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Tripler honors 8 staff members in Memorial Garden Ceremony

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HONOLULU-Tripler Army Medical Center staff gathered in the Memorial Garden July 28th to remember eight staff members who passed away in recent months by adding their names to a memorial plaque.

The Memorial Garden – which opened in the mid-1990s - is on the 3rd floor cross ramp between C and H wings, and contains a plaque that bears the names of staff members, who died while serving at Tripler.

“The staff members we are honoring today at Tripler served over 150 years of service to our patients,” said Col Stephanie A. Marshall, commander of Tripler. “We want to thank the families for sharing their loved ones with us.”

Marshall reminded Tripler staff present that they can perpetuate those who have died by continuing to provide excellent patient care to the beneficiary population.

Those remembered include:

Col. Jeffrey P. Kavolius, M.D., Chief, General Surgery who served July 1, 1996 -August 29, 2002. He will be remembered as a passionate human being who was deeply patriotic and relished teaching.

Robert Baldwin, who served March 22, 1993 – July 14, 2004. He worked on the Post Anesthetic Care Unit (PACU) and was a great mentor to other staff.

John R. Boggs served January 24, 1982 - April 29, 2003 and worked in the Logistics Division and was a dedicated staff member.

Norma Deperalta served May 15, 1989 - June 12, 2002 in the Surgical Admission Center, and who made a difference in the staff and her patients lives.

Joyce McDonald served March 1, 1999 - January 23, 2004 in the Department of Pediatric Nursing, who was a “woman of God” and offered so much to the staff and patients.

Lawrence “Larry” Mokulehua, April 13, 1968 - May 25, 2004 in the Military Personnel Division, was wounded in Vietnam while on active duty. He was remembered as a direct influence on the majority of physicians in the Army who came through Tripler on staff.

Dr. Louis Polskin, served 1981-2002 as a Red Cross volunteer, and former Tripler physician, who worked in the Refill Pharmacy, who epitomized “graciousness and devotion.”

Ruby Robinson, January 1971 - August 28, 2003 in the Department of Psychiatric Nursing, who was

described as a “caring, protective person.”

Col. Dale Vincent, M.D., chief of Tripler’s Department of Medicine, said the memorial garden “had a wonderfully calming presence” which was a great metaphor for the “calming, stabilizing effect all these people have had on Tripler.”



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