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## **Army Reserve, Corps of Engineers Unveil Multi-Million Dollar, State-of-the-Art Facility**

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(FORT SHAFTER FLATS, Hawaii NR-26-10) The U.S. Army Reserve Theater Support Group and 9th Mission Support Command unveiled a state-of-the-art, multi-million dollar U.S. Army Reserve Center in an opening ceremony here Oct. 17.

The center (building 1555) is slated to accommodate hundreds of U.S. Army Reserve Soldiers to include members of the 1984th U.S. Army Reserve Hospital and the 303rd Maneuver Enhancement Brigade.

The recently completed, energy-efficient facility is designed to provide administrative, training, classroom, supply and storage support areas to include 188 new parking stalls for the use of its tenants.

While the building's appearance and layout is similar to the other Army Reserve structures at Fort Shafter Flats, it is also equipped with additional capabilities to include blast-resistant, anti-terrorism windows and modern office furnishings.

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According to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the project was designed and constructed to achieve a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) rating of silver by the U.S. Green Building Council. This rating was achieved because of the structure's energy and water efficiency standards. These high standards resulted in energy consumption that is 30 percent below the consumption baseline building, meeting the minimum requirements of the national industry standards and compliance with the Energy Policy Act of 2005.

Col. Michael A. Phipps, the commander of the U.S. Army Reserve Theater Support Group, said the center's design will significantly reduce negative impacts on the environment through energy savings, water efficiency and CO2 emission reduction.

"The high, energy-efficient standards emphasize our desire to be good stewards of our tax dollars and the environment," said Phipps in the ceremony.

Following Phipps' remarks, Todd Barnes of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Honolulu District presented a plaque to Lt. Col Jim Austin, the officer in charge of the TSG Installation Management, as a symbol of the partnership and teamwork between all of the organizations who worked together to complete the facility.

The organizations that provided support include the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Louisville and Honolulu Districts, the U.S. Army Reserve's 9th MSC, the U.S. Army Reserve TSG, the U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii's Directorate of Public Works, the 30th Signal Battalion/Network Enterprise Center (NEC), RSP Architects, and San Juan Construction, Inc.

Austin accepted the plaque and graciously thanked the Corps for all of their superb efforts in facilitating the project.

Next, Kahu Kordell Kekoa, a Hawaiian minister, led a traditional Hawaiian prayer and provided a ceremonial Hawaiian blessing for the building.

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In the ceremony's culminating event, 9th MSC Deputy Commander Col. Tim Schroth, Army Reserve Ambassador P. Pasha Baker, Phipps and Kekoa untied a maile lei to officially open the facility.

"Today's ceremony begins the next chapter in the 9th MSC's history book as we open this fine building for use by Army Reserve, Pacific warrior citizens," said Phipps. "Building 1555 is the final stage in the development of the Army Reserve complex, and it's a great addition that continues the Army's efforts to build the best facilities for its Soldiers."

Army Reserve Soldiers will begin to move into the new center Oct. 18.