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The Honolulu District Mentorship Program Committee held a Question & Answer event in November to inaugurate the Mentorship Program that launched in February. The purpose of the first session was to generate interest and momentum for the program for District employees. A standing room-only gathering of nearly 150 employees 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 program. Photos by Dino W. Buchanan



### On The Cover

Chief of Engineers Lt. Gen. Todd T. Semonite discusses the USARPAC MCF Phase 2 project update with Phase 2 Project Manager Mike Onuma and Honolulu District Commander Lt. Col. James Hoyman (left), during an on-site visit in April. 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!**

If we are engaged in a conversation, you may notice I enjoy to bring up stories about my wife and four children. Why? I value family. That is true in both my home and work life. And our District has the great fortune of incredible internal and external relationships that make a broad and vibrant family.

In this first issue of the 2017, you'll read stories highlighting our "family pride" in the projects and activities that connect us. You'll read about our teammates who were recognized for excellent service. And you'll see examples of how our great professionals are safely delivering quality projects and engineering services within schedule and budget.

In January, we conducted our annual Awards Townhall where we honored the extraordinary accomplishments of our team and the value the Honolulu District provides to our Nation, to our partners, and within the Pacific. In May, six Honolulu District employees and one District project delivery team were honored at the 61st Annual Honolulu-Pacific Federal Executive Board's Excellence in Federal Government Awards ceremony. Congratulations to the awardees!

Our District was recently honored to host visits from several key senior leaders of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and U.S. Army Pacific (USARPAC), including USACE Chief of Engineers Lt. Gen. Todd T. Semonite, USACE Deputy Commander Maj. Gen. Richard L. Stevens, USACE Deputy Commander for Military and International Operations Maj. Gen. Mark W. Yenter, USARPAC Commander Gen. Robert B. Brown, and 25th Infantry Division Commander Maj. Gen. Christopher G. Cavoli. They and several Senior Executives from Headquarters USACE visited our top projects at Fort Shafter (the USARPAC Mission Command Facility) and Schofield Barracks (Quads B, D and E), as well as significant civil works projects on Oahu. My personal thanks go out to all who had a role in making these visits successful. All of the senior leaders were very complimentary of the team's diligence, and they now have a better appreciation of our endeavors as we build facilities execute projects across the Pacific.

In addition, Steve Cayetano, Derek Chow, and I recently completed key Pacific region stakeholder engagements with elected officials and agency directors in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam and American Samoa. The constant theme I received from these stakeholder engagements was that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is very well-respected in the region and the infrastructure development and capacity building services we provide are greatly appreciated!

I'm also proud to announce that we've recently turned over the USARPAC Mission Command Facility Arrival Building (Phase One), and are nearly ready to hand over keys to the renovated Bldg. 690 and at Quad B at Schofield Barracks. Work has now started on the \$63.5 million MCF Phase Two contract that includes construction of administrative and special use operation spaces and we anticipate to award the Phase Three contract before the end of the fiscal year. These projects will have a significant impact on the quality of life and readiness of the Soldiers and leaders in Hawaii. I know our entire District takes great pride in being a part of the Army team and the critical role we provide to our Nation with the construction and delivery of these facilities.

I also want to applaud the many members of the District Ohana who volunteer and participate in STEM and engineer-related events throughout the year. During the winter months, employee and Army intern efforts during Engineer Week in February and the MATHCOUNTS competitions in February and March, showcased the District as the employer of choice for future engineering professionals and leaders within the community.

A quick look at the pages of this magazine shows you that the people of the Honolulu District have been and are making a difference every day - and validating that this is "the best place where the best people serve."

Thanks to all for your contributions to make us America's Engineers in the Pacific. I am very proud to be your Commander, I value our Ohana, and look forward to Delivering on our Commitments in 2017!

## **Essayons!**





**Honolulu District Deputy Commander Maj. Tom Piazzae (right) congratulates Pacific Ocean Division's 2017 Honolulu-Pacific Federal Executive Board Award winners: (left to right) Joe Tribbey, Crystal Hood, Roxane Iseri, Mike Wong, Graeme Silva, Kenji Santiago, and Harold Mizusawa.**  
Photos by Dino W. Buchanan

## District Employees Honored at Annual FEB Awards

Six Honolulu District employees and one District project delivery team were honored at the 61st Annual Honolulu-Pacific Federal Executive Board's Excellence in Federal Government Awards ceremony May 5 at the Hickam Officers Club, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Agency selectees in seven categories were honored as the best people who helped meet their mission, goals and values for the year.

This year's Honolulu District/Pacific Ocean Division awardees were:

**Team Excellence:** Pohakuloa Training Area Project Delivery Team (Mike Wong accepting)

**Federal Leader / Supervisor /Manager of the Year:** Roxane Iseri

**Professional, Administrative and Technical:** Harold Mizusawa

**Mentor of the Year:** Joe Tribbey

**Federal Employee of the Year - Clerical and Assistant:** Crystal Hood

**Exceptional Community Service:** Graeme Silva

**Federal Employee of the Year - Trades and Crafts:** Kenji Santiago



**Joe Tribbey**



**Roxane Iseri**



**Harold Mizusawa**



**Crystal Hood**



**Kenji Santiago**



**Graeme Silva**





# Corps, Community Scour Fort DeRussy Beach Berm for Debris on Earth Day 2017



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

Volunteers from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers joined forces with local JROTC students and others to clean up the Fort DeRussy area beach and beach berm April 29 as part of Earth Month 2017.

More than 20 volunteers from the Punahou Junior ROTC program (which includes cadets from other area high schools and some home-schooled students) along with Corps employees and their friends and families, cleared trash, debris on the beach area as well as other obstructions on the beach berm behind the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Pacific Regional Visitor Center (RVC) in Waikiki.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Park Rangers Angela Jones and Samantha Vasquez, and Lt. Col. Robert Takao, commander of the Punahou Junior ROTC Program and his cadets, led the sweep of the area collecting more than 20 trash bags of debris and litter along the beach area and beach berm.

Each year Earth Month and Earth Day increase awareness and support for ongoing education and efforts to build partnerships and grassroots involvement to keep the 'aina clean year-round. Earth Day was established March 21, 1970 as an annual event to deepen reverence and care for life on the planet.

In honor of the recent Earth Day observance, here are some fun facts about our organization: USACE employs the highest number of biologists/natural resources management professionals (2,766 full-time professionals) in the Federal Government and the second-highest number of Environmental Engineers in the Government. We are stewards of approximately 12 million acres of public lands and waters. USACE is one of the nation's leading federal providers of outdoor recreation, offering more than 7,800 miles



of trails, 90,000 campsites and more than 36,000 picnic sites.

The RVC first opened its doors at Battery Randolph in 1983. Its goal is to enhance the public's understanding of the multidimensional role of the U.S. Army and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Particular emphasis is on Civil Works and water resources development which affect the lives of all the residents of Hawaii and the people of the Pacific.

The Pacific Regional Visitor Center is located on the second floor of historic Battery Randolph at Fort DeRussy, Waikiki. Battery Randolph is listed on the National Register of Historic Sites and is one of 16 coastal fortifications built by the Corps between 1906 and 1917 for the protection of Honolulu and Pearl Harbors.





# Chief of Engineers Gets On-Site MCF Update



Honolulu District hosted an on-site update April 13 on the overall construction of USARPAC Mission Command Facility (MCF) and the MCF Phase 2 project for the Chief of Engineers Lt. Gen. Todd T. Semonite (second from right).

(Left photo) Semonite was accompanied by Honolulu District Commander Lt. Col. James Hoyman (center), Chief of Engineering & Construction Todd Barnes (second from left), MCF Project Manager Lise Ditzel-Ma (right), and MCF Phase 2 Project Manager Mike Onuma (center, foreground) who provided an update on the current construction progress.

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. Photos by Dino Buchanan



## USACE DCG Visits USARPAC MCF Phase 2

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Deputy Commanding General for Military and International Operations Maj. Gen. Mark W. Yenter visited the U.S. Army Pacific Mission Command Facility Phase 2 project site in late March to get an update on construction progress.

Yenter was accompanied by Pacific Ocean Division Senior Executive Gene Ban and Honolulu District Commander Lt. Col. James Hoyman, as well as senior District engineers and project managers. Yenter was briefed on the status of the MCF Phase 2 Project, which the Corps is building 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.

The District has finished the first contract for the MCF with the successful completion of a central utilities plant, switch building, communications hub, and arrival building and is moving forward with the second contract that includes construction of administrative and special use spaces, with supporting mechanical, electrical, and telecommunications systems.



MCF Phase 2 Project Manager Mike Onuma (center, left) listens as Maj. Gen. Yenter asks about project details. Photo by Dino Buchanan



# Ohana Celebrates District's 112th Birthday With Pre-Dawn Hike to Makapu'u Lighthouse



Led by Honolulu District Commander Lt. Col. James Hoyman (fifth from right) and former Honolulu District Commander Lt. Col. Christopher Crary (right), more than 16 District teammates and their friends braved 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. Photos by Dino Buchanan

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Deputy District Commander Maj. Tom Piazze, Capt. Tobias Apps, Capt. Ken Porter and Capt. Brenna Heisterman also participated in the hike to the lighthouse.

Makapu'u Lighthouse was built by the Corps in 1909 on a 600-foot sea cliff overlooking Makapu'u Beach in southeast Oahu. Makapu'u Point is an important location passed by all ships moving between Honolulu and the U.S. Mainland. Makapu'u Point rises 647 feet above the ocean and is composed of a number of lava flows. The station's three keeper's dwellings, constructed of the abundant blue lava rock on the point, were built in a depression near the summit, while a notch, large enough to hold the lighthouse, was blasted out of the lava face at a height of 395 feet above the water. A trail linking the lighthouse and dwellings and a road connecting the station to the nearest highway had to be carved into the lava point.

The Corps' history in Hawaii and the Pacific began in 1905 when Lt. John R. Slattery became the District's first commander. Slattery's original mission was to construct lighthouses for navigation in Hawaii, like Makapu'u.

The lighthouse is 46-feet-tall (14 meters) and was fully automated in 1974. It is still an active U.S. Coast Guard navigation aid in use today.



As "America's Engineers in the Pacific," the Honolulu District's civil works, military construction and environmental missions evolved over time -- in periods of peace and war -- for more than 110 years. Today, the Honolulu District is a full-service District, providing a wide range of timely, effective, innovative solutions to meet our customers' engineering, construction and environmental needs.

The Honolulu District has seven primary missions: Military Construction, Civil Works, Interagency and International Services, Real Estate, Regulatory, Environmental Services, and Emergency Management. Honolulu District offers project management, design, construction

management, contracting, cost engineering, and more.

The Honolulu District's area of operations is enormous - crossing five time zones, the international dateline and approximately 12 million square miles of the Pacific Ocean - and includes the territories of Guam, American Samoa and Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, as well as the Freely Associated States including the Republic of Palau, Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of the Marshall Islands.



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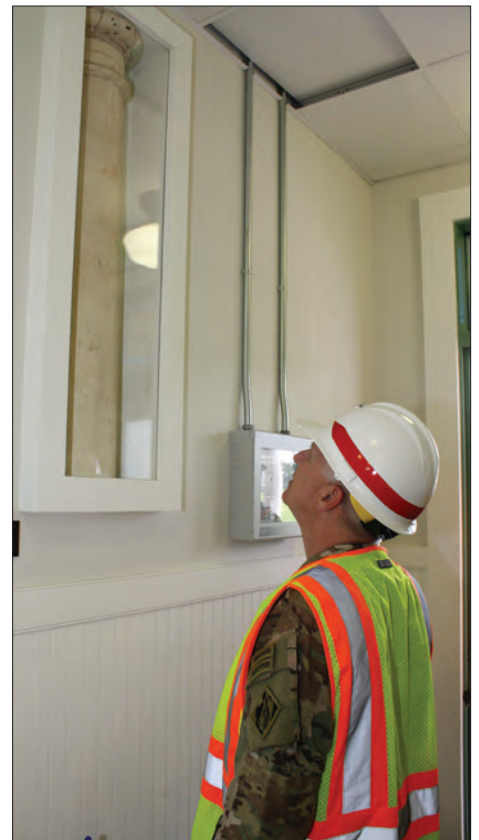




# USACE DCG Stevens Visits Key Project Sites



*In late February, Honolulu District hosted USACE Deputy Commanding General Maj. Gen. Richard Stevens, as he visited the District's Bldg. 112 renovation project on Palm Circle and the USARPAC Mission Command Facility project site at Fort Shafter, and the Combat Aviation Brigade Phase 1 and Phase 2 projects sites at Wheeler Army Airfield. Stevens was escorted by Honolulu District Commander Lt. Col. James D. Hoyman and was provided informational updates on the projects by senior Corps engineers and project managers. Stevens also met with the District Corporate Board, USACE ULDP Level 2 and 3 students, as well as visited various District offices to talk with engineers and staff. Photos by Dino W. Buchanan*







Honolulu District hosted site visits to MILCON project sites in April at Schofield Barracks and Fort Shafter for 25th Infantry Division Commander Maj. Gen. Christopher Cavoli (center, right). (Above) Schofield Barracks Area Engineer Darren Carpenter explains the progress of the historical Quad D, Building 449, which was featured the 1953 film, "From Here to Eternity." Listening (left) is Honolulu District Commander Lt. Col. James Hoyman. Photos by Dino W. Buchanan

## 25th ID Commander Visits Key MILCON District Project Sites at Schofield Barracks, Fort Shafter

Honolulu District project engineers and District Commander Lt. Col. James Hoyman were provided information and status updates for 25th Infantry Division (ID) Commander Maj. Gen. Christopher Cavoli during on-site visits in April to key MILCON projects at Schofield Barracks and Fort Shafter.

The day-long tour led by U.S. Army Garrison - Hawaii Commander Col. Stephen Dawson and Acting Deputy U.S. Army Garrison - Hawaii Commander Sally Pfenning, visited the project sites at the 25th ID Combat Aviation Brigade Phase 2, Quads B and D, Bldgs. 1492, 690 and 488 at Schofield Barracks. At Fort Shafter, Cavoli was able to visit the nearly completed renovation of historical Bldg. 112 on Palm Circle and also the USARPAC Mission Command Facility (MCF) Phase 1 and Phase 2 project sites.







**As part of National Engineers Week activities in Hawaii, our U.S. Army PATHWAYS interns, Workforce Management staff and engineers were on hand at the University of Hawaii at Manoa College of Engineering Career Fair, where they provided future engineers with educational career guidance, information on potential job opportunities within the Corps, as well as discussing potential STEM field career paths.** Courtesy photo

## District Showcases Capabilities for 2017 Engineers Week

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

More than 250 engineers and friends of the 17 organizations within the Hawaii Council of Engineering Societies, plus invited local VIPs and dignitaries and engineers from Honolulu District gathered at the Hale Koa's Banyan Tree Showroom Feb. 21 for a luncheon to kick off Engineers Week 2017, which ran Feb. 19 to 25.

Statewide Engineers Week activities included: signing of an Engineers Week Proclamation and photo opportunity with Honolulu Mayor Kirk Caldwell; signing an Engineers Week Proclamation and photo opportunity with Hawaii Gov. David Ige; Engineers Week static displays at Windward Mall Feb. 18 by engineering organizations; attendance at the kick-off luncheon and the HCES (Hawaii Council of Engineering Societies) Engineers Week banquet held February 25. The Corps supported all of these events.

The 2017 Engineers Week theme was "Discover Engineering: Let's Make A Difference." The celebration of National Engineers Week was started in 1951 by the National Society of Professional Engineers in conjunction with President George Washington's Birthday. President Washington is considered the nation's first engineer, notably for his surveying work.

Our Department of the Army PATHWAYS interns created Corps of Engineers and Honolulu District photographic exhibits that showcased the District's missions for public display at Windward Mall in Kaneohe.

Each year during Engineers Week, the HCES organizes display exhibits to increase public awareness and appreciation of the engineering profession.

The 2017 Kick-off Luncheon featured keynote speaker Robert Kroning, P.E., Director Department of Design and Construction, City and County of Honolulu, who spoke on "Department of Design and Construction Top Projects and Smarter Cities Initiative"



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The Engineers Week Exhibit and VEX IQ Tournament held Feb. 18 at Windward Mall Center Court featured hands-on activities and displays showcasing how "Engineers Dream Big" in Hawaii. VEX IQ teams participated in fast-paced skills challenges as they fought for a spot in the VEX IQ world championship tournament.

Prior to Engineers Week, Honolulu District engineers and staff attended the Oahu 2017 MATHCOUNTS competition with 12 personnel volunteering their services as moderators, proctors and scorers at the Oahu competition Feb. 4 at Kamehameha Schools, Honolulu. Sixth, seventh and eighth graders from more than 36 Oahu public and private schools participated in the competition.

Respective winners from Oahu, Maui and the island of Hawaii met for the State MATHCOUNTS championship on Oahu March 4 at Kamehameha Schools. Another seven Honolulu District personnel also volunteered their time for this event.

The MATHCOUNTS program, in its 34th year, is sponsored by the National Society of Professional Engineers at the state and local levels to emphasize the importance of mathematical skills in the development of future technology and encourage students to excel in these areas. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers recognizes the critical role that Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (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 others to strengthen STEM-related programs that inspire current and future generations of young people to pursue careers in STEM fields.

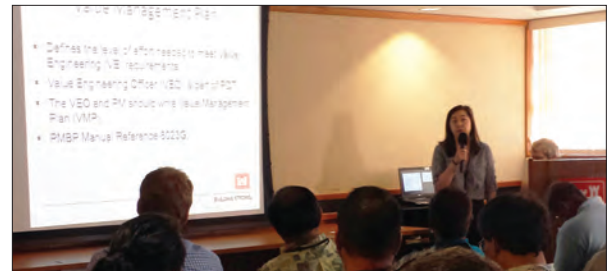


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Also coinciding with this year's National Engineers Week activities was the University of Hawaii at Manoa's College of Engineering Career Fair on Feb. 22. Honolulu District Workforce Management staff and District engineering personnel were on hand to provide future engineers with educational career guidance, information on potential job opportunities within the Corps as well as discussing potential STEM field career paths.



## Monthly Technical Seminar Reinforces PMP Basics for Engineers and Employees



Nearly 60 engineers and other District employees attended the monthly Technical Seminar in March entitled "PMP Basics" presented by Project Manager Don Schlack and several employees from the Engineering & Construction branch. Basic information and guidelines about how to formulate PMP's or Project Management Plans was presented utilizing fictional PMP examples to help District project managers and engineers compile more thorough plans. Photos by Dino W. Buchanan



### Engineers Learn How to Use ProjectWise as Central Repository

Honolulu District employees were introduced to the ProjectWise data repository system May 8 during the monthly District technical seminar and webinar. More than 35 engineers, project managers and other employees attended the introduction to the system presented by Walter Perrett (shown below), who provided information and guidance on initial program setup and a brief demonstration on how the system stores data and reports. Photos by Dino W. Buchanan



### Employees Learn "Contracting Basics" at Seminar



Nearly 60 engineers, project managers and other District employees attended the April "Contracting Basics" learning seminar presented by Honolulu District Contracting Chief Marilyn Clark. Clark provided basic information about the Contracts Requirements Package (CRP) and contracting timelines for reviews and approvals to assist District project managers and engineers compile more thorough services contracts orders. Photos by Dino W. Buchanan







Senior Executive David Dale, the Acting Pacific Ocean Division Civil Works Regional Integration Leader, (center, right) discusses flood control issues of the Ala Wai watershed with Civil Works Branch Chief Derek Chow and District Commander Lt. Col. James Hoyman during an overview at the Tantalus Lookout in Honolulu's Pu'u 'Ualaka'a State Park. Photos by Dino W. Buchanan

## District Engineers Provide Project Updates for Acting POD Regional Integration Leader

Honolulu District leadership conducted an informational brief and visit in early March at our USARPAC Mission Command Facility project site and various civil works project areas on Oahu for Senior Executive David Dale, the Acting Pacific Ocean Division Civil Works Regional Integration Leader.

The day-long tour led by District Commander Lt. Col. James Hoyman, Deputy District Engineer for Programs and Project Management Steve Cayetano and Civil Works Branch Chief Derek Chow, also included a visit to the Corps' Pacific Regional Visitors Center at Fort DeRussy in Waikiki, Honolulu Harbor, as well as vista-view overviews of the Ala Wai watershed and our former windward Oahu project areas at Kawainui Marsh and Kaneohe-Kailua Dam.





# District Engineers, PATHWAYS Interns Volunteer for MATHCOUNTS, State Science Olympiad



On March 4 several Honolulu District engineers, staff and Army PATHWAYS interns provided volunteer manpower for the State MATHCOUNTS competition held at Kamehameha Middle School and the Hawaii State Science Olympiad (HSSO) finals held at Mililani High School.

Four of our District's Army PATHWAYS interns (shown above) acted as scorers and assisted with individual events at the HSSO. The HSSO mission is to improve the quality of K-12 science education for all students in the State of Hawaii by creating a passion for learning science by supporting elementary and secondary Science Olympiad tournaments at building, district, county and state levels with an emphasis on teamwork and a commitment to excellence. The tournaments promote high levels of achievement and a commitment to excellence, to demonstrate that students in Hawaii can perform at levels that surpasses expectations of even practicing scientists and engineers.

Six employees, as well as former District MATHCOUNTS coordinator, Oahu MATHCOUNTS moderator and former Chief, Construction Branch Louis Muzzarini (below, left), spent the Saturday morning serving as proctors and scorers for the state competition, sponsored by the MATHCOUNTS Honolulu Chapter, assisting in distribution and collection of test materials, monitoring student activities during the competition, and grading the completed tests. Honolulu District has actively supported this outreach activity for the last 19 years and those who have previously participated found the competition to be a rewarding experience and an excellent opportunity to maintain the visibility of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in the engineering community. The MATHCOUNTS Program is sponsored by the National Society of Professional Engineers to emphasize the importance of mathematical skills in the development of future technology and encourage students to excel in these areas.



Courtesy photos



# HERE IT COMES



## On the Water

**#DYK** the U.S. Coast Guard reports that each year, hundreds of lives are lost ... thousands are injured ... and millions of dollars of property damage occurs because of preventable recreational boating accidents on U.S. waterways?

- Life vests can save your life: 85 percent of drowning victims did not wear one
- Kayaks ride lower in the water and require more skill to operate; are you ready, or not?
- Taking a boating safety course can make you a safer operator
- Boating safety is like motoring safety
- Don't drink and drive a boat, it's against the law
- Do you know the rules of the road on the water?

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

# READY ... OR NOT?



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## District Celebrates Black History Month



*In honor of African American Heritage / Black History Month the Honolulu District Special Emphasis Program Committee (SEPC) presented guest speaker, Horace H. Foxall, Jr., a USACE retiree from Seattle District, who had previously worked in the Corps' Center of Expertise in Seattle District and is now a contractor consulting about National Trust for Historic Preservation. Foxall spoke about his lifetime experiences and engineering career challenges that mimicked the 2017 African American Heritage / Black History Month theme of "Success Always Leaves Footprints." Photos by Duy Ta, ACE-IT Visual Information Specialist*



## In Memorium



### Steven Paahana

Age 67, passed away Feb 15, 2017 in North Las Vegas, NV. Steve was a Vietnam veteran and had retired from federal service in June 2015, having most recently worked in the Honolulu District's ULA branch.



### Paul Remington

Age 63, away June 6, 2017 in Honolulu. Paul worked in our Kwajalein Resident Office after joining the District in August 2016.



*Honolulu Mayor Kirk Caldwell (center, seated), City and County Managing Director Roy Amemiya, City and County Deputy Managing Director Georgette Deemer, Department of Emergency Management Director Mel Kaku and representatives from Honolulu Police Department, Fire Department, City & County Emergency Services, Transportation Services and Department of Information Technology personnel visited the U.S. Army Pacific's Mission Command Facility arrival building briefing room in late January to learn about the technological innovations and unclassified integration capabilities of the facility. Photo by Dino W. Buchanan*



# EMPLOYEES OF THE QUARTER

1st Quarter 2017



## DAYNA MATSUMURA

As the Contract Specialist for the Mission Control Facility Phase 3 procurement, Dayna pulled out all stops in her efforts to satisfy the solicitation/procurement requirements for the dual layers of contracting oversight conducted by the Principal Assistant Responsible for Contracting (PARC) and the Head of the Contracting Agency. The action is the largest procurement in the recent history of the Honolulu District. Phase 3 is designated as the number one project within the District and has the personal attention of the Chief of Engineers. Although on “use or lose leave” over the holidays, Dayna sacrificed her time to totally revise the procurement strategy and subsequently the entire solicitation. She worked diligently to satisfy every change and demand made by each member of the Project Delivery Team and the PARC’s Office in Dallas to ensure the timely release of the solicitation. She epitomizes the very best of us through her efforts.



## WENDY MOW

Wendy was recognized for her outstanding leadership and tireless effort on mission critical projects above and beyond her normal duties during this period. She executed all financial requirements to secure the Special Operations Command Pacific (SOCPAC) lease in time for the POTUS’s stay in Hawaii. In spite of this late request, shortage of personnel during the holiday season, and at the expense of off duty hours and personal leave, she coordinated with Resource Management to get the MIPRS accepted and PR&C certified. Wendy overcame glitches with vendor ID that jeopardized final obligation in CEFMS by taking the initiative to work with Real Estate Branch and RM to get the issue finally resolved and financially complete. Concurrently, she navigated the FUDS program through the District’s most austere 1st Quarter funding environment ever seen due to CRA and low obligation rates of other Division’s throughout the Corps. She took the initiative to coordinate with PMs, POD and HQ USACE on funding prioritization that ensured continued project execution and avoid mission failure. In both cases, she not only demonstrated her ability to calmly balance and satisfy all requirements in a disciplined and deliberate approach, but also put mission ahead of herself by sacrificing her personal time to come in and work. Wendy is an outstanding Program Analystist with a “git-r-done” attitude.

## SEPC WHM Event Showcases Self-Defense Seminar for Women (& Men) Employees

*The Honolulu District Special Emphasis Committee Women’s History Month celebration April 25 featured a self-defense seminar for District employees.*

*Guest self-defense instructors for the hour-long event were Egan and Marcia Inoue from Egan’s Fit Body Boot Camp on Oahu. They provided basic guidance and taught several hands-on self-defense techniques for the more than 30 employees who attended.*

*This year’s Women’s History Month theme is “Honoring Trailblazing Women in Labor and Business.” Photo by Dino W. Buchanan*



## Ten District & Division Employees Graduate from 2015-2017 ULDP Level II

*Ten Honolulu District and Pacific Ocean Division employees graduated from the Pacific Ocean Division 2015-2017 Leadership Development Program Level II training course in late April after completing 18 months of study sharpening their teamwork and leadership skills. The program’s principal learning objectives focus on increasing awareness of individual strengths and enhancing leadership skills by exposing Level II participants to broadening opportunities. This group of young rising leaders met monthly during the course’s 18 months to discuss leadership topics learned from reading materials, role play, and conducting insightful exercises. They also prepared and completed a class project entitled the “Honolulu District Mentoring Program” which was accepted by the District Corporate Board and has already been initiated by the District. The Level II graduates – who all volunteered for the program and were approved to participate by the Corporate Board – were Brendon Hayashi, Kevin Pien, Casey Hiraiwa, Reid Yamada, Keane Nishimoto, Jessica Wiggs Bruntz, Kate Bliss, Kanale Sadowski, Kelly Jones, and Marissa Munoz. Photo by Dino W. Buchanan*







## District Ohana Welcomes New PPM Deputy

Honolulu District welcomed William "Billy" Borengasser (above, center) into the District Ohana May 15 as the new Deputy Chief, Programs and Project Management Division during a "meet and greet" event. Billy comes to our District from the Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC), where he served as the Deputy Director, Capital Improvements. Billy led a division that was responsible for 58% of the NAVFAC business volume that provided Facility Engineering/Facility Project Management for the Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, DoD Supported Commands, and other federal installations throughout the State of Hawaii. Photos by Dino W. Buchanan



Honolulu District Commander Lt. Col. James Hoyman (center) walks with Project Engineer Bob Schieffer, Kwajalein Resident Office (left) and a contractor from San Juan Construction through the near-complete renovation of Building 602, during Hoyman's visit to several District projects on Kwajalein Atoll in April. The warehouse and office building will provide the Directorate of Public Works critical capacity for the logistical sustainment on Kwajalein. During the two-day visit Hoyman and Deputy District Engineer for Programs and Project Management Steve Cayetano also met with U.S. Army Garrison Kwajalein Atoll Commander Col. Michael Larsen and Deputy Commander Jennifer Peterson. Courtesy photo

## Ray Takamiya Retires After 53 Years of Federal Service

Honolulu District Commander Lt. Col. James Hoyman honored Realty Specialist Ray Takamiya March 31 for his exemplary work during his 53 years of federal government service. Takamiya, who retired at the end of March, had served as an Acquisitions and Management and Disposal Realty Specialist in the District's Real Estate Branch. For his service to the Nation, Hoyman presented Takamiya with his retirement certificate and retirement civil service pin reflecting his 53 years of federal service. Ray was also presented the Commander's Award for Civilian Service for providing "significant contributions to the District from 1983 to 2017."



## Transitions

**Welcome:** Nesly Orochena / Kimberly Luke / Rich Tanaka / Kimberly Warner / Derek Shimabukuro / Capt. Brenna Heisterman

**Welcome Back:** Paula Mizokami / Jesse Duarte / Darlene Duarte / Faima Lavatai / Karen Urelus / Michael Howe

**Goodbye:** Gary Wolover / Joan Kamikaua / Jessica Daniels / Steve Takeguchi / Walter Nagai / Ray Takamiya / Clayton Sorayama / Dan Sivils / Danny Morisaki / Cathy Yoza / Rocky Rockwell / Erleen Aoki / Sarah Watts / Clayton Sorayama / Elton Choy / Katy Damico

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