

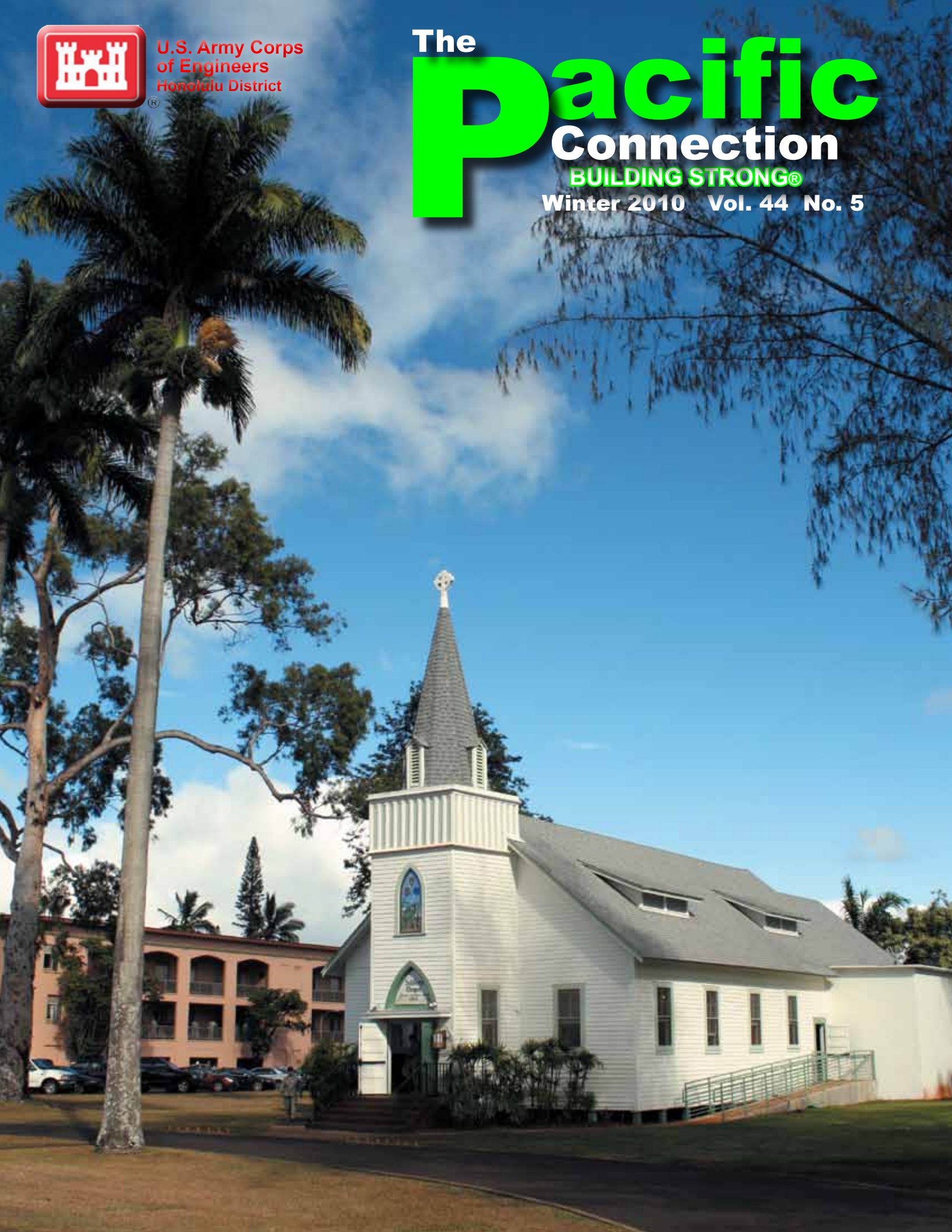


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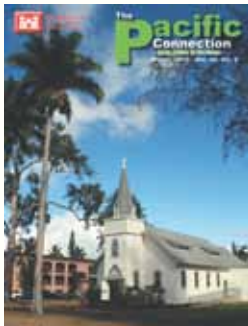
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**A view of the Soldiers Chapel at Schofield Barracks prior to re-dedication ceremonies held to commemorate its five month long renovation by the Corps of Engineers. The chapel was originally placed at this site near D Quad in 1925 and has one of the only two pipe organs in Hawaii.** Photo by Joseph Bonfiglio



## Commander's Comments

**The Honolulu District**  
*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 all,*

As we close out 2010 and enter 2011, let me begin by thanking you all for your hard work to make the lives of the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines and Citizens we serve just a little bit better through the construction projects and services we provide for them. This last quarter has certainly been a busy one for us all, District, contractors, supported commands and stakeholders alike; we've opened some great facilities like the Chapel on this month's cover and the U.S. Army Reserve Center at Fort Shafter Flats and we continue to work on many other important projects. Let me highlight just a few items from the last quarter.

On Sept. 30, we closed out a very successful fiscal year. We awarded \$272.6 million in contracts for FY10 with over 50% of those awards going to small businesses, making a huge impact on the local economy. From a safety perspective we had no lost time on jobsites due to accidents from either contractors or District employees, representing a great safety achievement. We protected the local community by executing an historic Formerly Used Defense Site workload and achieved all of our fiscal objectives - just to name a few of the many things we accomplished as a team. These things don't just happen; they happen because of the dedication and hard work of the District working in partnership with our contractors, stakeholders and supported commands. These are team achievements, not just District achievements. The teamwork required to be successful can't be overstated.

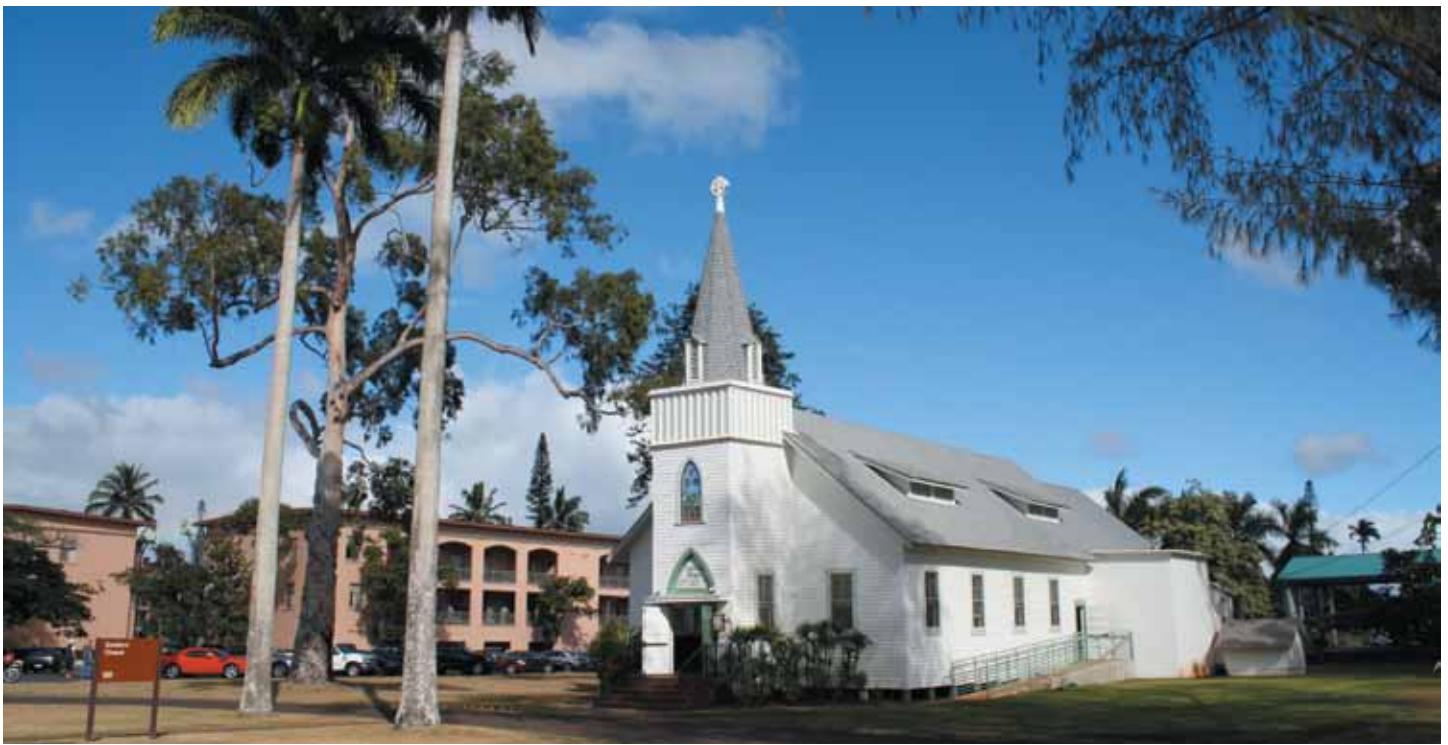
In November, the District had the opportunity to have our Division staff come down to look at our processes and procedures and offer us candid suggestions on things we can do to better serve our stakeholders. The Command Assistance Visit and Design/Construction Evaluation (DCE) were great opportunities for us. They represented a free outside look to help us operate more efficiently and productively. Like every organization, we have things we do very well and things we can do better. But to remain relevant and viable we need to be an adaptive, learning and improving organization. So while sustaining those things we do well, we will embrace the lessons that we learned from the Command Assistance Visit and DCE. They can only make us better.

During this holiday season, my family and I wish you all a Merry Christmas and best wishes for a happy and fruitful New Year as we continue to provide first class projects and services for our valued stakeholders. Don't forget to keep our deployed members in your thoughts and prayers during the holidays. They are in harm's way, making a difference, so that we can celebrate freely during this special time of year.

Finally, if you haven't done so yet, come visit us on our new District Facebook page to look for things that may interest you, including job announcements, press releases and other items of interest.

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*A view of the Soldiers Chapel at Schofield Barracks prior to rededication ceremonies held to commemorate its five month-long renovation by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The chapel was originally placed at this site near D Quad in 1925 and has one of the only two pipe organs in Hawaii. Photo by Joseph Bonfiglio*

## Army Corps, Soldiers Rededicate Renovated Schofield Soldiers Chapel

### Story by

Honolulu District Public Affairs  
& Vickey Mouze,

U.S. Army Garrison - Hawaii Public Affairs

Schofield Barracks' Historic white Sclapboard country-style Soldiers Chapel was rededicated during a ceremony held Sept. 24 inside the 97-year-old sanctuary, which is located next to "D" Quad.

A five-month, \$874,733 renovation of the chapel included repairing the sanctuary and altar area and adding an addition to the office. Exterior work replaced damaged wood siding and replaced the sidewalk around the building. The Chapel also got a new handicapped accessible ramp as well as a fresh coat of paint for the interior and exterior.

Prior to the official ceremony, a clear ringing originated from a real, brass bell – originally donated in 1912 by the 5th U.S. Cavalry Regiment - encouraging Soldiers to attend. Among those attending were Honolulu District Commander Lt. Col. Douglas B. Guttormsen; U.S. Army Garrison – Hawaii Commander, Col. Douglas S. Mulbury; Installation Management Command's Command Chaplain Col. Charles L. Howell; Garrison Command Chaplain Col. Youn H. Kim and Installation Management Command – Pacific Senior Executive Debra Zedalis.

"This project has been an achievement in teamwork from initial planning through contract award. It wouldn't have been possible without the valuable partnership of the U. S. Army Garrison-Hawaii, the Honolulu District and (contractor) Dawson-DBS JV," said Guttormsen. "The Corps has a long and proud history of supporting the Army

Garrison going back over 100 years. This project will have a direct effect on the spiritual and mental health of our Army Team."

Honolulu District engineers coordinated renovation of the historic chapel that is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and part of the National Register District at Schofield Barracks.

Guttormsen presented a plaque to Col. Kim during the ceremony to commemorate the renovation and the joint accomplishments of the Project Delivery Team. In appreciation for the renovation efforts, Mulbury presented certificates to the Corps, the Directorate of Public Works and contractor Dawson-DBS JV.

The first chapel on Schofield Barracks was built in 1913 in Castner Village (upper post) and the second "Soldiers Chapel" in 1920. Soldiers Chapel was moved to its current location by "D" Quad in 1925. Hawaiian Queen Liliuokalani paid for the original 1913 chapel. The building was moved to its current location and has changed since then, but it is a unique building in the Garrison's inventory related to Hawaiian culture.

According to Honolulu District Resident Engineer Darren Carpenter, "complying with federal law was the most challenging aspect of the project."

Federal law requires that all repairs, renovations and alterations to federal buildings are reviewed under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966. The review process also requires consultation with the State Historic Preservation office for all properties 50 years old or older.

Retired Marine Lt. Col. Kenneth Zitz, a senior lay leader who also attended the ceremony said thousands of Soldiers and

family members have attended services in Soldiers Chapel throughout the last 100 years. Zitz gave a presentation about the history of the chapel and its brass bell.

Zitz said during his presentation that the Chapel boasts a rare 1931 vintage pipe organ, one of only two of its kind in Hawaii.

In addition, the Chapel was featured in the 1970 movie "Tora! Tora! Tora!"

Chaplain (Capt.) Samuel Olmos, deputy chaplain for the Army Garrison, served as project officer and was excited to be a part of history in the making.

Olmos said in an emailed response that the ceremony celebrated, "... the combined efforts and support of an outstanding Schofield Barracks community. It is a true testament to the great leadership at Schofield. During the ceremony, we reveled in the history of Soldiers Chapel, but, at the same time, we added a few historical pages of our own. It was great to be part of something much bigger than any single person or any single generation!"

"We are here to rededicate ourselves and to rededicate this historic chapel," said Chaplain (Col.) Howell.

Attending the ceremony also provided a bittersweet moment for Chaplain (Maj.) Leslie Forbes-Mariani, chaplain resource manager, as she was the last chaplain to deliver a message in the chapel before the renovation.

"It was good to be on hand to reopen the chapel to see the finished work," she wrote, in an e-mail, adding that it was a great joy to see the chapel before and after the renovation.

# New Commanders Address District Employees



*(Top) Pacific Ocean Division Commander Col. Edward Kertis tells District employees his vision of job accomplishment. (Above, left) Col. Kertis talks about 2010 Pacific Ocean Division Hard Hat of the Year awardee Al Carvalho who was “recognized for his professional expertise, his desire for a quality product and his dedication to duty, especially his outstanding work on the Air Force Program.” (Above, right) Col. Kertis poses with District employees who received a POD Commander’s coin for exceptional work. (Right) Honolulu District Commander Lt. Col. Douglas B. Guttormsen (standing) explains his goals and vision for future District success. Photos by Dino W. Buchanan*



# District Awards \$272.6 Million in Contracts in Hawaii and the Pacific Region in FY10

## Story by

Honolulu District Public Affairs

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Honolulu District recently completed a successful Fiscal Year 2010 during which 685 contract actions were awarded totaling \$272.6 million, including more than \$147 million to small business firms.

During the final month – the fiscal year-end contract award period – Honolulu District awarded nearly \$93 million in new contracts.

Honolulu District contracts signify the Corps' commitment to provide high-quality facilities to the armed forces of the United States and to protect and improve the lives of the people of Hawaii and the region.

Honolulu District Contracting awarded 56% of its total FY10 contract awards to small businesses – exceeding almost all yearly District and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' small business goals.

The basis of the Small Business Program is to foster free competition which is basic to the economic well-being and security of the Nation. This status cannot be achieved without the potential of small businesses being encouraged and developed. Contracting with these firms strengthens the economy, generates competition, lowers overall costs, creates innovations, provides more jobs than any other sector, and enhances good business practices.

Small businesses play a key role in the Army's sustaining base in vital areas of military readiness, economic security and advanced technology.

The President is required to annually establish government-wide goals for procurement contracts awarded to small businesses (Section 644(g) of 15 U.S.C.). The Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization Office, Office of Secretary of Defense, negotiates Department of Defense (DoD) goals with the Small Business Administration and then develops and disseminates the annual small business goals for the fiscal year. Goal utilization assists to assure small business receives a fair proportion of DoD awards.

Significant Corps contracts awarded at the end of FY10 included:

W9128A-10-C-0008, FY2010 PN KNMD109501, Parking Apron and Taxiways, Hickam Air Force Base, Island of Oahu, Hawaii, was awarded Aug. 26 to Watts Contractors, LLC, Honolulu, HI for \$8,050,000.

W9128A-10-C-0009, FY10 MCA PN55281 Tactical Equipment Maintenance Facility, Helemano Military Reservation, Oahu, Hawaii, was awarded Sept. 17 to LEDCOR Construction Hawaii LLC, Honolulu, Hawaii, for \$15,366,000.

W9128A-09-D-0009-0004, Maintenance and Repairs, Kunia, Hawaii was awarded to Performance Systems, Inc., Honolulu, Hawaii, Sept. 22 under the \$100M 8(A) Multiple Award Task Order Contract (MATOC), for \$2,781,060.00.

W9128A-09-D-0011-0002, FY10 OMA A-001, Repair 2nd and 3rd Floor, Building 108, Wheeler Army Airfield, Oahu, Hawaii was awarded Sept. 27 to Dawson-DBS Hawaii, LLC, Honolulu, Hawaii for \$2,433,180.00.

W9128A-06-D-0002, Task Order 0003 under the \$100M MATOC, FY10 UMMCA PN 72067 - Construct Plumbing and Carpentry Shops Facility, Roi-Namur, Kwajalein Atoll and FY10 Miscellaneous Repairs, Bldg. 603, Kwajalein Atoll was awarded Sept. 29 to San Juan Construction, Montrose, Colorado for \$3,158,420.26.

W9128A-09-D-0019, Task Order No. 0012, FY10 OMN Renovate Medical-Dental Clinic, Bldg. 22, Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station, Oahu, Hawaii was awarded to SUMO-NAN JV II LLC, Honolulu, Hawaii, Sept. 29 for \$2,020,456.00.

W9128A-07-D-0005 Task Order 0004, FY10 DHP PN 77226 Repair G1B Electrical Unit Substation, Tripler Army Medical Center, Oahu, Hawaii was awarded to SYSKA/NAN JV, Honolulu, Hawaii, Sept. 29 for \$9,672,551.00.

W9128A-09-D-0019-0009, FY10 OMA Macomb Roundabout, Schofield Barracks, Oahu, Hawaii, was awarded Sept. 29 to SUMO-NAN JV II LLC, Honolulu, Hawaii, for \$2,351,211.92.

U.S. Army-Hawaii benefitted from many contracts awarded and completed by the Corps of Engineers during FY10. Among them were contracts awarded in November 2009 for architect-engineer services for the design of FY11-FY 15 projects, phases one through four, of a Command and Control Facility Complex – the future home of U.S. Army-Pacific (USARPAC) Headquarters, Fort Shafter, for \$21,526,998.

In January, in keeping with sustainability initiatives, USACE awarded a \$1,539,810 contract to replace a roof and install two photovoltaic systems on Aliamanu Military Reservation buildings. The 47-kilowatt and 37-kilowatt photovoltaic systems will harness and convert the sun's rays to create electricity. They will also help foster a clean, energy-independent and efficient infrastructure on Oahu – part of an American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funded project.

Additionally, a \$2,726,540 ARRA contract in January replaced the water treatment plant generator at Schofield Barracks. This Multiple Award Task Order Contract

(MATOC) project helps create and maintain jobs in Hawaii.

A maile lei ribbon untying ceremony April 15 celebrated the opening of the \$27 million state-of-the-art, six-story barracks complex at Fort Shafter. Of special note, the barracks is environmentally friendly and consumes 30-percent less energy than older barracks.

In August, Honolulu District awarded a design-bid-build contract to an 8(a) small business company, for \$9,252,522, to construct a new single-story, 10,000-square foot Conference and Technology Learning Center for the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies on the grounds of Fort De-Russy in Waikiki. The building will serve as a state-of-the-art Information Integration Learning Laboratory. It will that include a 108-person plenary space, six seminar rooms, audiovisual and computer server rooms, required ancillary spaces and an ethno-botanical garden.

In September, Fort Shafter's Aloha Center – well-remembered by Soldiers, families and those who lived, worked or traveled through Fort Shafter during the past 70 years – was completed. The two-year, nearly \$7 million rehabilitation and restoration project of Bldg. 330 overcame several challenges. Because of its advanced age, the building was in need of major restoration since most of the internal structure had become termite eaten and unstable. Because of historic preservation requirements, specific portions of the building could not be demolished, essentially making engineers rethink how to reconstruct on and around untouchable sections of the facility. Working closely with Honolulu District's architect, Maydean Martin, and U.S. Army Garrison- Hawaii's Directorate of Public Works architectural historian, Ken Hays, the contractor carefully removed almost 65-percent of the original structure. Contractors restored the facility to its original exterior appearance from the 1940s and brought the facility up to current building codes – adhering to current antiterrorism and force protection requirements.

Most recently, in October, USACE completed a five-month, \$874,733 renovation of Schofield Barracks' historic white clapboard country-style Soldiers Chapel – a 97-year-old sanctuary that is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and part of the National Register District at Schofield Barracks.

Honolulu District is committed to building and facilitating structures that improve communities in which service members and their families live and that provide jobs and money which stimulate the local economy.





## Army Corps, City and Students

Story by  
**Dino W. Buchanan**  
*Pacific Connection* Editor



Honolulu District engineers and staff teamed up with the City and County of Honolulu Storm Water Quality Branch, the Hawaii Water Environment Association (HWEA), Punahou School Mamiya Science Center and Washington Middle School students Sept. 21 for the first part of Oahu's annual World Water Monitoring Day activities in the Makiki and Ala Wai watersheds.

Nearly 120 students rotated through four stations where they were taught how to use the test materials by technical experts from the Corps of Engineers and the City and County of Honolulu at the upper section of the Makiki Stream near the Makiki Pumping Station on Makiki Heights Drive. The students later transferred to the lower end of the Makiki Stream at Magic Island to test the water samples, compile data and compare results from the two bodies of water.

"The Corps of Engineers has an educational outreach mission – and part of that mission on Oahu is educating the public – and students - on how the Ala Wai watershed works," said Mike Wong, from the Corps civil works department. "For World Water Monitoring Day we encourage students to learn the basics about the watershed, allow them to test and analyze stream water using holistic methods."

The technical experts collected and measured water samples, answered questions about water quality and the City's storm drain system, conducted a stream survey and a trail walk. Simple tests conducted included those for dissolved oxygen, pH, turbidity (clarity), temperature, phosphates and nitrates. Park Ranger Angela Jones from the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers Pacific Regional Visitor Center at Fort DeRussy assisted students in testing nitrate and phosphate levels in the water.



*(Bottom left opposite page) Corps Park Ranger Angela Jones asks Washington Middle School students about the nitrate and phosphate levels from a Makiki Stream Water sample. (Left, opposite) Hydraulic Engineer Michael Wong (fourth from left) talks to a group of Washington Middle School students about the Ala Wai Watershed. (At left) Wong collects a water sample from the Makiki Stream for use by Washington Middle School students. (Below right) Wong walks downslope to Makiki Stream to get water samples for use by students during World Water Monitoring Day. (Above) A view of a LaMotte water monitoring kit and stream water sample used by students during the water testing process. Photos by Dino W. Buchanan*

## Team Up to Analyze Water Quality in Makiki, Ala Wai Watersheds

“This event is a great way for students to get a hands-on understanding about the watershed and I think the students really enjoy testing the water samples and analyzing the scientific data,” said Jones.

Following today’s water testing students uploaded their data to a special section of the World Water Monitoring Day website, which is then added to data collected worldwide. Students can view the results of their work online and compare their findings with other students.

Gail Peiterson, a science teacher at Punahou School who provided instruction today at Makiki Stream on the evolution of the Ala Wai watershed, said she tries to have students equate what they already know about the world they live in to understanding the sciences of the watershed.

“It’s important that students understand the connection between the upstream and downstream watershed,” Peiterson said. “If students have a hard time understanding the concept, I tell them to use examples that they may already know – like cold and hot soda. Cold soda generally has oxygen and generates air bubbles. Fish and plants can live in stream water that has or generates oxygen. Hot soda has no oxygen and obviously hot stream water doesn’t promote life or growth. It’s a simple, yet valid correlation students can relate to.”

While regulatory stream monitoring is conducted throughout the year by the City’s Storm Water Quality Branch, World Water Monitoring Day is a vital way for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and community members to understand the importance of water quality. In 2009, over 120,000 people in 81 countries monitored their local waterways.



The City and County of Honolulu, State of Hawaii Department of Health and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers have co-sponsored World Water Monitoring Day with Washington Middle School since 2003, said Wong.

World Water Monitoring Day is an initiative organized by the Water Environment Federation and the International Water Association, designed to promote education and personal stewardship regarding water ecosystems and resources. The City and County of Honolulu and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers are spearheading this effort, along with thousands of volunteers worldwide, by sampling water quality and reporting findings.

Local schools like Washington Middle School use this event to help satisfy eighth-grade earth science standards.



Honolulu District Project Engineer Owen Ogata (in safety vest) briefs Maj. Gen. Jeffrey Dorko (far right), about design features of Quad E at Schofield Barracks. PV2 Cory Robinson (left), a Quad E resident, mentioned that he appreciates having the kitchen and well-built facilities. Ogata was a key member of the Quad E renovation Project Delivery Team. Photo by Joseph Bonfiglio

## Maj. Gen. Jeffrey Dorko, USACE Deputy Commanding General for Military and International Operations visits Honolulu District Projects

Story by Joseph Bonfiglio  
Chief, Public Affairs

Maj. Gen. Jeffrey Dorko, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, deputy commanding general for Military and International Operations recently visited the Honolulu District and toured numerous District projects and facilities.

According to Dorko, he was impressed by the variety of missions the District has from Civil Works to Military Construction and he was equally impressed by the complexity of the projects.

District staff briefed Dorko on the future USARPAC Command & Control Facility at Fort Shafter and took him to visit the District's Regional Visitor Center at Fort DeRussy and the New Barracks Complex at Schofield Barracks.

While at Schofield Barracks, Dorko also visited the historic Quads, the recently renovated Soldiers Chapel, the under-construction Battle Area Complex (BAX) and received windshield tours of: the Child Development Center, Grow the Army sites, the Stryker Brigade Combat Team Motor pool, the Battle Command Training Center / Information System Facility and the Warriors in Transition facility.

Of particular interest to Dorko was historic Quad E where he met with Soldiers of the 3rd Brigade.

According to Dorko, "you want to make the barracks better for the Soldiers because they deserve that quality of life. That's our compact with them. It's a sacred duty we have to take care of our Soldiers."

"It's interesting when we talk to the Soldiers who are in there (Quad E) ... I think they have an appreciation of the history where they live right now and the lineage and Army units that have been here," Dorko said.

The Quads were strafed on Dec. 7, 1941, and 11th Field Artillery Regiment History holds that men of K Quad shot down one of the 29 Japanese planes downed on that day. Author James Jones lived in the Quads, and his classic 1951 novel, "From Here to Eternity," is set in pre-war and wartime Oahu, especially Schofield Barracks.

In 2008, the Historic Hawaii Foundation presented U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii with a Preservation Honor Award for the garrison's rehabilitation of Schofield's historic Quads C and E, which date to 1916 and 1920, respectively.

Dorko went on to say that the Honolulu District doesn't just provide quarters where Soldiers live, it also provides the supporting facilities and ranges they use.

"When you bring Soldiers here, you want to give them a quality environment to work in and you have also got to give them a quality environment to train in (to maximize) the precious time that units have back here when people change out, when they return from a deployment, that they

can get back together and build that team, get equipped, trained and move together as a team to go deploy and do all the heavy lifting we're asking them to do overseas. Facilities are a huge part of that," Dorko said.

Anything we can do to take pressure off the Soldier and off their families and create a more conducive environment for them to bond in the time that they have together while the Soldier is preparing for the things that they have to do... that's what we're all about."

"If we're doing that, then we're doing the right thing. I think the Honolulu District is doing just an absolutely spectacular job in delivering on that promise and that contract we have with Soldiers to deliver the best possible facilities that we can ... the best scope, schedule and cost," Dorko said.

This sentiment was confirmed by 3rd Brigade Senior Property Manager Shawn Clement, "Soldiers in the renovated Quads have more space than the old Barracks. Soldiers appreciate the kitchens and these luxuries have improved the living conditions of today's Soldiers."

The day after visiting Schofield Barracks, Dorko visited the Big Island and toured Pohakuloa Training Area (PTA) and the Formerly Used Defense Site (FUDS) at Waikoloa Maneuver Area (WMA).

Dorko also honored several District employees with commander's coins for outstanding service.





**U.S. Army Reserve's Theater Support Group and 9th Mission Support Command officially unveiled the U.S. Army Reserve Center Oct. 17. The energy-efficient facility is slated to accommodate hundreds of U.S. Army Reserve Soldiers to include members of the 1984th U.S. Army Reserve Hospital and the 303rd Maneuver Enhancement Brigade.** Photo by Christina Douglas, 9th Mission Support Command

## **Army Reserve, Corps of Engineers Unveil Multi-Million Dollar, State-of-the-Art Facility**

**Story by Christina Douglas**  
*9th Mission Support  
Command Public Affairs*

The U.S. Army Reserve Theater Support Group (TSG) and 9th Mission Support Command (9th MSC) unveiled a state-of-the-art, multi-million dollar U.S. Army Reserve Center during ceremonies Oct. 17.

The center (Building 1555) is slated to accommodate hundreds of U.S. Army Reserve Soldiers to include members of the 1984th U.S. Army Reserve Hospital and the 303rd Maneuver Enhancement Brigade.

The recently completed, energy-efficient facility is designed to provide administrative, training, classroom, supply and storage support areas to include 188 new parking stalls for the use of its tenants.

While the building's appearance and layout is similar to the other Army Reserve structures at Fort Shafter Flats, it is also equipped with additional capabilities to include blast-resistant, anti-terrorism windows and modern office furnishings.

According to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the project was designed and constructed to achieve a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) rating of silver by the U.S. Green Building Council. This rating was achieved because of the structure's energy and water efficiency standards. These high standards resulted in energy consumption that is 30 percent below the consumption baseline building, meeting the minimum requirements of the national industry standards and compliance with the Energy Policy Act of 2005.

Col. Michael A. Phipps, the commander of the U.S. Army Reserve Theater Support Group, said the center's design will significantly reduce negative impacts on the environment through energy savings, water efficiency and CO2 emission reduction.

"The high, energy-efficient standards emphasize our desire to be good stewards of our tax dollars and the environment," said Phipps in the ceremony.

Following Phipps' remarks, Todd Barnes of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Honolulu District presented a plaque to Lt. Col Jim Austin, the officer in charge of the TSG Installation Management, as a symbol of the partnership and teamwork between all of the organizations who worked together to complete the facility.

The organizations that provided support include the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Louisville and Honolulu Districts, the U.S. Army Reserve's 9th MSC, the U.S. Army Reserve TSG, the U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii's Directorate of Public Works, the 30th Signal Battalion/Network Enterprise Center (NEC), RSP Architects and San Juan Construction, Inc.

Austin accepted the plaque and graciously thanked the Corps for their superb efforts in facilitating the project. Next, Kahu Kordell Kekoa, a Hawaiian minister, led a traditional Hawaiian prayer and provided a ceremonial Hawaiian blessing for the building.

In the ceremony's culminating event, 9th MSC Deputy Commander Col. Tim Schroth, Army Reserve Ambassador P. Pasha Baker, Phipps and Kekoa untied a maile lei to officially open the facility.

"Today's ceremony begins the next chapter in the 9th MSC's history book as we open this fine building for use by Army Reserve, Pacific warrior citizens," said Phipps. "Building 1555 is the final stage in the development of the Army Reserve complex and it's a great addition that continues the Army's efforts to build the best facilities for its Soldiers."

Army Reserve Soldiers began moving into the new center Oct. 18.



**Junior Reserve Officers Training Course (JROTC) students canvas and peer into crevices in the Fort DeRussy beach berm while collecting debris as part of National Public Lands Day activities sponsored by the Corps' Pacific Regional Visitor Center. Photo by Joseph Bonfiglio**

## Army Corps, Community Clean-up Fort DeRussy, Kakaako Parks on National Public Lands Day

**Story by  
Joseph Bonfiglio**

*Chief, Honolulu District Public Affairs*

More than 102 volunteers scoured Fort DeRussy and Kakaako Waterfront Parks, picking up trash for National Public Lands Day, Sept. 25.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Honolulu District coordinated the event, which was attended by Soldiers from the 84th Engineer Battalion, Junior Reserve Officers Training Course (JROTC) students from Punahou High School and other local schools, the North America Taiwanese Women's Association Hawaii Chapter and Corps employees.

"I feel good about doing this," said Lt. Col. Robert Takao, commander of the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps at Punahou High School. "Our program has been doing this for several years now. It's a very worthwhile endeavor. This is about our future. It's really our way of giving back to this great land and world that we live in," Takao said.

"We want to educate the public on the importance of preserving and improving our precious natural and cultural treasures," said Angela Jones, park ranger from the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers Pacific Regional Visitor Center.

The morning started with about 20 JROTC students scrambling over rocks, and climbing into crevices to clean up the beach berm.

"Our school is an environmentally-committed school and this is a natural follow-up to

make students aware of the practical applications," said Takao.

To open the National Public Lands Day event, Honolulu District Commander Lt. Col. Douglas Guttormsen, read a proclamation from President Barack Obama which stated:

"From majestic mountain ranges to beloved neighborhood parks, Americans enjoy the natural places our ancestors have celebrated and protected for centuries. Our public lands represent the American spirit and reflect our shared experience our history, our culture, and our deep love for wild and beautiful places. Every September, thousands of Americans volunteer their time and talents to protect our parks, national forests, wildlife refuges, and other public lands. National Public Lands Day is an occasion to join together in honor of our Nation's unique natural treasures. On this day of service and celebration, I encourage all Americans to give their time and energy to care for and to go out and enjoy our public lands. Together, we can build upon our history of stewardship so our unique landscapes are preserved for countless generations to come."

"It's great to be part of a celebration of our Public Lands, particularly for us in Hawaii who draw so much joy, entertainment and pleasure from the great Public Lands we have here. It's great for us to be able to give something back to them. We're very fortunate to have all the volunteers come out for this event and to give something back," Guttormsen said.

Julie Rohrer, administrative assistant for the Honolulu District Engineering Services Branch and Public Affairs Officer for the North America Taiwanese Women's 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."

In 2009, nearly 150,000 volunteers nationwide pitched in to collect litter and debris; remove fence and invasive plant species; plant trees and shrubs; build and improve trails; and participate in numerous other projects on public lands and waters. At USACE events last year, more than 13,000 volunteers worked approximately 46,000 hours to remove more than 900 tires, clear litter and debris from 270 miles of shoreline, build 48 miles of trails and plant nearly 1,000 trees and shrubs.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has been involved with National Public Lands Day since its inception in 1994 and has consistently been one of the event's largest providers of sites and volunteers. As the nation's leading federal provider of outdoor and water-based recreation, USACE manages more than 400 lake and river projects in 43 states. With a majority of these projects located within 50 miles of metropolitan areas, USACE sites provide a wide range of safe, affordable outdoor recreation opportunities close to home. For information on Corps of Engineers recreation opportunities visit [www.CorpsLakes.us](http://www.CorpsLakes.us).



*(Top Left) Volunteers from the North America Taiwanese Women's Association Hawaii Chapter gather trash in the Fort DeRussy park area. (Top right) Junior Reserve Officers Training Course (JROTC) students bag debris found in crevices on the Fort DeRussy berm as part of National Public Lands Day. (Above) Honolulu District Commander Lt. Col. Douglas B. Guttormsen addresses volunteers at the start of program before reading a National Public Lands Day proclamation from President Barack Obama. Photos by Joseph Bonfiglio*



National Public Lands Day  
A National Environmental Education Foundation Program



## District Celebrates Year-end Success, Return of Deployers



### PA'INA

Honolulu District's Deputy Chief of Engineering & Construction Eddie Johnson (center) playfully asks Schofield Barracks Resident Engineer Chris Takeshige about his list of new employees during the hail & farewell portion of the Pa'ina held at Fort Shafter's Hale Ikena lanai Oct. 8. Listening at left was District Deputy Chief, Programs and Project Management Steve Cayetano.

The Pa'ina, which was sponsored by the District's leadership and supervisors, was attended by nearly 100 employees who applauded the recognition of new District employees, farewells for departing teammates and the presentation of awards to two District employees who recently returned from deployments in Afghanistan. Photo by Dino W. Buchanan

## SEPC, Kirkland Foster District Disability Awareness

The Honolulu District Special Emphasis Program Committee (SEPC) sponsored a Disability Awareness seminar in October emphasizing the national theme of "Talent Has No Boundaries: Workforce Diversity Includes Workers With Disabilities."

Guest Speaker for the seminar was Honolulu District Resource Management Chief Ronnie Kirkland (shown at right).

Kirkland explained that 2010 marks the 20th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) - the landmark civil rights legislation that "established a foundation of justice and equal opportunity for individuals with disabilities."

He also provided a brief on spinal cord injuries, discussed the sensitivity of disability terminology and a detailed explanation of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

Photo by Joseph Bonfiglio



# Tripler AMC Medics Provide Annual Flu Shots

*Tripler Army Medical Center Public Health Nurses stopped by Bldg. 230 on Oct. 7 to give flu immunizations to nearly 160 District and Division personnel, family members and retirees. (Seated, facing) District Chief, Equal Employment Opportunity Office Philip Mun prepares his arm for his annual flu vaccine. (Below) District employees wait their turn to get their annual flu shots. Photos by Dino W. Buchanan*



## SEPC Dishes Up Hispanic Heritage Fiesta

“Buena música (good music), comida buena (good food), amigos buenos (good friends) and mucha diversión (lots of fun)!” described Honolulu District’s Special Emphasis Committee’s (SEPC) Hispanic Heritage Month Potluck Fiesta held Oct. 25 in Bldg. 230 conference rooms.

Employees were encouraged to bring in Hispanic-themed food dishes to share with fellow employees. This year’s Hispanic Heritage Month theme was “Heritage, Diversity, Integrity, and Honor: The Renewed Hope of America.”

The monthlong (Sept. 15-Oct. 15) celebration is held because Sept. 15 is the anniversary of independence for five Central American countries (Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua). Mexico declared its independence on Sept. 16 and Chile on Sept. 18.

SEPC launched an email information campaign throughout the month that highlighted language skills and food recipes so employees could learn about the Hispanic culture through language and recipes. Photos by Joseph Bonfiglio



## *It's Up to You: Taking responsibility for your own safety is a full-time job*

Who is responsible for your safety on the job? Is it the government, the company, your boss or the other members of the crew? Actually, all of them have a responsibility for your safety. But ultimately, the challenge is yours.

This is how to do it:

- Be aware of your surroundings at all times. Your work environment can change from one moment to the next with the approach of a vehicle, something falling from overhead or the presence of an intruder. Stay alert.
- Upgrade your workplace safety training on a regular basis. Take advantage of company training sessions. Review the operator's manual for equipment you use, and company safety documents such as the emergency plan.
- Keep up your first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) skills. Community organizations offer sessions at off-work hours.
- Make a commitment to keep learning. Take every opportunity to learn more about your particular trade. Make a continuous effort to keep up with technology. Learn the safety requirements of your job and best how to implement them. Become proficient at finding information. You don't have to know everything - just where to find it.
- Talk about safety with your team members. In the break room, at meetings and in one-on-one conversations, put the focus on safety.
- Perform your own workplace inspections. Maybe other inspectors will have overlooked the faded sign marking the eyewash station or the fire door that won't stay closed.
- Look for solutions to safety problems. When you find something wrong, try to figure out how to make it right. If a machine guard is inadequate, perhaps you can go to your supervisor with a practical plan for beefing it up.
- Don't be afraid to point out unsafe practices by your fellow workers, using common sense and courtesy, of course. And encourage them to do the same for you. When you make a mistake, it is better to be embarrassed than electrocuted.
- Don't let someone else, even your supervisor, make you do something you believe to be unsafe. If somebody tells you its okay to enter a confined space unprotected, they are wrong. It's just possible your boss could use some more safety training too.
- If you work alone implement a check-in system (via phone or radio) with your supervisor on a regular basis (every hour). Set up a tracking system in case you don't answer the calls.



**ARMY SAFE  
IS ARMY STRONG**



*You can do a lot to keep your fellow workers safe, and they can do a lot for you. But in the end, you are responsible for your own safety.*

# EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH

August



**AMY KITANO** provided exceptional support for the recent District Change of Command Ceremony by leading the RM team responsible for the refreshments provided on behalf of the new commander to his guests. Amy orchestrated the reorganization of the Schofield Barracks Area Office by identifying and coordinating all of the intricate requirements, actions, and documents necessary to ensure a smooth and successful transition. Amy led a monumental effort to identify and archive all Inter/Intra Service Support Agreements (ISSA), Memorandums of Agreement (MOA), and Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) for the District, providing easy access for research and historical data.

August



**TOM MARUYAMA** was recognized for his exemplary service in support of critical projects in Guam, Saipan and Rota, which include the Brown Tree Snake Fence Barrier, Anderson AFB; Emergency Operations Center, Saipan; and Saipan/Rota Airport Renovation. Projects were in various stages of execution and each faced different challenges ranging from schedule delays, budget and scope issues, inexperienced contractors and demanding customers. He skillfully managed and led teams to improved execution and customer satisfaction. Tom worked with and mentored construction contractors such that submittals and correspondence were being properly managed.

September



**WENDY MOW** brings energy and enthusiasm to her job performance and is always willing to do whatever it takes to provide excellent support. She readily refocuses her effort toward short-fused actions, particularly those involving customer requests. Wendy is counted on as a valuable participant in face-to-face customer meetings and leadership briefings, even on contentious issues. She's always well-prepared and will often defuse customer concerns with well-articulated responses. Air Force customers in particular, have learned to rely on her expertise when making critical funding decisions. As lead program analyst for the military ARRA stimulus funds, Wendy stayed on top of numerous (even daily) changes in HQ guidance.

September



**JOY SAKAMOTO** was the Contracting Officer who recently awarded an extremely challenging FY10 Air National Guard MILCON project entitled, "F-22 Parking Apron and Taxiways, Hickam Air Force Base." Joy led the RFP development, advertising and served as source selection official. A very short-fused schedule, the most stringent of concrete mix requirements, lack of sufficient funding and a series of interdependent collateral F-22 projects all contributed to the complexity of this solicitation. Joy met every challenge by working closely with the offerors, the customer and the PDT toward a successful award. She took the lead in extensive negotiations and worked diligently in conducting discussions and incorporating technical amendments.

October



**KEANE NISHIMOTO & REYNALDO "REY" DALMACIO** are recognized for their exemplary service in support of the adapt-built design delivery of a Battalion HQ and Brigade HQ at Fort Drum. Keane & Rey deployed to New York District in September to assist with the mechanical BIM (Building Information Modeling) design delivery. The District Design Branch was name-requested to support based on our reputation, technical and professional abilities. Both had lived up to, and exceeded expectations as noted by Curtis Yokoyama in NAN, "Rey and Keane continue to impress the New York staff with their technical skills and work ethics. Less than 10 days left before the 95% is due and I think that our Mechanical (branch) will be OK with their assistance."

October



**BOB DEROCHE** was nominated for successfully completing the District's first ever Programmatic Consultation with the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) to streamline and add predictability to the often time-consuming consultations the District is required to complete under the requirements of Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act. This 18-month long effort collaborative effort with the Protected Resources Division of NMFS's Pacific Islands Regional Office will help ensure protection of threatened and endangered marine species off Hawaii, American Samoa, Guam, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in the permits the District issues for routine construction activities in ocean waters each year.

# Aloha

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

Ike Borja



Lt. Col. Jon J. Chytka



Calvin Mashita



## **ULDP Level 3 Graduates Recognized**

Honolulu District employees Eddie Johnson (above left photo) and Nelson Lee (above right photo) were among the dozen graduates of Pacific Ocean Division's (POD) U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Leadership Development Program (ULDP) Level 3 who were honored Oct. 14 in a video teleconferencing ceremony that linked participants crossing several time zones.

POD's ULDP Level Three Program is one of four program levels designed to develop leaders who will revitalize the POD and USACE strategic direction. The program focuses on individual and team leadership from a regional perspective, promoting understanding of regional and national level issues, strategies and challenges.

In the above photos, Honolulu District Commander Lt. Col. Douglas B. Guttormsen presented Eddie and Nelson with their Level 3 completion certificates in the POD conference room.

Level Three participants invested more than 380 hours of work effort and 160 hours of personal time during the two-year program. The curriculum included two week-long group retreats and two group projects assigned by the POD regional management board, among other opportunities such as a visit to Washington D.C. for the Capitol Hill Workshop and participation in a leadership seminar sponsored by the Office of Personnel Management.

Photos by Kevin McCowan, ACE-IT VI Specialist

## **TRANSITIONS 1st Quarter FY11**

### **Welcome**

Mark York (ACE-IT)

Sharon Bonilla (ACE-IT)

Joseph Tribbey      Rockwell Rogers

Sonia Boyd      Shane Bush

Tezra Hamilton      Leslie Dang

Vincent Hall      Keith McDonald

### **Welcome Back**

Guy Kuroiwa (OCO)

Walter Perrett (OCO)

### **Goodbye**

Tara Winn      Dave Hinkle

Henry Cho      Amy Izawa

Walter Perrett      Michael Miyata

Nelson Lee (OCO)

Calvin Mashita (OCO)

Steve Cayetano (OCO)

Steve Mochizuki

## **Wong Steps Up to Chief, Civil Works Technical Branch**

Hydraulic Engineer Mike Wong has been named as Honolulu District's new Chief, Civil Works Technical Branch. Wong replaces Steve Yamamoto, who moved on to work in the District's Fort Shafter Area Office as a Resident Engineer. Wong had previously worked within the Civil Works Technical Branch.

Mike was a technical lead for the 2006 State of Hawaii Dam Break Studies that were implemented as a result of the Ka Loko Dam break on Kauai.

In support of the Army, Wong has been instrumental in providing review assistance to the Camp Humphries relocation project in South Korea. He was requested by the Corps' Far East District and Pacific Ocean Division to visit South Korea and review the ongoing drainage design and flood damage reduction efforts of the Korean government.

Throughout his career at the District Wong has also provided environmental guidance and expertise for Honolulu District's Earth Day and World Water Monitoring Day activities.



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