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Year in Review: Schofield Barracks Health Clinic 2009

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS --Schofield Barracks Health Clinic continued throughout 2009 to create innovative ways to support our deployed and redeployed Soldiers and their families.

Pōhai Pūlama. Established in November 2008, the Pōhai Pūlama (the Caring Circle) built steam in 2009 to become a driving force focused on behavioral wellness and resilience. By developing modern, contemporary techniques and protocol to address ongoing issues faced by today's Soldiers and families, the Pōhai Pūlama created ways of providing greater behavioral health resources through programs and services.

This collaborative effort brought together members from Schofield Barracks Health Clinic; Tripler Army Medical Center Behavioral Health; senior spouses of the 25th Infantry Division; Family, Morale, Welfare, and Recreation; Army Community Service; Rear Detachment Commanders; Family Readiness Group leaders; school-based behavioral health program leaders; Garrison and Tripler Public Affairs Offices; and active volunteers to include the US District Attorney for Hawaii and the Executive Director of the Hawaii Army Museum Society.

Under the "Family Strong Hawaii" umbrella, the programs provided 21 new, pre-, during and post-deployment Family Strong Series classes, eight Coffee with Joe programs at the Tropics Recreation Center, 40 Warrior Adventure Quest sessions for 754 re-deployed Soldiers, three Lantern Ceremony Remembrance Programs for families of fallen warriors, two Mindfulness training workshops by national leaders and various Warrior Transition Unit, ACS and SFAC ongoing programs.

Renovation projects. Renovation projects at the health clinic to the sum of \$14 million preserved the early 1900s plantation-style architecture while meeting the standards and demands of modern Army medicine.

- Completed in February, building 681 modernized four clinics— the Family Advocacy Clinic, Child and Adolescent Assistance Center, Adult Family Member Assistance Center and the Marriage and Family Treatment Center.
- Building 691, home of the Occupational Health Clinic and the Automated Neuropsychological Assessment Metric (ANAM) clinic, where dozens of Soldiers can take a computer-based test to assess health baselines and a follow-up assessment to identify brain injuries was completed in November 2009.
- Renovations are ongoing at building 672. This \$3 million renovation will enclose the existing lanais to greatly increase clinical spaces. The Soldier Evaluation for Life Fitness (SELF) program and the concussion/traumatic brain injury program will be relocated there when the project is completed in March 2010.

- While not part of the Schofield Barracks Health Clinic, the Warrior Assistance Center at Grant Hall, building 692, was renovated and re-opened in June 2009 to provide support services for warriors in transition (WT) receiving specialized medical care from the health clinic.

Tuberculosis screening. And under the Pacific Regional Medical Command umbrella, staff from TAMC and SBHC planned and completed the Department of the Army and United States Medical Command's first change of post-deployment tuberculosis screening from PPD skin testing, to a focused Public Health Nursing screening of all Soldiers to determine those with actual risks. The result, an 80 per cent drop in false positive skin testing. This, while meeting all medical requirements for Soldier Readiness Processing of over 7,900 deployed Soldiers and over 8,000 redeployed Soldiers.