, Inc. gathered April 22, for a maile lei untying ceremony to open Fort Shafter's newest Soldiers' barracks.

According to USARPAC Commander Lt. Gen. Benjamin R. Mixon, "I don't have to tell you the demands that have been placed on our force across the military and specifically here in the United States Army Pacific over the last nine plus years."

"We have had on average anywhere from 10,000 to 25,000 Soldiers deployed to Afghanistan, Iraq and the Philippines. What better way to take care of our Soldiers than to have great living facilities when they return back to their home station," he said.

"This newly completed living space ... is a home to our Soldiers when they're not deployed. And so as you look behind me ... you see this great improvement to quality of life that was implemented in the 2004 Army Barracks Master Plan where the motto was 'Quality facilities for Quality Soldiers.' This is a shining example of how important our Soldiers are to each and every one of us and to the nation," Mixon said.

"This facility will go a long way to meeting those objectives to provide those Soldiers with the amount of space and the ability to live comfortably in this environment ... it's a far cry from the old hammerhead barracks at Fort Bragg and even the wooden World War II barracks that my Soldiers lived in when I was a lieutenant 35 years ago," Mixon said.

"Since we are still a nation at war, we cannot over emphasize the importance of our efforts to deliver high-quality housing for our Soldiers," said Honolulu District Commander Lt. Col. Jon J. Chytka at the ceremony. "This supports our Soldiers' morale and we take it very seriously."

"This project has been an achievement in teamwork from initial planning to construction and now to maile lei untying – and it was all possible because of the flexible and determined folks of the Garrison, the end-user commands, the Honolulu District and the design-build team of Nan, Inc.," Chytka said.

"Our Fort Shafter Barracks project team has delivered on their promise to strive for excellence. Together we've partnered to create this \$27 million state-of-the-art six-story barracks complex," Chytka said. "Our task was to design and construct a barracks; a lighted paved parking lot, concrete walks, covered bike racks and motor-



(From the left) Honolulu District Commander Lt. Col. Jon J. Chytka (left), U.S. Army Garrison Hawaii Deputy Commander Jim Duttweiler, U.S. Army Pacific Commander Lt. Gen. Benjamin R. Mixon and Nan, Inc. President Fooney Freestone, untie the maile lei during ceremonies held to officially open the new six-story Fort Shafter barracks, which now occupies land formerly known as Favreau Field. Photo by Dino W. Buchanan

cycle shed smack dab in the center of most of the senior Army Commands in Hawaii. As a team we focused on communications, quality, sustainability and safety with great success... and we finished the work two and a half months early."

"I believe this project was a model for contracting sessions between the government and construction companies," said Stan Sagum, project manager for Nan Inc. "Our team has a lot of experience working together on construction."

"The partnering effort between the Corps and Nan Inc. kept the project 15-percent ahead of schedule, with no accidents," Sagum said.

The six-story barracks complex will house 156 single Soldiers in 78 room units. Two Soldiers will occupy each unit with two separate bedrooms, a shared bath and kitchen. The barracks has central air conditioning with individual controls in each room.

The barracks also has a special, Duroplex wall paint interior finish that is more resilient to wear-and-tear and is moisture resistant and mold proof. Additional improvements include solid interior doors, 9-foot ceilings, solid surface kitchen countertops and 30-inch range ovens. Of special importance, the Barracks is environmentally friendly and will consume 30 percent less energy than older barracks.

According to Chytka, "Nan, Inc. is pursuing LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Gold certification. Currently, they have sufficient points to have the new facility certifiable for LEED Silver as required by contract, but we high-

ly encourage them to go for the Gold and make this outstanding project, the LEED flagship project for U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii, which emphasizes all of our desires to be good stewards of tax dollars and the environment."

The construction industry and the Army use LEED as a system to rate the green standards in construction.

Paul Choy, project engineer for the Corps, said the building was designed to match the motif of the buildings around it, like the Fort Shafter Community Theater and Building 520.

"The significance of these kinds of projects is that they are keeping the Army's commitment and the Army's promise to Soldiers to improve their living conditions and provide them a quality of life that is commensurate with the service and sacrifices that they make for our country," said USAG-HI Deputy Commander Jim Duttweiler.

"Over 10 years ago the Army committed to take us from squad bays and multi-Soldier bedrooms with large shared latrines into a private room with a shared bathroom with just one other Soldier. This project brings us on to about 85% of the way for the Army in Hawaii," Duttweiler said.

"Our Soldiers are worth it, they certainly deserve a great place to live and I thank all of you that were involved from the planning, to the building, to now the housing and the furnishing and the opening of this great facility," Mixon said.

ORG DAY 2010

TURTLE COVE / BELLOWS AFS



District employees, families, Corps retirees and friends enjoyed a festive day of camaraderie May 28 at Turtle Cove on Bellows Air Force Station. This year's Org Day included children's games, a bouncer house, the annual kickball tournament, an awards ceremony and beach activities. Photos by Kevin McCowan, ACE-IT VI Specialist



ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

District SEPC Event Showcases "Diverse Leaders for a Diverse Workforce"

In celebration of the Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, the Honolulu District Special Emphasis Program Committee (SEPC) held a food sampling and trivia contest May 25.

The annual event also featured a colorful display of "Who's Who" of select District employees with Asian-Pacific ethnicity - complete with biographical and career information.

The tantalizing variety of regional food creations were analyzed by "celebrity" judges - Honolulu District Commander Lt. Col. Jon J. Chytka, Deputy District Commander Maj. John Henderson, Deputy for Program Management Tony Paresa, Chief, Engineering and Construction Todd Barnes based on originality, appearance and taste.

Winners included: Originality, Sweet Potato Poke by Sarah Falzarano; Appearance, Bulgogi meets Mochi Ball by Jin Onuma; Taste, Nori Chicken Katsu by Cora Shimabukuro; and the People's Choice, Masarap Chicken by Phillip Mun.

The trivia contest winners were Robyn Au, Chris Takashige and Jason Tanaka who all displayed a keen knowledge of Asian-Pacific history.



(Clockwise from top right) A mochi sampling setting was one of many delectable food items at the event. The display of "Who's Who" of select Asian-Pacific District employees with biographical and career information. The 'Bulgogi meets Mochi Ball' created by Jin Onuma won the appearance category. District employees enjoy a few of the many food entries. Office of Counsel's Donna Kanetake chats with fellow employees about her food entry.

Photos by Dino W. Buchanan

SAFETY DAY 2010: FUN RUN / WALK



**ARMY SAFE
IS ARMY STRONG**

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EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH

April



VANESSA LUNG has provided much needed fire protection engineering guidance for several critical projects of the Yongsan Relocation Program (YRP) for Far East District (FED) in addition to supporting those in the Honolulu District. She has provided TDY support to FED for the spearhead projects for the multi-billion dollar YRP effort at Camp Humphreys. FED depends on this support to ensure their projects meet Life Safety Codes and current fire protection standards. Many engineers in Korea aren't familiar with the U.S. standards and it has taken much patience by Vanessa in guiding them to meet the right requirements. She has completed more than 60 assignments this year and is one of the branch's most productive staff members.

MILLY ARZAGA is nominated for meticulously maintaining the Integrated Manning Document (IMD), the official position management authority for the District. She serves as the sole timekeeper for the Budget, Manpower, and Management Branch and Government Purchase Card Holder for the Resource Management Office while our Administrative Support Technician is on maternity leave. Milly also assisted her co-workers in developing/ managing the District's Operations Plan, which was identified as a best business practice during the recent ISO Recertification Audit. She is very conscientious and dependable, is always willing to help out when needed and is one of the first to volunteer.

April



May



KALANI SMITH is recognized for his project management and contributions to the District and Corps. A recent example is his Project Delivery Team (PDT) leadership in awarding the FY10 MCA project to construct an Air Support Operations Center (ASOC) project at Wheeler Army Airfield on schedule and within budget. This award involved personal efforts beyond the norm to help the PDT and facilitate forward progress. Our Air Force customer, (Col. Hicks) extended compliments to Kalani's communication and updates at the Pacific Ocean Division Project Review Board. Kalani also has been aggressively pursuing the design contract for the Kona C-17 Runway and extensively coordinating the Bldg. 102 renovation project.

ERIC BJORKEN Voluntarily on his own time Eric attended Earth Day (two years in a row) and briefed young students and adults on how to be safe and healthy while performing the challenging task of cleaning the Waikiki shoreline. As a result, no first aid was administered or personal injuries reported. He served as the construction representative for the very high risk Tripler Army Medical Center Rockfall Mitigation project, where he provided detailed safety/health analyses to the contractor. Eric conducted a Standard Army Safety & Occupational Health inspection of Bldg. 230, researched, wrote the findings and coordinated findings with the appropriate offices. He also conducted ergonomic surveys/assessments for new District personnel and chairs the District ergonomic committee.

May



Employees Enjoy Afternoon Pa'ina



Honolulu District Deputy Commander Maj. John Henderson introduces the Contracting Division's new Chief of the Services and Support Branch Joan Kaimikaua to Honolulu District employees who were enjoying an afternoon Pa'ina at Fort Shafter's Hale Ikena May 13. During the event, which was sponsored by the District's leadership and supervisors, nearly 100 employees applauded the recognition of 38 new District employees, farewells for seven departing teammates and the presentation of Lokahi awards to four project delivery teams. Photo by Kevin McCowan, ACE-IT VI Specialist

Aloha

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

Ike Borja, Tim Inouye,
Walter Perrett and Guy Kuroiwa

TRANSITIONS 3rd Quarter FY10

Welcome

Jeff Daniels	Bryce Montalbo
Gary Wolover	Vivian Winkler
Shad Nii	Myron Oh
Jacqueline Conant	Roxanne Omoto
Jeremy Kong	Chelsie-Ann Mow
Nicholas Inouye	Stephanie Chang
Cory Taam	Grace Rojo
Miya Paul	Michelle Tugaon
Mandi Chang	Jeremy Kaimikaua
Maj. Dan Segura	Jordan Ching

Welcome Back

James Nakamura	Kelsie Kanetake
Michael Hew	Jessie Paahana
Jordan Cabras	

Goodbye

Maj. John W. Henderson	
Dennis Chung	Carrie Lyman
Randall McCartney	Luong Tran
Justin Pummell	

District Ohana Welcomes New Deputy Commander

Maj. Daniel A. Segura arrived in Hawaii in early June to assume duties as the District's Deputy Commander. Maj. Segura will take the place of Maj. John Henderson who is leaving to assume duties as Deputy Commander, Pacific Ocean Division.

Segura, who is originally from Virginia, graduated from the United States Military Academy in 1996 and was commissioned in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. He was assigned to the 9th Engineer Battalion at Schweinfurt, Germany where he served as a combat engineer platoon leader in Bosnia and a company executive officer in Kosovo. After completing the Engineer Captain Career Course and earning his Masters Degree in Engineering Management from the University of Missouri at Rolla in 2001, he was assigned to the 36th Engineer Group at Fort Benning, Ga. where he commanded the 63rd Engineer Combat Support Equipment Company, which deployed to Iraq in 2003. Maj. Segura also later served as the Combined Forces Command - Afghanistan Engineer Operations Officer in Kabul, Afghanistan and after attending Command and General Staff College, he served as the Multi National Corps - Iraq Senior Operations Officer in Baghdad, Iraq. Following his second tour in Iraq, Maj. Segura served as the Battalion S-3 and later as the Battalion Executive Officer for the 19th Engineer Battalion, Fort Knox, Ken.

Maj. Segura has been awarded the Bronze Star, the Meritorious Service Medal (1 Oak Leaf Cluster), the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Iraqi Campaign Medal with Bronze Star, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal with two Bronze Stars, the Kosovo Campaign Medal with Bronze Star and he has been awarded the Bronze Order of the DeFleury Medal.



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