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Honolulu District Civilian Employee to Receive Prestigious National Award

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(FORT SHAFTER, HI NR 08-11) A U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Honolulu District civilian employee will receive a prestigious national award next month in Bellevue, Wash.

Kris Young, who serves as the executive administrative assistant to the chief of the Engineering and Construction Division at the District, will receive the Federal Asian Pacific American Council's Excellence in Individual Achievement award during the 26th FAPAC National Leadership Training Conference held May 9 to 13.

Young is currently on special assignment at the Corps' Pacific Ocean Division (POD) serving as their executive administrative assistant.

"Kris distinguishes herself in all that she does," said James Proctor, POD interim chief of staff. "We're very proud of her and this great accomplishment. Her attitude and can do spirit are an inspiration."

An Asian-American / Pacific Islander and Oahu native, Young worked with Morale, Welfare and Recreation, "serving those who serve" at the Hale Koa Hotel, Armed Forces Recreation Center at Fort DeRussy, Hawaii for 18 years and at the Nehelani Banquet Center, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii before joining the Honolulu District in Sept. 2009.

Young was nominated for her many contributions to the District's administrative staff that have, among many other achievements, created a more collaborative and efficient working environment, saved numerous man-hours and dollars and solved a variety of long standing process problems.

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According to Todd Barnes, the District's Engineering and Construction Division chief, "she has an unparalleled work ethic," which led her to be recognized as Employee of the Month within her first nine months with the District. She also received the District's Ikaika Loa Award for Administrative Support Employee of the Year for her high level of achievement in administrative responsibilities. She recently received recognition from the Honolulu-Pacific Federal Executive Board as one of the Federal Employees of the Year in the category of Clerical and Assistant. She also received the Legendary Service Award during her time with MWR.

In addition to her work duties, Young is an avid volunteer. She participates in the District's Special Emphasis Program Committee and has served as its co-chairperson. She volunteered her time for the District's picnic committee and the holiday party committee.

This year, Young served as the Combined Federal Campaign key person for the Engineering and Construction Division which helped the District raise over \$65,000 to help those in need.

"We're very lucky to have Kris here at the Corps. Her outstanding work makes the District an even better place to work than it already is," Barnes said.

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