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*Lt. Gen. Todd T. Semonite, the 54th Chief of Engineers and Commanding General of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), poses with participants of the Emerging Leaders Program (ELP) held at USACE Headquarters in Washington, D.C., July 31, 2017. Honolulu District's Jennifer Eugenio (far right) was a participant in this year's group. The ELP provides participants with a unique experience to identify and further develop their strengths as leaders, and to prepare the USACE enterprise of tomorrow. U.S. Army Photo by Leanne Bledsoe*



*USACE Task Force Keys was proud to stand with our partners FEMA Federal Emergency Management Agency, U.S. Coast Guard Sector Key West, Naval Air Station Key West as they all work on recovery efforts throughout the region. Honolulu District's Lincoln Gayagas (second from right) was working as part of the USACE Task Force Keys. USACE photo by Andrew Kornacki*

## On The Cover

*Pacific Ocean Division Commander Col. Thomas Tickner gets a bird's-eye view from the fifth floor of the USARPAC Mission Command Facility Phase 2 project during a Congressional Staff Delegate site visit in August. Photo by Duy Ta, ACE-IT Visual Information Specialist*



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# COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

**Lt. Col. James D. Hoyman**  
District Commander

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



## ***Aloha District Ohana!***

There's a lot to look forward to for the District team into the new fiscal year, as we continue to work together for success in delivering quality engineering services for our customers and stakeholders. As I continually assess the state of the District--our people, processes, and customer relationships--I am reassured that we are focused on the right priorities and direction. Spending time with the District branches and offices, I've been able to see firsthand the excellent project progress among the District and our stakeholders and hear the positive impact that we are collectively having on the community, the Pacific region and Nation.

We had a brisk start to 2017 with several key leader engagements, District leadership visits to our Pacific nation partners, celebrating the District's 112th birthday, several visits by the Chief of Engineers, and we welcomed a new Pacific Ocean Division commander, Col. Thomas Ticker (pictured on this issue's front cover). Early in 2017 District leadership held several briefings with key Army, congressional and foreign defense officials and showcased some of our major projects. Throughout these briefings I have received accolades on the District's professionalism, quality of work, and support provided throughout the Pacific Region. We were also proud to participate in visits to the USARPAC Mission Command Facility arrival building from Honolulu Mayor Kirk Caldwell and his staff and U.S. Army Pacific Commander Gen. Robert Brown. Additionally, we welcomed staff members of American Samoa Congresswoman Aumua Amata Coleman Radewagen for an office call where we provided an overview of USACE authorities and discussed ongoing projects/activities in American Samoa.

I also had the opportunity to travel throughout the Hawaiian Islands as well as American Samoa and Kwajalein, where we met with representatives from the various governments and local project stakeholders. In all locations, the Corps of Engineers (USACE) is seen as a vibrant, value-added organization ready to tackle the toughest challenges. This is largely due to our professionalism and dogged determinism to deliver quality engineering services and products on time and at a reasonable cost. To be fair, lining up quality, cost, and schedule will always be a challenge--but this is a challenge from which we will never back down. During a spring trip to Washington, D.C., our District team of Steve Cayetano (DPM), Derek Chow (Chief, Civil & Public Works Branch), Jackie Conant (Congressional Liaison), and I met with our elected officials and senior leaders at Headquarters, USACE. I'm proud to report they are also very pleased with all we do, and the positive impact we make in the Pacific region. Those meetings also provides a venue to receive candid feedback so we can continually improve on all aspects of delivery to our stakeholders.

A highlight for me: sixteen brave souls of the District faced blustery rain storm conditions on a pre-dawn hike to view the Makapu'u Lighthouse April 21 in celebration of the 112th anniversary of the District's founding.

Earlier in the year the District re-energized a monthly technical seminar series that provides information briefs on various engineering, technical, contractual and administrative topics for the workforce to sharpen our ability to deliver.

Investing into our leaders will always be a USACE priority. With the beginning of the new fiscal year, we began our USACE Leader Development Program with 14 employees who will be challenged to become a more self-aware and capable leader.

The District's recently approved OPLAN for Fiscal Years 2018 to 2020 will assist us in charting the District's future. This OPLAN (short for operations plan) is a list of priorities that map the direction for our District and is synchronized with the direction provided by Pacific Ocean Division Headquarters as well as USACE Headquarters. The three main goals for the new OPLAN are *Deliver on Commitments*, *Empower the Workforce* and *Prepare for Tomorrow*. The purpose of these primary goals and their supporting objectives is "to establish the strategic framework needed to guide the District between FY18 and FY20 to be best postured for continued success."

Since the last *Pacific Connection*, the District has reached several historical milestones, some of which you'll read about in these pages. The District turned over Phase One (the Arrival Building) of the USARPAC Mission Control Facility (MCF) project and Phase Two is nearing an anticipated completion in Spring 2018. The MCF project team was also pleased to have Contract Three awarded in September and anticipate an early 2018 start.

Throughout the year our engineers and staff were involved in numerous STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) education-oriented outreach events such as National Engineers Week, MATHCOUNTS, and the Hawaii Science Olympiad. In addition, District employees spoke to potential future engineers about STEM and the Corps of Engineers at local schools.

Our world-class workforce also recently held our 23rd Annual Safety Day and enjoyed a sun-and-fun-filled Organization Day at Belmows Air Force Station on Oahu.

To our stakeholders I say to you that the Honolulu District stands ready to assist your engineering needs with all the capabilities we have to offer. We have a commitment to deliver excellence; if there are areas we fall short, please don't hesitate to provide that feedback so we can deliver on our commitment to you. To the District Ohana, thank you for all you do. To our partners and stakeholders, thank you for the opportunity to serve with you as we strive to make a positive impact for the Pacific region and the Nation. I look forward to meeting the challenges of the coming months as we - America's Engineers in the Pacific - stand ready to provide the highest engineering value to the Nation.

***Essayons!***



Honolulu District's Jessica Podolski begins her presentation about the Tinian Harbor Feasibility Study for the 94th Coastal Engineering Research Meeting in June. Photos by Duy Ta, ACE-IT Visual Information Specialist

# 94th Coastal Engineering Research Board Meets to Address, Analyze “Coastal Structures in a Sea of Change”

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

Civil Works and environmental engineers from USACE and the Pacific Region met in late June in Honolulu for the 94th Coastal Engineering Research Board.

This year's theme of "Coastal Structures in a Sea of Change" was addressed in various subject matter expert discussions during the two-day event, with a concept to "Identify priority research to address opportunities and challenges of designing, constructing and maintaining coastal infrastructure."

Maj. Gen. Donald E. Jackson, Jr., Deputy Commanding General for Civil and Emergency Operations, Headquarters (HQ), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Brig. Gen. Peter B. Andrysiak, former Commander, Pacific Ocean Division, Brig. Gen. David Turner, former Commander, South Atlantic Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Col. Peter Helmlinger, Commander, USACE South Pacific Division, Senior Executive José E. Sánchez, Director, Coastal and Hydraulics Laboratory, Engineer Research and Development Center (ERDC), Honolulu District Commander Lt. Col. James D. Hoyman, as well as engineers and environmental experts from the U.S. Navy, University of Hawaii at Manoa, NOAA, Pacific Islands Ocean Observing System, and USACE attended.

Featured speakers from Honolulu District included Jessica Podolski who made presentations on the Tinian Harbor Feasibility Study and Hawaii's National Shoreline Management Study (NSMS), and Tom Smith who spoke on the Surge & Wave Modeling System (SWMS).



# Corps, Community Scour Fort DeRussy Beach Berm, Beach Park for Debris for NPLD 2017



More than 80 volunteers from the Punahou Junior ROTC program along with Corps employees and their friends and families cleared trash and debris, as well as other obstructions on the beach and beach berm behind the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Pacific Regional Visitor Center (RVC) in Waikiki as part of National Public Lands Day 2017. Photos by Dino W. Buchanan

**Story by**  
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More than 80 volunteers scoured Fort DeRussy park and beach berm Sept. 9, picking up trash and clearing debris as part of this year's National Public Lands Day celebrations.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Pacific Regional Visitor Center coordinated the event and was attended by Honolulu District Commander Lt. Col. James Hoyman, Deputy District Commander Tom Piazz, Junior Reserve Officers Training Course (JROTC) students from Punahou High School and other local schools led by Lt. Col. (ret.) Robert Takao, commander of the JROTC at Punahou High School, employees of AECOM, Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts from Troop 127 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, as well as Corps employees and friends.

National Public Lands Day is the largest annual volunteer hands-on restoration activity of its kind. Activities include clean up, repair, construction, refurbishment and other volunteer events in public parks, forests, rivers, lakes, wetlands, and cultural and historic sites. National Public Lands Day participation will involve more than 170,000 volunteers at more than 2,000 sites nationwide.

"This is a great opportunity for our students to give back to the community," said Lt. Col. Robert Takao, commander of the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps at Punahou High School. "Our program has been doing this for many years and it's about our future. It's really our way of giving back to this great land and state we live in," Takao said.

"We continue our efforts to educate the public on the importance of preserving and improving our precious natural and cultural treasures," said Samantha Vazquez, Park Ranger from the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers' Pacific Regional Visitor Center.



The morning started with about 30 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.

Thousands of volunteers are expected to support the more than 76 USACE projects participating in this year's National Public Lands Day, the largest annual volunteer hands-on restoration activity of its kind. Volunteers at USACE sites are taking part in tree planting, erosion control, bank stabilization, building trails, restoring recreation areas, trash pickup, removing invasive species and non-native plants, improving wildlife habitats, harvesting prairie plant seeds and rehabilitating playgrounds.

Last year, more than 6,000 volunteers participated in National Public Lands Day activities at 72 USACE lakes. The volunteers cleaned 285 miles of shoreline, maintained 105 miles of trails, removed 59,000 pounds of trash, and planted approximately 400 trees and shrubs on USACE-managed lands.

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. USACE manages more than 400 lake and river projects in 43 states. With 90 percent of these projects located within 50 miles of metropolitan areas, USACE sites provide a wide range of safe and affordable outdoor recreation opportunities close to home.

For more information on National Public Lands Day or to find events near you, visit <http://www.publiclandsday.org/> or call your local USACE lake or river office. For more information on USACE recreation opportunities visit [www.CorpsLakes.us](http://www.CorpsLakes.us).



# Chief of Engineers Gets On-Site MCF Update



Honolulu District hosted an on-site update July 26 on the overall construction of U.S. Army Pacific Mission Command Facility (MCF) and the MCF Phase 2 project for the Chief of Engineers Lt. Gen. Todd T. Semonite. Lt. Gen. Semonite was accompanied by Honolulu District Commander Lt. Col. James Hoyman, former Pacific Ocean Division Commander Brig. Gen. Peter Andrysiak, Pacific Ocean Division Commander Col. Thomas Tickner, as well as senior District engineers and MCF project managers. The Corps is building the MCF for USARPAC and consolidates USARPAC Headquarters into one facility to support Mission Command of Army or joint forces across the Asia-Pacific Area of Operations. Semonite is in Hawaii to preside over the Pacific Ocean Division Change of Command and also to meet with officials from U.S. Pacific Command, USARPAC and Pacific Ocean Division. Photos by Dino W. Buchanan



## Japanese MOD Visits MCF Phase 2, Civil Works sites



Six representatives from the Japanese Ministry of Defense that included Senior Executive Maki Koyanagi, Director General for Facilities and Installations, Minister's Secretariat, visited the the U.S. Army Pacific Mission Command Facility project site in June. MCF project engineers presented a briefing on the overall project and then led a brief walking tour of the MCF second phase project site. The MOD group also later visited various District Civil Works project locations on Oahu and were provided informational briefs by Civil Works Branch Chief Derek Chow. Photos by Dino W. Buchanan



# Two District Projects Win Historic Hawaii Foundation Awards



Honolulu District Commander Lt. Col. James Hoyman, Chief of Engineering and Construction Todd Barnes (left) and Chief, Safety and Occupational Health Office Jeff Cochran stand next to one of the award-winning Wheeler Army Airfield Interpretive Display Panels that depict the historic aspects of the airfield. Courtesy photos

Story by  
Dino W. Buchanan  
Pacific Connection Editor

Two preservation construction projects undertaken by Honolulu District for the U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii were recognized at the Historic Hawaii Foundation's 43rd annual Preservation Awards ceremony May 19 at the YWCA Laniakea in downtown Honolulu.

Accepting the two preservation awards for the District was District Commander Lt. Col. James Hoyman.

The rehabilitation of Schofield Barracks' Building 690 managed by Honolulu District engineers, was recognized in the Preservation Award category, and the interpretive display panels on Wheeler Army Airfield that were designed by Honolulu District's Michael Miki, were recognized in the Interpretive Media category. The renovation updates of Building 690 included outfitting it with air-conditioning units and interior elevators, while maintaining its architectural features. The three-story concrete building was constructed in 1929 as a medical staff barracks facility to support the nearby health clinic at Schofield Barracks. This rehabilitation made it possible for the 88-year-old historic building to continue to serve the Army community, while preserving it as a part of the history of Schofield Barracks. Honorees were U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii; USAG-HI's Directorate of Public Works; U.S. Army Corps of Engineers-Honolulu District; Fung Associates, Inc.; Hawaiian Dredging Construction Co.; Dawson Technical, LLC; and Architects Hawaii'i.

The four Wheeler Army Airfield Interpretive Display Panels that depict the historic aspects of Wheeler Army Airfield were designed as an innovative and engaging way to



share the airfield's long history with generations of post users. Panels depict the Dec. 7, 1941, attack; Garden City plan of Ebenezer Howard; Spanish Colonial Revival architecture; and Wheeler's aviation history. Honorees included USAG-HI, USAG-HI's DPW, Honolulu District, and Kiewit Building Group.

"Collectively preserving these communities make it more livable and connects those of us today with the past," said Kiersten Faulkner, executive director of Historic Hawaii Foundation.

"The Army in particular is good about preserving its historic buildings. They want to continue their traditions and ensure that their Soldiers understand the significance of their history. Being able to live and work in places where history actually took place makes it real. Soldiers are living in the same buildings where history unfolded and they can see the bullet holes. That adds empathy, education and inspiration."





**Pacific Ocean Division Commander Col. Thomas J. Tickner makes a point about construction teamwork cohesiveness to Bldg. 452 (Quad D) Project Manager Cora Shimabukuro and other engineers during a site visit in October.** Photos by Dino W. Buchanan

## District Meets, Showcases Projects for New Pacific Ocean Division Commander

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

Honolulu District welcomed Pacific Ocean Division Commander Col. Thomas J. Tickner in October for a two-part, six-day familiarization visit to the District. His visit itinerary included visits to District Headquarters, District Area Offices on Oahu, several project sites at Schofield Barracks, as well as overviews of Oahu and Maui civil works sites.

During the first leg of the visit, Tickner met with the District's Corporate Board and later chaired a roundtable discussion with the District's new ULDP Level 2 and Level 3 students. District Commander Lt. Col. James Hoyman then accompanied, Col. Tickner for a meeting with the senior engineers in the Regional Engineer Center. Tickner then made a brief stop to see the



District Emergency Operations Center and traveled to meet Fort Shafter Area Office engineers, ULA staff, and listen to a presentation on the area office operations. In the



afternoon, Col. Tickner met with Schofield Barracks Resident Office engineers, was given a presentation on the office operations and construction projects, and visited several Schofield projects sites.

On the second leg of the District visit, District leadership conducted familiarization visits to various civil works project areas on Oahu for The day-long tour led by Lt. Col. Hoyman and Civil Works Branch Chief Derek Chow included visits to the Corps' Pacific Regional Visitors Center,



Honolulu Harbor, the Waiahole Water Management area, as well as vista-view overviews of the Ala Wai watershed from the Tantalus Lookout in Honolulu's Pu'u 'Ualaka'a State Park, and of our former windward Oahu project areas at Kawainui Marsh and Kaneohe-Kailua Dam from Pali Lookout.

Col. Tickner also made a trip to Kwajalein in the Republic of the Marshall Islands to view various MILCON projects and meet with engineers working in our Resident Office.







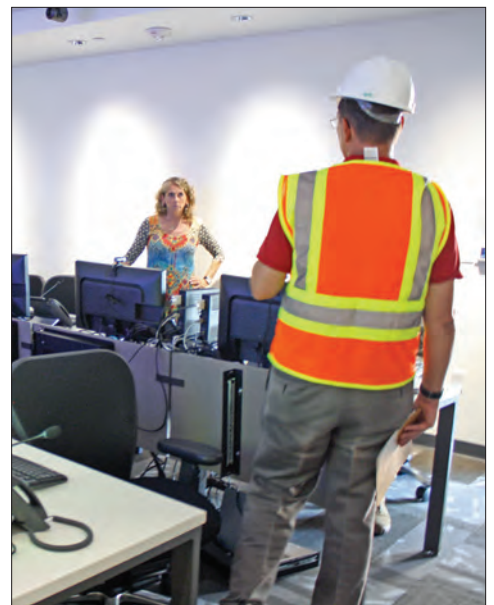
*IMCOM-Pacific Director Dr. Christine Altendorf asks a question about the U.S. Army Pacific's Mission Command Facility (MCF) project during an initial brief about the Phase 2 project site. USARPAC Engineering staff and District project engineers hosted the site visit. Photos by Dino W. Buchanan*

## IMCOM-Pacific Director Visits MCF Phase 2 Project Site

U.S. Army Pacific engineering staff and Honolulu District project engineers hosted a site visit in September to the U.S. Army Pacific's Mission Command Facility (MCF) project for IMCOM-Pacific Director Dr. Christine Altendorf.

MCF Phase 2 Project Manager Mike Onuma provided the informational update and led the tour of the Phase 2 site. Also attending the visit were Honolulu District Commander Lt. Col. James Hoyman and Fort Shafter Area Office engineers.

Dr. Altendorf, who also visited the recently completed Phase 1 site, gained valuable insight about priorities and requirements for the project as well construction timelines and on-site visibility of the overall MCF project.



# USARPAC CG Gets First Look at USARPAC MCF



Commander, U.S. Army Pacific Gen. Robert B. Brown made his first official visit to the Mission Command Facility (MCF) project site at Fort Shafter in mid-May where project engineers and USARPAC engineers and staff presented a briefing and updated construction progress to Brown in the newly completed MCF arrival building. Also attending the presentation were former Pacific Ocean Division Commander Brig. Gen. Peter Andrysiak, Honolulu District Commander Lt. Col. James Hoyman, former Pacific Ocean Division Commander and former USARPAC assistant chief of staff of operations Brig. Gen. Jeffrey Milhorn, and MCF Project Manager Lise Ditzel-Ma. The MCF, which the Corps is building for USARPAC, will consolidate USARPAC Headquarters into one facility that will support Mission Command of Army or joint forces across the Asia-Pacific Area of Operations. Photo by Dino W. Buchanan

## Pacific Ocean Division Welcomes 33rd Division Commander

Story by  
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Brig. Gen. Peter B. Andrysiak relinquished his position as commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Pacific Ocean Division to Col. Thomas J. Tickner, during a change of command ceremony, July 27, at historic Palm Circle, here.

With the passing of the ceremonial flag, symbolizing the official change of command, Tickner became the 33rd commander of the Army Corps' division serving the Indo-Asia-Pacific region. He now leads 1,500 military and Department of Army and host nation civilian engineers, technicians and other professionals in the annual execution of a multi-billion dollar program. Tickner is responsible for executing 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 armed services and Department of Defense agencies in Japan, the Republic of Korea, and Kwajalein Atoll, Republic of the Marshall Islands.

Tickner has served in a variety of tactical, operational, and strategic assignments spanning a period of 26 years. He most recently served as Chief, Army Budget Liaison, in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Financial Management and Comptroller. This follows his return from a one-year tour in Afghanistan, where he served as the Engineer Director for the Combined Security Transition Command-Afghanistan.

Lt. Gen. Todd Semonite, chief of engineers and commanding general of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, hosted the ceremony and expressed his confidence in both Tickner and Andrysiak's leadership.

Semonite detailed some of Tickner's diverse experiences, which convinced him that Tickner is perfectly suited for command of POD.

"The command of a division doesn't happen by accident," said Semonite. "I picked the best person to come down and command this particular division with all the different missions it has."

Semonite, who previously worked with Tickner in various venues, spoke highly of Tickner's capabilities and tenacity.

"First of all he is a combat engineer...second, he's a technical engineer," said Semonite. "I've known Tom when he was the commander of the (USACE) Philadelphia District, where he built a very contentious billion dollar program for a four-star command."

As Semonite's senior engineer for a critical mission in Afghanistan, Tickner demonstrated solid leadership qualities in working with the president of Afghanistan and senior Army leaders.



# Monthly Technical Seminars Reinforce Basics for Engineers and Employees



Honolulu District employees were introduced to the ProjectWise data repository system during the monthly technical seminar held in May. More than 30 engineers, project managers and other employees attended the introduction to the system presented by Walter Perrett, (below left) who provided information and guidance on initial system setup and a brief demonstration of how the system stores data and reports.

More than 50 engineers, project managers and other employees attended a seminar in June that discussed BCOES (Bidability, Constructability, Operability, Environmental, and Sustainability) Regulation and Process as part of the Monthly Technical Seminar series. Chief of Construction Olson Okada, (above left) with support from Chief of Environmental branch Dan Nakamura, provided technical training and guidance on the BCOES process.

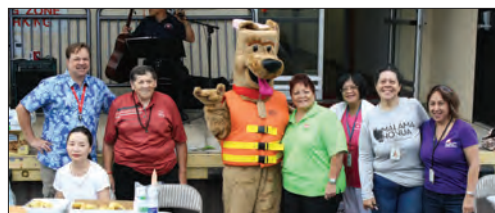
In early October Okada (below) gave a seminar for more than 35 engineers, project managers and other employees on the MILCON Project Close Out process. The seminar was geared towards team members who are involved in the transfer of completed projects to the Installation (DD1354), final payment and fiscal close out of MILCON projects.

In August, Chief of Resource Management Robert Lau (bottom) led a session for more than 40 project managers, engineers, and District staff. The seminar was geared towards team members who charge labor to projects and covered understanding labor costing, importance of direct labor costing, and the policies surrounding direct labor charging. Photos by Dino W. Buchanan



# Safety Day Focuses on Personal Wellness, Safety

Personal wellness and safety were the focus of the 23rd Annual Safety Day held in June at Honolulu District headquarters and area offices. More than 75 employees, family members and guests of the District and Pacific Ocean Division and Bobber the Water Safety Dog began the day with a 3.75 mile Fun Run/2-mile walk around Fort Shafter. Musical entertainment during the early morning event was provided by Ron Nakagawa and Jackie Conant. Throughout the day more than 200 District and Division employees, including former Pacific Ocean Division Commander Brig. Gen. Peter Andrysiak, participated in blood pressure screenings, tested body measurement indicators, and sports therapy assessment sessions provided by Kaiser Permanente and HMSA health personnel. Other events included stress release massages, allergy awareness, massage therapy, stress training and fitness, yoga, hiking safety by Oahu Search and Rescue, pedaling a Rock-the-Bike smoothie machine and job site fall protection.



# Org Day 2017: Camaraderie, Contests and Cuisine



Photos by Duy Ta, ACE-IT Visual Information Specialist  
Turtle Beach, Bellows Air Force Station, Oahu

# Staff Delegates Make On-Site Visits to MCF Phase 2

Honolulu District project engineers, District Commander Lt. Col. James Hoyman, and U.S. Army Pacific engineering staff provided information and status updates this summer for the USARPAC Mission Command Facility (MCF) Phase 1 and Phase 2 projects during on-site visits to three groups of U.S. Congressional Staff Delegates.

The MCF, which the Corps is building for USARPAC, will consolidate USARPAC Headquarters into one facility that will support Mission Command of Army or joint forces across the Asia-Pacific Area of Operations.

In early August, Mr. Cord Sterling, Deputy Staff Director of the Senate Armed Services Committee (SASC) and Mr. Jason Suslavich, the National Security Advisor for Sen. Dan Sullivan (R-AK, SASC) visited the MCF sites for updates on the project, including incremental work, cost growth, and redundant power generation capability.

Later In August, Sen. Mazie Hirono's National Security Advisor Nick Ikeda and other congressional staff members from her office visited the site and listened as Phase 2 Project



Manager Mike Onuma provided informational updates and led the tour of the facility. The staff delegation gained valuable insight about priorities and requirements for the project for Sen. Hirono, who is a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee.

Visiting the MCF site in October were Mr. Will Rogers, National Security Advisor, Sen. Brian Schatz (D-HI, RM SAC-M, SAC-D), Mr. Mike Wakefield, Military Legislative Assistant,

Sen. Susan Collins, (R-ME, SAC-D, SAC-M); Mr. Ryan Pettit, National Security Advisor, Sen. Patty Murray (D-WA, SAC-D, SAC-M); Alec Johnson, Military Legislative Assistant, Senator Chris Murphy (D-CT, SAC-M); Mr. Mark Appleton, Policy Advisor, Sen. Edward Markey (D-MA, SFRC); and Capt. Catie Shutters, Defense Fellow, Sen. Schatz (D-HI, RM SAC-M, SAC-D). The staff members work for Senate appropriators and the visit was an opportunity for them to gain information to support upcoming congressional Fiscal Year 2018 Appropriations and budget discussions.



**Watch Where You Walk**  
On average, one pedestrian dies in a crash-related accident every two hours. Use crosswalks and look both ways before crossing and never walk on train tracks. Most pedestrian accidents occur at night, so see and be seen.

**READY ... OR NOT?**

<https://safety.army.mil>

Ready ... or Not is a call to action for leaders, Soldiers, Army Civilians and Family members to assess their readiness for what lies ahead - both the known and unknown.

Throughout our professional and personal lives, events happen all around us. We are often able to shape the outcome of those events, but many times we're not. Navigating life's challenges is all about decision-making.

So are **YOU** ready ... or not?

Photos by Dino W. Buchanan & Duy Ta, ACE-IT Visual Information Specialist

# EMPLOYEES OF THE QUARTER

## 3rd Quarter 2017



### MIKE WYATT

Mike managed the preparation and successful conduct of the Civil Works Review Board (CWRB) with HQ USACE leadership in May. Preparation for the CWRB required gaining the State of Hawaii's and City & County of Honolulu's commitments to the implementation of the \$300 million-plus Ala Wai Canal Project (AWCP) and addressing all policy and technical issues raised by the Office of Water Project Review (OWPR). The CWRB, led by the DCG for Civil Works, approved the project. After the completion of the Washington level review, the Chief of Engineers was expected to approve the feasibility report/decision document then transmit the project to Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works for inclusion in Water Resources Development Act. The AWCP is the largest and most complex civil works project ever planned by the District and is intended to prevent billions of dollars in economic damages to Honolulu and Waikiki.



### DARLENE DUARTE

While serving as an Engineering Technician for the Kwajalein Resident Office during April- June 2017, Darlene went beyond the call of duty and her position in coordinating and providing logistics support for the constant stream of personnel coming to Kwajalein for project-related work. Whether it is District Office personnel, USACE personnel from other Districts, A&E Contractors, new employees or others, she is always on top of the complex and time-consuming tasks of getting the proper paperwork submitted in order for authorization to land on Kwajalein, arranging lodging when mission operations have the temporary housing maxed out, arranging ground transportation (from reserving bicycles to escorting personally in a golf cart) on both Kwajalein and Roi-Namur, arranging commuter flights to and from Roi-Namur, and simply making sure each individual has what they need to get the job done and survive while on the island (even lending a TV to one of our TDY ConReps). All of this is in addition to her normal duties in the administration of multiple multi-million dollar construction contracts.

## 4th Quarter 2017



### LISE DITZEL-MA

Lise serves as the project manager of the USARPAC Mission Control Facility (MCF). She led the PDT in successfully awarding the largest construction contract (\$284 million) in District history. MCF is a technically challenging, high visibility and politically sensitive project. It is divided into three phases, so that Lise is managing the outfitting of Phase 1, the construction of Phase 2 and the design and contract award of Phase 3. It is also incrementally funded, requiring close coordination with the entire vertical team. Her technical expertise, teambuilding skills, ability to motivate, coach and mentor, her dedication, her communication talents and especially her leadership has been and continues to be instrumental to the success of this project.



### DAYNA MATSUMURA

While serving as a Contract Specialist and Contracting Officer in Contracting Division from July to Sept. 2017, Dayna volunteered to be the contract specialist for the MCF Phase 3 solicitation that was awarded this fiscal year-end (FY17). While working on the MCF project, Dayna served as the contracting officer for many actions, including the Construction Management Services A-E IDIQ and the Waikaloa MEC contract. While performing the heavy lifting at contracting, she also was the primary contract specialist responsible for the A-E task order awards. Even though contracting was short staffed, she took the time to educate the newly hired contract specialist on the Honolulu District's construction and A-E processes. Her attention to details and understanding various customer unique requirements allowed for timely contract awards. Matsumura's professionalism and selfless dedication to duty reflect great credit upon her, the Honolulu District and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

*U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Command Sergeant Major Bradley Houston (second from left) visited several Honolulu District military construction project sites at Schofield Barracks in August to gain valuable insight and familiarization with the District projects. Honolulu District Commander Lt. Col. James Hoyman and Pacific Ocean Division Command Sergeant Major Yolanda Tate facilitated the visit during which Houston also visited the Pacific Regional Visitor Center at Fort DeRussy in Waikiki where he met with Park Ranger Samantha Vazquez and several PRVC volunteers. Photo by Dino Buchanan*





Honolulu District employees and Army Interns participated in the University of Hawaii at Manoa College of Engineering Career Day in mid-October providing future engineers with career guidance, information on potential job opportunities with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and potential STEM field career paths. This is part of our ongoing commitment to support science, technology, engineering, and math. The career fair also was also a great opportunity for our employees to talk- one-on-one with students about the accomplishments and capabilities of the Honolulu District's professional engineers, architects and surveyors. Photo by Debbie Vierra, Chief of Workforce Management

### District Welcomes New Real Estate Chief

The District's new Real Estate Branch Chief Carrie Ann Chee was welcomed to the District in June with a meet-and-greet session. Carrie Ann joins the Ohana after serving as a Senior Realty Specialist and Real Estate Contracting Officer for large NAVFAC programs. Photo by Dino W. Buchanan



### District Leadership Visits Honolulu Mayor

Honolulu District Commander Lt. Col. James Hoyman, Deputy District Engineer for Programs and Project Management Steve Cayetano, Civil Works Branch Chief Derek Chow, and Congressional Liaison Jackie Conant conducted a courtesy visit with City & County of Honolulu Mayor Kirk Caldwell in June to thank him for his support of the Ala Wai Canal Watershed Project and to provide an update on other projects the Honolulu District is developing for the City. Courtesy photo



### Transitions

**Welcome:** Jordan Nakagawa / Calvin Tseng / Karen Rodriguez / Stephanie Hodges / Randy Midomaru / Jordan Kilbey / Tracy Kembel / Gabriel El-Swaify / Calvin Mashita / Nicole Uemoto / Maria Naranjo / Calrinda Washington / Ted Falcon / Bert Kami / Steven Jones / Steven Lawlor

**Welcome Back:** Tim Inouye / Darlene Shimamura

**Goodbye:** DJ Fusero / Bob Schieffer / Graeme Silva / Joy Anamizu / Kelly Jones / Reynold Chun / Casey Hiraiwa / Paula Mizokami / Cher Pitaniello / Samantha Vazquez / Rudy Atoigue

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