



Credo Signing, a commitment to patients

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Long the standard for patient care at Tripler Army Medical Center, the TAMC Credo was put to paper and signed here by Lt. Gen. Francis Wiercinski, commanding general, United States Army Pacific and Brig. Gen. Keith Gallagher, commander, TAMC, in a ceremony held June 20th.

The credo now hangs in the hallway outside the Anuenue Café, and is centered amongst wall space designated specifically for staff member's signature of commitment.

"Today is the day that you and I commit ourselves to our patients. You do that every day, I know that, but this is your opportunity to say I really mean it," Gallagher said. It is all about the patient. We are all here for the patient. We're here to do the things that we need to do to get that patient out of pain, to get that patient well; to try to heal them. Thank you for the miracles you do every day and thank you for signing the credo wall, symbolizing the commitment you have to caring for our patients.

"On behalf of my entire staff I sign this credo and I look forward to you endorsing it. Over the next 60 days I look forward to seeing every staff member of Tripler Army Medical Center signing that wall," Gallagher said.



In the spirit of the TAMC Credo's commitment to hold ourselves to the highest and most positive standard, Capt. Jose Acosta, Deputy Commander for Clinical Services (left) and Col. J. Anson Smith, PRMC Chief of Staff step up as the first to sign the TAMC Credo wall here June 20th.

"My job is to come here and say thank you. You don't get that enough. We are here to sign the credo but I have to say, my wife and I have been back here for 90 days. This was our very first assignment, a very long time ago, and we have seen this place mature in the last 30 years. I can tell you that what you do is felt from the youngest Soldier that's come on duty, to the family members, DA civilians and our joint partners. I can't tell you how many times I go to a meeting and someone from the Navy, the Air Force, the Marine Corps, Coast Guardsman, retiree, comes up to me and says thank you. Now I'm here to pass it back to you. I wish I could pat each and every one of you on the back and tell you what a magnificent job you are doing. Each and every one of us from the United States Army Pacific is extremely grateful for everything that you do every single day. We know we have the best health care, first of all, in the world – and then, the service – because I hear it every single day. I sign this for USARPAC, for all the Soldiers, family members, retirees and I thank you. Keep up the great work."

Created as a reminder to the TAMC staff of our team and individual commitment and tells our patients we hold ourselves to the highest and most positive standard.



TAMC CREDO



The Staff of the Tripler Army Medical Center is honored and privileged to care for those who serve—yesterday, today and tomorrow. Every member of our organization—military, civilian and contractor—serves as an integral part of a team that strives to be the absolute best at inspiring trust and providing quality patient care, respect, dignity and service excellence to each and every patient.

We, the TAMC Staff, will achieve success by:

Committing our every effort to work as a team in providing the highest quality, state-of-the-art medical care, dignity and respect with every patient encounter.

Committing to a Culture of Patient Safety through daily diligence and personal accountability.

Demonstrating dedication in the provision of service excellence to our patients.

Inspiring trust with our patients by instilling immediate confidence in our delivery of a positive patient experience with positive staff attitudes, respect and kindness, proven patient safety outcomes and cohesive teamwork.

Endeavoring to ensure the greatest positive experience for each patient through timely and responsive scheduling and referrals; proven clinical interventions that help achieve 100 percent compliance with national patient safety goals and Joint Commission standards that will ultimately increase patient health or reduce patient pain and suffering.

Allocating resources to ensure the highest attainable patient outcomes and satisfaction.

Possessing the authority and empowerment to undo any wrong to any patient or staff.

KEITH W. GALLAGHER, FACHE
BRIGADIER GENERAL, USA
COMMANDER, TRIPLER AMC

FRANCIS WIERCINSKI
LIEUTENANT GENERAL, USA
COMMANDER, US ARMY PACIFIC

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Are collecting Worn-Out **Shoes** for the HERSHEY'S Track & Field Games

When: 20 April 11 – 25 June 11

Where: Drop off to any **SAMC Member** or

Call 1SG Looper @ 433-1170 or SFC Trudden @ 433-1649

SAMC MEMBERS

SGM Johnson, Leon – G3 18TH MEDCOM	MSG(P) Taylor, Amanda -18TH MEDCOM
2LT Franklin, Brandi - Troop Command	2LT Wiggins, Antonio - Troop Command
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Athletic Shoes ONLY > Any brand OK



Chaplain Thought of the Week: Kindness

Chap. (Maj.) Ibraheem Raheem
Tri-Service Addiction Recovery Facility

Ever hear the term “kill them with kindness”? The first time I heard it as a child I thought what does that mean? But over time I began to appreciate its value in life. The thinking is when someone has decided to become forever mad at you and wants’ to see you suffer, and you say nice things to them do nice thing for them and always respond to them in kindness it become difficult for them to remain upset. At times we need to use this powerful tool with patients as well as staff. Are you willing to take a stand for kindness when people are not kind to you?

On the day we leave this world, I have a feeling

that we’ll be more concerned about the kind things that we stood for that made a difference than about the frivolous things we fussed about that didn’t really matter.

I hope that we will be able to look back with satisfaction at having stood up for the important cause of kindness. Ask yourself; if I know a way to make a difference in someone’s life, am I prepared to do it, even though it is contrary to what I want or to what I have previously done? Will I do it even if it means people looking at me differently, personal discomfort? Today is as good a time as any to start this week with a token of kindness. Your peace of mind will thank you for it later.

If you have something - a story, a photo, an idea - for TRIPLER 360, send it to jan.clark@us.army.mil or terrance.bandy@us.army.mil

Public Health Nursing Evening Clinic Pilot Program



**JUNE 22 & 29
JULY 20 & 27**

Clinic will remain open until 2100.
Patients will be seen by appointment only

Patients must complete Part I of PHA Assessment (via AKO) prior to coming to their appointment.

**POC: SGT Allison Lindsay
NCOIC Army Public Health Nursing
433-1464**

PURPOSE: To better accommodate soldiers working "swing" shift and night shift hours, as well as those who cannot leave their place of duty during the day to come to their appointment.

Interested in furthering your professional education?

Army Nurse Corps officers interested in furthering their professional education may apply for selection to attend Long Term Health Education and Training (LTHET) graduate programs.

If selected by the LTHET Board and qualified academically for admission, officers will be given the opportunity to be fully funded to attend graduate school

as full-time students.

All officers attending LTHET will receive all pay and benefits while in school, regardless of the program.

LTHET INFORMATIONAL SESSION WILL BE HELD June 16 at 8 am in room 5a026, OB/GYN Conference Room, 5th Floor, A Wing.

Mass School Physicals 2011

The Department of Pediatrics will be conducting school physicals as follows:

**-Date: Saturdays on
July 16th, and
August 6th**

- Walk-in basis only

-Time: 0900-1400

**-Location: Pediatrics
Clinic (808-433-0000)**



Feds Feed Families 2011 Campaign



**Feeding the
Community**

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED NOW MORE THAN EVER

When: June 1st, 2011 to August 31st, 2011

Where: All Hawaii Federal Agencies

What: Food Drive to collect food for the

Hawaii Food Bank, Oahu

Maui Food Bank

Kauai Food Bank

The Food Basket, Hawaii



95th Civil Affairs Brigade looking for a special kind of medic

Special to TAMC 360
USASOC News Service

Civil Affairs medics serve in a small force of the Special Operations Command and are Soldiers in an even smaller part of the Army. But the brigade now needs more medics, to do a lot more than treat Soldiers.

“Take, for instance, my experience in Haiti last year,” said Sgt. 1st Class John Dominguez, who deployed to Haiti with a detachment from the 98th Civil Affairs Battalion, after the devastating earthquake struck the Haitian capital region Jan. 12, 2010.

“I met former President Clinton the same day I assisted in delivering a baby,” Dominguez said. “Another time, I was the only medic available to go and look for civilian aid workers involved in a vehicle rollover in the mountains. We drove a four-mile stretch of the road – a trail, really – that was carved out of the side of a mountain. We found the vehicle several hundred feet below, in a steep ravine. At other times during the three months that I was there as part of the Civil Affairs planning team, I was briefing high-level officials at the U.S. embassy on medical relief operations.

“What else is rewarding is that you affect other people,” said Dominguez. “When your teammates are able to come home, because you helped them at a critical time, they and their families trust you profoundly. They call you for medical advice, even years after you served together.”

Dominguez has had a long career in the Civil Affairs community at Fort Bragg, first reporting as a company medic in the 96th CA Battalion before it was reorganized and became part of the only active duty Civil Affairs brigade in the Army. He then worked as a senior medic in the 97th CA Bn. when it was established in 2007, and then became the 98th CA Battalion’s senior medic after it stood up in 2008.

Dominguez has seen the 95th CA Brigade grow from about 200 Soldiers in the 96th CA Bn. five years ago, to a brigade of more than 1,200 Soldiers in four battalions, each with five deployable companies. The demand for CA medics has also grown rapidly, even as the brigade is adding a fifth battalion later this summer.

“The challenge for us is to recruit highly motivated, competent Soldiers and train them to be medics on a four-Soldier civil affairs team,” said Lt. Col. John Maza, 95th CAB brigade surgeon.

In earlier years, the brigade drew all of its medics from the Army Medical Department’s 68W MOS (Military Occupational Specialty) who volunteered or were assigned to the brigade after completing the Special Operations Combat Medic (SOCM) course. Beginning in October, new medics being assigned to the Civil Affairs brigade must be qualified as a Civil Affairs Medical Sergeant, the requirements of which have been recently updated.

Soldiers may become CA medics by graduating from the Special Operations Combat Medic (SOCM) course, now a 36-week course taught at Fort Bragg’s JFK Special Warfare Center and School (SWCS), said Dominguez, who is now an instructor and the brigade’s medical liaison NCO at the SWCS.

The course teaches students to work on joint special operations mission involving Navy SEALs or Army Rangers, Special Forces or CA units. SOCM graduates then receive follow-on training for the specific mission of the Special Operations command they will be assigned.

SOCM graduates being assigned to a Civil Affairs unit must also graduate from an eight-week Civil Affairs Medical Sergeant (CAMS) course, to learn more about preventive medicine, veterinary medicine, dentistry, and global medical stability operations.

“Instead of kicking doors in and creating more of a fight, we should focus more on stopping and quelling conflict, before it gets out of hand. There’s less casualties and collateral damage,” said a recent SOCM graduate, who explained why she signed up to be a CA medic.

The former medic with the 82nd Airborne Division said she didn’t know anyone in Civil Affairs when she was first deployed two years ago. As a female medic, she discovered she enjoyed working with local populations, when she was assigned to treat Afghan Muslim women, because they can’t be touched by men who aren’t family members.

Another SOCM graduate, a former scout for the 101st Airborne Division in 2005 and 2006 said, “I did a lot of walking through villages near Baghdad. The biggest thing [for me] was working the people, for the people, instead of against them,” he said.

He was selected to become a Civil Affairs Medical Sergeant, went to language school to learn Pashto, before graduating from the SOCM course and is now enrolled in the CAMS course.

Commencement ceremony held for Graduate Professional Health Education Class of 2011

Nick Spinelli

TAMC Public Affairs

Tripler Army Medical Center honored the 121 members of the Graduate Professional Health Education Class of 2011 in a commencement ceremony held June 17, 2011.

In his remarks, Brig. Gen. Keith Gallagher, Pacific Regional Command and TAMC commander, recognized the growth the graduates have shown during their time here.

“You were all so very young, inspiring, full of energy, and a member of the house staff. Over the years, you have absorbed knowledge at incredible speeds and stored tremendous intellect. The entire TAMC team has been honored and privileged to serve and train each of you.... We close this chapter and send each of you to the

rest of the military and VA, but as a wiser, more confident, accomplished, and independent clinician or administrator,” Gallagher said.

In attendance at the commencement was Col. Charles Callahan, National Naval Medical Center chief of staff, who served as the ceremony’s keynote speaker. In his address, Callahan advised the graduates to focus on competence, character and consistency in order to become the very best leaders they could be.

“These are the foundations of the kind of tactical leaders Army Medicine, Navy Medicine, Air Force Medicine and joint future states will need to help us negotiate the stormy seas ahead,” Callahan said.

Callahan went on to explain how the way for the graduates to stay

successful is to remember why they do what they do and why they are needed to do it.

“Your patients, each one of them, are telling you a story today about their lives, their struggles, their pain and their passion. All you have to do is ask them, and listen...and you will remember why,” he said.

In addition to the graduation certificates, awards were given to students who made the best presentations or developed the best research over the course of the program. In turn, the graduates recognized their teachers with an award for, “Faculty Excellence.”

After the commencement ceremony was completed, the graduates joined attendees, special guests and the command staff in celebrating the Army’s 236th birthday.



The Graduate Professional Health Education Class of 2011 at the commencement ceremony held June 17. Photo by Daniel Kawasaki

Virtual Career Fair for vets

Courtesy of the FEDS HIRE FEDS, there will be a Virtual Career Fair for Veterans being held June 23, 2011 sponsored by Milcruit, the Military Officers Association of America and partners.

The fair is designed to bring veteran friendly public and private employers, veterans and spouses together as if in person, but from the comfort and convenience

of their home or office.

Veterans/ Jobseekers can register and enter the environment to visit employer booths, chat with recruiters, view/apply for jobs, and chat with peers in the networking lounge.

Participation is free for jobseekers . Register at: <http://www.veteranscareerfair.com/>

2011 FLTCI Open Season ending soon

The 2011 Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program Open Season ends on June 24, 2011: Apply today! It is a great time to apply for coverage under the Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program (FLTCIP). The FLTCIP is administered by Long Term Care Partners. It is underwritten by John Hancock Life & Health Insurance Company

under a contract with the U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

Do not miss out on this abbreviated underwriting opportunity! This is the first abbreviated underwriting opportunity (applicants answer fewer health questions) for new applicants since 2002.

After June 24, 2011, you will generally need to undergo full un-

derwriting.

The 2011 FLTCIP Open Season offers abbreviated underwriting for certain eligible members of the Federal family.

Visit www.LTCFEDS.com/eligibility/ to see if you are eligible to apply with abbreviated underwriting during the FLTCIP Open Season.

Tripler recognizes students graduating in 2011



Tripler Army Medical Center recognized staff and family members who graduated from high school, college, or training this year in a ceremony held June 21 in Kyser Auditorium. Photo by Marlowe Gungab.



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DATES:

**CAMP C: AUGUST 6TH AND 13TH
2ND - 6TH GRADERS (8YRS-12YRS)**

**CAMP D: AUGUST 20TH AND 27TH
7TH - 12TH GRADERS (13YRS-18YRS)**

TIMER:

9AM TO 3PM



HERSHEY'S TRACK AND FIELD GAMES OAHU STATE FINAL

THE HERSHEY YOUTH PROGRAM IS DESIGNED FOR THE BEGINNER ATHLETE



Meet Date: June 25, 2011 (Saturday)
Time: 8:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. (Approximate)
Place: Mililani High School Track & Field

REGULATIONS

ELIGIBILITY: Open to 9-14 year old girls and boys born between 1997-2002, who reside in Hawaii. Sex divisions based on gender and age as of December 31, 2011. All participants must compete in their gender and age group divisions.

ENTRY DEADLINE: FRIDAY, JUNE 17, 2011 - 4:00 P.M.
Send or mail to: **HERA HERSHEY TRACK & FIELD GAMES**
c/o Sharon Tamita PHONE: 708-387 FAX: 708-382
1888 Ukauike St., Suite 300
Kapolei, HI 96707 email: hera@hawaiihs.com

EQUIPMENT: Shorts, t-shirts (Hershey), and shoes are required. Participants may not wear shoes designated for spikes. In field events, any shoes designed for turf sports are not allowed. Starting blocks are not allowed.
PROOF OF AGE: Ages and birthdates must be verified and initialed by sponsoring playground, club, school, coach or parent. Age is determined by the age the youth will be on December 31, 2011.

GENDER: Please check the appropriate box: GIRL BOY

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT IN BLACK INK

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ PHONE NO. _____
DATE OF BIRTH: MONTH _____ DAY _____ YEAR (circle one) 1997 / 1998 / 1999 / 2000 / 2001/2002
PROGRAM: _____ COACH'S NAME _____ PHONE # _____
(Place of Honor For Program, Institution, school, Team, etc. Unlimited)

T- Shirt Size: Youth Med ___ Youth Large ___ Adult Small ___ Adult Med ___ Adult Large ___ Adult Xlarge ___ Adult 2Xlarge ___

Circle participant's gender. Select up to three (3) events— not more than 2 running events.

GENDER	BIRTH YEAR	Select no more than 2 running events.					St. Long Jump*	Softball Throw*
GIRL	2001/2002	500M DASH	1000M DASH	2000M DASH	4000M DASH	4X100 RELAY**	E: 4', B: 4'6"	G: 50', B: 65'
BOY								

GENDER	BIRTH YEAR	Select no more than 2 running events.					St. Long Jump*	Softball Throw*
GIRL	1999/2000	1000M DASH	2000M DASH	4000M DASH	800M RUN	4X100 RELAY**	E: 4'6", B: 5'	G: 75', B: 90'
BOY								

GENDER	BIRTH YEAR	Select no more than 2 running events (the relay is a running event)					St. Long Jump*	Softball Throw*
GIRL	1997/1998	1000M DASH	2000M DASH	800M RUN	1000M RUN	4X100 RELAY	E: 5', B: 5'	G: 100', B: 110'
BOY								

*Note: Qualifying distance must be met to compete in the STANDING LONG JUMP AND SOFTBALL THROW EVENTS ** Does not advance to North American Final

4x100M RELAY - Limited to 2 teams per division per organization. If you are a member of a relay team, you must list the other members of your relay team. 1999/1999 and 2000/2001 relay teams do not advance to the North American Final.

TEAM NAME: _____

1	2	3	4
ALT 1	ALT 2	ALT 3	

The undersigned participant, the participant's parent/legal guardian, and/or representative of the participant in the Hershey's Track & Field Games. In consideration of registration fee, the right of the participant to compete in the Hershey's Track & Field Games and the use by the participant of competing agency's facilities, and equipment, both the participant and the parent/guardian with acknowledgment that the participant will be competing in the Hershey's Track & Field Games and accepting agency's facilities of the participant's vehicle. The participant is liable and on behalf of his or her team, association, club, school, and organization shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Hershey's Games, National Recreation and Park Association, Mililani High School, Hawaii Recreation and Park Association, Hawaii Association of OHA Track and Field, and Departments of Parks and Recreation, City and County of Honolulu, Hawaii County, Maui County, Kauai County, State of Hawaii including State property damaged, bodily injury, death, and any loss sustained by the undersigned. The undersigned shall also indemnify agency for the Hershey's Track & Field Games to accept approval the participant's name under the program and for information regarding the participant and to develop the name for use and all purposes in the manner. We understand that these participants who advance to the state level and competitors of this level do not automatically advance to the national level for the World/Junior Pan Am Meet.

Signed by Parent/Legal Guardian _____ Print Name _____ Date _____

In case of Emergency, Contact _____ Relationship _____

Or _____ Relationship _____

I have checked this application and confirm its accuracy (coach/parent/guardian's signature) _____

ENTRY DEADLINE: FRIDAY, JUNE 17, 2011 - 4:00 P.M.





AMR Youth Sports is in need of five coaches for teams, ages 9-14. Contact Scott Stenstrom at 836-1923 /497-9196 for more information.

Volunteers Needed

Virtual Reality Displays for the Presentation of Stimulus Cues for Nicotine Use: Panoramic Videography and Flat-Screen Images Study

*Are you between 18 and 70 years old?
And in Good General Health?*

We are looking for volunteers who smoke more than 20 cigarettes per day to participate in a study to evaluate the use of virtual reality presentations in the development of the urge to smoke.

- The purpose of this study is to evaluate the use of virtual reality to present brief video scenes that may produce the desire to smoke.
- You would complete several paper and pencil questionnaires and then experience presentations of situations that may create the desire to smoke.
- Requires a single visit lasting about 2 hours.
- Participants will not receive monetary compensation.

This study is sponsored by the Department of Psychology
Tripler Army Medical Center
Dr. Raymond A. Folen, Principal Investigator

Please call MAJ Stetz at (808) 433-1651 for more information.

USO Free Military Day at Waikiki Aquarium

Fish, Sea Life, Kids of Military Rocks to Live Music and Fun Games

All active duty and retired military and their families will be treated to a fun family day at the Waikiki Aquarium June 25 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through community collaboration between USO Hawaii and Friends of the Waikiki Aquarium.

With a military I.D., military and families can enjoy free admission to the aquarium, free Sara Lee hot dogs, Frito Lay snacks, Menehune and Coke products, and enjoy live entertainment from 10 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Guest performers include the Royal Hawaiian Band, Air Force Small Kine Ensemble, the Pacific Fleet Rock Band, and Hawaii's Motown and R & B entertainers, "A Touch of Gold." Well-known comedian Frank De Lima will be on stage at 11:00 a.m.

USO Hawaii is hosting the free family day event for all military and family members as a gesture of thanks and appreciation for all our brave men and women in the U.S. Armed Forces, then and now.

There will be courtesy shuttle service provided by the Japan Travel Bureau (JTB) starting at 10 a.m. from Schofield's Bowling Center, Fort Shafter's Richardson Center, and Marine Corps Base Main Exchange to the Aquarium and back to the bases by 2:45 p.m. The Pearl Harbor NEX will likewise provide complimentary shuttle service from the NEX Parking Mall with travel schedules 8:00 and 10:00 a.m., 12 noon and 2 p.m., traveling back from Waikiki between 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Free parking available for individual guests at KCC, with shuttle service to and from the aquarium. There will also be limited metered parking along Kalakaua Street.

Thanks to various community sponsors and partners: TriWest Healthcare Alliance, Watts

Constructors, BAE Systems, Lockheed Martin, Bank of Hawaii, Lend Lease, R. M. Towill, The Boeing Company, and M Dyer & Sons. More than 8,500 ballpark hot dogs were donated by Sara Lee and Overseas Service Corporation, 5,500 snack packets by Frito Lay, 5,000 ice cream cups by Meadow Gold, Sam's Club, Safeway Inc., Menehune Water, Coca Cola Bottling Co., The New Otani Kaimana Beach Hotel, Double Tree Alana Hotel by Hilton, and Aikana Coffee Plantation.

The Honolulu Festival Foundation will feature an Ennichi Corner showcasing Japanese culture and tradition through traditional children's games. Hawaii's keiki can have their photos taken wearing the Japanese Yukata. As community good neighbors, The Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam is actively involved in ensuring the logistical needs of the event as well. Volunteers will receive complimentary t-shirts featuring an exclusive fish graphics by Okinawa-based artist Debbie Kolstad.

The Waikiki Aquarium is the third oldest aquarium in the United States. It has more than 2,500 organisms on exhibit such as reef sharks, fish and sea jellies, living coral, and the endangered Hawaiian monk seal. Trained docents and volunteers will provide military and their families with an educational experience at the aquarium from 9 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

USO Hawaii will distribute free Disney toys, DVDs, and raffle off gift packages courtesy of the Kilauea Volcano Military Camp, Big Island. There will be food vendors, as well as community booths on the Aquarium grounds. No reservations are needed for the event, guests will need to show their military I.D. For additional information, contact USO Hawaii 422 1213 elsmith@uso.org.

Tripler's Warrior Ohana Medical Home now open on the leeward coast in Kapolei

Tripler's Warrior Ohana Medical Home is a full service primary care clinic staffed with seven providers including those who have completed fellowships in women's health and sports medicine. Services provided include prenatal/pregnancy care, pediatric care, immunizations, laboratory & blood work, pharmacy, osteopathic manipulation, behavioral health with a clinical psychologist, a wide range of procedures, and primary care of the whole spectrum of age groups for family members of our active duty personnel.

To make an appointment or for any questions, family members or their sponsors may call 433-5401 or 433-5402.

What are the hours of operation?

Monday through Friday, 8am to 4:30pm.

Where are they located?

At the former Barbers Point Naval Air Station in Kapolei off of the H1 Makakilo exit. The address is 91-1010 Shangrila Street Kapolei, HI 96707. There is an open parking lot in front of the building.

How long has Tripler's Warrior Ohana Medical Home been around?

Ribbon cutting and a traditional Hawaiian blessing were done on the newly remodeled building on April 21, 2011.

How is this place unique?

Each patient partners with a core team which consists of one provider and two LPNs who take responsibility for your health and coordinate care with an extended team of behavioral health professionals, pharmacists, subspecialists and others. Your core team works with you over time to take care of new health concerns as they arise, ensure delivery of preventive screening and services, manage chronic health problems, and promote a spirit of wellness. This relationship between each patient and the team is one of continuity and is the heart of the Medical Home model.

How does a family member enroll for care at the Warrior Ohana Medical Home?

To enroll, family members should attend the TRICARE office on the first floor Oceanside of Tripler Hospital to designate their preferred primary care provider in Kapolei. It is open 7:30am to 4:30pm, Monday through Friday. The enrollment office phone number is 433-3422. Family members should bring their military ID. Enrollment can also be done TRIWEST.com or by visiting other TRICARE offices in Schofield Barracks, Building 676, Room 217; in Makalapa by the entry gate, 1st building on right; at Hickam AFB 15th Medical Group by the pharmacy; or Kaneohe Bay Pod A by the pediatric clinic.

Fourth Floor Construction

In TAMC's continuing efforts to provide our patients the utmost level of service and state of the art facilities we will be repairing/renovating the 4th Floor Corridors in Wings A, F, G, &H including the bridges. Construction is scheduled to begin mid to late May. The renovation project will be done in phases and is expected to take approximately ten months.

To minimize inconvenience to patients and staff work will be performed after hours when feasible. During this time every effort will be made to maintain access to all 4th floor areas. We apologize in advance for any inconvenience this may cause and thank you for your patience and understanding. Contact Facility Management Branch 433-7921 for more information.