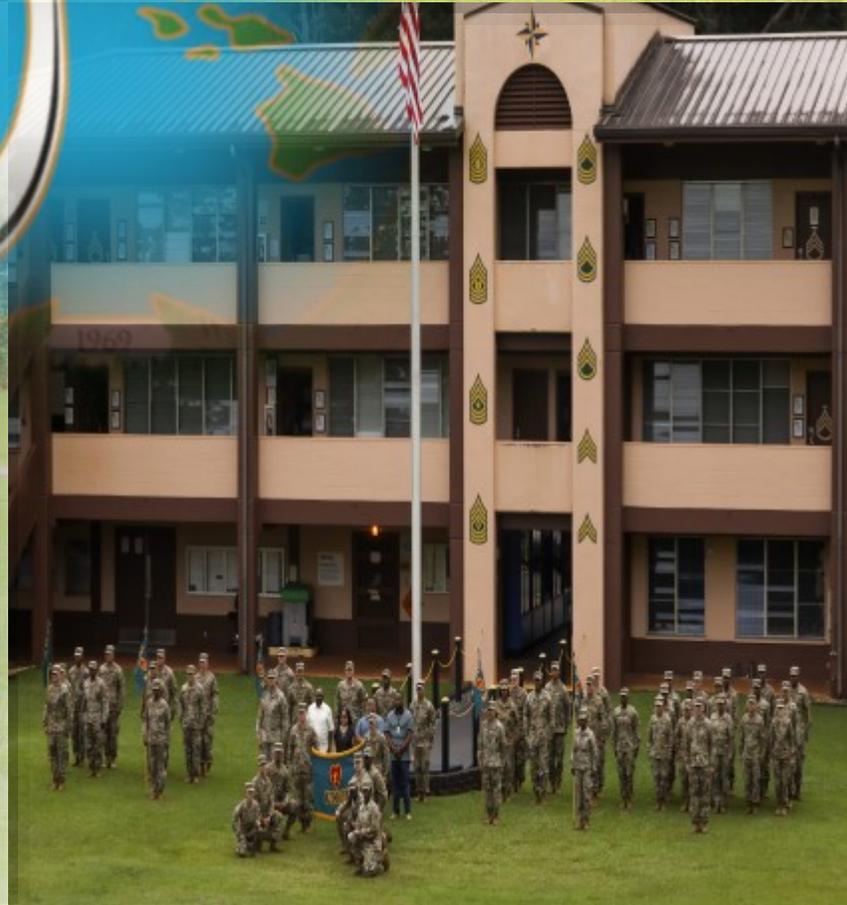




THE JECELIN NEWSLETTER



U.S. ARMY NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICER ACADEMY HAWAII

THIRD QUARTER FY20



History of Sergeant Jecelin



Sergeant William R. Jecelin

C Co, 35th Infantry, 25th Infantry Division
Posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the cost of his own life.

Near Saga, Korea
19th September 1950

Sergeant William R. Jecelin, Company C, distinguished himself by conspicuous gallantry and; Intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty in action against the enemy. His company was ordered to secure a prominent, sawtoothed ridge from a well-entrenched and heavily armed enemy. Unable to capture the objective in the first attempt, a frontal and flanking assault was launched. He led his platoon through heavy enemy fire and bursting shells, across rice fields and rocky terrain, in direct frontal attack on the ridge in order to draw fire away from the flanks. The unit advanced to the base of the cliff, where intense, accurate hostile fire stopped the attack. Realizing that an assault was the only solution, SGT Jecelin rose from his position firing his rifle and throwing grenades as he called on his men to follow him. Despite the intense enemy fire this attack carried to the crest of the ridge where the men were forced to take cover. Again he rallied his men and stormed the enemy strong point. With fixed bayonets they charged into the face of antitank fire and engaged the enemy in hand-to-hand combat. After clubbing and slashing this force into submission the platoon was forced to take cover from direct frontal fire of a self-propelled gun. Refusing to be stopped he leaped to his feet and through sheer personal courage and fierce determination led his men in a new attack. At this instant a well-camouflaged enemy soldier threw a grenade at the remaining members of the platoon. He immediately lunged and covered the grenade with his body, absorbing the full force of the explosion to save those around him. This incredible courage and willingness to sacrifice himself for his comrades so imbued them with fury that they completely eliminated the enemy force. SGT Jecelin's heroic leadership and outstanding gallantry reflect the highest credit upon himself and uphold the esteemed traditions of the military service.

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"This is my Squad"

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Commandant's Corner

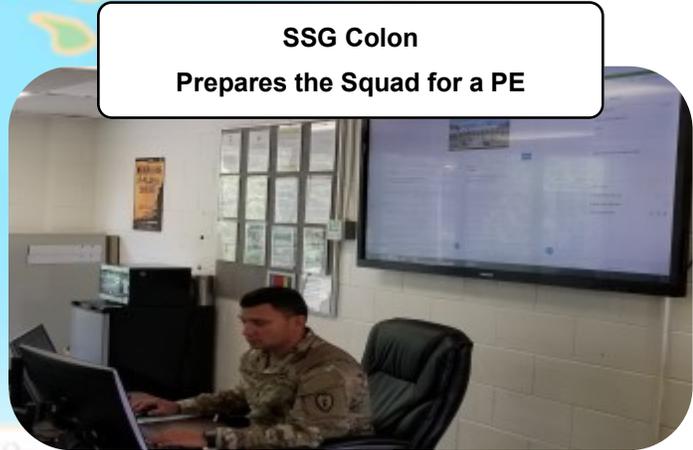


CSM Derrick C. Garner
Commandant

Greetings from the Noncommissioned Officer Academy Hawaii (NCOAH)! As each of you know the Facilitators here have been extremely busy with training future leaders. I'm proud to say that our organization continues to surpass all expectations, specifically while facing the COVID-19 Pandemic. Our Academy as many other Academies across the Army executed the first ever Emergency BLC (eBLC) that enabled instruction through Distance Learning (DL). The ability to rapidly adapt to the change in our operating environment, without losing momentum speaks to the professionalism and adaptability that exists within our NCO Corp.



SSG Pitchford
Starting his day with the Operational Variables



SSG Colon
Prepares the Squad for a PE

As we prepare to execute BLC Class 007-20 (DL), I want to congratulate and thank the leaders of BLC Class 006-20 (DL). Your patience, insight and recommendations are greatly appreciated and will be applied for the betterment of classes to come. To the leaders across the United States Army Pacific (USARPAC) thank you as well. The support you have provided to the Academy and the role you have played in creating an environment conducive to training your Soldiers is greatly appreciated. Know that the leadership you have provided and the empathy you displayed to your Soldiers will be paid forward for years to come.

Again congratulations and good luck in all of your future endeavors to BLC Class 006-20 (DL), and welcome to BLC Class 007-20 (DL).



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Deputy's Foxhole



The NCOAH will be saying farewell to 1SG Richards, as he assumes responsibility of HHC 1-21IN 2IBCT. His leadership and knowledge was beneficial to the success of our Academy. Although he will be leaving, his leadership will continue to influence this Academy and the Army. We are welcoming 1SG Gonzalez as the new Deputy Commandant, who has transitioned from the Chief of Training. We look forward to his professionalism and dedication as he continues to mentor and develop the NCO's of our Academy.



I'm very proud of the students and cadre at the U.S. Army NCO Academy Hawaii (NCOAH) for their ability to adapt and overcome the insurmountable obstacle of transitioning from resident to a virtual BLC-DL. Most of whom accomplished this tremendous task in just a few short weeks, all while maintaining the social distancing and restrictions set forth by the local government and Chain of Command. I'm also proud to have been a part of such a professional group of Noncommissioned Officers from the NCOAH Commandant, to the Leadership at NCOLCoE who entrusted and empowered the innovative thinking necessary to accomplish the mission. I will take the knowledge and experience I've learned from the NCOPDS with me as I transition back into the operational force, being a better Noncommissioned Officer.

1SG Philip W. Richards
Deputy Commandant

As the incoming Deputy Commandant, something of concern that I believe every NCO should know and be aware of is the revised DA Form 1059. It has been six months since the implementation of the revised DA Form 1059, the Army Evaluation Report (AER). However, most of our NCO's are not aware of the change and how it will impact their careers.

First, the revised AER mirror's NCOER's, students are now evaluated on their Attributes and Competencies throughout the course. The form reflects APFT, Height and Weight Data from the school, and equally important it now reflects the students Academic GPA. The Overall Academic Achievement class standing, is only limited to the top 40 percent of the class. This recognition for the top performers can be used for the students potential pertaining to career progression and professional development courses. Finally the revised AER increases academic accountability, talent management tools, and will be used throughout the Army for students attending Army Schools, DOD Schools, NCO Academies, and Allied Nation Schools.



1SG Rafael Gonzalez
Deputy Commandant

Our duty and responsibility is to keep Soldiers informed, we will continue to use our Newsletter as another platform of communication to ensure we keep our NCO's up to date with recent changes in the NCO Corp.

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Student Preparation



Become familiar with essay formatting and practice writing clear and concise products. Resources include:

Purdue OWL: https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/purdue_owl.html)

Grammar Book: <https://grammarbook.com>)

Read and become familiar with NCO 2020 Strategy, as it is the foundation that the Basic Leader Course was built upon. Understanding the why provides the purpose.

Join the Noncommissioned Officer Academy Hawaii (NCOAH) community at the Army Career Tracker (ACT) and NCOAH's website to get the most up to date information about the course.

Download the Digital Rucksack on your mobile device for access to career development models, self-development tools, and regulations. This application provides vast resources for Soldiers to utilize in location.



To download the App search either **digital rucksack** or **Squad Leader**.

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Leader's Recon



BLC Class Schedule For Fiscal Year 2020-2021

Class Number	Pre-Brief Date	Report Date	Graduation Date
006-20 DL	30 Mar 2020	13 Apr 2020	08 May 2020
007-20 DL	04 May 2020	18 May 2020	12 Jun 2020
008-20 DL	08 Jun 2020	06 Jul 2020	31 Jul 2020
009-20	27 Jul 2020	10 Aug 2020	04 Sep 2020
010-20	31 Aug 2020	14 Sep 2020	09 Oct 2020
Fiscal Year 2021			
001-21	19 Oct 2020	20 Oct 2020	13 Nov 2020
002-21	16 Nov 2020	17 Nov 2020	11 Dec 2020
003-21	04 Jan 2021	05 Jan 2021	29 Jan 2021
004-21	08 Feb 2021	09 Feb 2021	05 Mar 2021
005-21	15 Mar 2021	16 Mar 2021	09 Apr 2021
006-21	19 Apr 2021	20 Apr 2021	14 May 2021
007-21	24 May 2021	25 May 2021	18 Jun 2021
008-21	12 Jul 2021	13 Jul 2021	06 Aug 2021
009-21	16 Aug 2021	17 Aug 2021	10 Sept 2021
010-21	20 Sept 2021	21 Sept 2021	15 Oct 2021

Pre-Brief: **1400 HRS**. Location: **Academy Lanai**

Pre-Brief Slides will be sent to .mil one week prior during BLC-DL

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BLC Class 004-20 Highlights



The U.S. Army Noncommissioned Officer Academy Hawaii (NCOAH) had the privilege and honor of hosting Angela and Keith Oetting the great niece and her husband, of the Medal of Honor Recipient Sergeant William R. Jecelin. The Oetting family attended the graduation of BLC Class 004-20. The visit has opened lines of communication with the Family enabling us to build upon our relationship with the Jecelin Family. NCOAH consistently publicizes Sergeant William R. Jecelin for his steadfast dedication and sacrifice for our country. Our Academy is dedicated to Sergeant William R. Jecelin for his gallantry and service. We will continue to honor him and his Family.

CSM Garner and the Oetting family
 This photo was taken at the Sergeant William R. Jecelin Noncommissioned Officer Academy Hawaii graduation field after the students of BLC class 004-20 Graduated.



CSM Garner and CSM Lynn
 Recognize the awardees of BLC Class 004-20

Awardees of BLC class 004-20

Facilitator of the Cycle

SSG Thomas, Jermaine D

SHARP Awardee

SPC Gilbert, Kirsten E 1-27th IN

Iron Soldier Awardee

SPC Hixson, Samantha M 552 D MP CO

Leadership Awardee

SPC Robinson Whittany E HHC 8th TSC

Distinguished Honor Graduate

SPC Tilitile, Catherine D 205th MI



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Facilitator of the Cycle



SSG Thomas, Jermaine
Class 004-20

Staff Sergeant Jermaine Thomas was born in Bridgeport, Connecticut. He entered the United States Army on 10 July 2012.

SSG Thomas has served in various positions within the Academy. He is currently a Facilitator with 3rd Platoon.

SSG Thomas has a Bachelors Degree in teaching and education. He is pursuing a Masters Degree from American Military University.

Staff Sergeant Edward Han was born in Redding, California. He entered the United States Army on 22 July 2008.

SSG Han has served as a Facilitator with NCO Academy Hawaii for 10 months and is assigned to 1st Platoon. His commitment to holistic training made him a clear candidate for competing and winning the Facilitator of the Cycle for BLC class 005-20.

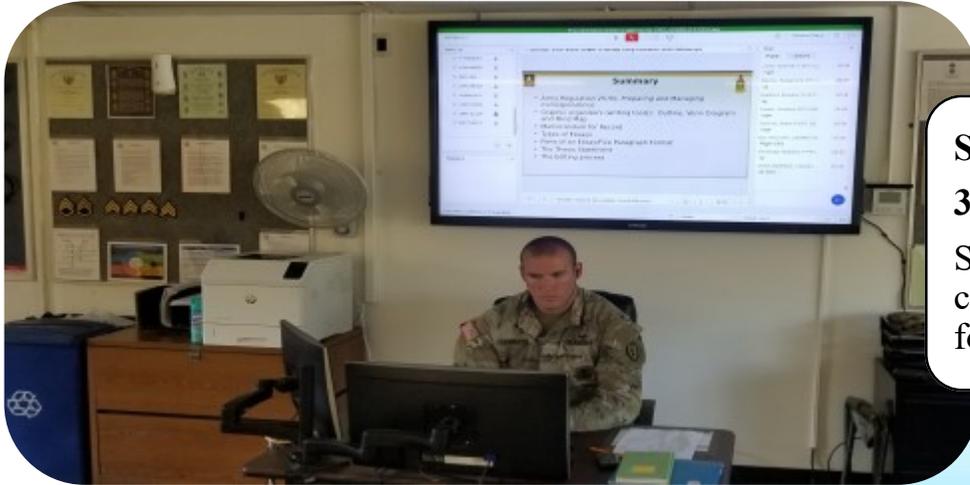


SSG Han, Edward
Class 005-20

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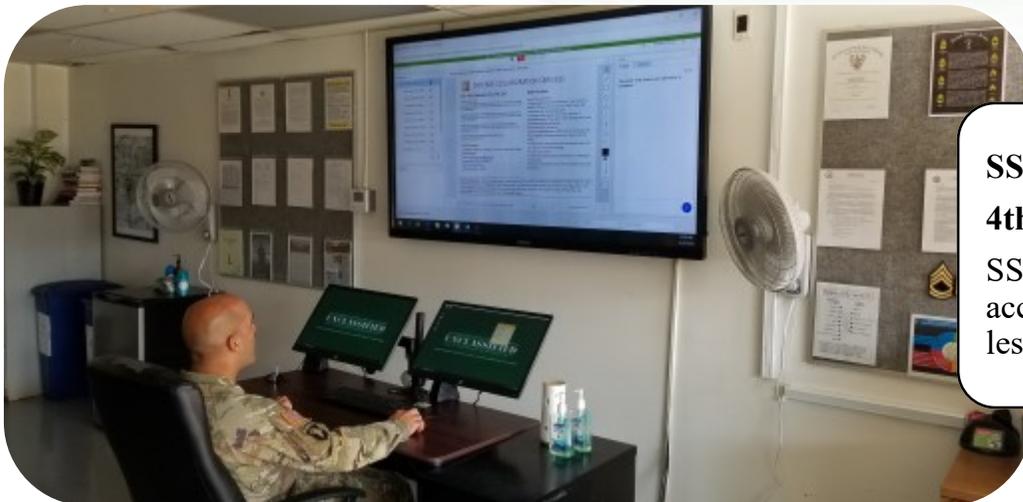
BLC-DL



SSG Vannatter, Shawn
3rd Platoon Facilitator

SSG Vannatter is completing the summary for B104 Public Speaking.

The Noncommissioned Officer Academy Hawaii (NCOAH) has remained Ready and Resilient throughout the past two months of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Academy has maintained the ability to train the future leaders of the Army, by utilizing Blackboard and Defense Collaboration Services (DCS) as the primary learning platforms. The combined effort of the Academy's Senior Leaders and Facilitators affirmed that all students of BLC-DL Class 006-20 received quality facilitation. Although class 006-20 was conducted through distance learning the standards and rigor were not comprised. The students of Class 006-20 were adaptive to the situation by utilizing multiple communication methods to share experiences and work towards graduating from the Basic Leader Course.



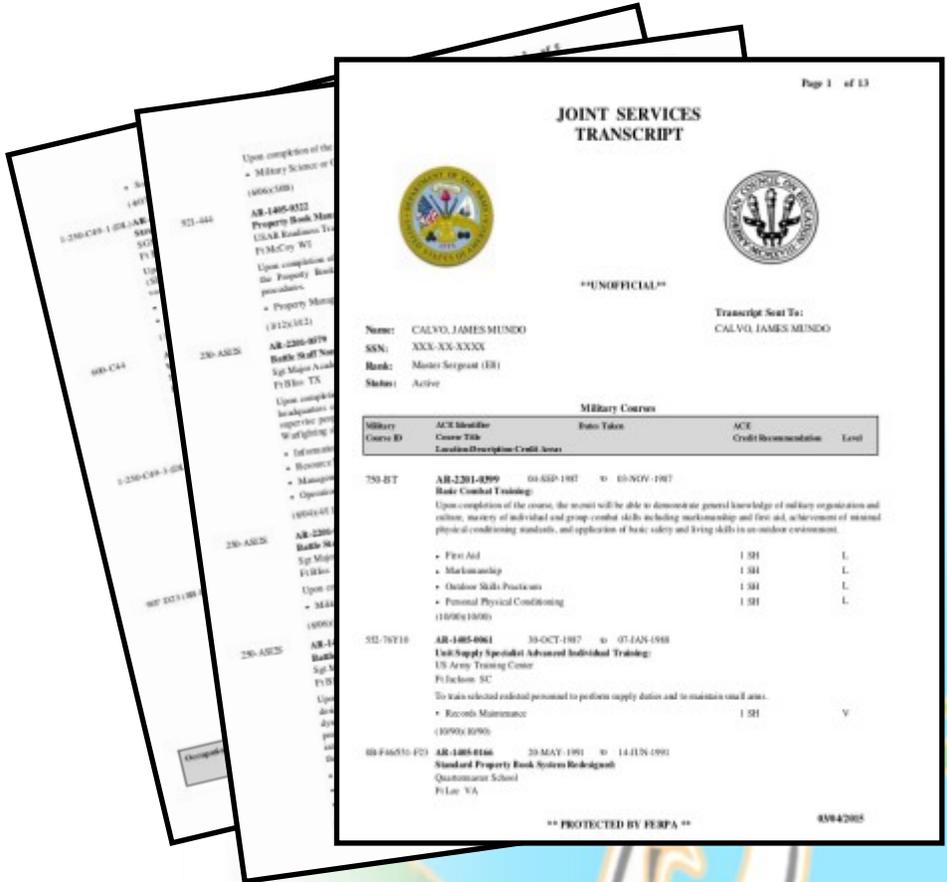
SSG Morales, Irvin
4th Platoon Facilitator

SSG Morales is conducting accountability before the lesson starts for the day.

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Benefits for the Soldier



College Credit:

The American Council on Education (ACE) and Military Programs Evaluation (MPE) completed their evaluation on DLC 1, BLC, and DLC 2 in March 2020. The following are credit recommendations for each course.

DLC 1:

In the lower-division baccalaureate/ associate degree category, 3 semester hours in supervision.

BLC:

In the lower-division baccalaureate/associate degree category, 3 semester hours in communication, and 3 in introduction to management.

DLC 2:

In the lower-division baccalaureate/associate degree category, 3 semester hours in communication.

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Facilitator/Instructor Opportunities

Interested in training and mentoring our future Noncommissioned Officers? This enhancing position can provide an SQI, Basic Army Instructor Badge, and increased promotion potential.

For Facilitator/Instructor opportunities please contact SFC Edwards, Damian at damian.s.edwards..mil@mail.mil

Official NCOAH webpage:

<https://www.usarpac.army.mil/ncoa/index.htm>

NCOAH Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/ncoacademyhawaii/>

NCOAH ACT Page:

<https://actnow.army.mil/communities/service/html/communityview?communityUuid=487a67be-47aa-4256-9519-b8f2411519d7>

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