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***Pacific Connection, Pacific Engineer* Win Corps' Kassner Journalism Awards**

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(FORT SHAFTER, HI - NR 08-06) Honolulu District's *The Pacific Connection* and Pacific Ocean Division's *Pacific Engineer* news magazines recently received first place awards in the coveted U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' 2005 Herbert A. Kassner Journalism Award competition.

Honolulu District's "100 Years of Exemplary Service," a one-time special edition of *The Pacific Connection*, won first place in the "Special Achievement" category. The special edition was published to honor the district's first 100 years of service. Significant contributors were *Pacific Connection* Editor Sarah Cox and public affairs staff members Joe Bonfiglio and Dino Buchanan.

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Pacific Ocean Division's flagship regional news magazine, *Pacific Engineer*, was judged as the Corps' best in the Magazine category. The *Pacific Engineer* utilizes news and photograph contributions provided by the public affairs offices in the division's four districts – Honolulu, Alaska, Far East (Korea) and Japan. The editor of *Pacific Engineer* was Dennis Bohannon.

For his story on rockfall mitigation entitled "Corps, state officials working to prevent potential Moanalua Valley rockslides," Honolulu District's Media Relations Specialist Dino Buchanan also took first place honors in the "News Article" category.

Judging of 138 selected entries from Corps Divisions and District's worldwide was held Feb. 10, 2006 at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' headquarters in Washington, D.C. by a panel of eight Washington D.C.-area professionals in the public affairs and journalism fields. The Kassner Awards recognize military and civilian employee print and broadcast practitioners for journalistic excellence in furthering the objectives of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers internal communication program. This was the largest group of entries in the history of the Kassner Awards.

The Corps' competition is named for Herbert A. Kassner, who was the public affairs officer for the former Lower Mississippi Valley Division until his death in 1988. First-place Kassner winners receive the Corps' Golden Quill Award and a letter signed by the Chief of Engineers Lt. Gen. Carl A. Strock.

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