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## **Honolulu District Commander Recognizes Six Schofield Soldiers for Prudent Fire Prevention Actions**

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**(FORT SHAFTER, HI - NR 33-06)** Honolulu District Commander Lt. Col. Charles H. Klinge recognized six Soldiers from the 536<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Co. and the 540<sup>th</sup> Quartermaster Co., 8<sup>th</sup> Special Troops Battalion, Oct. 13 for their efforts to prevent fire from spreading through a Whole Barracks Renewal Construction site at Schofield Barracks on Sept. 20.

According to Klinge, the prompt actions of 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Mark B. Dudley, Sgt. James Domingo, Spc. Nan Nauk, Pfc. Chad Jackson, Pvt. Charles Odom and Pvt. Samuel R. Osterholt prevented thousands of dollars in damages to the occupied barracks, the new barracks under construction as well as Corps of Engineers' contractor office trailers.

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“They put service before themselves when they tried to contain the fire,” Klinge said.

Klinge went to Schofield Barracks and personally presented each Soldier with a District Commander’s coin.

The Soldiers, who were on staff duty near Schofield’s K-quad, observed smoke and large flames coming from a trailer. One Soldier phoned the fire department while the others rushed to the site to control the blaze with fire extinguishers until the firefighters arrived on the scene near Whole Barracks Renewal projects 2C and 2D.

According to Dudley, Shop Officer for the 536<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Co., the Soldiers didn’t just avert property damage; they may have saved lives as well.

“The wooden trailer on fire was only about five feet from Building 884 where several hundred Soldiers live,” Dudley said.

Dudley said the flames were spreading quickly to the surrounding area. When they realized the extent of the fire, one Soldier ran to pull the fire alarm to begin the evacuation process. The Staff Duty began the reporting process that alerted commanders and the Installation Operations Center of the situation.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is responsible for the 10-year, \$865 million, Whole Barrack Renewal Program which is modernizing and upgrading more than 4,000 single Soldier quarters at Schofield Barracks, Wheeler Army Airfield and Tripler Army Medical Center.

The cause of the fire is under investigation.

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