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## **Army Corps, Soldiers Rededicate Renovated Schofield Soldiers Chapel**

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**(SCHOFIELD BARRACKS, HI NR 23-10)** Schofield Barracks' Historic white clapboard country-style Soldiers Chapel was rededicated during a ceremony held Sept. 24 inside the 97-year-old sanctuary which is located next to "D" Quad.

A five-month, \$874,733 renovation of the chapel included repairing the sanctuary and altar area and adding an addition to the office. Exterior work replaced damaged wood siding and replaced the sidewalk around the building. The Chapel also got a new handicapped accessible ramp as well as a fresh coat of paint for the interior and exterior.

Prior to the official ceremony, a clear ringing originated from a real, brass bell – originally donated in 1912 by the 5<sup>th</sup> U.S. Cavalry Regiment - encouraging Soldiers to attend.

Among those attending were Honolulu District Commander Lt. Col. Douglas B. Guttormsen; U.S. Army Garrison – Hawaii Commander, Col. Douglas S. Mulbury; Installation Management Command's Command Chaplain Col. Charles L. Howell; Garrison Command Chaplain Col. Youn H. Kim and Installation Management Command – Pacific Senior Executive Debra Zedalis.

“This project has been an achievement in teamwork from initial planning through contract award. It wouldn't have been possible without the valuable partnership of the U. S. Army Garrison-Hawaii, the Honolulu District and (contractor) Dawson-DBS JV,” said Lt. Col. Guttormsen. “The Corps has a long and proud history of supporting the Army Garrison going back over 100 years. This project will have a direct effect on the spiritual and mental health of our Army Team.”

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Honolulu District engineers coordinated renovation of the historic chapel that is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and part of the National Register District at Schofield Barracks.

Lt. Col. Guttormsen presented a plaque to Col. Kim during the ceremony to commemorate the renovation and the joint accomplishments of the Project Delivery Team. In appreciation for the renovation efforts, Col. Mulbury presented certificates to the Corps, the Directorate of Public Works and contractor Dawson-DBS JV.

The first chapel on Schofield Barracks was built in 1913 in Castner Village (upper post) and the second "Soldiers Chapel" in 1920. Soldiers Chapel was moved to its current location by "D" Quad in 1925. Hawaiian Queen Liliuokalani paid for the original 1913 chapel. The building was moved to its current location and has changed since then, but it is a unique building in the Garrison's inventory related to Hawaiian culture.

According to Honolulu District Resident Engineer Darren Carpenter, "complying with federal law was the most challenging aspect of the project."

Federal law requires that all repairs, renovations and alterations to federal buildings are reviewed under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966. The review process also requires consultation with the State Historic Preservation office for all properties 50 years old or older.

Retired Marine Lt. Col. Kenneth Zitz, a senior lay leader who also attended the ceremony said thousands of Soldiers and family members have attended services in Soldiers Chapel throughout the last 100 years. Zitz gave a presentation about the history of the chapel and its brass bell.

Zitz said during his presentation that the Chapel boasts a rare 1931 vintage pipe organ, one of only two of its kind in Hawaii.

In addition, the Chapel was featured in the 1970 movie "Tora! Tora! Tora!"

Chaplain (Capt.) Samuel Olmos, deputy chaplain for the Army Garrison, served as project officer and was excited to be a part of history in the making.

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### **3/3/3 SB SOLDIERS CHAPEL**

Olmos said in an emailed response that the ceremony celebrated, "... the combined efforts and support of an outstanding Schofield Barracks community. It is a true testament to the great leadership at Schofield. During the ceremony, we reveled in the history of Soldiers Chapel, but, at the same time, we added a few historical pages of our own. It was great to be part of something much bigger than any single person or any single generation!"

"We are here to rededicate ourselves and to rededicate this historic chapel," said Chaplain (Col.) Howell.

Attending the ceremony also provided a bittersweet moment for Chaplain (Maj.) Leslie Forbes-Mariani, chaplain resource manager, as she was the last chaplain to deliver a message in the chapel before the renovation.

"It was good to be on hand to reopen the chapel to see the finished work," she wrote, in an e-mail, adding that it was a great joy to see the chapel before and after the renovation.

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