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***Pacific Connection* Editor Wins Corps' Top Kassner Journalism Award**

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(FORT SHAFTER, HI - NR 06-07) Honolulu District's *The Pacific Connection* news magazine editor Sarah H. Cox recently won the first place award in the News Story category in the coveted U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' 2006 Herbert A. Kassner Journalism Award competition.

Cox's winning story featured District cartographer Josette Pullen who deployed to Afghanistan in support of the Global War on Terror was entitled "District GIS Analyst Deployed in Afghanistan."

The *Pacific Connection*'s "2005 Year-in-Review" edition won second place in the "Special Achievement" category. This review showcases the district's accomplishments throughout the calendar year. Significant contributors were *Pacific Connection* Editor Sarah Cox and public affairs staff members Joe Bonfiglio and Dino Buchanan.

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2-2-2 KASSNER WINNERS

For his story about his landslide relief deployment to Guinsaugon on Leyte, Philippines Honolulu District's Eric Bjorken, received an Honorable Mention in the Contribution by a Stringer-Writer Category.

As a first-place Kassner winner Cox will receive the Corps' Golden Quill Award and a letter signed by the Chief of Engineers with her winning news story moving forward to compete in the Department of the Army's Maj. Gen. Keith L. Ware Journalism Awards Competition. Second and third place winners and honorable mentions all receive a certificate and letter signed by the U.S. Chief of Public Affairs.

Judging of 172 selected entries from Corps Divisions and Districts worldwide was held Feb. 12, 2006 at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' headquarters in Washington, D.C. by a panel of 10 Washington D.C.-area professionals in the public affairs and journalism fields. 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. 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.

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