

USARPAC Fiscal Triad successfully executes year-end close

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Fort Shafter, Hawaii -- The United States Army, Pacific G-8 hosted a Year-End Close Recognition/Potluck celebration with members of the Fiscal Triad on Oct. 4, at the Historic Palm Circle Gazebo on Fort Shafter, Hawaii.

Members of the Fiscal Triad are composed of USARPAC G-8, 413th Contracting Support Brigade, and USARPAC Office of the Staff Judge Advocate. The 175th Financial Management Support Center in Korea is also a key member of the Fiscal Triad and will re-locate to Hawaii within the next few years.

Prior to presenting awards USARPAC Deputy Commanding General, Maj. Gen. Roger F. Mathews recognized the Fiscal Triad for the superb efforts during the EOY close.

Awardees represented the USARPAC G-8, 413th Contracting Support Brigade, and USARPAC Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, said USARPAC G-8, Sgt. Maj. Gregory Ransaw.

"Each leg of the Fiscal Triad works closely together to meet the USARPAC commander's mission requirements in compliance with law, policy, and regulation," said USARPAC Staff Judge Advocate, Col. Kevan F. Jacobson.

The Fiscal Triad provides the operational framework that governs everyday business. Although its primary purpose is to provide assistance and support to the commander in a deployed environment, members of the triad have discovered the benefits of synchronizing its capabilities in garrison and during this year-end close, it became quite evident, said Ransaw.

The Fiscal Triad played a crucial role to ensure mission success. Pacific Integration and the inclusion of 8th Army's budget under USARPAC doubled fiscal responsibilities. Across the command G-8 staff anticipated emerging requirements, identified funding shortfalls, and made recommendations to match funding solutions to command priorities. The 413th CSB staff met weekly with G-8 staff to provide status updates on outstanding purchase requests and helped ensure the 100% obligation of pending contracts, said Patricia E. Provines, deputy G-8.

"The day to day interaction of the fiscal triad was key to the successful close out of FY12. Communications and an understanding of shared processes helped us to efficiently and effectively obligate funding in support of USARPAC missions and priorities," said 413th CSB, Commander, Col. Martin A. Zybura. SJA staff provided support, advice, and legal opinions on a myriad of fiscal law issues, most notably contracts and exercise support.

"The combined efforts of the Fiscal Triad were invaluable in a successful year-end close," said Ransaw.

"Just like the USARPAC motto, we are 'One Team'. It takes all three legs of the Fiscal Triad for us to successfully accomplish our mission, and we do that well," said Deputy Chief of Staff, Col. John T. Vogel.