

MEDIA RELEASE

Army Invites Public Comments on Rehabilitation of Richardson Theater at Fort Shafter Military Reservation, O'ahu, Hawaii

The U.S. Army plans to rehabilitate Richardson Theater (Building 500) at Fort Shafter and convert it to secure administrative facility. Richardson Theater was constructed in 1948 and is historically significant because of its Art Moderne architectural style. The Army will rehabilitate and preserve the historic character of the building exterior but will completely renovate the interior. The building will no longer be used as a theater. The interior renovations and the resulting change in use will cause an adverse effect as defined by Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

In accordance with Section 106, the U.S. Army Garrison Hawaii is seeking public input on the proposed rehabilitation project and any views on resolving the adverse effects of the undertaking. The Army will consider all comments received from the public and will document the resolution of effects through a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Hawaii State Historic Preservation Officer.

Project details and a draft of the MOA are available at:
<https://home.army.mil/hawaii/garrison/dpw/cultural-resources>

Interested members of the public are encouraged to express their views and provide comments no later than February 15, 2025. Comments may be submitted via email to usarmy.hawaii.crmp@army.mil; or mail: USAG-HI DPW Environmental Division, ATTN: Cultural Resources, 947 Wright Avenue, Schofield Barracks, HI 96857.