

**Potential:** *It's the moment you think you can't that you realize you can.* —Celine Dion, singer



**Congratulations to Rollie Laberge**, HED's RM Chief, on his selection as POD's RM Chief.

**Congratulations to Debbie Alexander**, LM, on her selection as Chief of Logistics.

**Congratulations to Dave Kern**, PP-C, on his promotion to Project Manager, GS-13.

**Congratulations to Kurtis Kikkawa**, CT-C, on his promotion to Procurement Analyst, GS-13, in the POD contracting office.

**Congratulations to Lise Ditzel-Ma**, PP-M, on her promotion to Project Manager, GS-13.

**Congratulations to David Lindsey**, PP-A, on his promotion to Project Manager, GS-13. David will be the PM Forward with DPW at Wheeler Army Airfield.

**Congratulations to Misty Payne**, RM, on her reassignment and promotion to GS-7.

**Aloha means Hello to Kim Ishii**, RM, who comes to HED from the Navy Transportation Office, Pearl Harbor.

**Aloha means Hello to Kathleen Anderson**, EC,

Procurement Tech/Admin Support, who transferred to HED from U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii.

**Aloha means Hello to Alex Skinner**, DE, Executive Assistant. Alex comes to HED from Alamogordo, N.M., where he was a school teacher following his retirement from the Army with more than 27 years of service.

**Aloha means Hello to Ronnie Kirkland**, Chief of Internal Review, who comes to HED from the Norfolk District.

**Aloha means Hello to Steven Kim**, Environmental Technical Branch, coming from DPW's Environmental Office to head HED's Natural Resources Technical Support Team.

**Aloha means Hello to Shane Brady**, RE, cartographer, who comes to HED from Arizona.

**Aloha means Good-bye and Good Luck to Col. Donald Pawlowski**, POD, who will be transferring to a new assignment as the Chief of Staff, 91<sup>st</sup> Division (Exercise), Camp Parks, Calif.

**Aloha means Good-bye and Good Luck to Christina Ouder Kirk**, Kwajalein Resident Office, who has resigned.

**Aloha means Good-bye and Good Luck to Catheren Gill**, Palau Resident Office, who has transferred to JED.

## Contracting instructor learns from HED

**J**ohn Numoto, an instructor at Defense Acquisition University (DAU) in Port Hueneme, Calif., spent four weeks with HED's contracting personnel to learn more about how the Corps of Engineers does business.



*John Numoto, a contracting instructor at DAU, spent four weeks as a "student," learning about the Corps' contracting requirements. —Photo by Michelle Cain.*

Instructors are encouraged to do rotational tours, ranging from one to six months long, in order to stay current on what contracting activities are doing in the field, he said.

"Since I didn't have a background in architect-engineering or construction contracts I wanted to find out about that area," said Numoto. "The Corps of Engineers is well-known for its construction and architect-engineering services."

Numoto's salary, travel, and expenses were paid for by DAU.

He spent time at the Ft. Shafter Resident Office and POD, in addition to HED. "I got to talk to everybody - the technical folks, the resident office folks - to get a feel for how the Corps operates," he said. "I've learned how the Corps operates internally as far as how they do their work, what kinds of work they do, and the processes used to get that accomplished."

In return, Numoto feels he was able to give the Corps "a third-party look at how they do work and make some comments on what I've seen other places compared to what I've seen at the Corps," he said.

Will the time spent at HED affect the quality of his teaching? "In classes, I often get Corps of Engineers students," he said. "When they told me what they do, it wasn't too clear. Now I know what they're talking about; I can relate to what they're saying because I understand where they're coming from."

—Michelle Cain