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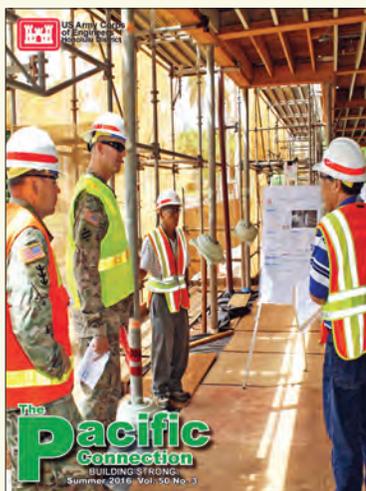


## Ready & Resilient Training

Honolulu District held Ready & Resilient Training for the workforce. In mid-October where District Master Resilient Instructor Raelene Hampton emceed the three-hour event that featured specialized Ready and Resilient Training, a Health Benefits Informational seminar, and flu shots provided by Kaiser Permanente. The R & R seminars presented employees with information and instruction on "Real Time Resiliency" that focuses on accentuating the positive, and coping with negative events and a "Breath to Thrive" session that focused on reducing stress with directed breathing, stretching, and light exercises. The Health Benefits informational seminar featured representatives from health insurance providers [HMSA, Kaiser Permanente & Hawaii Dental Service (HDS)] who provided information and answered questions about their health plans. Special thanks to Kaiser's Roen "Kawehi" Keliipuleole and our District Safety Manager Jeff Cochran. Photos by Dino W. Buchanan

## On The Cover

New Pacific Ocean Division Commander Col. Peter Andrysiak (center left) listens to a brief about the District's Bldg. T-112 renovation project on historic Palm Circle at Fort Shafter prior to conducting an on-site walkthrough. Photo by Dino W. Buchanan



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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!***

Over the past couple of months, I've been able to get out to our areas of responsibility to see many of you in Guam, CNMI, Kwajalein, and the Hawaiian Islands. I look forward to return trips but also to areas I have not yet visited. 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.

I have to good fortune to see and hear the positive impact that we are collectively having on the community, the Pacific region and Nation. It is a great pleasure to connect with our partners and stakeholders, from local military commanders to members of Congress and other local, state and community leaders, as well hosting on-site visits to our project sites for the Chief of Engineers and the IMCOM Commander.

These engagements have been hugely beneficial. The common theme I hear is how vital our role and partnership is with supported military commands and how valued quality projects truly are. We provide unique technical capabilities and that are urgently needed. I've also noted how very necessary excellent communication really is among all our partners and stakeholders. We have a commitment to deliver excellence; if there is areas we fall short, please do not hesitate to provide that feedback so we can deliver on our commitment to you.

After full review of the District's direction, my conclusion is to focus deeply in the three areas: delivering on our commitments through project discipline, preparing for the future by improved staffing processes, and remaining people focused with a robust leader development and mentorship program.

Also, I extend my congratulations to the workforce for a very successful fiscal year 2016 close-out. It was definitely a team effort as the hard work in Contracting, Resource Management, Real Estate and many other sections and branches ensured our success during this highly scrutinized and intense time period.

A day does not go by that I'm impressed by District and partner enthusiasm, professionalism, competence and deep commitment. It is richly rewarding to be a part of a great team---thank you for your contribution!

In closing, I hope each of you is able to spend some special time with your family and friends over the holiday season. I personally ask that you keep safety in the forefront of all activities.

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 year as we - America's Engineers in the Pacific - stand ready to provide value to the Nation and keep BUILDING STRONG®!

***Essayons!***

## American Samoa Congressional Rep. Aumua Amata Visits District



American Samoa Congressional Representative Aumua Amata Coleman Radewagen held an office call in August with District Commander Lt. Col. James Hoyman and other District leadership to discuss ongoing and future Corps projects in the island territory. Photo by Joseph Bonfiglio

## American Samoa STEM Students Learn About Civil Works



Honolulu District welcomed American Samoa students in August who are interested pursuing future STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) careers.

Deputy District Commander Maj. Tom Piazze gave the students presentations about the overall U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' mission, the Honolulu District's 110-plus year history and the District's missions in the Pacific region.

Civil Works Technical Branch Chief Mike Wong followed with a presentation on various Honolulu District civil works projects in the Hawaii/Pacific regions and highlighting our Sand Island Shore Protection Project.

After the briefings, students travelled to the Sand Island project site on Oahu in order to correlate and view what they learned in the briefs.

Before visiting Honolulu District, the American Samoa students previously attended a summer STEM program at Alcorn State University in Lorman, Miss., and also visited the National Flight Academy in Pensacola, FL.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers recognizes the critical role that STEM education plays in enabling the U.S. to remain the economic and technological leaders of the global marketplace, and enabling the Department of Defense and Army in the security of our Nation. The Corps is committed to teaming with schools, students and others to strengthen STEM-related programs that inspire current and future generations of young people to pursue careers in STEM fields.



# Corps, Community Clean Up Fort DeRussy Beach Berm for National Public Lands Day



More than 65 volunteers picked up trash at Fort DeRussy in Waikiki in honor of National Public Lands Day on Sept. 17. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Pacific Regional Visitor Center (RVC) coordinated the event which was supported by Corps employees, U.S. Army Transporters from the 545th Transportation Company, Punahou Junior ROTC cadets, AECOM, and Mokulele Elementary School. Photos by Joseph Bonfiglio

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Also participating were Honolulu District Commander Lt. Col. James Hoyman, Pacific Ocean Division Command Sgt. Maj. Yolanda Tate, and Honolulu District Chief of Engineering and Construction Todd Barnes.

More than 30 cadets led by Punahou JROTC Commander Lt. Col. Robert Takao concentrated their efforts on cleaning the beach berm behind historic Battery Randolph.

"We've been doing this for over a decade and we always get willing volunteers. It's never hard to get the cadets to come out because they realize how good it is for our world to do things like this. I'm really proud of them," Takao said.

Volunteers picked up more than 16 large bags of trash from the area.

"We're happy about educating the public on the importance of preserving and improving our precious natural and cultural treasures," said Angela Jones, head park ranger for the RVC.

National Public Lands Day is the largest single-day volunteer effort for public lands in the U.S. It began in 1994 and focuses on education and partnerships to care for the nation's natural treasures.

Last year, more than 11,000 volunteers participated in National Public Lands Day activities at 114 USACE lakes. The volunteers cleaned 1,001 miles of shoreline, maintained 288 miles of trails, removed 128,000 pounds of trash, and



planted approximately 1,300 trees and shrubs on USACE-managed lands.

USACE has been involved with National Public Lands Day since its inception and has consistently been one of the event's largest providers of sites and volunteers. As the nation's leading federal provider of water-based recreation, 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 visit <http://www.publiclandsday.org> For more information on USACE recreation opportunities visit [www.CorpsLakes.us](http://www.CorpsLakes.us).



# New POD Commander Visits District Oahu Civil Works Sites, Bldg. 112 Renovation Project Site



Pacific Ocean Division Commander Col. Peter Andrysiak and Pacific Ocean Division Command Sgt. Maj. Yolanda Tate visited key District Civil Works and Military Construction projects in early September. Escorted and briefed by Honolulu District Commander Lt. Col. James Hoyman and other senior District engineers, the POD leadership first visited several locations within the Manoa watershed and Ala Wai Canal in Honolulu on Oahu where they listened to informational briefings by Civil Works Chief Derek Chow about specific nuances of the watershed and an explanation of the Corps' proposed Ala Wai Canal project.

They later traveled to the Army Corps' Pacific Regional Visitor Center at Fort DeRussy in Waikiki to meet with Corps Park Rangers and learn about the centers' outreach program.

The group also viewed Honolulu Harbor from atop Aloha Tower where Chow again briefed about issues involving past and scheduled future dredging of the harbor.

Later in the day, the leadership visited and met with personnel in our Fort Shafter Area Office, and then made a site visit to our Bldg. T-112 renovation project on historic Palm Circle at Fort Shafter.





*In October Deputy District Engineer for Programs and Project Management Steve Cayetano met with CNMI Congressman Gregorio Sablan who was most interested in the progress of the Tinian and Rota harbors feasibility studies, progress of the OIA funded Garapan shoreline study, and FUDS property eligibility reassessments. Courtesy photo*

## Command Staff Attends USCRTF Meetings, Make Office Calls With Guam, CNMI Leadership

Story by  
Honolulu District Public Affairs

In September Honolulu District Commander Lt. Col. James Hoyman and District Civil Works Chief Derek Chow conducted key leader engagements, site visits, and participated in relevant U.S. Coral Reef Task Force activities in Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Also participating in the Watershed and Working Groups was Senior Planner Mike Wyatt. Other USACE representatives attending the USCRTF activities include David Hobbie, Chief, Regional Regulatory Office, Myrna Lopez-Ortiz, Deputy Chief, USACE HQ Regulatory, and Safra Altman, ERGDC Coral Reef Specialist.

The United States Coral Reef Task Force (USCRTF) was established in 1998 by Presidential Executive Order to lead U.S. efforts to preserve and protect coral reef ecosystems and has been instrumental in building partnerships and strategies for on-the-ground action to conserve coral reefs. The USCRTF works in cooperation with State, territorial, commonwealth, and local government agencies, nongovernmental organizations, the scientific community, and commercial interests to further the understanding and conservation of coral reef ecosystems.

On Guam and in the CNMI, Hoyman and Chow met with U.S. Coast Guard Capt. James Pruet, Mark Calvo, Guam, Governor's Chief Of Staff, Jon Calvo, District Director for Congressman Madeleine Bordallo, CNMI Governor Ralph DLG Torres, Mike Tenorio, District Director for Congressman Gregorio Sablan, Acting Mayor of Rota George Hocog, Allen Perez, Tinian Mayor's Chief of Staff, and Harry Blanco, Field Representative for the U.S. Office Of Insular Affairs.

Some of the topics and issues of discussion for all the meetings included:

- Correcting the poor conditions at Tinian harbor and need to further address wave's breaking in the Rota harbor channel.
- The significance of the USACE sponsored Agana River Flood Risk Management Proj-



*A view of the Agana Small Boat Harbor breakwater repair that was a topic of discussion between District leadership and Guam government officials during visits in September and October. Courtesy photo*

ect to the redevelopment and revitalization of the Hagatna business district, Agana Small Boat Harbor breakwater repair, and drainage problems in south Guam.

- Continuing interest in conducting the Garapan Shoreline Study and erosion issues
- USACE assistance in conducting of studies for Tinian and Rota harbors and Tinian harbor improvements
- Continuing interest in USACE technical assistance and studies for flooding and shoreline protection issues

At the USCRTF Business Meeting on Saipan, many issues relating to the CNMI and Guam were discussed.

USACE representatives listened to presentations on watershed restoration activities on Guam, Rota, and Saipan. USACE activities in Guam and CNMI that supports USCRTF activities were of particular interest to the All Islands Committee (AIC) and those attending the meetings. USACE activities in the region include Guam, American Samoa, CNMI, and a regulatory function.

In late October Deputy District Engineer for Programs and Project Management Steve Cayetano and Chow returned to the region to participate in the Guam Port Readiness Committee (PRC) and again conduct key leader engagements with officials on Guam and CNMI, including CNMI Congressman Gregorio Sablan.

They held a brief meeting with Guam Gov. Eddie Calvo who reiterated his continuing support for and the start of the Agana River FRM Project. Cayetano and Chow also presented updates on all USACE activities in Guam and

CNMI, including background on USACE mission and process.

They also visited with Congresswoman Madeline Bordallo who was particularly interested in the moving of the FUDS property eligibility reassessments from FY19 to FY17, progress of funding to resume the Agana River Flood Risk Management feasibility study, and the legislative fix in WRDA 2016 that would allow the Territorial cost share waiver to be applied to technical studies.

Cayetano and Chow later participated in the Guam Port Readiness Committee (PRC) meeting hosted by U.S. Coast Guard Capt. James Pruet where they presented updates on USACE activities in Guam and CNMI. At the recommendation of Pruet, they also met with representatives of the Marine Corps and Navy regarding Tinian Harbor, providing information on the USACE technical study and project feasibility study of the harbor.

During the remainder of their trip, they met with CNMI Gov. Ralph DLG. Torres, Mike Tenorio, District Director for Congressman Gregorio Sablan, Harry Blanco, Field Representative for the U.S. Office Of Insular Affairs, Rota Mayor Efraim Atalig, and Tinian Mayor Joey San Nicolas to provide updates on many of the issues discussed during the District's visit in September. Mayor Atalig and Mayor San Nicolas as well as CNMI Congressman Gregorio Sablan were all very interested in the progress of the Tinian and Rota harbors feasibility studies.

# IMCOM Commander Visits Key Project Sites



In July Honolulu District was honored to host IMCOM Commander Lt. Gen. Kenneth R. Dahl, #IMCOM-Pacific Region Director Dr. Christine Altendorf, U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii, Directorate of Public Works Director Sally Pfenning, and other Corps and U.S Army Pacific leaders, for visits to our Bldg. T-112 Renovation on Palm Circle and the Mission Command Facility construction site at Fort Shafter. Dahl was briefed on the status of the USARPAC Mission Command Facility (MCF), which the Corps is building for USARPAC that consolidates USARPAC Headquarters into one facility, and will support Mission Command of Army or joint forces across the Asia-Pacific Area of Operations. Prior to the MCF visit, Dahl and the other leadership visited and were briefed on the historical significance of the Corps' renovation of Bldg. T-112. on Palm Circle. Photos by Dino W. Buchanan and Joseph Bonfiglio





Combat Aviation Brigade Phase 2 Project Engineer Arnold Gelacio briefs U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii (USAG-HI) Commander Col. Stephen E. Dawson (second from left) and USAG-HI Command Sgt. Maj. Lisa Piette-Edwards about the new Wheeler Army Airfield fuel system and piping configuration. Listening (center) is Honolulu District Commander Lt. Col. James Hoyman. Photos by Dino W. Buchanan

## USAG-Hawaii Commander Visits Key MILCON District Project Sites at Schofield, Fort Shafter

U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii (USAG-HI) Commander Col. Stephen E. Dawson and USAG-HI CSM Lisa Piette-Edwards visited the District's Combat Aviation Brigade Phase 2 and Phase 1 projects sites at Wheeler Army Airfield and the Bldg. 112 renovation project on Palm Circle at Fort Shafter in late October.

The Army Garrison leadership was escorted and provided on-site familiarization briefs by Honolulu District Commander Lt. Col. James Hoyman, senior Corps engineers and project managers.



# Honolulu District Awards \$220.4 Million in FY16 Contracts in Hawaii, Pacific Region

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

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Honolulu District recently completed a very successful Fiscal Year 2016 (FY16) during which 520 contract actions were awarded totaling \$220,443,332, including \$127.2 million for small business.

Honolulu District contract actions signify the Corps' commitment to provide high-quality facilities to the Armed Forces of the United States and to protect and improve the lives of the people of Hawaii and the region. The benefit to our Soldiers and families is immeasurable. Honolulu District is committed to building projects which improve the quality of life for servicemembers and their families as well as providing jobs which stimulate the local economy.

Significant awards were \$54.8 million for the Echo Pier Restoration, U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll, \$26 million for a Schofield Barracks health clinic parking structure, \$24.1 million to repair Bldg. 155 in Quad B, Schofield Barracks, \$22.4 million to repair Building 449, Quad D, Schofield Barracks, \$16 million for the Pohakuloa Training Area Sewer repair, \$6 million for repair of Bldg. 556, Schofield Barracks, and \$3.99 million for the American Battle Monuments Commission Courts of the Missing Stone Replacement (Phase 1), National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl.



**The U.S. Army Pacific Mission Command Facility project, 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. The District has already finished the first contract for the MCF with the successful completion of a central utilities plant, switch building, communications hub, and arrival building. The District is moving forward with the second contract that includes construction of administrative and special use spaces with supporting mechanical, electrical, and telecommunications systems.** Photo by Joseph Bonfiglio

## Cayetano Named Deputy District Engineer for Programs and Project Management

Stephen Cayetano was recently named as Deputy District Engineer for Programs and Project Management and Chief, Programs and Project Management Division for the Honolulu District, filling a vacancy left by the retirement of Anthony J. Paresa in May 2016.

Cayetano moved up from duties as the Honolulu District Deputy Chief for Programs and Project Management Division, a position he had held since 2008.

Prior to coming to work at the Honolulu District in 2008, Cayetano served as the District Support Team Leader for the Honolulu District at Pacific Ocean Division (POD) headquarters at Fort Shafter. He also served as the Air Force, Defense Logistics Agency Program Manager supporting the Japan, Korea, Alaska and Honolulu Districts within POD and served three separate terms as a Chief, Environmental Branch at the Honolulu, Japan and Europe Districts. In addition, he served as a project engineer and office engineer in various area and resident offices in Japan, Hawaii and Europe.

He also served as Chief, Engineering and Construction Division at Headquarters, US Forces Afghanistan, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Cayetano is a past president of the Hawaii Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers and is a member of the Honolulu Post of the Society of American Military Engineers. He is active with both organizations and volunteers for community events.

Cayetano holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Hawaii and is a Professional Engineer licensed in the State of Hawaii.



## District Mentorship Program Holds Question & Answer Session For Employees



*The Honolulu District Mentorship Program Committee held a Question & Answer event Nov. 1 to inaugurate the program and generate interest and momentum for the program for District employees. A standing room-only gathering of nearly 90 employees and senior leaders listened as a panel of four senior District and Pacific Ocean Division personnel involved with the POD Mentorship Program imparted experiences with their own mentorships as well as answering questions about the new District program. Photos by Dino W. Buchanan*

### Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Training for the Workforce



*The District Safety & Occupational Health office sponsored Automated External Defibrillators (AED) training for the workforce in November. More than 50 employees listened as Maika-Akoni H. K. Motas from the AED Institute of Hawaii talked about knowing the signs and symptoms of cardiac arrest and how to utilize AEDs. Employees then were provided a basic CPR training session utilizing adult and child mannequins. Photos by Dino W. Buchanan*



### District Celebrates Women's Equality Day



*The District's Special Emphasis Program Committee celebrated Women's Equality Day in August with a special event that featured Pacific Ocean Division Command Sgt. Major (CSM) Yolanda Tate. CSM Tate shared details about her fascinating career and reminded attendees to get the word out about how important Women's Equality Day is for all Americans. The annual event was established by Congress in 1971 to commemorate the 1920 passage of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution which gave women the right to vote. It is observed every August 26th and not only honors the 19th Amendment's passage, but also calls attention to the ongoing efforts toward full equality in our society. Photos by Dino W. Buchanan*



# Army, HECO Break Ground for New Biodiesel Powerplant

Story by  
**Christine Cabalo**  
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With many hands digging in to make it a reality, senior Army leaders, government officials and Hawaiian Electric Company executives broke ground on the Schofield Generating Station project in August.

The generating station is a biofuel-capable power plant that will be run and owned by Hawaiian Electric Co. The Army leased 8.13 acres of land to build the plant. USACE serves as the Real Estate agent for the Army and provided leasing services via our Real Estate Office for HECO to lease the land at Schofield from the Army. The Hawaiian Electric Company will develop, finance, design, construct, own, operate, and maintain the plant, which will run on a mixture of biofuel and conventional fuel.

The groundbreaking and blessing ceremony highlighted the partnership of Hawaiian Electric Co., U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii, the U.S. Army Office of Energy Initiatives and several others to develop renewable clean energy.

“Energy is not the core competence of the Army; theirs is the fight to defend the U.S. Constitution,” said the Honorable Katherine Hammack, assistant secretary of the Army for Installations, Energy and Environment and one of several event speakers. “But the mission of the Army without assured access to energy makes them stand silent, and their mission fails.”

Schofield Barracks and its adjacent installations will be one of several areas the plant will service during an emergency power failure on Oahu. The 50-megawatt power plant will connect to the main power grid with an electrical power transmission line to Hawaii Electric Co.’s Wahiawa substation.

The future plant serves a strategic location for both the Army and civilian sector.

“When built, this plant is significant because it will be the first on Oahu built at high level,” said Alan Oshima, president and CEO of Hawaiian Electric Co. “In the past, we’ve relied on ocean cooling, but with the danger of tsunamis and flooding, we need to rethink for our future. This plant will provide power to the residents of Oahu, connecting to the grid and to the military. But in times of emergency, it can provide the Army and Wahiawa General Hospital with the ability to cope during power failure far better than we can in the present.”

The plant will also be able to restart other stations in an emergency, possibly preventing wider scale power loss Oahu residents may have experienced in the past.

Col. Stephen Dawson, commander, USAG-HI and a trained electrical engineer, encouraged attendees to think about how to expand operations and be even more sustainable. He asked the audience to think big.

“We’re breaking ground on parcel of land that has a history of agriculture with resources that could power a biodiesel plant,” Dawson said.



**Kahu Kordell Kekoa (right) leads a traditional Hawaiian blessing of the area as local dignitaries that included Hawaii Governor David Ige (center), the Hawaii Congressional delegation and Alan Oshima, president and CEO of Hawaiian Electric Co., pose before breaking ground on the new power plant at Schofield Barracks.** Photo by Joseph Bonfiglio



**The Honorable Katherine Hammack, assistant secretary of the Army for Installations, Energy and Environment, spoke at the ceremony.** Photo by Joseph Bonfiglio

After senior government leaders spoke, Kahu Kordell Kekoa led a traditional Hawaiian blessing of the area. Kekoa explained the significance of the different elements in the blessing. He used salt from a salt pond on Kauai to purify the ground, purified rainwater and three ti leaves fresh from the land at the nearby community center run by Island Palm Communities.

After telling an old joke about how in a power outage many hands make “light work,” Kekoa asked for the audience’s help in the blessing.

Col. Steve Peck, command chaplain for 25th Infantry Division and USAG-HI, also of-

fered his blessings earlier and helped Kekoa in carrying his materials for the traditional Hawaiian blessing.

Kekoa asked the audience to reflect about their children, grandchildren and the generation of children to come as part of the blessing of the site.

“Think for them – what the next levels and next stages will be,” he said. “In Hawaii, we’re big dreamers, and this power plant will be history for them. What will be next? We want the best for them.”

After the Hawaiian blessing, senior officials each took one of 12 golden shovels and ceremonially turned over the first few mounds of dirt. Several government leaders were among those shoveling, including Gov. David Ige, who addressed the crowd about his enthusiasm for the project as the governor and an electrical engineer.

“I look forward to continued partnership for this project, and truly believe for 100 percent renewable energy use for Hawaii. It’s a lot closer than you might think,” the governor said. “Especially with imagined projects like this, it’s making that dream a reality.”

Senator Brian Schatz, Senator Mazie Hirono, Representative Tulsi Gabbard and Christine Harada, Federal Chief Sustainability Officer, White House Council on Environmental Quality, also provided remarks.



# Congressional Staff Visits USARPAC MCF Project Site



*(Above photos) Honolulu District hosted a site visit for several congressional staff members and Corps and USARPAC leaders to our U.S Army Pacific Mission Command Facility construction site in late July where they were briefed on the project's construction status. The staff members included: Mr. Will Rogers, Ms. Julie Klein, Mr. Ethan Rosenkranz, Mr. Alec Johnson, Mr. Jeremy Steslicki, and Ms. Samantha Schiffrin. 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. The District has already finished the first contract for the MCF with the successful completion of a central utilities plant, switch building, communications hub, and arrival building. The District is moving forward with the second contract that includes construction of administrative and special use spaces with supporting mechanical, electrical, and telecommunications systems. Photos by Dino W. Buchanan*



*(Above and left photos) Honolulu District hosted a site visit for several congressional staff members to our U.S Army Pacific Mission Command Facility construction site in October where they were briefed by USARPAC and District engineers on the MCF's construction status. The staff members included: Maureen Holohan, House Appropriations Committee-Military (HAC-M) Majority Clerk, Matt Washington, HAC-M Minority Clerk, Sarah Young, HAC-M PSM, Jennifer Hing, HAC Communications Director, and Rita Culp, HAC State, Foreign Operations (SFOPS) PSM. The group also conducted oversight visits to the Republic of Korea, Japan (Okinawa), and other Hawaii military locations to receive briefs/provide oversight on U.S. Forces Korea (USFK), U.S. Pacific Command (PACOM), and U.S. Army Pacific (USARPAC) military construction priorities and projects. The STAFFDEL also visited the Department of Veteran Affairs' National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl, and the American Battle Monument Commission (ABMC) Honolulu Memorial. Construction of the MCF second contract is currently underway and includes building of administrative and special use spaces with supporting mechanical, electrical, and telecommunications systems. Photos by Duy Ta, ACE-IT Audio-Visual Specialist*



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# EMPLOYEES OF THE QUARTER

4th Quarter 2016



## MARIA BUCKNER

While serving as a Procurement Analyst in the Contracting Division from July to September 2016, Maria served as a Contracting Officer for 25 purchase orders, task orders, and/or contracts obligating more than \$1.3 million. She stepped seamlessly into the role of Contracting Officer to assist in the elimination of the 4th Quarter Simplified Acquisition actions; thereby giving way for the other Contracting Officers in the branch to work actions which were bound for larger dollar procurements..She also handled the majority of the unfunded requirements for the District, many of which were challenging due to the uncertainties associated with the arrival of the funds. On the evening when all UFR actions had to be obligated, Maria stayed in the office until 5:30 a.m. in order to complete the final requirement. Maria's efforts were instrumental in the FY16 obligation success enjoyed by the District. She worked many hours to ensure duties of the Business Operations Branch were not neglected or compromised. Her efforts prove she is an awesome TEAM PLAYER!



## SANTIAGO MOR

Santiago Mor, Chief Technical Integration Branch has been a positive and proactive team member for the execution of our District unfunded requirements. He single-handedly took the responsibility and developed the District-wide IT requirements (printers / PC), obtained quotes, J&A, and provided the packages to the Contracting Office for award. He served as the single POC for all IT requirements, PC, Printer, Survey equipment, office renovation (E&C) and played a proactive role to ensure a success end state of 100% execution / obligation of our UFR funded projects. Based on his efforts, the District saved roughly \$479,000 in FY16 by procuring the following using UFR funds, \$347,000-PC refresh, \$98,000-printers, and \$34,000-survey equipment. In addition, Santi documented the numbers of AC units in Bldg. 230 by walking to each office to identify the type and number of AC units for the UFR requirement documentation. This effort was to be awarded to an AE, but he felt it was not a good use of taxpayer money and he could perform the similar task and save the District the budgeted \$70,000.. Because of his leadership to take on the responsibility for the District IT requirement, he saved the District almost \$1 million over the past two years and outfitted the District with the latest IT technology for the teams to perform our mission functions.

## Temporary Emergency Power PRT Recognized for Hurricane Pre-Disaster Response

*District Commander Lt. Col James Hoyman (center) presented Certificates of Appreciation to members of the District's Temporary Emergency Power Planning and Response Team at staff call in November for their "exceptional emergency management support in response to Hurricanes Madeline and Lester pre-disaster response efforts in late August of this year on the Island of Hawaii. The employees were prepositioned and ready to render emergency assistance had the County of Hawaii sustained severe power loss to its critical facilities. Although the two hurricanes never made landfall, the team proved their readiness to respond rapidly to an emergency situation."*



## District Engineers Talk USACE Careers at UH at Manoa College of Engineering Career Day



*Honolulu District employees participated in the University of Hawaii at Manoa College of Engineering Career Day in 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 Terri Kojima, Pacific Ocean Division

### POD ULDP 3 Class of 2016 Graduates

In October, seven graduates of Pacific Ocean Division's USACE Leadership Development Program Level 3 were honored during a virtual Pacific Ocean Division -wide ceremony.

The Level 3 class is a two-year program designed to develop civilian leaders who will encourage innovation, teamwork and partnerships to maximize the organization's efficiency and effectiveness.

Pacific Ocean Division (POD) Commander Col. Peter Andrysiak (photo; back, center) hosted the graduation ceremony, which included Honolulu District's graduates Jon Yoshinaga and Darren Carpenter (front row with leis).

Congratulating our graduates above before the ceremony were (left to right) Honolulu Deputy District Commander Maj. Tom Piazza, Honolulu District Commander Lt. Col. James Hoyman, Col. Andrysiak, and Honolulu District Chief of Engineering and Construction Todd Barnes.

In his remarks to the group Col. Andrysiak emphasized the importance of strong leadership at every level of the organization and charged the graduates to now be role models for the POD regional workforce.

The ULDP Level 3 program focuses on individual and team leadership from a regional perspective, promoting understanding of regional and national level issues, strategies and challenges.



### Ohana Welcomes New Chief of MILCON

Employees welcomed the District's new Chief of Military Construction Thomas (Tom) Crump (left) to the Ohana during a Meet & Greet event in early September. Tom transitioned to Honolulu District after serving 26 years with the Corps' St. Paul District. (Above) Honolulu District's Chief of Engineering and Construction Todd Barnes welcomes Tom to the Ohana. Watching (Center) was interim Chief of MILCON Phil Hunt. Photo by Dino W. Buchanan

### District Honors Wong for 30-Years of Service

District Commander Lt. Col. James Hoyman honored Electrical Engineer Cynthia Wong in late October for her 30 consecutive years of service to the District and USACE by presenting Wong with the Commander's Award for Civilian Service for her technical support and outstanding work. Wong served



in various offices since starting at Honolulu District in 1986, most recently as an electrical engineer in the Regional Engineer Center. Before leaving the District for a new career with the U.S. Navy, Hoyman also presented Wong with her Civil Service Pin (shown above) for 30 years of civilian service to the nation. Photo by Duy Ta, ACE-IT Visual Information Specialist

### Transitions

**Welcome:** Jeanine Cornwell / Thomas Crump / James Aoki / Carol Heidsiek / Justina Vantassel / Janis Millete / Nathan Kirtley / Janis Millete / Sherida Bonton / Behailu Dinsa / Cher Pitaniello / Merbby Nicolas / Danny Nguyen / Grace Ishihara / Arnel Josen / Tae Moon / Vestavia Green / Dana Burgos / Gibert Talavera / Mitchell Moore / Samantha Smith / Tunis McElwain / Marvin Lam

**Welcome Back:** Paula Mizokami / Jesse Duarte / Darlene Duarte

**Goodbye:** Graeme Silva / Cynthia Wong / Ed Yago / Brad Scully / Justin Stevens / Ron Nakagawa / Mike Mullen / Belinda Whitlow / Joanne Hasegawa / Merbby Nicolas

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