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**Former Pacific Ocean
Division Commander
Brig. Gen. Mark W.
Yenter (center, left)
passes the U.S. Army
Corps of Engineers'
command colors to
Honolulu District
Commander Lt. Col.
Douglas B. Guttorm-
sen during the Hono-
lulu District Change of
Command ceremony
held July 16 on Palm
Circle. Listening (left) is former Honolulu District
Commander Lt. Col. Jon J. Chytka.** Photo by Dino
W. Buchanan



Commander's Comments

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*The best place
where the best people serve
singularly focused on
executing quality projects
relevant, ready,
responsive and reliable
and having fun!*



Lt. Col. Douglas B. Guttormsen
District Commander

Aloha,

Thanks again for the warm welcome that you have extended to me and my family; we are thrilled to be part of the Honolulu District Ohana. I extend a special thanks to those who were able to attend the change of command ceremony and those whose hard work made the ceremony a first class event. I'm both humbled and honored to be the commander of an organization that has such a great impact on both our military and the surrounding community. As I mentioned in my change of command speech, the District has forged a well-deserved reputation as being one of the premier Districts in the Corps of Engineers. I see the reason for that reputation daily and I'm invigorated and inspired by the work the District is doing and the people who are doing it. Every one of the District's employees is providing a vital service to the nation, our Army and our state and local partners.

I wanted to briefly thank Lt. Col. Jon Chytka and his wife Juli for their service to the District over the past two years and for his making our transition a seamless one. While the District misses his leadership we know that Jon is now making a tremendous difference for the Corps of Engineers in Afghanistan as the deputy commander of AED-N. Jon – stay safe and keep making a difference.

As I continue to meet the District, its supported commands and its many customers, I'm convinced that we are heading in the right direction and our priorities are correct. We'll continue to be a learning organization that builds on our successes and, where we need to, we'll make adjustments to ensure we sustain first-class support to our partners. We'll work safely and always keep the interests of all our stakeholders in mind.

In this month's *Pacific Connection* you'll read about the Honolulu District and Pacific Ocean Division Change of Command ceremonies, the activation of the 565th Engineering Detachment, the dedication of the Fort DeRussy U.S. Army Museum's restored parapets, plus stories on the District's efforts during the restoration of the Fort Shafter Aloha Center and ground-breaking ceremonies for a new wing at the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies.

I would be remiss if I didn't thank one final individual who has been a fixture in the District's executive office the past eight years, serving through six commanders. Ms. Laureen Spencer departed the District in August to join her husband at Fort Hood, Texas. To our supported commands who may not know Laureen, she has been vital to seeing that the commander and District were postured to best support your needs. Good Luck Laureen.

Again, thanks for the welcome. There is no place I'd rather be serving than right here in the Honolulu District, working with you and our federal, state and local partners solving tough engineering problems. Keep up the great work!

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565th Engineer Detachment Unfurls Unit Colors

Story by Dino W. Buchanan

Pacific Connection Editor

Colors of 565th Engineer Detachment, Forward Engineer Support Team-Advance (FEST-A) were unfurled for the Honolulu District-based unit during an activation ceremony at Palm Circle on Fort Shafter July 12.

The occasion marked a new beginning for the team as it became a deployable U.S. Army field unit with the job of providing engineer planning and limited execution capability to supplement other engineer staff from the combatant command to brigade combat team level.

The original 565th was constituted on Sept. 9, 1944 in the Army of the United States as the 3090th Engineer Service Detachment. On March 20, 1951, it was redesignated as the 565th Engineer Welding Detachment and allotted to the Regular Army and eventually as the 565th Engineer Detachment on April 22, 1965. Since that date the unit has been activated and deactivated three times with the most recent activation date of Oct. 16, 2007. The unit saw extensive action during World War II in Normandy and Germany and during the Vietnam War.

Activation of a military unit is a rare event for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and this activation was no different as the unit has been active since Oct. 2007 in compiling the necessary unit engineers and equipment.

“This is a significant day as it’s the first time we’ve unfurled their unit guidon and officially recognized them as part of the Army team,” said former Honolulu District Commander Lt. Col. Jon J. Chytka. “This unit has already completed substantial training, deployed and provided extensive on-site engineering documentation for the Army, a major joint-service, multinational exercise and Pacific Rim nations. These efforts are just the continuation of the legacy of the 565th Engineer Detachment. I firmly believe that legacy will continue to do great things for the Army and our nation.”

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

The overall mission is to conduct initial critical infrastructure assessments, assist with technical engineering and design, provide limited contracting services and offer reachback - the ability to talk directly with experts in the United States when a problem in the field needs quick resolution - to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE).

The team may be assigned to a Forward Engineer Support Team-Main (FEST-M), which is basically a District office, and directly supports another military unit or command, or U.S. department or agency.

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

“The organization you see represented before you today is USACE’s commitment to this goal,” Chytka said.

As the Army’s needs have changed since the Cold War, the FEST-A has become a vital asset.

With military deployments to nations such as Somalia, Bosnia, Saudi Arabia, Iraq and Afghanistan since the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989, the Army and USACE discovered gaps in their ability to rapidly provide the facilities in these austere environments that U.S. service members need to conduct operations.

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

At the ceremony, Maj. Evan Ting, FEST-A commander, recalled numerous personnel changes and short-notice travel for training in the past 18 months - to Europe, Southeast Asia and several Pacific Islands - since he assumed command of the unit in March 2009.

“It’s been a whirlwind of activity since that day,” Ting said. “Parts of the FEST have traveled to Germany, the South Pacific and to the Cobra Gold exercise in Thailand. Our training schedule continues to build, as does our experience and knowledge for our future missions.”

Ting said his team is prepared to go wherever it is needed.

“We’re ready to serve the Corps, the Army and our nation – whenever and wherever they may need us.”



(Above) Maj. Evan Ting, commander of the 565th Engineer Detachment, (right) unfurls the unit guidon with former Honolulu District Commander Lt. Col. Jon J. Chytka during the 565th activation ceremony held at the Palm Circle gazebo. Holding the guidon staff is the detachment’s non-commissioned officer, Sgt. 1st. Class Colleen Hatfield. Photo by Dino W. Buchanan

District Assists Ft. DeRussy Army Museum with R



Visitors tour the recently restored Diamond Head-side parapet area of the U.S. Army Museum at Battery Randolph. Photo by Joseph Bonfiglio

Story by Staff Sgt. Marla R. Keown U.S. Army 207th Public Affairs Detachment

Dignitaries, honored guests, Soldiers and local civilians gathered in front of the U.S. Army Museum, Battery Randolph at Fort DeRussy, in Waikiki July 6 to celebrate the completion of two newly restored parapets.

One hundred years after U.S. Army engineers completed construction on the original Battery Randolph, more than 300 U.S. Army reservists completed re-construction of the Battery parapets.

Battery Randolph is listed on the National Register of Historic Sites and is one of 16 coastal fortifications built by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers between 1906 and 1917 for the protection of Honolulu and Pearl Harbors.

Reservists from the 980th Engineer Battalion, 420th Engineer Brigade and the 416th Theater Engineer Command restored Battery Randolph's structure to its original appearance.

The \$710,000 project opened up more than 7,400 square feet of new administrative space, classrooms, workshops, galleries and exhibit areas for an ever-growing collection of artifacts. Along with creating more museum space, the construction project also restored Battery Randolph, only without the original structure of 15-foot thick walls.

"(The now restored parapets were originally) used as defensive walls from which Battery Randolph's Soldiers and huge, 14-inch guns could remain hidden. Then, when needed, pop up and fire an artillery projectile about the size of a Volkswagen, before returning once again

into a concealed position," Col. Douglas Mulbury, commander, U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii, said in his remarks.

With 15-foot thick parapets, Battery Randolph was also capable of withstanding numerous wrecking balls.

"When factored in with the earthen berms on the ocean side of the battery, (the parapets

had) the equivalent of 30 feet of steel-reinforced solid concrete, and the building was capable of withstanding a direct hit from a 2,000-pound artillery shell," Mulbury said.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Honolulu District's Pacific Regional Visitor Center (RVC) is located on the second floor of the museum and the Corps lent a helping hand for the parapet restoration as the District let a contract for the interior fixture and furnishing work.

The RVC first opened its doors at Battery Randolph in 1983 with a goal 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 affects the lives of all the residents of Hawaii and the people of the Pacific.

In 1976, the Army designated Battery Randolph as the home of the U.S. Army Museum, with the purpose of preserving the past, honoring the Soldiers who died in combat and sharing the significant contributions that the Army in Hawaii has played in the defense of the nation.

"As the threat of ship-to-shore bombardment became obsolete, so too did the need for (Battery Randolph)," said Maj. Gen. Michael J. Terry, U.S. Army-Hawaii, commanding general, in his remarks. "Having claimed the lives of numerous wrecking balls and causing the eventual bankruptcy of the demolition company, Battery Randolph's reinforced concrete walls and massive construction won both the battle and war, having only lost its protective parapets in the process."

Terry also thanked the reservists for their hard work to restore the historic building.



An overhead view of the U.S. Army Museum's parapets as they looked in the 1950s. Courtesy photo

Restoration of Historic Battery Randolph Parapets

"You have completed in 63 days, what could have easily taken 18 months under other circumstances," Terry said. "Your work saved the tax payers in excess of over 2.9 million dollars."

The Soldiers broke ground on the project May 8. Three, 21-day rotations later, the engineers not only completed the parapets, but also completed their annual training requirement – performing and perfecting their engineer construction skills, while at the same time, preserving the historic edifice of Battery Randolph.

The Soldiers were also honored with a plaque for their long-lasting contribution to sustain the history and heritage of the U.S. Army Museum.

According to Capt. Timothy Nelson, the 980th Engineer Battalion officer in charge of "Operation Akamai Builder," the restoration mission was a unique opportunity for the Reservists because the museum is easily accessible by the public, unlike a construction project in Afghanistan.

"These Soldiers are building something in a place that they can share with family and friends years into the future," he said. "Most of the projects that we do are (overseas) ... most of the Soldiers never have the opportunity to share what they do directly with their family and friends."

"It's the biggest thing we've done in 30 years," said Victoria Olson, executive director of the Hawaii Army Museum Society. "This whole effort, which is the restoration of an artifact, would never have happened without the Army Reserve."

The facility ran into problems two years ago when it was denied recertification due to limited space to house the artifacts it had collected over time.

Engineer units from Texas, New Mexico and Puerto Rico came to the rescue, working long hours to breathe new life into the structure.

U.S. Army museums are inspected periodically by the U.S. Army Center for Military History to ensure that they are properly maintained and meeting the needs of patrons. Because of the lack of space for future growth and the abil-



(Left to right) Former Honolulu District Commander Lt. Col. Jon J. Chytka, District Engineering & Construction Division Chief Todd Barnes, Project Construction Representative Janelle Kim, Honolulu District Commander Lt. Col. Douglas B. Guttormsen and District Deputy for Project Management Tony Paresa pose next to the "2010 Restoration of the Battery Randolph Parapets" project sign after the dedication ceremony. Photo by Joseph Bonfiglio

ity to store more artifacts in the coming years, something had to be done, according to Judith Bowman, museum director.

Additions to the museum include a public room for lectures and an expansion to the research library, as well as space for new exhibits for the overseas contingency operations taking place in Iraq and Afghanistan, according to Olson.

"Before 2004, the last time combat troops from Hawaii were deployed was Vietnam, so exhibits only went up to that time period," Olson said. "Now we have the means to put up displays of the newest conflicts our troops have served in, as well as an exhibit for the Spanish American War, for which we previously lacked the space."

Olson remarked on the work ethic of the Soldiers and the job they have done as nothing short of astounding.

"It's amazing what they accomplished in such a short amount of time," she exclaimed. "I've never seen a group of people work so hard."

For Bowman, the project was a godsend, enabling the museum to grow and flourish.

"I'm still pinching myself," she said. "I've been waiting 20 years for this."



U.S. Army Reserve engineer Soldiers lay out (left) and assemble (above) the iron framework for the Battery Randolph parapets during the Soldiers' 21-day annual training requirement. More than 310 reservists from the 980th Engineer Battalion, 420th Engineer Brigade and the 416th Theater Engineer Command participated in the 63-day "Operation Akamai Builder." Courtesy photos



Work crews carefully removed sections of the old Aloha Center - sometimes piece by piece - to ensure the historic integrity of the nearly 70 year-old facility. This view shows the second floor during the debris removal process. Courtesy photo

Army Corps Restores Aloha to Historic Fort Shafter Welcome Center

Story by
Dino W. Buchanan,
Pacific Connection Editor &
Gerald D. Young, Project Engineer

The Fort Shafter “Aloha Center” is well-remembered by Soldiers, families and those who worked, lived or traveled through Fort Shafter during the past 70 years.

The welcome center recently completed a nearly \$7 million rehabilitation and restoration by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Honolulu District that began in September 2008. Constructed in the 1940’s the Aloha Center welcomed thousands of Soldiers, civilians and families to the post and provided them with their first tastes of the U.S Army Aloha spirit.

During recent years the offices located at the Aloha Center – officially known as Building 330 – were where personnel would go to pick up travel tickets, obtain base vehicle passes or get personnel identification cards.

Because of its advanced age, the building was in need of a major restoration and rehabilitation as most of the internal structure had become termite eaten and unstable. And because of historic preservation requirements, specific portions of the building could not be demolished, essentially having engineers rethink how to reconstruct on and around untouchable sections of the facility.

“Honolulu District is proud to have led the reconstruction and rehabilitation of this historic building and being able to renew its Aloha spirit for future generations of Soldiers,” said Honolulu District Commander Lt. Col. Douglas B. Guttormsen. “Our engineering team and contractor worked tirelessly to preserve and restore the luster of the building.”

Working closely with Honolulu District’s architect Maydean Martin and U.S. Army Gar-

ison- Hawaii Directorate of Public Works archaeologist and historian Ken Hays, the contractor carefully removed almost 65% of the original structure and later restored the facility to its original exterior appearance from the 1940s and was brought up to current building codes – plus adhering to current Anti-terrorism / Force Protection requirements.

The original building consisted of one and two-story masonry brick walls and wood studs, wood siding, a second floor of wood framing and concrete floor slab. Some alterations and repairs were performed on the facility in the 1980s.

Challenges during the current construction included removing the old roof in sections and lifting it off of the building, retrofitting all of the buildings with new fire sprinkler lines and installing blast resistant windows around steel tubing frames.

Honolulu District’s project construction oversight was done by project engineer Gerald Young and construction representative John Kawaakoa from the District’s Fort Shafter Area Office. Honolulu District’s project manager was Jenelle Kim. Small business 8(a) contractor Alutiiq-Mele, LLC completed the Corps’ Fiscal Year 2008 project at a cost of \$6,694,077.

Specific repairs included re-

placing the roof, floors, windows, doors, all utilities, constructing new bathrooms, reconfiguring office/administration spaces, installing new air conditioning, electrical, telecommunication and water systems as well as constructing an exterior gate and upgrading handicap access.

The majority of the redesign effort was done by an in-house Honolulu District design team of Architect William Yuen, Electrical Engineer Cynthia Wong and Structural Engineer Victor Abril. Mechanical design was performed by contractor Mechanical Enterprise and the fire protection design by contractor S.S. Danaway and Associates.

U.S. Army organizations scheduled to move back into the building include Army Community Services (ACS), Defense Military Pay Office (DMPO), Department of Human Resources (DHR), Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) and U.S. Army Pacific G-8.



A view of the Aloha Center’s new entrance facade that now resembles the building’s original design from the 1940s. Photo by Dino W. Buchanan

Corps Awards 8(a) \$9.252 million Design-Bid-Build Contract

APCSS, Corps Break Ground for New Wing

The Pacific Ocean Division commander, Honolulu District commander and senior engineering staff attended ground-breaking ceremonies Sept. 2 for a new wing to be built by the Corps at the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies on the grounds of Fort DeRussy, Waikiki.

The 10,000 sq. ft. building, which calls for a U.S. Green Building Council Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) rating of 'Silver' or better, will serve as a state-of-the-art information integration learning laboratory that includes a 108-person plenary space, six seminar rooms, audio-visual and computer server rooms, required ancillary spaces and an ethno-botanical garden.

Attending the ceremonies representing the Corps were Pacific Ocean Division Commander Col. Edward J. Kertis, Honolulu District Commander Lt. Col. Douglas B. Guttormsen, District Deputy for Project Management Tony Paresa, District Chief Engineering and Construction Todd Barnes, Project Manager Gordon Kuioka and Chief, Public Affairs Joseph Bonfiglio.



Breaking the ground for a new wing at the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies (APCSS): (Left to right) APCSS Dean of Academics Amb. (Ret.) Lauren Kahea Moriarty, U.S. Pacific Commander representative Maj. Gen. Peter S. Pawling, Senator Daniel K. Inouye, APCSS Director Lt. Gen. (Ret.) E.P. Smith, Senator Daniel K. Akaka, APCSS Dean of Business Operations and Admissions Navy Captain (Ret.) Dick Sears. The Pacific Ocean Division and Honolulu District commanders and staff attended the ceremonies held at Fort DeRussy. Photo by Stephanie Hika, Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies

District Executive Assistant Departs for New Texas Assignment

The Honolulu District Ohana held a farewell luncheon for executive assistant (EA) Lauren Spencer in mid-August prior to her leaving for Fort Hood, Texas where she'll work for an Army Command and rejoin her husband - former District Deputy Commander Lt. Col. Corey Spencer.

More than 70 current and former District and Pacific Ocean Division Division employees attended, including former Deputy District Commander Lt. Col. John Henderson and former District Commander Col. Charles H. Klinge.

During the official recognition ceremonies Spencer was presented the Superior Civilian Service Award by Honolulu District Commander Lt. Col. Douglas B. Guttormsen.

Spencer had worked at the District since 2002, serving six Honolulu District commanders.

Former District employee Amy Tashiro has returned from a job at Pacific Ocean Division to take the reigns as executive assistant.

Lauren Spencer (center) poses with several of her former bosses at her farewell held Aug. 13, (left to right) Pacific Ocean Division Deputy Commander and former District Deputy Commander Lt. Col. John Henderson, District Deputy Commander Maj. Dan Segura, Honolulu District Commander Lt. Col. Douglas Guttormsen and former District Commander Col. Charles H. Klinge. Photo by Dino W. Buchanan



District Welcomes Lt.

Story by Dino W. Buchanan
Pacific Connection Editor

Lt. Col. Douglas B. Guttormsen became the 67th commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Honolulu District in a military ceremony held July 16 on Fort Shafter, Hawaii's famous Palm Circle parade field.

Former U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Pacific Ocean Division Commander Brig. Gen. Mark W. Yenter hosted the ceremony during which outgoing commander Lt. Col. Jon J. Chytka and incoming commander Guttormsen passed the ceremonial flag symbolizing the official change of command. During the ceremonies, Guttormsen and his family were presented with fresh flower leis, a Hawaiian symbol of welcome, with the Chytka family also receiving leis as a tribute for their service.

Chytka leaves to become the deputy commander of the Corps of Engineers' Afghanistan Engineer District North in Kabul, Afghanistan.

During his tenure, Chytka met the challenge of successfully leading the District in executing all mission requirements: military construction (MILCON), civil works, international and interagency services, real estate, regulatory, environmental services and emergency management support.

Chytka led a highly motivated staff in support of U.S. Army military construction, transformation and Grow the Army initiatives at Hawaii Army posts that included barracks renewal on Wheeler Army Air Field, the renovation of several historic quadrangles (Quads) on Schofield Barracks, construction of several new Army training facilities at Pohakuloa Training Area on the island of Hawaii, the initial construction of the Schofield to Helemano trail and Drum Road and the start of construction for a new Army Reserve Center and warehouse on Fort Shafter Flats. The U.S. Army Garrison Hawaii, the Corps of Engineers and contractor Nan Inc., also joined forces under Chytka's tenure to construct a six-story, state-of-the-art energy-efficient barracks at Fort Shafter. During Chytka's tour the District also awarded the contract for Architect-Engineer Services for the Design of Future Headquarters of the U.S. Army Pacific.

Under Chytka's leadership, the District continued military construction support for the Air Force's C-17 beddown initiative, which included the District completion of a clear water rinse facility, a parking ramp and a strategic parking ramp, the first new flight line hangar at Hickam Air Force Base (Oahu) since the 1930s and a construction of Distributed Common Ground Systems (DCGS) facility.

The District also completed the construction of a brand new, state-of-the-art hydrant fueling system at Hickam to service C-17 and other aircraft.

In addition, through Chytka's initiative, the District stood up, fully staffed and deployed the inaugural 565th Engineering Detachment – better known as a Forward Engineering Support Team (FEST) and provided extensive design, cost-engineering, personnel and reach-back support to our sister District's within Pacific Ocean Division.

During Chytka's tour Honolulu District also provided significant civil works support to the State of Hawaii, successfully completing a dredging and shoreline enhancement project at Kikiaola (Kauai) Harbor, completion of repairs to the Port Allen (Kauai) Deep Draft Harbor breakwater, made an expansion to the Ala Wai Watershed study and provided technical information on the various shoreline configurations for the Waikiki Natatorium Study.

The American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) Hawaii Section Executive Committee awarded the Outstanding Civil Engineer Award (OCEA) project of the year for 2008 for the Corps' Kaunaloa (Lanai) Harbor project.

In addition, Chytka directed that the District provide an engineer to support the U.S. Pacific Command's (PACOM) Humanitarian Assistance mission in Southeast Asia where the District provided technical guidance for evaluation of, construction and renovation of schools, medical clinics and flood management operations centers in Vietnam, Cambodia and Indonesia.

Through Chytka's leadership, the District's Emergency Management division was lauded by American Samoa Congressman Eni Faleomavaega for providing exemplary emergency response support and interagency structure inspections in the U.S. territory after an estimated 15-foot high tsunami ravaged areas of the region in December 2009. The District also provided support to FEMA Disaster Response with the deployment of more than 30 personnel for missions in Texas, Georgia, South Carolina, Louisiana, Florida and American Samoa.

Starting in 2008, Chytka also led the District through the training for and implementation of the Department of Defense's National Personnel Security System. Also through his initiative, in support of the nation's and Corps Overseas Contingency Operations, more than 10 employees volunteered to deploy to Iraq and Afghanistan, including several who made follow-on deployments.

For his outstanding work and contributions at Honolulu District, Chytka received the Meritorious Service Medal.

Guttormsen took command after serving as the Operations Officer (S3) for the 130th Engineer Brigade at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. Guttormsen will command an organization of about 370 engineers, scientists and support staff serving the Pacific Region, including Hawaii, Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and Kwajalein. The District's current active program is valued at \$2 billion.



(Top) Former Pacific Ocean Division Commander Brig. Gen. Mark W. Yenter (center, left) passes the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' colors to Honolulu District Commander Lt. Col. Douglas B. Guttormsen during the Honolulu District Change of Command ceremony held July 16 on Palm Circle. Listening (left) is former Honolulu District Commander Lt. Col. Jon J. Chytka. Photo by Dino W. Buchanan (Above) Ho'o'kupu Ohana representative Sharon Ishikawa presents leis and gifts to Mrs. Katherine Guttormsen and son William during the change of command ceremony. Photo by ACE-IT AV Specialist Kevin McCowan

Col. Guttormsen as 67th Commander



(Top Left) Former Pacific Ocean Division Commander Brig. Gen. Mark W. Yenter (center), former District Commander Lt. Col. Jon J. Chytka and District Commander Lt. Col. Douglas B. Guttormsen stand at attention for the start of the change of command ceremonies. Photo by Dino W. Buchanan (Top right) Brig. Gen. Yenter displays the Commander's Award for Public Service that he presented to Mrs. Juli Chytka for her outstanding service to the District, Soldiers and U.S. Army. Watching is Lt. Col. Chytka and son Michael. Photo by Dino W. Buchanan (At Left) Soldiers of the 130th Engineer Brigade color stand at attention during the ceremonies amid the 50 state flags, national ensign, U.S. Army and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' colors. Photo by ACE-IT AV Specialist Kevin McCowan. (Above, top) Honolulu District Commander Lt. Col Douglas B. Guttormsen and his wife Maj. Katherine Guttormsen are congratulated by U.S. Army Garrison Hawaii Deputy Commander Jim Duttweiler at the Palm Circle gazebo. Photo by ACE-IT AV Specialist Kevin McCowan (Above) Ho'o'kupu Ohana representative Tammy Luke presents leis and gifts to Mrs. Chytka and children Maria, Michael and Gabriel during the change of command ceremonies. Photo by Dino Buchanan

Meet the New District, Division Leadership

Lt. Col. Douglas B. Guttormsen
Honolulu District
Commander



Lt. Col. Doug Guttormsen, originally from New Jersey, graduated from the United States Military Academy in 1992 and was commissioned as a 2nd Lt. in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. He was assigned to the 1st Engineer Battalion at Fort Riley, Kan. where he served as a combat engineer platoon leader, an assault and obstacle platoon leader, a company executive officer and the Assistant Battalion S3.

After completing the Engineer Officer Advanced Course and earning his Masters Degree in Engineering Management from the University of Missouri at Rolla in 1997, Lt. Col. Guttormsen was assigned to the 2nd Engineer Battalion at Camp Castle, Korea where he commanded the battalion's Headquarters and Headquarters Company in support of 2nd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division.

Following command, Lt. Col. Guttormsen spent two years training U.S. Army Reserve and National Guard engineers in an AC/RC billet with the 2/309th Training Support Battalion at Fort Dix, New Jersey and was subsequently assigned as an Observer Controller for the Sidewinder Team at the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, California.

After attending Command and General Staff College, Lt. Col. Guttormsen served as the Battalion S3 of the 70th Engineer Battalion at Fort Riley, KS and deployed with the Battalion to Taji, Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom 04-06. After redeploying and resetting the battalion, he was again assigned to the National Training Center and served as the Engineer and Special Troops Battalion S3 trainer for two years. Following his tour at the National Training Center, Lt. Col. Guttormsen joined the 130th Engineer Brigade at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii as the brigade S3 and deployed with the brigade to Mosul, Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom rotation 09-11. He redeployed in April 2010.

Lt. Col. Guttormsen's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal (1 Oak Leaf Cluster), the Meritorious Service Medal (4 OLC), the Army Commendation Medal (1 OLC), Army Achievement Medal, Iraqi Campaign Medal (2 service stars), Combat Action Badge, Air Assault Badge, Airborne Badge and Ranger Tab.

Lt. Col. Guttormsen's civilian education includes a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the United States Military Academy and a Master of Science Degree in Engineering Management from the University of Missouri at Rolla. He is a licensed Professional Engineer in the state of Missouri. His military schooling includes the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, Engineer Officer Advanced Course and Engineer Officer Basic Course.

Lt. Col. Guttormsen is married to Maj. Katherine Guttormsen of Toledo, Ohio and they have one son.

Col. Edward J. Kertis
Pacific Ocean Division
Commander



Col. Edward J. Kertis became the 29th Commander and Division Engineer for the Pacific Ocean Division on July 30, 2010.

He recently relinquished his command of the Savannah District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, in Georgia.

A Florida native, Col. Kertis entered military service in 1984 upon commissioning as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

His previous commands include the Walla Walla District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, in Washington State from 2002-2004. His troop assignments include service as a platoon leader, staff officer, and later as battalion executive officer in the 27th Engineer Battalion (Combat) (Airborne), Fort Bragg, North Carolina.; company commander in the 41st Engineer Battalion (Light), Fort Drum, N.Y.; and engineer troop commander in the 1st Special Forces Operational Detachment - Delta.

Col. Kertis' U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' assignments include service as an environmental staff officer in the Corps' Portland District, and area commander of the Honduras/El Salvador Project Offices in the Mobile District. He was the inaugural commander of the Northern District, Gulf Region Division, Iraq, during Operation Iraqi Freedom, where he managed construction projects in support of Coalition forces and the Iraqi government.

His joint assignments include serving as the branch chief of the Special Operations Forces Program Branch at the Defense Threat Reduction Agency in Alexandria, Va.; serving as Combat Engineer Section Chief at the Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe (SHAPE) in Belgium; and serving as the military advisor and chief of staff to the NATO Senior Civilian Representative for Afghanistan in Kabul, the former foreign minister of Turkey, Minister Hikmet Çetin.

Col. Kertis was born and raised in Daytona Beach, Florida. He graduated from Stetson University in Deland, Florida, in 1984 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in biology, and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. He also earned a Master of Science Degree in Environmental Engineering Sciences from the University of Florida in 1993, majoring in wetlands ecology.

Col. Kertis' awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal (one oak leaf cluster), Meritorious Service Medal (four oak leaf clusters), Master Parachutist Badge, Pathfinder Badge, and Ranger Tab.

Col. Kertis is an avid snowboarder and sailor.

Brig. Gen. Yenter to U.S. Forces - Afghanistan

Col. Kertis Becomes 29th Pacific Ocean Division Commander

Story by Terri Kojima

Chief, Pacific Ocean Division Public Affairs

Service members, families, government civilians and friends gathered for a change of command ceremony held July 30 on historic Palm Circle to bid farewell to Brig. Gen. Mark W. Yenter, departing commander and division engineer of the Corps of Engineers Pacific Ocean Division, and to welcome Col. Edward J. Kertis, incoming commander.

Lt. Gen. Robert L. Van Antwerp, U.S. Army Chief of Engineers and Commanding General, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, praised Yenter for his strategic leadership during his two-year tenure in the Pacific.

“Mark is a strategic thinker,” who “led the Corps in many areas,” said Van Antwerp.

Under his (Yenter’s) unyielding stewardship, the division’s military construction program grew from \$850 million to \$1.2 billion, which led the Corps enterprise-wide execution rate for “ready-to-advertise” and project awards, said Van Antwerp.

His visionary leadership provided the path for long-range planning, garnering the fiscal support for the more than \$15 billion multi-year Japan Defense Program Realignment Initiative. The division commander forged strong working relationships with the Government of Japan, U.S. Forces Japan, service components and installations that resulted in effective resourcing, master planning, programming and scheduling for delivery of “Troop-Ready” facilities.

Yenter directed the significant advancement of the \$12.8 billion Korea Transformation Program, which will relocate U.S. troops from various bases in Korea to an expanded U.S. Army Garrison-Humphreys in the Republic of Korea.

Under Yenter’s leadership, the division awarded 94 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) projects totaling about \$140 million in economic stimulus dollars that helped put local contractors to work in Alaska and Hawaii, contributing to the nation’s economic recovery.

Yenter also led the Corps’ execution of the U.S. Pacific Command’s Overseas Humanitarian, Disaster, and Civic Air Program grew from 23 projects totaling \$7.5 million to 127 projects totaling \$36 million.

The Chief of Engineers described Yenter’s leadership as “inspirational, innovative, and visionary.”

Van Antwerp presented Yenter with the Distinguished Service Medal for his “exceptionally meritorious service” as commander and division engineer of the Pacific Ocean Division.

Yenter, who led the Pacific Ocean Division since July 29, 2008, was quick to credit the leadership and men and women throughout the division and districts.

“It’s not talking about statistics but it’s actually what you do that counts,” said Yenter. “The empowered work force of the Pacific Ocean Division is passionate about delivering construction projects that meet the end users requirements and assure enduring quality.” Yenter will now step into his new role as the United States Forces Afghanistan Director of Engineering and Commander of the Corps’ Transatlantic Division (Forward-Afghanistan).

Yenter’s replacement, Col. Kertis, has more than 25 years of experience in the Army. He most recently commanded the Corps of Engineers’ Savannah District, in Georgia.

“You’re (Kertis) here because you’re exactly the right guy to take this job,” said Van Antwerp. “Ed (Kertis) is an exceptional leader. We couldn’t have picked a person with more credentials, more ‘know how.’”

Kertis is responsible for leading 1,800 military and Department of Army civilian engineers, technicians and other professionals in the annual execution of a \$2 billion program. He executes a mission that includes engineering design, construction and real estate management for the Army in Hawaii, Army and Air Force in Alaska, and for all Department of Defense agencies in Japan, the Republic of Korea, and Kwajalein Atoll, Marshall Islands.

The Division also administers the Corps’ federal water resource development and regulatory programs governing water and wetland work in Alaska, Hawaii, American Samoa, Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.



Pacific Ocean Division Commander Col. Edward J. Kertis (second from right) accepts the Pacific Ocean Division colors from Chief of Engineers Lt. Gen. Robert L. Van Antwerp at the change of command ceremony held July 30 on Palm Circle. Watching is former Division Commander Brig. Gen. Mark W. Yenter (left) and (right) Division Director of Programs, Senior Executive Eugene Ban. Photo by Dino W. Buchanan



DASA (Installations & Housing) Calcara Visits Future USARPAC C2F Project Site

Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (DASA) for Installations and Housing Senior Executive Joseph F. Calcara (center right in Aloha shirt) points to a diagram of the future U.S. Army Pacific (USARPAC) Command and Control Facility, currently under design, and discusses the project with Corps of Engineers Project Manager Lise Ditzel-Ma and members of the Project Delivery Team at Fort Shafter.

The Corps awarded a contract for architect-engineer services for the design of Fiscal Years 2011-2015 projects, Phases one through four of the facility late last year. Calcara was on island in late June for talks with U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii and ACTUS and maximized his trip by receiving briefings on several key Army / Corps programs and projects including: Grow the Army, the Schofield Barracks Battle Area Complex, Fort Shafter Flats Flood Mitigation, the new Soldier Barracks at Fort Shafter and Army Real Estate.

Calcara is familiar with Hawaii and previously worked at Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Hawaii. Calcara thanked the Army / Corps team for their efforts on behalf of Soldiers and challenged them to think through all engineering issues to maximize efforts.

Teammates shown in the photo (above) from left to right are: Honolulu Engineer District (HED) Chief of Construction and Engineering, Todd Barnes; HED Project Manager Lise Ditzel-Ma; USARPAC Deputy Chief of Staff, Engineering (DCSENG) subject matter expert Bob Hurban; Pacific Ocean Division (POD) Chief, Military Integration Division Wendell Awada; POD Director of Programs Senior Executive Gene Ban; DASA (Installations & Housing) SES Joseph F. Calcara; HED Deputy Commander Maj. Daniel A. Segura; and USARPAC DCSENG Lt. Col. David Miller. *Photo by Joseph Bonfiglio*

Civil Works PM Helps in Activation of World Heritage Site

Project Manager and Environmental Coordinator Athline Clark was recently recognized by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) for her past contributions with the State of Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources that made possible the adding of the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument to the prestigious United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) World Heritage List on July 30, 2010.

The Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument in the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands measures nearly 140,000 square miles and protects more than 7,000 marine and terrestrial species.

Papahānaumokuākea is the nation's first site designated for its outstanding value as both a natural and cultural heritage site. The World Heritage listing acknowledges the historical, cultural or natural value of a site, as well as the commitment of the sovereign nation and the site's owners to its long-term protection and management.



Division Conducts Frocking Ceremony, Names Henderson Deputy Commander

Stories by Terry Kojima

Chief, Pacific Ocean Division Public Affairs

Flags stood tall in the Palm Circle gazebo, a fitting patriotic backdrop for an age-old Army tradition where Maj. John W. Henderson was frocked to the rank of lieutenant colonel on June 29.

Former U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Pacific Ocean Division Commander Brig. Gen. Mark W. Yenter officiated the ceremony, which displayed the Army's heritage mixed with Hawaii's tradition of welcoming honored guests with presentations of fresh floral leis.

Henderson's family beamed with pride as Amy Henderson pinned the single, silver oak leaf onto her husband's sleeve before a crowd of Soldiers, family members and government civilians.

The division commander emphasized that Henderson was authorized and directed to wear the uniform and insignia of a lieutenant colonel in view of his abilities and demonstrated potential for increased responsibility. Yenter expressed great confidence in Henderson's ability to take on his new position as the division's deputy commander, filling a vacancy left by the retirement of Col. Lawrence Sansone on July 1.

"The deputy commander is normally a senior colonel with numerous years of leadership experience, but there was one name and one name only that came to my mind--John Henderson," said Yenter.

Henderson is no stranger to the Corps' Pacific Ocean Division, having been the deputy commander for the division's Honolulu District for the past two years. His stellar leadership skills were magnified during the district's emergency responses in the aftermath of the September 2009 earthquake and tsunami that devastated American Samoa.

"John did the right things to provide sound leadership in support of the government out there, and we received nothing but praise from the governor of American Samoa," said Yenter. "I have never seen anyone who could bring



Lt. Col. John W. Henderson's son and daughter place their dad's new rank onto his uniform as Henderson's spouse, Amy, beams with pride. Henderson was frocked to the rank of lieutenant colonel during a June 29 ceremony held at the Palm Circle gazebo on Fort Shafter. Photo by ACE-IT VI Specialist Kevin McCowan

calmness out of utter chaos. John Henderson is a natural leader."

Prior to being assigned to the Honolulu District, Henderson served as the Operations Officer and Battalion Executive Officer for the 25th Special Troops Battalion, 25th Infantry Division during their deployment to Operation Iraqi Freedom 06-08.

Henderson is now responsible for directing the division staff and assisting the division com-

mander in the leadership of 1,800 military and Department of Army civilian engineers, technicians and other professionals in the annual execution of a \$2 billion program.

Pacific Ocean Division is responsible for major design and construction and real estate management for the Army in Hawaii, the Army and Air Force in Alaska and for all Department of Defense agencies in Japan, Republic of Korea and Kwajalein Atoll, Marshall Islands.

Division Deputy Commander Col. Sansone Retires from Army



Col. Lawrence Sansone (center) stands at attention with former Pacific Ocean Division Commander Brig. Gen. Mark W. Yenter (left) as new Division Deputy Commander Lt. Col. John Henderson reads a certificate of appreciation from U.S. President Barack Obama during Sansone's retirement ceremony held July 1 at Fort Shafter, Hawaii. Photo by ACE-IT VI Specialist Kevin McCowan

Col. Lawrence Sansone, who grew up in Wyckoff and Ridgewood, N.J., and graduated in 1981 from the State University of New York at Albany, retired from the Army after nearly 30 years of distinguished service in a colorful ceremony held July 1 at Fort Shafter.

Sansone culminated his military career as the deputy division commander and chief of staff of Pacific Ocean Division, a position he held since May 2007. He skillfully shouldered the responsibility of directing the Division staff and assisted the commander in leading more than 1,800 military and Department of Army civilian engineers, technicians and other professionals in the annual execution of a \$2 billion Pacific region-wide program.

He was presented Legion of Merit in recognition and honor of his years of military service and lasting contributions to national defense.

Prior to joining the Pacific Ocean Division, Sansone was the acting commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Transatlantic Programs Center and served as the Gulf Regional Engineer in Kuwait from June 2005 to May 2007.

In a congratulatory message, Lt. Gen. Robert L. Van Antwerp, Chief of Engineers and Commanding General of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers commended Sansone. "You have led the way and set the standard of excellence," said Van Antwerp.

Sansone was quick to credit his successful Army career to his family and those who mentored him along the way. "Do the right thing, always...recognize and reward success...take care of your people," he said.

Your Hands: Handle With Care

Our hands are on the front line of action at work, and so they are easily injured. A hand injury is serious because it can result in a permanent disability, a life threatening infection or loss of ability to do certain types of work.

It's important to follow safe work practices to prevent hand injuries and also important to wear gloves to protect the hands in many circumstances whereas it can be just as important not to wear gloves in other situations.

Follow these guidelines for protecting your hands:

Keep hands in a safe position while working. Keep them clear of moving machinery and other locations where they can be injured.

- Use aids such as push sticks and tongs to keep your hands away from danger zones such as rotating saw blades and hot objects.
- Stay alert. Be aware of what you and others are doing to keep your hands out of harm's way.



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□ Make sure that equipment is turned off and disconnected from any power source before attempting adjustments or repairs. Follow all lock-out procedures to prevent accidental start-up of equipment.

□ Use machine guards and safety interlocks the way they were intended. Never remove them or bypass them. They are designed to keep you safe from injury.

□ Use door knobs, drawer pulls and vehicle door handles the way they are intended to be used. This will help to prevent the common hand injuries caused by slamming fingers in a door or drawer.

□ Take off jewelry such as rings or watches when working. They can easily be caught in moving machinery and other traps.

Use gloves which are made of the right material to protect your hands:

□ Cold Weather. Gloves made of leather, insulated plastic or rubber, wool or cotton are usually worn.

□ Working with chemicals and fluids. Natural rubber, neoprene and rubber are the most common materials these protective gloves are made of. Check the chemical's Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) to find out the requirements for these kinds of safety gloves. If you are unsure of what the MSDS says, ask your supervisor for help.

□ Cuts or sharp edges. Reinforced heavy rubber, heavy leather gloves, Kevlar gloves or metal mesh gloves are a common choice



when working with equipment that could cause serious cuts or have sharp edges.

□ Electricity. Rubber-insulating gloves tested for protection to a certain voltage are a good choice. Besides gloves, all other precautions should be used.

□ Heat. Depending on how high the temperature, choices ranging from Kevlar to heat resistant leather gloves could provide the best protection.

□ Perspiration. Cotton gloves offer the best protection if you tend to get sweaty palms while you are working.

□ Radiation. Lead-lined rubber, plastic or leather gloves are common choices in this situation.

These are some examples of hand protections available. Make sure you get advice in choosing, fitting and caring for the hand protection required for your job.

Learn to Handle Stress

Try some of these tips for handling stress, both at work and off the job:

- Decide what you can and can't do something about; You can't change the economic climate, but you can cope by investing wisely with low risk plans that pay dividends over the long term.
- Learn to let things go you cannot control. It's not worth increasing your blood pressure or worrying until you've got an ulcer.
- Speak up. If something is bothering you, talk about it. If someone else is doing something that's disturbing you, let the individual know how you feel. Be assertive, not angry or aggressive.
- Take some quiet time for yourself every day to sort out what is and isn't important and to look for solutions to problems. Even on the busiest of days it may be possible to get a few minutes alone early in the morning or late at night.
- Take some time everyday for fun too. Spending even 15 minutes a day on a special hobby you enjoy can make it easier to deal with everything else going on in your life.
- Take good care of yourself physically. Get enough sleep and rest. Eat a healthy diet of regular meals. Exercise regularly, at least several times a week. Good health habits are an effective defense against stress.
- Take control of your life. Learn to stay organized and manage your time. Do the most important things first and leave the rest if you have to. Effective time management can get rid of that stressful feeling of being in a hurry all the time.



EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH

June



DEBBIE SOLIS On June 8, Debbie gave a presentation to the national Planning Communities of Practice Conference on the Web-based Planning Process Tool that Honolulu District is developing. Her presentation highlighted how this tool will assist planners with locating information that describes “what” to do for each water resources project development step and ultimately improve execution of civil works projects. With the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Headquarters (USACE) endorsement gained from the conference, Debbie and others within the District will be leading a national team to further develop this tool to be used USACE-wide.

ATHLINE CLARK On June 9, Athline gave a presentation to the national Planning Communities of Practice Conference on the values and benefit of Integrated Water Resources Planning, including collaboration/partnering with all levels of government, stakeholders, and communities, and creating synergy amongst agency programs in solving problems. This presentation gave real examples on how Honolulu District planners are integrating resource and regulatory agencies early in the project development process that has resulted in buy-in and greater trust.



June

July



KRIS YOUNG'S positive first impression has been felt immediately by District personnel. Her very positive outlook has helped her fit into daily District operations very quickly. Besides representing the Executive Office of Engineering & Construction (E&C) division, Kris leads an E&C Administrative Assistants Community of Practice. She has pulled the group together tackling topics and challenges faced by all the administrative staff with an objective to improve the quality and consistency of the work that is produced, coordinated, and managed by them. Her efforts provide a disciplined approach and an improvement to quality of the administrative work throughout the District. She has also volunteered to be co-chair of the Special Events Programming Committee and participated in other District committees such as Organizational Day planning and the recent change of command.

DONNA CAMPBELL implemented a process at Honolulu District to meet the new National Contracting Organization (NCO) Peer Review initiative's objectives with minimal disruption to the District contracting mission execution. Honolulu District became the first Corps District to obtain the higher level Peer Review approval required for projects over \$250 million. Donna then shared lessons learned from this unprecedented effort with other Districts and received positive feedback. She quickly figured out how to respond to data calls and reporting requirements channeled her way. Donna is developing the skills needed to take over as PD2 system administrator and to fulfill other new roles. She recognized the importance of resuming the update of contract clause matrices and came up with revised products that enhanced the productivity of contract specialists/officers. She also proposed the idea to bring some PROSPECT classes to Hawaii in Fiscal Year 2011 and is working on making that into a reality. Additional initiatives launched by Donna include a project to develop an electronic means to track contracting officer representatives training and qualifications, and another to eliminate hard copy documents. Donna's ideas and efforts to improve processes have been significant and will have a positive impact on contracting operations over time.



July

Carpenter Named Stryker Resident Engineer

Honolulu District recently named Darren Carpenter as the new Schofield Barracks Stryker Office Resident Engineer.

Darren brings a wealth of District and military reserve operational knowledge to the position having worked in various positions including Programs and Project Management, Emergency Management Division, civil works construction and as a U.S. Army Reserve colonel.

As a licensed, civil professional engineer in the State of Hawaii and fulfilling the required 24 business credits by earning his Master's degree, he is just three contracting courses shy of completing Level 2 certification requirements as an Administrative Contracting Officer.



Aloha

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

Ike Borja



Guy Kuroiwa



Walter Perrett



Lt. Col. Jon J. Chytka



District Welcomes New Contracting Chief

The Honolulu District recently welcomed Dawn Robinson to the Ohana as the new Chief of Contracting.

Prior to her arrival at the District, Dawn was serving as a contracting officer with unlimited signature authority with the U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command. She has Department of Defense and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' contracting experience in both the supply and construction areas of expertise. Dawn has awarded contracts up to \$275 million.



Special Aloha

To the 565th Engineering Detachment (Forward Engineering Support Team-Advance) Commander Maj. Evan Ting who is currently deployed to Pakistan in support of the U.S. Embassy with infrastructure and site surveys for the possible construction of facilities for U.S. relief and military groups.

Maj. Ting's first assignments in Pakistan were to design and start construction of a 300-man base camp for the 16th Civil Affairs Bureau (CAB) at Chaklala Air Base and site surveys for a beddown for the 26th and 15th U.S. Marine Expeditionary Units (MEU). Although his days are long - 16 to 18 hours - Maj. Ting calls his current assignment "incredibly rewarding."

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Welcome

Mark Hunsaker	Dawn Robinson
Bruce Ayres	Endre Gayer

Welcome Back

Kristen Santiago	Jessica Wiggs
Amy Tashiro	Tim Inouye

Goodbye

Rick McKittrick	Ximena Williams
Lauren Spencer	Donna Campbell

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