

# TRIPLER ARMY MEDICAL CENTER

## HAWAII

### LOCATION

Tripler Army Medical Center (TAMC) is located on Moanalua Ridge overlooking Pearl Harbor. It is within the City and County of Honolulu on the island of Oahu. TAMC is located within 20 miles of all Major Military Installations on the island of Oahu including Pearl Harbor Naval Base, Hickam Air Force Base, Schofield Barracks, Fort Shafter, and Kaneohe Marine Corps Air Station. The Installation is partially surrounded by housing below and the remaining areas above the Installation are privately owned undeveloped lands consisting of hills and ravines that are difficult for further development. There is only one access road for the Installation and the surrounding terrain makes a second access road a challenge to build. TAMC is located just 5 miles from the nearest international airport and is conveniently located close to main thoroughfares and population centers.

### SIZE

**Acres:** 367.21

**Square Footage of Buildings:** 2,147,089 SF

**Plant Replacement Value:** \$1,010,146,000

### HISTORY

The Army initiated plans during World War II to build a new Tripler Army Hospital as a replacement for overloaded and aging facilities located at Fort Shafter. Plans were completed in 1942 for a permanent replacement hospital in nearby Moanalua ridge. Construction was completed in 1948. Although not completed in time for World War II TAMC provided much needed medical support for the Korean Conflict. In 1964 the name of the facility was changed to Tripler Army Medical Center. In 1973 Tripler geared up to receive its first Vietnam Prisoners Of War for treatment and care. In 1985 TAMC added 3 new wings. Modernization of the remaining facilities was completed in 1990. TAMC made major medical advancements in state of the art health care by installing a dedicated Magnetic Resonance Imaging Machine in 1990, completing the first laparoscopic gall bladder surgery in the State of Hawaii in 1991, using Satellite Communications for the beginning of their Telemedicine program in 1993, and being recognized as one of America's Most Computer Advanced Health Care Facilities in 1993. The modernization of TAMC greatly expanded its capabilities in its Graduate Medical Education programs. In the mid 1990s the Veterans Administration under a joint venture with the Army added a modern Center for the Aging and an Ambulatory Care Clinic making TAMC a leader in Joint operations. In 2003 TAMC contributed to the current War efforts through Soldier Readiness Processing of thousands of Active Duty, Reservists and Army National Guard Soldiers. In 2004 TAMC treated several hundred wounded Soldiers and Marines from operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, Afghanistan.

## **MISSIONS**

Provide medical readiness by deploying a healthy soldier, and a trained and ready medical force. Manage the health care of the soldier, their families, and Department of Defense (DOD) beneficiaries. Provide effective and efficient healthcare as the only referral medical center for DOD beneficiaries in the Western Pacific. Provide management and support for Graduate Medical Education programs producing an average of 100 trained residents and fellows each year. Provide military veterinary services in support of Department of Defense missions in the Pacific Theater. Ensure dental readiness throughout the Pacific Regional Medical Command through the delivery of quality dental care. Special missions include management of the multi-Service market for TRICARE beneficiaries in the State of Hawaii, providing specialty/inpatient care and other services for Veterans Administration (VA) beneficiaries per the DoD/VA Joint Venture, providing support as an active component of the Healthcare Association of Hawaii Homeland Security network of healthcare facilities, developing and promoting international linkages through medical operations, in support of the U.S. Army Pacific (USARHAW), providing Special Medical Augmentation Response Teams in support of disaster relief and humanitarian missions, providing care to selected Pacific Islanders throughout the Pacific Rim in support of Congressionally appropriated programs, advancement of the Telehealth program in the Pacific through DoD/VA joint venture, operating the largest Federal medical library in the Pacific, providing medical training to other military services and the local Community.

## **MAJOR UNITS/TENANTS**

Pacific Regional Medical Command  
Veteran's Administration  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
Pacific Regional Dental Command  
Pacific Regional Veterinary Command  
American Red Cross  
Federal Fire Department  
USARHAW Housing

## **POPULATION**

	<b>Authorized</b>
Military	1,189
Civilian	943
Contractor	0
Student	0
Other	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,132</b>