

## GFEBs goes live



Tripler Army Medical Center celebrated GFEBs going “live,” in a ceremony held April 21. GFEBs stands for General Fund Enterprise Business System that is a web-based enterprise resource planning (ERP) solution that will allow the Army to Modernize its financial and accounting processes; it integrates the view of real property inventory and plant maintenance enhancing visibility of financial status for projects and costs associated with maintain real property; it also allows for the exchange of business information with interfacing systems; finally, it has the ability to track an entire business process transaction within the GFEBs infrastructure from purchase requisition to bill payment.

Provisioned GFEBs end users will have access to real time transactions and information that will help Tripler maximize the use of its resources while significantly improving business decisions that have a direct and positive impact on the care and treatment of our patients.

## Tripler nurse receives Marine Corps commendation

**Nick Spinelli**  
*Editor*

The evening/night supervisor for Tripler Army Medical Center’s nursing department was honored in a ceremony held March 29 in the hospital’s Kyser Auditorium.

Lt. Col. (ret.) Joe Kiser, a former Navy corpsmen and retired Army nurse was recognized for his actions on Nov. 22 of last year, when he saved the life of Marine Staff Sgt. Mark Lyons, a MAGTF Planner at Marine Forces Pacific.

Lyons was in a serious motorcycle accident, which Kiser happened to come across. He chose to investigate the situation, and while other people were on site attempting to help, saw that he could provide assistance.

“Emergency services had already been called, but he needed immediate care. Fortunately, I had a first aid kit with me, so I was able to help.” Kiser said.

Kiser quickly assessed the situation and applied a tourniquet to Lyons’ badly injured leg, slowing the bleeding long enough for emergency services to arrive. He then stayed with Lyons, keeping the Marine focused and conscious until EMT’s could transport him to Queen’s Hospital.

“I knew he’d eventually be transferred to Tripler. I kept telling him I would see him again,” Kiser said.

Fortunately, Kiser was correct. After he was stable enough, Lyons’ was transferred to Tripler. In his position as bed manager for the hospital, Kiser was the one to bring Lyons in.

“I asked him if he remembered me. At first, he said he didn’t, but it came back to him,” Kiser said

While Lyons was at Tripler, Kiser checked on him regularly, brushing off thanks and praise.

“I’d do it again in a second,” he said.

Lyons, who is recovering on the mainland, was unable to attend the ceremony. However, he sent a letter from he and his wife, thanking Kiser for his actions.

“Thank you for saving my life,” he wrote. “We will never forget all

that you’ve done for us.”

For his actions, Kiser was awarded a Meritorious Civilian Service Medal.

“For this selfless act, Mr. Kiser’s actions reflect great credit upon himself, Tripler Army Medical Center and the United States Marine Corps,” his citation read.



Lt. Col. (ret.) Joe Kiser

# Update on 2010 Tax Deadlines

## Regular Due Date: April 18, 2011

April 18, 2011 is the regular due date to file and pay 2010 taxes (normally it would be April 15th, but this year Emancipation Day, a recognized holiday in the District of Columbia, falls on April 15th, so the tax deadline was extended to the next business day).

## Combat Zone/Contingency Operation 180 Day Extension

If you deployed to a combat zone, qualified hazardous duty area, direct support area, or a contingency operation, you will receive an automatic 180-day extension from the last day you serve in that area plus the number of days remaining to file before you entered the area. This extension covers filing and paying tax. No interest will accrue on any owed tax. Presently, neither Operation Tomodachi nor Operation Odyssey Dawn/Unified Protector qualify.

## Automatic 2-Month Extension: June 15, 2011

If you do not qualify for the 180-day automatic extension, but are a military member serving outside the United States, including permanently assigned to Japan, temporary duty to Japan, participating in Operation Tomodachi, or Operation Odyssey Dawn/Unified Protector, or you are a U.S. citizen or resident living outside the United States whose main place of work is outside the United States, you will receive an automatic 2-month extension to file and pay 2010 taxes.

If you qualify for the 2-month extension, you will still be eligible for the extension even if you are physically present in the United States or Puerto Rico on April 18, 2011.

This extension means you have to file and pay any owed tax by June 15, 2011. However, if you owe tax, you will be subject to accrued interest from the regular filing date of April 18, 2011. If you are married and

file a joint return, either spouse may qualify for the extension, but if you file separately each spouse must separately qualify. To use the extension you must attach a statement to your return explaining which situation qualifies you for the extension. If you file at a military tax center, the tax preparer can enter the explanation on your electronic return.

## 6-Month Extension: October 17, 2011

A 6-month extension to file but not to pay any tax owed is available for any taxpayer who cannot file by the regular April 18, 2011 due date. Simply file a Form 4868, available at <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f4868.pdf>. You will have until October 17, 2011 to file but must pay any owed tax by the regular due date of April 18, 2011 or face penalties and interest charges. Those who qualify for the automatic 2 month extension but need more time to file may also request an additional 4 months to file by sending a Form 4868 to the IRS and checking block 8, "out of the country." You will also have until October 17, 2011 to file, but payment is still due on June 15, 2011, and if tax was owed, the interest will accrue from the regular due date of April 18, 2011.



## Chaplain Thought for the Week: "Resentment and Anger"

**Chap. (Maj.) Ibraheem A. Raheem**

*Chaplain Clinician TAMC  
Tri-Service Addiction Recovery  
Facility*

Quote: Anger will never disappear so long as thoughts of resentment are cherished in the mind. Anger will disappear just as soon as thoughts of resentment are forgotten.

Scripture: Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord. Psalm 119:1

Reflection: What positive things have anger and resentment given birth to in your life? What good has it brought to you or to those you love? How many pleasant memories are the results of anger? I've been angry myself many times, and never has that anger made me feel better about myself, about life, or about any situation. And I've found that as long as I hold on to the resentment that I feel because of something someone else did (or that I think they did),

my anger will continue to grow, to fester, to become a destructive force that will bring nothing positive to my life. How can we get rid of thoughts of resentment? A few ways to deal with anger are showing compassion, understanding and giving people the benefit of the doubt. Contemplating over why another person has done something can help us to see each situation in a different light. The question becomes are we going to fuel the anger by harboring thoughts of re-

sentment, or are we going to lessen our emotional load by letting go of those destructive thoughts? The more we think about events that transpire in our lives the more we realize that no one makes us angry. Instead anger, like love, is something we choose. Have a blessed day and keep up the good work!

Prayer: Dear Lord, increase our love for you and unite our hearts with yours, that we may only seek and desire what is pleasing to you."

### Nurses Week

#### Nurses Leading the Way with Trust and Quality

- ▶ What: Poster Presentations & Lecture
- ▶ Where: Kyser Auditorium
- ▶ When: 10 May 2011 (1000 to 1200)
- ▶ Guest Speaker: Dr. Meg Johangten (1200 to 1300)
  
- ▶ Submit your poster: Research, Evidence-Based Practice, Performance Improvement, Education, Innovation, and Clinical Practice (Submit individually, as a ward, or product line)
- ▶ Open to nurses (all services), academics and nursing students
- ▶ Must be present from 1000-1145 to discuss the poster with visitors/judges
- ▶ Meg Johangten, PhD, RN from the University of Maryland will provide a lecture on the Doctorate of Nursing Practice (DNP) vs. Masters Degree in Nursing vs. PhD in Nursing
- ▶ Contact MAJ Angelo Moore ([angelo.moore@amedd.army.mil](mailto:angelo.moore@amedd.army.mil)) to learn more about the event and provide a 150 word (or less) abstract NLT 27 April 2011

Tickets go on sale 1 February, 2011 @ [www.warriormemorial.com](http://www.warriormemorial.com)

Numbers are Limited so Sign-Up Today!

Ride for our Fallen Warriors Motorcycle

Join the 2/25 SBCT Memorial Association in honoring our Fallen Warriors on April 9, 2011 through Kolekole Pass.

Registration starts at the Stryker Brigade Motor Pool Schofield Barracks, Hawaii between 8.30-10am.

Early Registration by March 1, 2011 is \$40.00 per person  
Registration between March 1-April 1, 2011 will be \$50.00 per person

Registration fee includes our Poker Ride Signature t-shirt and Meal  
There will be games, music, and prizes at the final stop of the Ride.

\*\*\*100% of the proceeds support the 2<sup>nd</sup> Stryker Brigade Memorial Association's Mission\*\*\*

The mission of Our Memorial Association is to forever honor the Fallen Soldiers of the 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat team, 25th Infantry Division, by engraving their names on the Memorial at Schofield Barracks and aiding the return of our Gold Star Families to see their loved ones honored at our rededication ceremony. By donating to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Stryker Brigade Combat Team Memorial, you are helping Our cause to create an enduring tribute for all.

Visit us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/TriplerArmy-MedicalCenter](http://www.facebook.com/TriplerArmy-MedicalCenter) or on Twitter at @TripMedCen

## NEWS BRIEFS

**Two weeks and counting . . .** To active duty Army family members: Live within a 30-minute drive of Kapolei? Want easy access and available parking? Enroll now at the Warrior Ohana Medical Home. Doors open to patient care beginning April 21st. Receive the same, world-class care you currently receive at Tripler, at a location close to where you live and work! Follow this link and enroll now! [www.tamc.amedd.army.mil](http://www.tamc.amedd.army.mil)

### Attention All Nurses!!! Hawaii Licenses Expiring Soon!!

Nurses, if you have a Hawaii license, please mark your calendar to renew them before they expire the end of June. Once you renew them please email, drop off or fax them to the Department of Nursing on 3A. Fax: 808-433-3567 Phone: 808-433-5031 Point of contact is Jessica Barbosa.

**FMB will be powering off C1 Critical Electric Circuit** at 1 am on May 8, 2011 to install a new panel for more capacity. This will only affect wings F,G,& H and it is anticipated to take no more than 4 hours to complete. FMB personnel will be visiting each area affected between now and 1 May to meet with OIC's, NCOIC's and CIC's (Civilians in Charge) to evaluate power distribution. Please keep in mind that the outage date is subject to change based on emergency needs of the hospital.

**The Corridor flooring fronting 2F loading dock will be closed** for repair from 4 pm Friday to 4 pm Sunday for the next two weekends (until April 15). Public Works will also work one week night to install flooring, Monday, April 11th, beginning at 4 pm. Please use alternate passage and exits during the closures. Until the work is completed, please use care as you pass thru this corridor. For more information, contact Darryl Nogami at 433-1571.

**University of Hawaii** is hosting the Western Athletic Conference Track and Field Championship meet May 10 - May 13 2011, and are looking for volunteers to assist running the meet. All volunteers will be given a WAC championship meet t-shirt and be fed lunch, also free admission to the meet that will include no cost parking. Attached is the "WAC T&F Schedule for the meet." Please contact Althea at: [altheab@hawaii.edu](mailto:altheab@hawaii.edu) or 956-2532 (email is best for now) for more information.

**13<sup>th</sup> Annual  
James W. Bass Research Symposium  
and  
4<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Donald A. Person Poster Session**

**Abstract Deadline: Friday, April 15, 2011 (See Dept of Clinical Investigation web site for details)**

**Where: Kyser Auditorium and Room 10A101**

**Date: Wednesday, 8:15 am, May 11, 2011**

**Keynote Speaker: Dale C. Smith, PhD , Chairman,  
Dept of Medical History Uniformed Services  
University of the Health Sciences  
"The military and clinical research"**

***Please mark your calendars to come out and support the GME trainees.***

**The Army Health Promotion & Risk Reduction Task Force**, HQDA requests that you share your perspectives and experiences relative to "stigma" and seeking behavioral health by taking 10 minutes or so of your time to complete a short survey. A lot of initiatives have been implemented over the past years in an effort to promote help-seeking behavior, and your feedback will serve as a measure of their effectiveness. Additionally, your anonymous responses will provide valuable insight as additional policies, procedures and programs are developed to better serve Soldiers, Family members and DA civilians. Please elaborate upon your responses beyond "yes/no" and provide examples as appropriate. Thank you in advance for helping with this effort, and we request that you complete the survey prior to 4 Mar 11. You can find the survey at <https://survey.army.mil>. AKO username and password required unless you are already logged in to AKO or the forums.

**All staff who intend to present**, speak or submit abstracts, posters, presentations under any external (public) venue MUST follow required procedures. For those articles/presentations requiring clinical investigation review, please contact the Clinical Investigation Department by calling 433-6709. You will be provided with instruction and the necessary paperwork to begin clearance procedures. For those whose speaking engagements or presentations do not require CI clearance, please visit the TAMC Intranet front page. Scroll down

to ON-GOING and click on Public Affairs Policies for Staff. Click on MEDCOM Policy on review of manuscripts or presentations for use in public domain and follow those instructions. A checklist is provided. If it goes to the public, it goes through the Public Affairs Office first! Any questions, call 433-2809/5785.

**The Integrative and Interventional Pain Clinics** are now functionally one interdisciplinary team! To ease pain consult decisions for providers, we now have a single consult portal into TAMC for Pain within CHCS/AHLTA. When "PAIN" is typed into CHCS/AHLTA, three options will be available.

1. PAIN CENTER INTERDISCIPLINARY
2. PAIN SRP-PAIN
3. PAIN NET PAIN

Your specific referral question/consult will then be assigned to the appropriate team members accordingly. We look forward to continuing to assist you with your patients' pain management needs.

**The Department of Public Works** will be replacing a 10" water line near building 127 and the Center for Aging until June 3. Work will not begin until after the morning rush hour and one lane along Krukowski Road will be open at all times. Work will end at approx 6:30 pm daily. DPW thanks you for your understanding as they work to improve Tripler infrastructure.

**A hospital-wide Linen Inventory** will be held on April 4 from 6:30 to 11:30 am. All using activities at Tripler AMC and U.S. Army

Health Clinic, Schofield Barracks, are required to participate in this inventory. A Linen Management Section representative will be contacting appropriate users for the required briefing on inventory procedures and provide the necessary Inventory Instruction Sheet and Count Sheet.

**The 13th Annual James W. Bass Research Symposium** featuring presentations of selected Graduate Medical Education Research will be held May 11, 2011 in the Tripler Army Medical Center Kyser Auditorium. The Keynote speaker will be Dale C. Smith, PhD, Chairman of the Dept. of Medical History at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, whose talk is titled "The military and clinical research. The 4th Annual Donald A. Person Poster Session displaying clinical case studies and Graduate Medical Education Research will be held from noon to 2 pm on Wednesday, 11 May 2011 in the 10th Floor Conference Room. All TAMC GME Program Directors, House Staff and Staff are strongly encouraged to attend and support the research achievements of TAMC's outstanding GME trainees. Abstract deadline will be April 15, 2011. Call Maj. Jason Barnhill at 433-7170 for more information.

**The U.S. Army, Pacific and the Australian Defence Force (ADF)** are sponsoring the 21st Asia-Pacific Military Medicine Conference (APMMC XXI), May 2-6, 2011 at the Sydney Hilton. The website is now up and open for registration. Log on to <http://www.apmmc.org> for more information.

# Efforts to distribute flu vaccine across Pacific renewed through Joint service efforts

*Joint Task Force Homeland Defense and Tripler Army Medical Center Public Affairs Offices*

An ongoing partnership between the U.S. Army, local airlines and other federal and non-governmental agencies was renewed this year, as a supply of influenza vaccinations was sent out to five Pacific islands and U.S. territories, March 26.

“The program actually began back in 2007,” Mel Garcia, Deputy J-3 for Joint Task Force Homeland Defense said. At that time, it was noticed that American citizens in those territories were not getting vaccinated. A plan was formed to ship excess flu vaccine from Tripler Army Medical Center to the in need areas. Unfortunately, due to the H1N1 scare, the program was suspended last year.

“There was no excess,” Lance Golder, Military Vaccine Analyst, explained. “Manufacturers focused on the h1N1 vaccine so there was less of the traditional flu vaccine. What we had, we used.”

However, due to a collaborative effort between military and civilian services, the program was re-activated, and 10,700 doses of flu vaccine were donated by the various military branches both here in Hawaii and from the mainland. Additionally, Continental and Hawaiian Airlines have provided delivery of the vaccine to JTF-HD’s partners in the Pacific since the program’s inception, also at no cost.

“This collaborative effort is expected to benefit tens of thousands of Pacific Islanders over millions of square miles,” said Garcia.

In previous years the vaccine has made its way over 5,000 miles of the Pacific Ocean, to Guam, American Samoa, Federated States of Micronesia, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Marshall Islands, the Republic of Palau, and other small Pacific islands, to donate the surplus doses of seasonal influenza vaccine that would otherwise have been discarded.



Are you a parent of a school age child?  
Are you 10 to 18 years old?

## LET YOUR VOICES BE HEARD . . . PARTICIPATE IN THE USPACOM MILITARY CHILD IN HAWAII FOCUS

*All parents and students (ages 9-18) are encouraged to participate in a focus group by registering at [hawaiikidsfocusgroups@gmail.com](mailto:hawaiikidsfocusgroups@gmail.com) AND to complete the online survey at [www.hawaiikids.org](http://www.hawaiikids.org).*

- ✓ Why do some families stationed in Hawaii choose public, private or parochial schools?
- ✓ How do kids and parents feel about their educational experiences?

The Pacific Command believes it is critical to hear your concerns. PACOM has contracted with researchers from Johns Hopkins University, in collaboration with the University of Hawaii, to conduct the first longitudinal study of military families.

Focus groups will be conducted by Drs. Robert and Michael Blum of Johns Hopkins University from April 18-22<sup>nd</sup> and will run for about 45 minutes each.

**PARENTS and CHILDREN are invited to participate in focus groups.**

**\*Please email today\***  
[hawaiikidsfocusgroups@gmail.com](mailto:hawaiikidsfocusgroups@gmail.com)

*How can military families participate?*  
There will be focus groups for military parents and students on the afternoon and evenings of April 18-22.

To register for the focus group best for you, (or to host your own) please email:  
[hawaiikidsfocusgroups@gmail.com](mailto:hawaiikidsfocusgroups@gmail.com)

Parents and Students,  
**PLEASE EMAIL [hawaiikidsfocusgroups@gmail.com](mailto:hawaiikidsfocusgroups@gmail.com) to register for one of the following focus groups:**

- MONDAY, April 18**  
9am Navy Hale Keiki School  
1pm Hokulani Community Center  
3pm Hickam Kamakani Community Center  
5p & 6p AMR Chapel
- TUESDAY, April 19**  
10, 11am & 12n Schofield SKIES Bldg 1283  
5p & 6p Schofield School Age Center
- WEDNESDAY, April 20**  
9am Hickam Kamakani Comm Ctr  
3:30pm Hanalani School (Mililani)  
6 pm Holy Family
- THURSDAY, April 21**  
9am Ford Island Comm Ctr  
1:30 & 3:30pm Kanohe USMC Waikulu Com Ctr



While the flu season is over in the United States, influenza is a year-round contagious disease in the tropics. The Pacific Island Health Officers Association, comprised of the chief health officers of the various islands, determines how the vaccines will be distributed in their respective islands. The U.S. Army Medical Materiel Agency and the Military Vaccine Agency help coordinate and ship the surplus

vaccines from military treatment facilities nationwide to Tripler, where the project is managed by Tripler’s logistics division and preventive medicine department.

“This shows what a great Ohana we have between the services. Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps all demonstrate what it means to be One Team. Hawaii’s military community leads the way,” Golder said.



## 2011 Easter Eggstravaganza For the Families of

**Tripler Army Medical Center, Fisher House, WTU and Schofield Barracks Health Clinic**

Date: April 16th

Time: 9:30-1100

Location: SBHC Soldier’s Pavilion

*\*\*This event is open to all staff both military and civilian\*\**

There will games, and egg hunts with 1 Golden Egg per age group and a special visit from the Easter Bunny so don’t forget your camera! Food and drinks will be served at 11:30

Special thanks to Soldier’s, Civilians, Fisher House and AAFES for your support!

POC: SFC Carr, 808-433-8153



We apologize for the inconvenience of the road construction when exiting Tripler. Issues are being addressed to make departing the facility faster. Construction is expected to be complete by June.

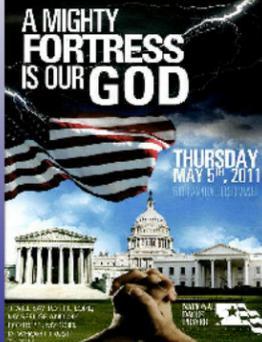




**National Day of Prayer  
Observance Ceremony**

**5 May 2011 1200 HRS**

**TAMC Chapel**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, D-Wing  
Lunch to follow


**55th Annual Excellence in Federal Government  
Awards Luncheon and EXPO**  
**April 21, 2011**  
**Sheraton Waikiki**

Free Training Sessions are available 8:00 – 10:30 am.,  
log on to <http://hpfebreetng.eventbrite.com> for information and registration

EXPO is scheduled 9:00 – 11:00 am.  
please contact [kristine.fujishige@gsa.gov](mailto:kristine.fujishige@gsa.gov) for booth registration and information.  
Log on to <http://www.honolulu-pacific.feb.gov/awards/awards2011.html>  
for EXPO Registration Data Sheet

Awards Luncheon is 11:00 am – 2:00 pm  
Tickets: \$40.00  
Please contact you agency coordinator for tickets and reservations  
MAJ Teresa S. Silvernail at [teresa.silvernail@amedd.army.mil](mailto:teresa.silvernail@amedd.army.mil)

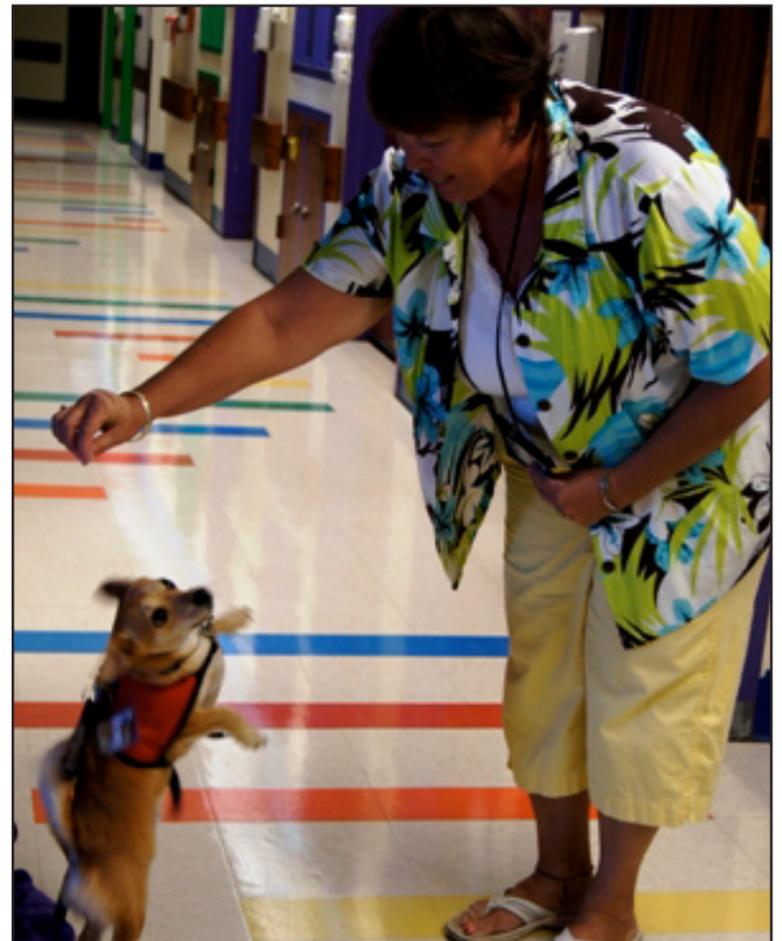


# Red Cross volunteer of the week

## Mary Conklin and Mai Tai

Mary Conklin and Mai Tai have been a part of the Human Animal Bond Program since November 2010. They take pleasure in visiting patients here at Tripler and make it a priority to go to waiting rooms to help people pass the time, especially the little ones. Mai Tai loves to perform tricks to entertain her fans and enjoys the occasional wheelchair ride when someone will let her tag along. They are both a great asset to the program. The Red Cross would like to thank Mary and Mai Tai for the smile they put on faces and the cheerfulness they bring to everyone here at Tripler.

Do you know a Red Cross Volunteer who should be featured? If so, send their name and why they should be named “Volunteer of the Week,” to Nadia Pinet-Hurtt at [nadia.pinet@us.army.mil](mailto:nadia.pinet@us.army.mil).



**Summer volunteers  
needed**

Summer is just around the corner and American Red Cross would like your support in making our Summer Youth Program a success. Last year, more than 60 teens donated time to Tripler over their summer break. The local Red Cross is now looking for departments who will provide volunteer opportunities for them again this year. If you are interested, please call the Red Cross office at 433-6631 or email Nadia at [nadia.pinet@us.army.mil](mailto:nadia.pinet@us.army.mil)

# Design our logo contest

Below is the latest entry in Tripler 360’s “Design our logo” contest, courtesy of Lt. Col. Brad West, MSN CRNA Director, Phase II US Army Graduate Program in Anesthesia Nursing Tripler Army Medical . E-mail your thoughts on the design, or design ideas of your own to [nick.spinelli@us.army.mil](mailto:nick.spinelli@us.army.mil). The winning submission will become a permanent part of our masthead. The contest will run through April and the winning submission will be used beginning the first May edition.

