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18th MDSC commander, HHC, 18th MDSC, leads the way, as Spc. Lloyd Johnson, generator mechanic, 18th MDSC, and Sgt. Tia Wilson, human resources specialist, 18th MDSC, carry an “injured” Capt. Timothy Godbey, theater patient movement officer, 18th MDSC, out of a mock insurgent attack during the unit’s lane training exercises at Marine Corps Training Area-Bellows, Feb. 10-12.

Cpt. Victor Vickelcott, commander, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 18th MDSC, “I really hope that Soldiers learned a lot and had fun doing it, too, and that it helps prepare them for the next time they deploy.”

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Oahu Army Natural Resource Program, or OANRP, recently completed a series of meetings aimed at reviewing and guiding the Army’s natural resource conservation work with endangered species.

“We are very happy with the progress the Army is making towards satisfying the goals and objectives of the implementation plans.”

Patricia Ashfield

Program leader, USFWS Section 7

Recent projects included the completion of more than five kilometers of peg and goal fencing, 190 acres of weed control, the eradication of more than 1,500 endangered plants and rat control around 75 pairs of nesting Elepaio birds.

“Remarkably proud of the accomplishments of our GARRP,” said Alvin Char, chief, Directorate of Public Works’ Environmental Division.

“When we first started this program back in the mid-90’s, there was a tremendous amount of work that needed to be done towards ecosystems management on Army lands. Those challenges are still with us today, but we can all be proud of what we’ve done and what we’ve accomplished over the years.

GARRP also discussed progress made on the research and development front, including use of paintball equipment to deliver herbicide to target weeds from a helicopter, a wood chipper for large-scale weed control projects, static California rat control approaches and the approval of a safe bait to protect endangered plant seedlings in the forest.

Every year, the Mikako Implementation Team gathers to review the Army’s progress in executing the Mikako Implementation Plan’s conservation measures and to troubleshoot any unanticipated challenges. The MI is the Army’s sounding board for its natural resource program and also serves as a regulatory monitor of the Army’s progress in meeting Endangered Species Act requirements.

The MIT — which includes biologists, botanists, geologists, ecologists, resource managers, environmentalists, land owners, nonprofit conservation organizations, academic specialists and government agency representatives — was formed as a result of the Army’s ESA cooperation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to discuss training at Mikako Military Reservation, and to bring together a team of experts to write a step-by-step plan for protecting the endangered species at MIHR to offset any potential impacts from Army training.

The MIT prepared the EIP between 1998 and 2003. The EIP includes detailed fencing plans to protect native forest and endangered species from the damaging effects of wild pigs and goats, prescribes how to control introduced Great Aloha Run

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FORT SHAFTER — A memorandum of agreement to implement a Work Reintegration Volunteer Program for Soldiers at the Tidel Army Medical Center’s Warrior Transition Battalion at Schofield Barracks, was recently signed by Lt. Col. Douglas Guttormsen, commander, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers-Honolulu District, and Lt. Col. David Watson, commander, WTBD. The MOA developed the Work Reintegration Program to provide civilian workplace opportunities for wounded Soldiers and to help them reintegrate into the civilian workforce.

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plants (seeded) to favor native forest restoration within these forests; and a strategy for combating soil plant reintroductions, including the best yet seen for greenhouse production and the expected survivorship. This plan also contains information about tree seed populations and identifies priorities for conservation.

In 2009, the Army also completed an Oahu Implementation Plan for conserving rare species potentially affected by training at all the other Oahu ranges, outside of Makua. The OIP was reviewed by the MIT, and both plans were wrapped into the same annual review process.

The USFWS had a large presence at this year’s meeting and reviewed the plans, said Patrice Ashfield, program leader, USFWS Section 7. “We appreciate the amount of effort the staff from these various agencies and organizations have put in to help us make our efforts as scientifically sound as possible,” said Michelle Manders, Natural Resource Program manager. “Without them, we would have had a hard time achieving the success we have seen to date.”

Ongoing

Education Study — Parents or youth between 10-18 years of age are eligible to fill out the Military Child in Hawaii Longitudinal Study. Youth who complete the survey are eligible to win iTunes gift cards, MP3 players and a flat-screen TV. The study is located at www.hawaiikids.org. Sponsored by the U.S. Pacific Command, in partnership with Johns Hopkins University, this study examines attitudes of military families in Hawaii regarding educating their children in public, private, or homeschool.

USAG-Oahu Disestablishment — Get full details about the disestablishment of USAG-Oahu at www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil. Programs, functions and services currently executed by USAG-O and its subordinate organizations will be transferred to other commands within USALI-Hawaii by March 15. A listing of the colors ceremony is set for 1p.m., May 15, at the gym, Palm Circle, Fort Shafter.