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**USARPAC Support Unit**  
*Pride of the Pacific*

# Commander's End of Year Message

Aloha,

As I move into my third year of Command I have been reflecting on my blessings and how honored I am to be your Commander. I am proud of all of you and all you do. The respect you show each other, the collaboration and your keeping of the Army Values are commendable and are the foundation of what makes USARPAC SU exceptional.

Take time this holiday season to spend some quality time with friends and family and recharge your batteries. We have accomplished a great deal in 2018. In 2019 USARPAC SU will continue to do our part to maintain peace and stability, deter or defeat aggression as required in the USPACOM AOR. Sounds important doesn't it?...that's because it is!! You and what you do matters and are important.

Both CSM Diaz and I recognize the importance of family and the strain serving can have on our families. In 2019 we will place a renewed emphasis on our Family Readiness Programs so that our Families are reminded of how important they are to us and to ensure they have mechanisms to remain resilient. If you have any suggestions or would like to volunteer please let me know.

Johnathan and I wish you a happy and safe holiday season.

Col. Patricia R. Wallace



PATRICIA R. WALLACE  
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USARPAC-SU COMMANDER

*Patricia R. Wallace*

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The holiday season is a special time when we offer thanks and celebrate with Family and friends. It is a time when our Soldiers, Civilians, and Family members are planning for holiday activities in this upcoming season and looking forward to another successful New Year.

As we plan for the holiday season, we ask each of you to keep safety in mind when preparing for all of your activities.

- When traveling, ensure that your vehicle is working properly. Be alert to environmental conditions; winter driving can be challenging with ever-changing weather and roads conditions. Be cognizant of hazards and driving while fatigued. Never drive under the influence of alcohol. Plan ahead. An accident can abruptly end your holiday festivities.

- The holiday season is a joyous time of year, but please keep in mind that the highest number of thefts and burglaries occur during the Christmas season. Stay vigilant while holiday shopping, park in well-lit areas, and keep valuables out of sight. If vacationing away from home, have a trusted friend or family member check up on your residence and only inform those on a need to know basis of your departure.

- When decorating for the holidays, keep an eye out for fire hazards such as overloaded circuits and open flames. December is the month when fires caused by candles are most common; never leave candles unattended.

On behalf of USARPAC-SU command team, we would like to thank all Soldiers, Civilian employees, and Family members for your continued commitment to excellence in safety. As we celebrate the holidays, let us also remember our deployed Soldiers, our fallen comrades, our wounded warriors, and all our Soldiers and their Families who have suffered from natural disasters this year.

We wish you all a merry and memorable holiday season. One team!

**Sgt. Maj. M.M. Tumacder**

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SAIPAN, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands – Soldiers with the 368th Military Police Company, 9th Mission Support Command, load American Red Cross cots at the Tanapag Middle School in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Nov. 7, 2018. More than 300 Army Reserve Soldiers have been mobilized locally and abroad in the Pacific region to support ongoing recovery efforts from Super Typhoon Yutu, a Category 5 storm. Service members from Joint Region Marianas and other units from within Indo-Pacific Command assigned to Task Force-West are providing Department of Defense support to the CNMI’s civil and local officials as part of the FEMA-supported Typhoon Yutu recovery efforts.

*Photo by Staff Sgt. James Kennedy Benjamin*  
9th Mission Support Command

SAIPAN, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands — Guam-based Soldiers with the 9th Mission Support Command, U.S. Army Reserve, and the Guam Army National Guard make their way out of a U.S. Air Force C-130 at the Francisco C. Ada International Airport, Nov. 1. Recovery efforts continue throughout the Mariana Islands in response to Super Typhoon Yutu, which left thousands of residents without electricity or running water. Service members from Joint Region Marianas and Indo-Pacific Command are providing Department of Defense support to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands’ civil and local officials as part of the FEMA-supported Typhoon Yutu recovery efforts.

*Photo by Staff Sgt. James Kennedy Benjamin*  
9th Mission Support Command



# Soldier Readiness paramount for Army Reserve Soldiers in Pacific Theater

Story by Staff Sgt. David Overson  
305th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

FORT SHAFTER FLATS, Hawaii — The Defense Department has a higher expectation of deployability by its forces, said Defense Secretary James N. Mattis in February, according to the U.S. Department of Defense's website.

With that in mind, the Army Reserve's 9th Mission Support Command conducted one of the largest Soldier readiness processing events in the Army Reserve at the United States Army Reserve Daniel K. Inouye Complex Nov. 2 - 3.

According to Lt. Col. Raja Kolli, the event's officer in charge, approximately 1,300 Army Reserve Soldiers were processed during the two-day event, with approximately 800 of them receiving periodic health assessments and 700 receiving dental exams, while all 1,300 had their required paperwork checked and double checked to ensure they are ready for any pending deployment that might arise.

"We are the first Army Reserve Command to conduct a level two SRP using the Active Duty's MPDVS [Mobilization Planning Data Viewing System]," said Kolli, who is an operational medicine physician in his civilian role. "That system automatically syncs the Soldier's information in real-time to DEROS [Date Estimated Return from Overseas], which enables the Regular Army to utilize our Soldiers much quicker than other Soldiers from other Commands."

The 9th MSC is the most ethnically diverse, geographically dispersed command in the U.S. Army Reserve, crossing seven time zones, two U.S. States, two U.S. Territories, a Commonwealth and two foreign countries.

The need for Soldier readiness is being observed firsthand as 9th MSC Soldiers were just mobilized to help with the Indo-Pacific and Joint Region Marianas Super Typhoon Yutu recovery. The Category 5+ storm devastated the U.S. Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands October 24th.

More than 60 Army Reserve Soldiers deployed to Guam, and 280 to Saipan within the past week.

The 9th MSC's Chief of Staff, Col. Geoffrey Greene, was pleased with the command's ability to process so many Soldiers in a single weekend, proving the Army Reserve is ready when needed.

"Soldier readiness is the Chief of Staff of the Army's number one priority," said Greene. "It's also the number one priority of Lt. Gen. Charles D. Luckey, the commander of the Army Reserve, so it's extremely important to us here at the 9th MSC to get our Soldiers ready to do whatever we're called upon to do."

An annual SRP generally consists of medical and mental health assessments, dental examinations, eye examinations, family readiness tasks to ensure all financial benefits are in order and a military training checklist. During an SRP, Soldiers verify that they have completed all required training and briefings to better prepare them for any potential deployments.

"We were called upon to assist in the recovery and restoration efforts of those impacted by Super Typhoon Yutu," added Greene. "We have just under 500 Army Reserve Soldiers on the islands of Guam, Saipan and Tinian. Out of those 500 we had to select 350 based on specific ranks, skillsets and qualifications in order to mobilize them. And because our Soldiers were medically ready, are trained to perform their specific jobs, and they performed the necessary requirements to mobilize, it made the mobilization a rather quick process."

The remaining 9th MSC units at other locations, e.g. Alaska, Korea and Japan, are projected to receive their SRP in coming weeks with the entire command completed by Jan., 2019.

"We do this every year," said Greene. "We do our best to ensure all 3,400 Soldiers within the 9th MSC are ready to deploy when needed."

## Soldiers to be eligible for tuition assistance right after AIT

Story by David Vergun  
Army News Service



for tuition assistance funding, Raymer said. Instead, enlisted Soldiers who have successfully completed the Advanced Leader Course, warrant officers who have graduated from the Warrant Officer Advanced Course and officers who have graduated from the Captains Career Course or equivalent will immediately be eligible, irrespective of component, she said.

WASHINGTON — Soldiers will no longer have to wait one year after completing their Advanced Individual Training to receive tuition assistance.

Soon, tuition assistance will be available immediately for Soldiers of all components after AIT. This assumes they meet existing eligibility requirements and have no flags like disciplinary problems or failure of the Army Physical Fitness Test, according to Pamela Raymer, chief, Army Continuing Education System, Human Resources Command.

Officers who have completed the Basic Officer Leaders Course and warrant officers who have graduated from the Warrant Officer Basic Course will immediately be eligible for tuition assistance as well, she added.

The second part of the change is that Soldiers who wish to pursue a master's degree will no longer have to wait 10 years in order to apply

This policy change takes effect Aug. 5, according to Army Directive 2018-09 (Army Tuition Assistance Policy) of June 6, 2018. The directive was signed by Secretary of the Army Dr. Mark T. Esper.

All other existing tuition assistance policy, such as Soldiers being able to take up to 16 semester hours each fiscal year at the rate of \$250 per semester hour, remains the same, Raymer said. Unfortunately, less than 20 percent of Soldiers in all components use tuition assistance, she said.

"We're hoping this new policy will encourage more Soldiers to sign up for tuition assistance, as this will help them professionally when they're in the Army and increase their employability when they separate," Raymer added.

Raymer suggested that Soldiers in an active duty status might want to use tuition assistance and save their GI Bill for when they leave the

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# CSM's End of Year Message

Aloha to all members of the USARPAC-SU and their families. It truly has been a busy 2018 and the year has flown by too fast. Together we have done some great things this year regarding our mission, Soldier readiness, and working towards the philosophy and priorities General Anderson has given us. As the CSM of USARPAC-SU I ask you to give yourself a pat on the back for all the wonderful things you do for this command and our units. Col. Wallace and I truly appreciate everything you and your families do and the great sacrifices and commitment you put forward.

I ask you to please continue to work hard and not let your guards down during the New Year in 2019. As Soldiers of the Greatest organization in the world, don't ever forget that we are guardians of freedom and the American way of life. We serve the people of the United States, and live the Army Values, and stand ready to deploy, engage, and destroy, the enemies of the United States of America in close combat. We will never accept defeat.

As the holidays are fast approaching, I ask that you and your families are VIGILANT when it comes to your safety, and well-being. I PLEAD with all of you to appreciate the importance of safety. We have said it once and are saying it again, make sure you are buckled up when driving. DON'T DRINK and DRIVE, DON'T TEXT and DRIVE. These are deadly combinations with deadly consequences. Exercise safety at all times in your automobile's or motorcycles. Alcohol, Texting and your POV's NEVER mix well. Please call a sober driver, UBER, LYFT or your BATTLE BUDDY when attending holiday parties where you have been drinking. We care DEEPLY for you and your families and look forward to spending time with you in the upcoming New Year.

Lastly, I ask you to look around in the formation and ask others how they're doing and what their plans are for the holidays. For many this is a depressing time of the year and many spend the Hol-



idays alone. Many in our formations have struggles during the holiday for reasons such as losing a loved one, losing a job, problems with finances, relationships that have been torn apart, and many other reasons. Let's help our BATTLE BUDDY by opening up our hearts and doors to someone you know is in need this holiday season. Let's all reach out to those in need and take care of our Army Ohana. Always Remember, we will never leave a fallen comrade.

From my family to yours, Hoping nothing but the BEST and Greatest Happiness, Joy and Most Importantly Love this Holiday Season.

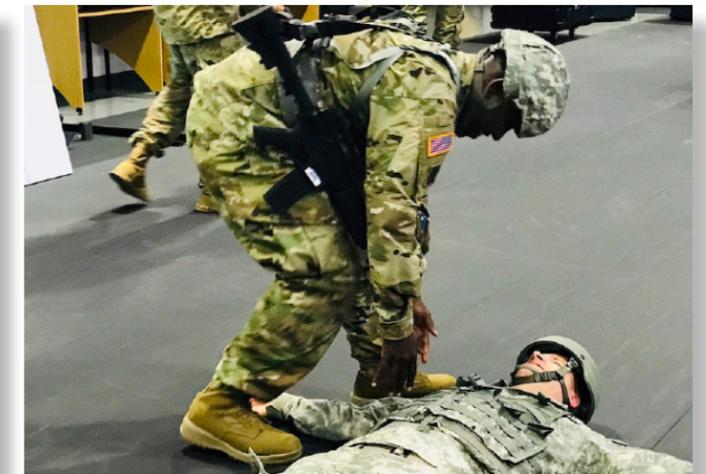
May God Bless You, and your Families Always.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

CSM Diaz

## USARPAC-SU DET J conduct MOBEX

In October, Det J conducted various survive combat techniques and Warrior Tasks training.





# Army History



**Story by Maj. Christina Rudolph** 30th Military History Detachment

In 2016, site preparation began for the National Museum of the United States Army. Located on an 84 acre parcel of land at Fort Belvoir, VA. The 185,000 square foot main building will house a series of galleries, meeting areas, interactive exhibits, 360 degree Theater Experience, as well as a dining facility. The surrounding grounds will be home to a Medal of Honor Memorial Garden, outdoor Amphitheater, and Parade Ground with Grandstand. Guests will also be able to learn survival techniques as they navigate the interactive Army Trail Experience.

As visitors pass through the Walk of Remembrance Promenade connecting the car park to the Muse-

um and grounds, paver bricks engraved with the names of some of the 30 million men and women who have served our nation as Soldiers will line the walk. The Why My Brick program allows donors to share the inspiration and history behind their inscriptions and tributes to those who literally paved the way of Army History. Additionally, units have the opportunity to secure granite plaques, which will also be displayed along the path.

Visitors will enter through the 7,500 sq. ft. lobby. This multi-purpose space will orient guests to current exhibits, and will serve as an elegant backdrop for formal events, lectures, reunions, and other ceremonial functions. The Wall of Honor will reflect

the 11 wars and 190 campaigns in which United States Soldiers have participated since 1775. Glass panels representing campaign ribbons will adorn the ceiling, giving visitors a bright welcome to the Museum.

The 9,900 square foot Army & Society Gallery will focus on the dynamic relationship between the Army, the government, and our nation. Five distinct displays will showcase how Army programs have impacted our society in areas such as aviation, medical advances, technology, integration, and racial and gender equality. Army families will also be honored in the Gallery.

Younger visitors will revel in the excitement of the Experiential Learning Center. This state-of-the-art center will allow students to expand geography, science, technology, engineering, and mathematics

(GSTEM) skills. Classroom space will be available, and children of all ages will have the option to engage in simulated rescue mission activities.

A gallery just off lobby will house the interactive Registry of the American Soldier exhibit. This living document offers Soldiers the opportunity to share their stories and experiences. One of the main themes to the Museum is each Soldier has a story, and this project is a wonderful opportunity for Soldiers, ohana, and friends to contribute to Army history. Portions of the Registry are already available for viewing online, and will remain so for those unable to visit the Museum. As we all know, there is an extensive support network assisting us in our missions, so a registry recognizing the Army Community and Animals in Service to the Army has also been established.

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## Welcome to USARPAC-SU!

*Our mission is to provide Joint and Combined Staff capability to reinforce/support a Joint Headquarters in the conduct of Unified Land Operations to maintain peace and stability, deter or defeat aggression, and provide Humanitarian Assistance/Disaster Relief (HA/DR) as required in the USPACOM area of responsibility.*

### Capt. Christopher Bunch

#### SJA Officer

Born and raised in northern California. Attended college at UC Davis and law school at Santa Clara University. Certified to practice law in California in 2010. Joined the Army Reserve as a Judge Advocate in 2014, and after completing the Officer Basic Course mobilized to Fort Carson, Colorado from 2015-2016. Black belt in Tae Kwon Do, snowboarder, German speaker, poker enthusiast, and San Francisco 49ers fanatic. Currently resides in Los Angeles, CA.

### Capt. Tanga Bernal

#### SJA Officer

Originally from Salinas, CA. Due to the Army, moved all over. Enlisted active Army from 2000-2004 in ADA and an active Army JAG Officer from 2012 - 2016. Married to an active duty Warrant Officer and have two teenage daughters, 17 and 14. Currently reside in Colorado Springs, CO. Very excited to be joining the mighty USARPAC-SU as one of two JAG Officers.



### Maj. Kaylin Song

#### Det-K AGR Officer

Attended Northwestern State University in Louisiana for a BS in Biology. Continued at Parker University in Texas for degrees in Human Anatomy, Health and Wellness, and a Doctor of Chiropractic. Later attended the University of Southern California for a Master of Social Work. In 2006, ROTC commissioned and began career in the U.S. Army Reserve as an Ammunition Platoon Leader. Has been a maintenance officer and commander at various units, most recently, was the S2/S3 OIC until March of 2018. Currently, the Det-Korea BN XO. Belongs to the American Chiropractic Association and the National Association of Social Workers, and is a licensed Chiropractor and Master Social Worker in the state of Texas.

## A Season of Gratitude

This holiday season should bring with it a spirit of gratitude for each of us. Consider all the amazing blessings we enjoy every day, the great privilege of living in America, the tremendous honor of serving in the United States Military, and the enormous liberty of religion we experience as Americans.

Most of us are abundantly blessed. We have food to eat, clothes to wear, a home for shelter, and the benefit of health care and good health. We have the luxury of having our automobiles. We have wonderful families to share our life journeys with.

As people living in America we have unlimited opportunity. We can pursue our hopes and dreams no matter how large or small. We can use our God given gifts to achieve anything our minds can imagine. It doesn't matter who you are or where you are from as long as you are willing to work hard and persist.

All of us who are part of the small percentage of Americans who serve our Country in the Armed Forces are exceptional people. We enjoy the great honor of being part of the largest and most powerful fighting force in the World. We have the great responsibility of defending the freedom, safety, and security of our great Country.

For all of us who consider our Faith an important part of our lives we have the freedom of religion. We are free to practice and celebrate our religion no matter what our faith backgrounds are, whether we practice Christianity, Catholicism, Judaism, Buddhism, or Islam. Even if we choose not to practice or celebrate any religion, we have that choice. We are free to practice our religion without fear of retribution.

So, as we gather with our family and friends during this Holiday Season we should remember the many blessings and advantages we enjoy as Americans. Let us not take for granted that we can serve our Country in the United States Military. Let each of us exercise our freedom of religion. Let's take the time to reminisce on all that God has done for us. Let's celebrate with gracefulness in our hearts.

Happy Holidays,  
Chaplain Anthony J. Cook



# Operation Pacific Steel

The first Operation Pacific Steel kicked off in October, enabling U.S. Army Reserve Soldiers from across the Pacific to train with individual and crew-served weapon systems through multiple rotations at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.



SCHOFIELD BARRACKS, Hawaii-Sgt Christopher Dela Cruz, 100th Battalion, 442nd Infantry Regiment, instructs a Soldier on operating an M240B machine gun during Operation Pacific Steel at Schofield Barracks October 14, 2018. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Edwin T. Basa)



SCHOFIELD BARRACKS, Hawaii-Sgt Christopher Badua, an instructor for Operation Pacific Steel takes a break on the firing range at Schofield Barracks October 14, 2018. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Edwin T. Basa)



SCHOFIELD BARRACKS, Hawaii-Soldiers work together to put M240B rounds effectively on targets downrange during Operation Pacific Steel at Schofield Barracks October 14, 2018. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Edwin T. Basa)



# 658th RSG dedicates Reserve Center to Col. Young-Oak Kim

**Story by Maj. Linda Gerron** 9th Mission Support Command

CAMP HUMPHREYS, South Korea — The 658th Regional Support Group, 9th Mission Support Command, hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony and dedicated the Armed Forces Reserve Center here to the late Col. Young-Oak Kim on Saturday morning.

Kim, a highly decorated Soldier who was assigned, in 1943, to the 100th Infantry Battalion, 442nd Regimental Combat Team, is well known for his courageous participation in the Battle of Anzio after he volunteered to crawl into no-man's land in Germany and captured two Germans – whose information later helped with the liberation of Rome on June 4, 1944.

“Col. Kim was adamant about his commitment to the Army and the Soldiers around him,” said Col. Harry B. Hudick, 658th Regional Support Group commander. “Those who personally knew him can attest he was a man passionate about serving his Nation; he was a leader who cared about Soldiers and people.”

Kim’s legacy, however, is not based solely on his contributions to the Army. According to Woo Sung Han, award-winning journalist and author of “Unsung Hero,” half of Kim’s real story lies in his humanitarian accomplishments.

As Kim fought in the front lines of the Korean War, Han says Kim took care of 500 orphans for 18-months. After his time in service, Kim then dedicated his life to helping women of domestic violence, victims of Japan’s sexual slavery, senior citizens, children, the underprivileged, and orphans, to name a few.

“He promised to himself that if he survived the war he would dedicate his life to the improving the community he belonged to,” said Han. “And he kept his promise. He was a guardian angel for second-class citizens in the peace time.”

Among those present for the ceremony were Maj. Gen. Arlan M. DeBlieck, Eight Army deputy commanding general of sustainment; Brig. Gen. Douglas Anderson, commanding general of the 9th Mission Support Command; Dyanne McMath, niece of Col. Young-Oak Kim; Edward Chang, director of the Young-Oak Center for Korean American Studies; and Stephen Kagawa, chairman of the board of directors for Go For Broke National Education Center.

“I am humbled as the commander to be able to preside over this ceremony,” said Hudick. “When our Soldiers come to training, they will walk into this building and

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# New Year's Resolutions



"I would love to pass my APFT...so I can get promoted to specialist and to do that my other half is actually helping me improve my run..."

PFC Viernes



"I plan on knocking off a few pounds, cutting back on smoking, hopefully my goal is to quit smoking, eventually, also look forward to getting promoted and of course I love to send my kids new years gifts"

Spc. Warren



"My New Year's resolution for 2019 will be to get my PT score back up like I used to be when I was on active duty back to about a 290-300..."

Spc. Martinez Soriano



## 9<sup>th</sup> Mission Support Command 2019 Army Reserve Ball



"Celebration of Pacific Warriors History"  
**9 March 2019**



**Where:** Hilton Hawaiian Village 2005 Kalia Road, Honolulu Hawaii, 96815

**When:** 9 March 2019. Start time 1700. Registration begins in foyer Tapa Ballroom area.

**Hotel Reservations:** <http://www.hiltonhawaiianvillage.com/booking> Reservations

Department at Tel: 1-808-949-4321

Toll free reservations: 1-800-HILTONS (when calling ask for 9<sup>th</sup> MSC Ball) Room

reservation **Cut-Off Date: 23 February 2019** Special Rate: **\$177/Night**

**Guest Parking Rates:** \$8.00 self-parking. \$13.00 Valet

**Early** Registration Price from 1 OCT 18 - 15 FEB 19

Standard Registration Price from 16 FEB 19 - 1 MAR 19

Price Information		
Rank	Early	Standard
W1-W2	\$25	\$35
W3-W4	\$30	\$40
W5	\$35	\$45
01-02 (GS 7-9)	\$30	\$35
03-04 (GS 10-12)	\$35	\$40
05 (GS 13-14)	\$40	\$45
06 and Above (GS 15)	\$50	\$55
Military Retiree		\$85
All other Guest		\$85
DEERS Family Members Same as Soldier		

Price Information		
Rank	Early	Standard
E1-E4 (GS 1-4)	\$15	\$25
E5-E6 (GS 5)	\$20	\$30
E7-E8 (GS 6)	\$25	\$35
E9	\$30	\$40
Military Retiree		\$85
All other Guest		\$85
DEERS Family Members Same as Soldier		

**Civilians:** Appropriate Formal Attire.

**Soldiers:** ASUs with Bow tie; Dress Mess with Formal White Shirt and Bow Tie or Ball Gowns.

To reserve seat(s), see menu choices and payment(s) please contact **your unit** representative.





# 9th MSC trains leaders to share the unit story

**Story by Staff Sgt. Edwin Basa**  
305th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

In the absence of a public affairs officer, UPARs work closely with their commanders at the unit level. They serve as representatives of the public affairs office and offer information on public affairs regulations, policies, media facilitation, and social media and other relevant Internet-based capabilities.

“As public affairs officers, we can’t go to every single unit, every single event, so, the UPARs will get down to the unit level, squad, company level, battalion level and get that story and be able to, with our assistance, get that story out, be able to publish and produce their story, their event” said Maj. Melodie Tafao, the 305th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment Commander.

“The 9th Mission Support Command is a unique reserve command because it is geographically dispersed. We have Japan and Korea, Guam and all the way up to Alaska and all of the units in Hawaii. So, having those UPARs be present in their respective units in their respective locations and giving that information to the command will be essential in getting our story told”, added Tafao.

Most direct reporting units subordinate to the 9th MSC, were represented at the training. These commander appointed Soldiers represented most enlisted ranks, as well as both company and field grade officers with an interest in writing and photography.

The UPAR training program is designed to provide a basic foundation in media engagement, photography and video, and social media best practices. In addition, they will serve as an advisor to their commander and as a link to higher echelon public affairs professionals.

“The UPAR is important for three reasons; promotes the morale of the unit, supports recruiting and retention and tells the Army Reserve story” said William Nutter, 9th MSC Division Public Affairs Officer.

As part of 9th MSC Commanding General’s command philosophy, “Readiness for Today” means being ready to fight. UPAR training enhances this readiness. After the first day, Sgt Kayla Alexander from the 4960th Multi-Functional Training Brigade said the classes covered “A lot of information, but it’s good information.”

“It’s a bit of a time crunch in two days,” Alexander added.

“I’m really looking forward to seeing after they complete the course what sort of products that they are going to be sending in, what kinds of questions they

may have and what kinds of things we could work to do better telling the story of the US Army Reserve in the Pacific” said 1st Sgt. Crista Mack, 1st Sgt., 305th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment.

“By training UPARs in the basics of journalism, photography and social media they are able to increase the engagement they have with Soldiers in their unit and a variety of audiences off of the installation,” said Capt. Ramee Opperude, public affairs officer, 305th MPAD.

“The value in gathering a group of individuals who are going to tell the unit story and the story of the U.S. Army Reserve cannot be understated; I look forward to all of the great content these leaders will begin producing in the near future”, Opperude added.

With the addition of over 15 trained unit public affairs representatives, the 9th MSC has increased their ability to tell the unit story and that of the U.S. Army in the Indo-Pacific region.



## Soldiers to be eligible for tuition assistance right after AIT

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service because it includes a housing stipend that could benefit them. Also, they might want to pass along that benefit to a family member if they so choose. Soldiers should contact their installation education office for more details.

## Army History

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Submissions for the Soldier, Civilian Supporters, and Service Animal Registries and information regarding purchasing paver bricks can be found at [www.armyhistory.org](http://www.armyhistory.org). The website also affords the opportunity to watch a video describing additional Museum features, see extensive building plans, and view photos of construction progress. The National Museum of the United States Army is slated to open to the public in 2020 and will welcome 500,000 to 700,000 visitors each year.

## 658th RSG dedicates Reserve Center to Col. Young-Oak Kim

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see Col. Kim, a man who served his Nation for 33 years during probably the most difficult times this Nation has ever faced; however, he did it for the love of country, for the love of his fellow man. That’s why it’s so important we commemorate him.” Kim’s memorial plaque and portrait are posted at the entrance of the facility.

The Col. Young-Oak Kim Armed Forces Reserve Center at U.S. Army Garrison Humphreys, South Korea will continue to be used to improve the readiness and ability of the U.S. Army Reserve to train, alert, and deploy in support of current and future contingency operations, including homeland defense.

## USARPAC-SU 1st Sgt. Change of Command



FORT SHAFTER FLATS, Hawaii-Outgoing 1st SGT Runnel Klahr, US Army Pacific Support Unit, gives words of appreciation to the unit as he welcomes his replacement, 1st Sgt Edmund Thompson, at Fort Shafter Flats Auditorium July 8, 2018. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Edwin T. Basa)



FORT SHAFTER FLATS, Hawaii-Incoming 1st Sgt Edmund Thompson addresses the Soldiers of US Army Pacific Support Unit during the change of command ceremony at Fort Shafter Flats Auditorium July 8, 2018. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Edwin T. Basa)



FORT SHAFTER FLATS, Hawaii-Outgoing 1st SGT Runnel Klahr, cedes his position as he passes the unit colors to Capt. Matthew Cronk during the change of command ceremony at Fort Shafter Flats Auditorium July 8, 2018. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Edwin T. Basa)



# Holiday Hustle

December 23  
Kailua Beach Park

## ***SPECIAL ENTRY FORM FOR 9TH MSC***

**ONE FORM PER PERSON PLEASE! PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY!!**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Email (VERY important!) \_\_\_\_\_

### SHIRT SIZE:

#### Adult Sizes:

- \_\_\_ XS
- \_\_\_ Small
- \_\_\_ Medium
- \_\_\_ Large
- \_\_\_ XL
- \_\_\_ 2XL

#### Kid Sizes:

- \_\_\_ Youth Small
- \_\_\_ Youth Medium
- \_\_\_ Youth Large

Emergency Contact \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Phone \_\_\_\_\_