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## Brig. Gen. Jones to turn over command of Tripler to Brig. Gen. Gallagher

TRIPLER ARMY MEDICAL CENTER— In a ceremony at Tripler's oceanside terrace at 2 p.m. on May 25, Brig. Gen. Steve Jones, Commanding General of the Pacific Regional Medical Command and Tripler Army Medical Center, will relinquish the leadership of 4,500 Soldiers and civilians in the medical command to Brig. Gen. Keith Gallagher.

Brig. Gen. Jones assumed command at Tripler in Dec 2007. While here, he has led the command to higher levels of achievement in providing quality healthcare to more than 464,000 active duty and retired military personnel and military family members from Hawaii and the western Pacific, including patients referred from Micronesia,

Marshall Islands and Palau.

As the number of Soldiers with physical and behavioral health injuries grew over almost a decade of repeated combat deployments, a major focus of his command has been the care of the Army's wounded Soldiers and their families. His major accomplishments include the activation of the Warrior Transition Battalion, the opening of a traumatic brain injury clinic at Tripler, and a brain concussion clinic at Schofield Barracks.

Schofield Barracks also became the Army's second site for the Soldier Evaluation for Life Fitness (SELF) program, and was also the test site for the Army's Confidential Alcohol Treatment and Education Pilot program.

Another first under Brig. Gen. Jones' tenure was the launch of a telemedicine initiative to allow behavioral health specialists at Tripler and Schofield Barracks to conduct confidential interviews with Soldiers deployed to combat areas to assess their mental health status and to design care plans for them upon return.

Brig. Gen. Jones also strengthened a school-based mental health program to improve the counseling of students from military families stressed by deployment of their parents. The program is one of several initiatives through which Tripler Army Medical Center and Schofield Barracks Health Clinic have strengthened partnerships with other Army organizations such as the Child and Youth Services at Schofield Barracks, to develop an integrated approach to help Army family members deal with the stresses of combat deployments.

Brig. Gen. Jones is being reassigned to duties in National Capitol Region, Washington DC. Brig. Gen. Gallagher's previous assignment was Commander, U.S. Army Europe Regional Medical Command in Heidelberg, Germany.



Brig. Gen. Stephen Jones  
Commanding General  
Pacific Regional Medical Command  
Tripler Army Medical Center

**Traffic Advisory:** *In preparation for the change of command ceremony, Ward Road, the street in front of the Oceanside entrance, will be closed that day from 0430 to 0900 hours, and again during the ceremony, from 1300-1500.*

*Drivers dropping off or picking up patients should use the mountainside entrance during these times. Ward Avenue will be open to traffic between 0900 and 1300 and after 1500 that day.*