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Army Corps Awards Schofield Repair Contract to Support Soldiers' Health

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(FORT SHAFTER, HI NR-21-08) The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Honolulu District recently awarded a contract for \$780,632 to Niking Corporation of Pearl City, Hawaii to Repair Building 1178 at Schofield Barracks to be used as a Medical Simulation Training Center (MSTC). There are a total of 18 MSTC sites around the world including 16 Army installations and two locations in Iraq.

The mission of Medical Simulation Training Centers is to standardize Military Medical training using simulation devices in order to reduce battlefield fatalities. MSTC sites standardize Combat Medical Advanced Skills Training and Combat Life-Saver training for non-medical military personnel and help Soldiers train and review lessons learned from operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

When a Soldier is severely wounded in combat, the initial care received in the critical time before they can be medically evacuated can mean life or death.

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2-2-2 SCHOFIELD CONTRACT

Army National Guard Maj. Tammy Duckworth* survived her injuries due to combat lifesavers providing immediate medical treatment.

The Corps' work will include removing existing anchored metal benches in an existing patio area and enclosing approximately 1,790 square feet of covered patio area to create medical training rooms.

These training rooms are designed for training with medical mannequins. The existing storage areas will be provided with new 24 / 7 air conditioning and will receive minor maintenance repairs.

The Corps contract was awarded as Task Order No. 0007 under the Multiple Award Task Order (MATOC) contract W9128A-04-D-0003, FY08 OMA Pkg. A-014.

Performance period for the contract is 350 calendar days after acknowledgement of the Notice to Proceed.

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*** Editor's note:** Maj. Tammy Duckworth (born 1968) is a member of the Illinois National Guard and an Iraq War veteran, who most recently was the Democratic nominee for the U.S. House of Representatives seat for the Sixth District in Illinois. On Nov. 21, 2006, she was appointed the director of the Illinois Veterans' Affairs Department by Gov. Rod Blagojevich. Duckworth was born in Bangkok, Thailand to an American father and a Thai mother. Her family moved to Hawaii when she was 16. In 1985, she was graduated with honors from McKinley High School and is a graduate of the University of Hawaii. Duckworth lost both of her legs on Nov. 12, 2004 when the UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter she was co-piloting was hit by a rocket propelled grenade fired by Iraqi insurgents. She received the Order of the Purple Heart medal on Dec. 3, 2004 and was promoted to Major on Dec. 21, 2004 at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, where she was also presented with an Air Medal and Army Commendation Medal.