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HOLIDAY MESSAGE FROM PSD DIRECTOR TED SAKAI

Seasons Greetings!

We are in the heart of the holiday season with the New Year fast approaching.

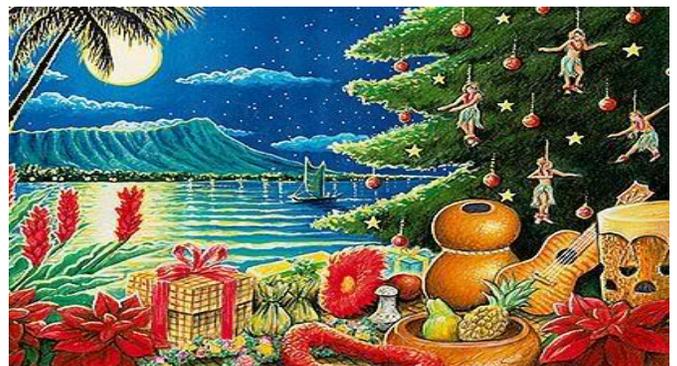
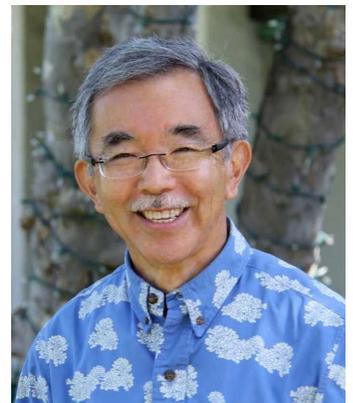
As 2014 comes to a close and I reflect upon the events of this past year, I would be remiss if I did not take a moment and thank you all for your commitment and professionalism. This department would not have successfully overcome some pretty big hurdles if it wasn't for the great people of this department who make up our team of corrections, law enforcement and administrative professionals. The public doesn't always see all the great work you do. The media doesn't like to point out

the hundreds of positive programs and accomplishments because they don't think it's "newsworthy". But I want you to know your hard work has not gone unnoticed.

Whether you are a Correctional Officer, a Deputy Sheriff, a supervisor or administrator, or a member of the support staff, you each play a role in helping us accomplish our mission and meet our goals. The work you do is so important in helping to maintain public safety in our great State. It was an honor to recognize hundreds of our employees during the annual Service and Incentive Awards ceremonies. I am in awe of the teamwork, acts of selflessness and bravery that occur every single day, all over this state.

It is truly a privilege to serve this department as director, and I thank you for all that you do.

I wish to extend a sincere thank you to everyone, who regardless of the season, stand ready to respond to those who need our help. It is my wish that you all are blessed with a quiet and safe holiday with your families.



AMAZING HOLIDAY STORY SUBMISSIONS



Last year we asked you to contribute special stories about anything you wanted. You surprised us with lots of great submissions. This year we asked you to contribute special stories about anyone or any thing you wanted to

highlight. We wanted to hear about the good works your co-workers do that sometimes doesn't get recognition. You didn't disappoint. Mahalo to everyone who decided to share their stories. Check them out in

our second annual special holiday edition!



SHOP WITH A COP, SHERIFF, ACO, HEROES AND HELPERS

Submitted by: Denise Johnston, OCCC Chief of Security and Pat Lee, First Deputy, Sheriff Division

On December 13, six of our OCCC Adult Corrections Officers (ACO) and three Deputy Sheriffs assisted the Honolulu Police Department with the Shop

with a Cop, Heroes and Helpers Day at Target. Fifty children from Waipahu and Halawa were given the opportunity to shop for Christmas gifts with a “helper”. Each child is given the opportunity to take a photo with Santa. They’re then given a \$50 gift card. The “helper” assigned to them steps forward and the

shopping begins.

ACOs Bryson Mactagone, Garrett (Kalei) Kawewehi, Kamuela Aiu, William Kaneakalau, Dereck (Duke) Gumpfer, and Darrell Wilcox all participated along with Sheriff Division Sgt. Bruce Yonesaki, Deputies Blaise Atabay, and Justin Boswell. We are very proud of them for stepping up to help with this worthwhile cause.



2014 SPECIAL SERVICE ACT AWARDS

Every year we hold the Special Service Act Awards to honor those who went above and beyond the call of duty. There were 8 recipients this year who all demonstrated great courage and honor.

Deputy Sheriff Kyle Lim

Mr. Peter Lum was in front of the Pan Am Building when a man grabbed his backpack and ran away. Deputy Sheriff Kyle Lim was off duty but still in uniform at the time. He quickly assessed the situation

and chased the man through the Don Quijote parking lot. Although the thief got away, he dropped the backpack during the pursuit. Deputy Lim was able to retrieve the pack with everything still inside.

ACOs Frank Kepa, Elijah Hoohui, Travis Nua, Charles Kershner, Erik Robinson, RNs Lailani Simolin and Eunice Kim

On October 28, inmate/patient Peter Frisbee collapsed

in Halawa's Module 4A. He had no pulse and wasn't breathing. Security and the Medical Unit were notified immediately. CPR was started by ACO Frank Kepa. When the two nurses, Lailani Simolin and Eunice Kim they found CPR was already in progress. They immediately shocked him with the AED one time. He regained a pulse and blood pressure normalized. EMS and police arrived and transported him to Pali Momi where he made a full recovery. If it were not for the immediate response of our

security and medical teams, we believe this patient would not have made it.



Back: ACOs Charles Kershner, Elijah Hoohui, Frank Kepa, Travis Nua
Front: RNs Lailani Simolin and Eunice Kim with Dir. Ted Sakai.
(ACO Erik Robinson and Deputy Sheriff Kyle Lim not pictured)



DEDICATED WORKER AND ASSET AT KCCC

Submitted by: Scott A. Dyson, IFSM, KCCC

Our Maintenance Supervisor Carl Braun is a dedicated worker and an asset to Kauai Community Correctional Center. Here at KCCC, my Food Service Unit has saved a large amount of funds be-

cause we have not had to outsource repairs to outside vendors. Carl has gone beyond his scope to work and always finds ways to curtail costs. He has done far more than any other maintenance supervisor I have seen for this facility as well as all of the other facilities I have worked at in the past 20

years. When he says he is going to do something, he does it with no complaints and in the time it needs to be done. He works with every department to ensure operations are running smoothly. He never procrastinates and always finds a way to get the job done. We will forever be grateful for Carl Braun.

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MCCC OFFICE EFFICIENCY IMPROVED

Submitted by: P. Alexa Foley, HSP, MCCC

Six months ago Ms. Ayin Adams began working as an Office Assistant IV at the Programs Section of Maui Community Correctional Center. Ayin has made a big difference here for our staff.



Ayin Adams, Office Assistant, MCCC

She is great at organizing, and has helped to make a more orderly system of arranging our office. Now there is a smoother flow, which contributes to more efficiency. I have the greatest respect for Ms. Adams, and I am very grateful for all the good

things she's done here. Happy Holidays everyone!



STEPPING UP TO SERVE

Submitted by: Lyle Antonio,
Chief of Security, Halawa
Correctional Facility

I would like to submit this story, as this person deserves to be recognized as a PSD employee that went beyond the call of duty in support of the mission and goal of Public Safety. Eric Tanaka, Deputy Warden for Halawa Correctional Facility was asked to temporarily head the Women's Community Correctional Center (WCCC). He was tasked with the same position

in early 2000. He faced some tough situations. He was accused of wrongdoing that he was later completely cleared of. This left him with uncertainty about stepping into a role like that again. This year he was again asked by the Director to head the WCCC as the TA Warden. Despite still feeling the sting of the past, he again supported the Director and the Public Safety mission by accepting the position. As the Chief of Security here at Halawa Correctional Facility, I know this meant big

shoes to fill with his absence. Director Ted Sakai supports him and Warden Espinda and I accepted and assured him that HCF will continue operate efficiently during his absence. After arriving at the WCCC, Warden Tanaka was tasked with establishing support, morale and confidence of the administration. Eric placed his facility back on track, despite making difficult and sometimes un-popular decisions. He received positive reaction from staff as well as inmates. As a coach and expe-

rienced leader he dedicated his time and effort to support Director Ted Sakai and the mission of PSD. As you know, the news media likes to focus on the negative when it comes to our department. WCCC recently portrayed a positive public image when they held their holiday family visitation day called Star Light, Star Bright, and when their culinary program was recently featured in the news. Great Job to TA Warden Eric Tanaka and his staff during this holiday season.



SHERIFF DIVISION HONORS THEIR RETIREES

Submitted by: Pat Lee, First
Deputy, Sheriff Division

The Sheriff Division wants to take the time to recognize the Deputy Sheriffs who, after

many years of service to the Department, have decided to retire this year.

- Sgt. Guy Ching 12/22/76 – 38 Yrs.
- Lt. Russell Ching 10/15/79 – 35 Yrs.
- DS Ben Kaneaiakala 7/1/83 – 31 Yrs.

- DS Audrey Dold 10/16/89 – 25 Yrs.
- DS Gary Anderson 9/25/89 – 25 Yrs.
- DS Dennis Apilado 4/16/02 – 12 Yrs.

Thank you to all for your many years of service to the state and to Public Safety.

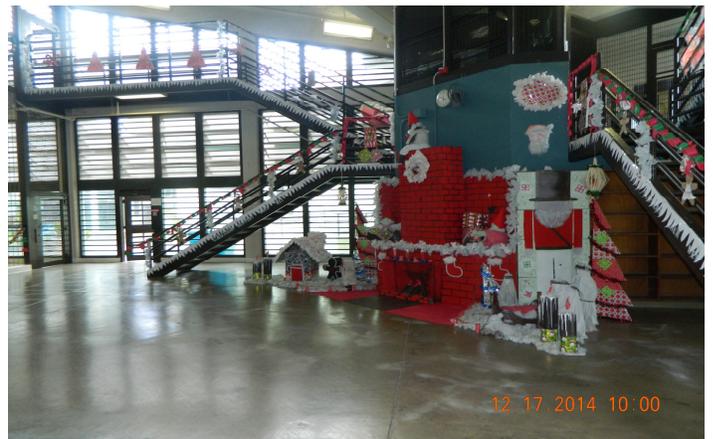


HALAWA MODULE 2 DECORATING CONTEST

Submitted by: HCF Warden Nolan Espinda and Dovie Borges,
Residency Section Administrator

When inmates in Halawa's Module 2 said they wanted to decorate their module, they didn't expect it would turn into an amazing competition for holiday spirit between the two blocks. The out-

comes were amazing. They were given two reams of construction paper and some wrapping paper plus some old module decorations. They used toilet paper rolls to make candles, toilet paper boxes to make the chimney, broken pillows to make snow and other throw away items in the module to create a winter wonderland. Check it out below and on the next page! (Cont. Page 3)



HALAWA DECORATING CONTEST (Cont. from Pg. 2)



THE STORY OF NOEL

Submitted by: Rosemarie Colquitt, Substance Abuse Specialist, OCCC Laumaka Work Furlough Center

I work with an amazing co-worker and it is not a wonder that his name is so fitting to this holiday season. His name is Noel. During the eight months I have

worked with him at Laumaka Work Furlough Center; I continue to observe, to absorb and to grow from his wealth of knowledge streaming from his extraordinary intellect, his extensive experience, and the depth of his passion. I watch him tirelessly work to assist the staff and service

those in custody of the State. I count it a privilege and honor to work with him in service to a population that proves to be challenging in more ways than I can count. So, this holiday season - I want to give a shout out for my amazing co-worker, Noel Villanueva.



Noel Villanueva, Case Manager, Laumaka Work Furlough Center



Thank you to everyone who contributed to this newsletter. We wouldn't have had one for the holiday season without you. I hope this is the beginning of a holiday tradition that we can continue for years to come. From the bottom of my heart, I want to wish you a Merry Christmas and a joyous New Year.

Mahalo!

Toni Schwartz

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