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Soldiers' skills, courage prove to be lifesaver

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Editor

As emergency medical technicians assigned to Schofield Barracks' Acute Care Clinic, Sgt. Peter Amstutz and Spc. De'Angelo Allen often come to the rescue in an emergency situation. However, the pair wouldn't be behind the wheel of an ambulance July 3 when their medical training and personal courage proved to be a lifesaver for a family of five and another man involved in a motor vehicle accident.

The two medics along with Amstutz's wife, Spc. Yvonne Amstutz, who is a medical specialist at Schofield's Family Practice Clinic, were driving home on Kamehameha Highway at about 11:30 p.m. when they came across one of the worst car accidents the trio had ever seen.

"It was dark. As we were coming around the corner, we saw a car on the side of the road on fire. Then there was another car sitting in the middle of the road smashed up, just mangled," said Sgt. Amstutz, who estimated that the accident must have happened minutes before their arrival.

After pulling over, he and Allen jumped out of the car and ran over to the closest vehicle where injured motorists lay in shock. The two immediately began trying to move the injured a safe distance from the burning vehicle and the closer vehicle, which was also smoking. Like a chain, Sgt. Amstutz picked up each of three children and handed them over to Allen who in turn carried them to the Amstutz's vehicle where Yvonne Amstutz, seven months pregnant at the time, began evaluating their injuries and doing what she could to treat them.

"It was very scary because we had no medical supplies so I tried to do the best with what we had," she said.

After bringing both parents of the children to
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... and they're off

Three youngsters hop towards the finish line during a sack race as part of Tripler Army Medical Center's annual Organization Day Aug. 4 on Tripler Hill. For more on the O-Day festivities, see page 5.

Dental personnel trade clinic for tent during exercise

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Soldiers assigned to the U.S. Army Dental Activity Hawaii received a chance to escape the confines of the traditional clinic setting and take their trade to the field July 17-21 for Exercise Dental Lightning II.

During the week-long exercise, staff from the Schofield Barracks and Tripler Army Medical Center dental clinics joined their counterparts from the 25th Infantry Division's 225th Forward Support Battalion and 725th Main Support Battalion to hone their dental skills in a field environment.

Staff Sgt. Michael Ball, operations NCO for the Pacific Regional Dental

Command, said one of the purposes of the exercise was to familiarize clinic staff with field dental equipment, which was supplied mainly by the 725th MSB. The troops also received hands-on experience with an M997 front line ambulance.

"Some of our assistants have never seen this equipment before," he said. "It's important that they be able to work with it because they may end up going to division next."

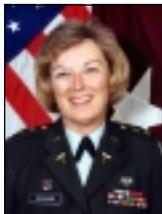
Other than being lighter and more mobile, Ball said the equipment is basically the same and just takes some getting used to. He added that once Soldiers overcome the differences in

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COMMANDER'S CORNER

Communicating 'good news' stories

As your commander, I often have the opportunity to accept the credit for the high quality and very caring services the staff of Tripler Army Medical Center provides to our beneficiaries.



Maj. Gen. Adams

Indeed, I recently returned from a TDY trip and found a bouquet of flowers in my office that was sent to me by a patient who was grateful for the care she received by two of my OB-GYN doctors.

I feel very strongly that the credit for outstanding care belongs to the individuals who provide the service. I, therefore, had the flowers delivered to the Department of OB-GYN so they could enjoy the recognition they so richly deserved.

On those rare occasions when there are examples that indicate our care was not perfect or could have been improved, it is my responsibility to acknowledge that we can do better and immediately implement the actions to correct our deficiency.

Recently when there was some adverse media coverage of events that involved TAMC, many of my staff expressed concern because I did not personally respond to the media.

My primary focus in dealing with a problem is to implement the corrective

action. Since the essence of the story is the hardship caused, the media are not interested in what we have done to fix the problem but rather want to prolong the dialogue of the event itself. That is not in the best interest of our organization and often I am limited by privacy concerns in the information I can share about patients or staff.

For those rare occasions when there is bad news, I rely on my PAO to provide the facts to the media.

I am proud of the dedicated professional services provided by all healthcare personnel assigned to Tripler. We strive for perfection. Sometimes we are less than perfect. In those situations, I will focus on remedying the situation and taking corrective action.

I hope by sharing my thoughts with you that you can appreciate that my priority is communicating the good news stories that are the essence of Tripler Army Medical Center.

A perfect example of the caring and compassionate nature of Tripler and Schofield Barracks Health Clinics staff took place the evening of July 3. Sgt. Peter Amstutz, Spc. Yvonne Amstutz and Spc. De' Angelo Allen were returning from the movies at about 11:30 p.m. and happened on a motor vehicle accident. All

three are assigned to Medical Company C, Schofield Barracks.

When Sgt. Peter Amstutz pulled over, he saw one car on fire and the other crushed in the front with bodies lying on the ground.

He ran to the children in one car and handed them to Allen and his wife, Yvonne Amstutz, who put them into their car and triaged and treated the children.

Sgt. Amstutz then ran to the car on fire, saw a body in the driver's seat, broke out the passenger window, (it was too hot to go in from the driver's side) and as Allen held his legs in the air, he reached the driver and got him out and as far away from the fire as possible.

All three stayed on the scene until a medevac helicopter took the most critically injured by air and the others were transported by ground ambulance for care.

Finally, at around 2:30 a.m. on the Fourth of July, they left the scene exhausted and drove home.

These young soldiers are the epitome of the caring and dedication Tripler staff exhibits on a daily basis – going above and beyond the call of duty. Thank you for all you do.

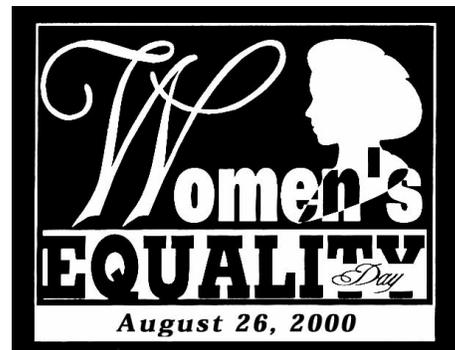
- Maj. Gen. Nancy R. Adams
Commanding General

Loyalty

To bear true faith and allegiance to the U.S. Constitution, the Army, your unit and other soldiers.

"Loyalty is the big thing, the greatest battle of all. But no man ever wins the loyalty of troops by preaching loyalty. It is given to him as he proves his possession of the other virtues."

- Brig. Gen. S.L.A. Marshall
Men Against Fire



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Heroes

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the triage site, Sgt. Amstutz glanced over at the burning vehicle and noticed the faint silhouette of a person sitting in the driver's seat.

"We didn't think anyone was in the vehicle. When we got closer, we could see the flames rolling around him, and he was just sitting there unconscious," he said. "He was burning right then and there so we knew we had get him out of there."

While the fire hissed and popped, Sgt. Amstutz and Allen, both dressed in shorts, t-shirts and sandals, tried to open the doors and break the driver's side window but to no avail.

Staff Sgt. Kevin Dee, a military policeman with Schofield's 58th MP Company was already on site and had managed to partially break out the passenger window. The MP had also attempted to douse the flames with a 10-pound fire extinguisher, which also proved unsuccessful.

The pair of medics knew they were running out of time and had to make a move quick. After breaking out the rest of the window, Sgt. Amstutz held his breath, ran up to the car and dove into the window. Allen followed right behind and held up Amstutz's legs so he could reach further into the vehicle and be pulled out quickly if the car exploded.

"I had my eyes shut so I just started feeling around. I couldn't see or breathe because the smoke was thick and black so I was trying to go as fast as I could," Amstutz said.

Finally, he grabbed onto the man, but he wouldn't budge because of the seatbelt.

"It felt like it took 20 minutes to find the seatbelt button. Flames started going onto me burning my arm," he said. "It was pure adrenaline. The seatbelt went click and we ripped him out of the vehicle."

Allen estimated that they got the man out just minutes before the car became completely engulfed in flames, which would have made the rescue impossible.

After moving away from the burning vehicle, Amstutz returned to help his wife with the injured family while Allen helped the burned man.

"One of the little girls was in bad shape. She was puking and her stomach was rigged and hard," said Amstutz, who knew immediately the girl might have internal bleeding. "She was what we call surgical urgent — she needed surgery within an hour of accident."

Although only a little more than 10 minutes had lapsed since their arrival, Amstutz said it felt like forever before the first ambulance arrived on site and a medical evacuation helicopter soon followed to take the little girl and burned man to Queen's Medical Center.

Even after help arrived, the Amstutzes and Allen continued to help until the last patient was transferred and police had taken their statements, which put them on their way at about 2:30 a.m.

It wasn't until then that the three had a chance to reflect on the night's events.



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Sgt. Peter Amstutz, Spc. Yvonne Amstutz and Spc. De'Angelo Allen, were recommended for the Soldier's Medal for their quick thinking the night of July 3.

"God was really watching over us because that car didn't explode while Sgt. Amstutz, Staff Sgt. Dee and I were pulling the gentlemen out," said Allen, who would like to become a physician's assistant.

Sgt. Amstutz, also an aspiring PA, realized the danger they had been in as well, but said he would probably do the same thing if he had to do it again.

"I couldn't just sit back and watch someone burn to death," he said.

While she said she knew it was right thing to do, Yvonne said she was furious when she heard of her husband's venture into the burning car.

"Where I was at, I couldn't see what was going on. I was probably the only one angry about what he had done," she said. "But if he had gotten hurt, at least I would have known he was doing what he loved — helping people."

In the heat of getting all the injured taken care of, the three failed to get the names of those they helped and now wonder how the family is doing.

"All we heard was that the little girl got to surgery on time and was going to be ok," Sgt. Amstutz said.

The Amstutzes and Allen recently received commendations from Hawaii Governor Benjamin Cayetano and were also recommended for the Army's highest peacetime award — the Soldier's Medal.

Although they said it feels good to be recognized, the three were just happy they could help and glad they came along that road when then did.

"If we were coming down that road 10 minutes later or earlier, things may have turned out different. We were just in the right place at the right time," Allen said. "If that were to ever happen to us, we just hope someone out there would do the same."

Tripler's IMD creates employee database

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Editor

With close to 3,000 employees at Tripler Army Medical Center, keeping track of information about each staff member can be quite a challenge for hospital administrators.

The Information Management Division is taking steps to help make this process a little easier by creating a hospital-wide employee database, which will track not only military members but civilian and contract employees as well.

"It's going to have a huge impact on the hospital. This will be the first time we will have a single, unified database to track everyone, military or civilian," said Capt. Maurice McIver, administrative officer for the Department of Nursing.

McIver, who is also a member of the database process action team, said the main purpose of the new system will be to track key training required by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) such as customer relations and Birth Month Annual Review training.

"Our priority is to replace the system currently tracking employee education, which is Government Transportable (GT) Education tracking," said Lt. Col. Rosemary Kyte, chief of IMD. Kyte said the Directorate of Health Education and Training and a Human Resources functional management team observed that this program has numerous problems and isn't working well for many departments.

"It was decided that there needed to be an easier and more

efficient way of tracking this key training," she said.

While creating a replacement for the GT Education system is the main goal, McIver said the new database could also be used for other tracking purposes.

"The applications are huge," he said. "Nearly every piece of information that relates to personnel management can be tracked by this database." McIver said this includes tracking anything from flagged soldiers and Army Physical Fitness Tests to evaluations and civilian pay.

"It's going to be a very challenging prospect, but this will be a real benefit to the command when it's operational," he said.

Since committing to the project in May, Kyte said a process action team comprised of department representatives worked together to come up with a list of requirements for the database, and IMD staff members are currently in the process of building the program.

While building software can be unpredictable, Kyte plans to have the database completed by the end of September and in use by December.

"Ideally, we'll have it up in all departments, but our goal is to have the final version of the database up and running in at least one of our departments by the end of December," she said.

Although the new database will primarily be used only by department and hospital administrators, Kyte said anyone interested in the database can join the process action team.

For more information, call Kyte at 433-5230.

Red Cross honors teens

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TAMC Public Affairs Office

Participants of the Red Cross' Volunteering Program were recognized Aug. 2 during a luncheon in their honor.

Twenty-six high school students participated in the Red Cross Volunteering Program this summer at Tripler Army Medical Center. The teens donated a total of 1,648.5 hours of their time.

Volunteering Program participants are:

Jon Bostrom – 12 hrs.

Tiffany Bumanglag – 29 hrs.

George Courtney III – 38 hrs.

Erica Craig – 3.5 hrs.

Adeline Del Rosario – 44.5 hrs.

Tracy Frando – 98.5 hrs.

Anna Fujishige – 24.5

Mark Fujishige – 42.5 hrs.

Beau Geolina – 45 hrs.

Patrice Herbert – 25 hrs.

Amy Homer – 13 hrs.

Mark Kawakami – 162 hrs.



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Those attending the luncheon were (front row) Harmony Bayles, Red Cross Station Coordinator; Lynne Woods, Tracy Frando, Jon Bostrom and Mark Fujishige. Back row: Ashi Martin, Shellita Sanders, Rachel Ryan, Bree Shimizu, Col. Lee Briggs, Debby Anderson, Red Cross Volunteer Chairman, and Vicky Briggs, Honorary Chairman of Volunteers.

Ashi Martin – 122 hrs.

Andre McKenzie – 94.5

Adrianna Rivera – 5 hrs.

Rachel Ryan – 60 hrs.

Shellita Sanders – 191 hrs.

Bree Shimizu – 60.5 hrs.

Tishanna Supnet – 122 hrs

Kimberly Thompson – 45 hrs.

Sterling Thompson – 186 hrs.

Zane Thompson – 60.5 hrs.

Lisa Timbancaya – 29.5 hrs.

Mariex Vilorio – 59 hrs.

Tasha Walker – 62 hrs.

Brandhi Wright – 14 hrs.



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Tripler soldiers serve up lunch during Organization Day 2000.

O-Day 2000

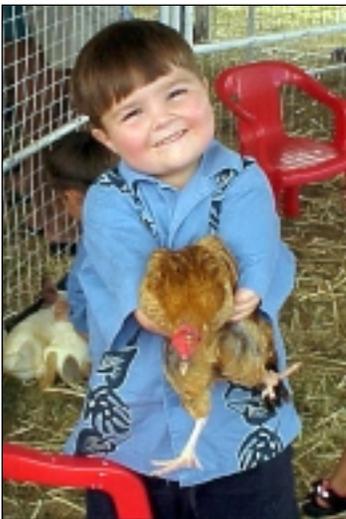
Tripler Army Medical Center conducted Organization Day 2000 Aug. 4 at the Tripler ballfield.

More than 1,400 employees and their family members gathered to take part in the festivities.

O-day activities included a petting

zoo, rock climbing wall, sack races, static displays and entertainment from Halau Hula and the Ka'ala Boys.

The O-Day event wrapped up with the presentation of the Commander's Cup, which was awarded to A Company.



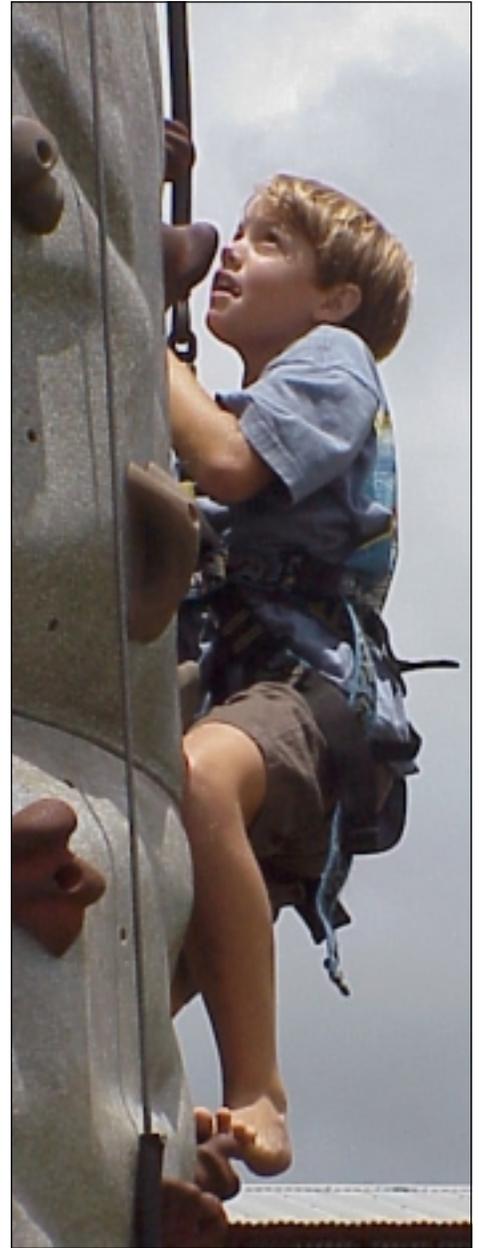
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Landon Weeks, 4, makes friends with a chicken at the petting zoo.



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Besides games, participants were also treated to a hula show put on by Halau Hula.



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Jonathan Taylor, 9, attempts to make it to the top of the rock climbing wall.



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A group of O-day participants compete in a game of volleyball.

Exercise

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runs the same as in a clinic.

"Everything you do (in the clinic), you can do out here and vice versa," said Ball.

Besides learning new equipment in a new environment, the exercise also served as an opportunity to help improve the working relationship between clinic staff and dentists and assistants from the 725th MSB and 225th FSB.

"The exercise is an excellent opportunity for team development," said Lt. Col. Louis Campana, the division dental surgeon. "It doesn't happen very often where we can come together and help train our counterparts so we try to make the most out of it."

With the field site just feet from the clinic, patients regularly scheduled for treatment were escorted out to the treatment tent for their appointments. During the exercise, the dentists and their assistants performed numerous treatments in the field environment including tooth extractions, fillings and routine examinations.

"This shows (the patients) that they would get the same treatment out in the field as in the clinic," Ball said.

1st Sgt. Gerald Weigle, PRDC's senior



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At the field site, Capt. (Dr.) Chris Pedorella, a dentist with the 25th Infantry Division's 225th Forward Support Battalion, begins to inspect a patient's teeth as Spc. Sandra Boston, a dental assistant with the 225th FSB, assists.

dental NCO, said the decision to have the field site so close to the clinic was based on more than just having easy access to patients.

"This is ideal training because the

soldiers can step out and participate in this training without interrupting the clinic's mission," said Weigle. "What we have here is low-cost training with all the benefits."

the winner's circle

Promotions for July

Col. Michael Daley
Lt. Col. Yolanda Flores
Cpt. David Condon
Capt. Keith McWherter
Capt. Lori Farrer
Capt. Shawn Kelly
1st Lt. Karen Lindquist
Sgt. Maj. John Dingman
Sgt. 1st Class Monique Washington
Sgt. Ian Yee
Sgt. Regina Gee
Sgt. Jose Reyes
Sgt. Rahman Ruston

Special thanks to the TAMC O'Day committee

Staff Sgt. Maria Saloma
Sandra Parker
Sgt. 1st Class John Tubon
Sgt. Debbie McMath
Sgt. 1st Class Samuel Baker
Capt. Tracy Smith
Sgt. 1st Class Sandra

Rogers
Sgt. Brian Cordell
1st Sgt. Henry Rockward
Master Sgt. Guillermo Ortiz
Jeanne DeCosta
Jaqueline Hart
Staff Sgt. Gustave Blanche
Staff Sgt. Walter Marshall
Staff Sgt. Charles Paige
Spc. James Piccillo
Sgt. John Spaulding
Sgt. Michelle Rightmyer
Staff Sgt. Steven Jedro
Sgt. Sheena Brunson
Spc. Ladona Chambers
July reenlistments
Sgt. Eric Andries
Sgt. 1st Class Samuel L. Baker
Sgt. Reginald R. Gee
Spc. Paz L. Lavender
Sgt. Juan Sanchez-Martinez

Tripler spotlight

Tripler Army Medical Center

Tripler Army Medical Center is fortunate to have David P. Collins working in Housekeeping. His smile and helpful attitude are readily apparent to all those who come into contact with him.

For the past seven years, Collins has been keeping Tripler clean working a variety of areas. Currently, he cleans the 1st Floor, E Wing Area and is also on pager as a Duty Housekeeper. Any emergency clean ups needed, he's the man for the job.

Collins came to Hawaii from Pennsylvania in 1979 on vacation, and liked it so much he decided to stay. His wife, Nicholasa, who grew up on Maui, was already familiar with the islands. The couple currently lives in Waipahu.

What he likes the most about working at Tripler is "All the people I get a chance to meet," Collins said grinning.

His plan for the future is "Retire happy and go fishing," he said. He has no idea when that will happen "because it's so expensive living here."



David Collins

news briefs

Preretirement orientation set for Aug. 30 - A preretirement orientation for soldiers with 18 or more years of active service will be presented Aug. 30 from 8 to 11:30 a.m., at the Sergeant Smith Theater on Schofield Barracks.

Information concerning the benefits and privileges of a military retirement will be provided. Representatives of Federal/State agencies and military staff offices will be available to answer individual questions after the slide presentation. Spouses of applicable military personnel are also encouraged to attend.

For more information, call the Retirement Services Office, 556th Personnel Services Battalion at 655-1514.

TAMC sponsors golf tournament - Tripler is sponsoring a Fall Golf Scramble Sept. 29 at Mamala Bay Golf Course on Hickam Air Force Base.



The tournament will be a four-player scramble with standard scoring system, and there will be a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. It is open to all service members from Tripler, the U.S. Army Pacific

Command and 25th Infantry Division as well as Department of the Army civilians.

All entry forms complete with full payment must be submitted no later than Sept. 15. The entry fee is \$8 in addition to a green/cart fee of \$17(E1-5), \$22(E6-03), \$24(04-010) and \$33(DA civilians).

For more information, call Capt. Keith McWherter at 433-9131.

BOSS program needs support - Tripler Army Medical Center's Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers (BOSS) program is seeking single soldiers to participate in the program.

The BOSS program supports the chain of command by identifying quality of life (QOL) issues and concerns and then recommending QOL improvements. The program also encourages and assists single soldiers in identifying and planning recreational and leisure activities.

In September, program officials such as president, vice president and company

representatives will be determined by popular vote of the BOSS-eligible soldiers.

For more information on the BOSS program, call Sgt. 1st Class Barry Davis at 433-6761.

HEP-C offers classes - Tripler's Health Education and Promotion Center offers a variety of educational classes throughout the month including classes on nutrition and diabetes.

The August class schedule includes:
Healthy Heart and Hypertension - Mondays at 2 p.m.

Eating Healthy on a Budget - Tuesdays at noon
Cardiac Wellness - Wednesdays at 9 a.m.

Basic nutrition - Thursdays at noon

Blood pressure checks - Fridays from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For more information or to register for a class, call 433-1093 or 433-1472.



Preparedness seminar set for Sept. 13-14 - The 5th annual Emergency Preparedness Satellite Seminar, set for Sept. 13 and 14, will bring together a wide range of partners in emergency preparedness to discuss human and animal health emergencies. Seminar hours are 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. eastern time on Sept. 13, and 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sept. 14. A "live" call-in segment for viewers to ask questions follows each day's program.

The two-day satellite seminar is sponsored by USDA/Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, FEMA and DoD. Registration information, downlink instructions, agenda and materials, and details on continuing education credits are available at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/vs/training/>, or contact Melanie Adams at (301) 734-5750.

District Vet Command gets new commander - Lt. Col. David S. Rolfe took command of the Pacific District Veterinary Command from Lt. Col. Richard L. Daise at Palm Circle, Fort Shafter, July 20. Col. Gary L. Anderson, commander, Pacific Regional Veterinary Command, was the senior officer.

Rolfe's previous assignments include

Castle Air Force Base, Calif.; 110th Medical Detachment, Hanau, Germany; commander, 129th Medical Detachment, (VM) Yongsan, Korea; chief, Internal Medicine and Outpatient Clinics, Department of Defense Military Working Dog Veterinary Service, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas; and most recently chief of Animal Medicine Division, Headquarters, U.S. Army Veterinary Command, Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

The Central Pacific District Veterinary Command has an area of responsibility that includes the Hawaiian Islands, Wake Island, Johnston Atoll, Kwajalein Atoll, American Samoa, and support to Pacific Command missions throughout the Pacific Rim.

Counsel needs volunteers for Ala Wai cleanup - Tripler Army Medical Center's Junior Officer Counsel needs volunteers to help clean up Ala Wai Yacht Harbor Aug. 26, 7:30 a.m. to noon.

Military and civilian workers are welcome and can meet at the harbor the day of the cleanup. Pupus will be provided after the clean up is finished.

For more information, contact 1st Lt. Wendy Mello at 433-6803.

Chaplaincy celebrates birthday - The U.S. Army Chaplaincy celebrated its 225th birthday July 29.

Tripler's Department of Ministry and Pastoral Care marked the event with a lunch celebration. A special video-taped message from the Chief of Chaplains Maj. Gen. Gaylord T. Gunhus, was presented during the luncheon as well as during both Catholic and Protestant weekend worship services.

As long as there has been a U. S. Army, there has been a chaplaincy. Chaplains and Chaplain Assistants, the Unit Ministry Team (UMT), continue to be an integral part of the Army and its mission. Nowhere is this more evident than in a Medical Center like TAMC. Here, the UMT works together with the entire hospital staff to promote healing: physical, mental, and spiritual.

The Department of Ministry and Pastoral Care is here for patients and staff. For more information, call 433-5727.



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On the fast track

Anthony Samuel (left to right), De'Angelo Allen, Gary Campbell and Dominic Chance race down Schofield Barracks' Stoneman Field during Tripler Army Medical

Center's Commander's Cup track and field event. A Company won the event and went on to claim the Commander's Cup trophy during the O-Day festivities.

Tripler finishes season undefeated



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As the opposing team's pitcher waits for the ball, a Tripler player races around third base on his way to home during first inning action Aug. 8.

TAMC Public Affairs Office

With a season record of 18-0, Tripler Army Medical Center's softball team finished off the regular season Aug. 8 by defeating Fort Shafter's 205th Military Intelligence Battalion 25-0.

The 205th team didn't stand a chance as Tripler took a demanding lead by the end of the first inning, coming out ahead 12-0. The rest of the game proved more of the same for the 205th MI Bn. which ended the game scoreless.

While some may downplay Tripler's successful season, Kenneth Rogers of C Company said that putting together a competitive team was no easy task.

"Some people think that since Tripler has so many people, we could have three or four teams," he said. "The truth is that out of all those people that work here, not that many can come out and play. Working shifts, changing routines and working long hours on the wards make it tough to field a competitive team."

The team will next vie for the top spot in the U.S. Army Hawaii tournament, which is tentatively scheduled to begin Aug. 24. Tripler is one of two teams from the Fort Shafter division which will advance to the tournament along with 16 from the Schofield Barracks division.

The TAMC team will also have a chance to earn the title of best Army medical team when they participate in the U.S. Army Medical Command softball tournament in September.