



## *COMMISSION PROJECTS UPDATE*

*November 2018-May 2019*

### **KIRC Virtual Museum-Stage 2: Digital Expansion-Living Library & Kaho'olawe Island Guide mobile app**

This project is funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services' Native American/ Native Hawaiian Museum Program. The grant amount is \$49,976.00 and the grant project runs from August 1, 2016 through July 31, 2019. The original grant proposal included the expansion of the database used for the KIRC Living Library website as well as the interface of the KIRC Living Library website with the KIRC mobile app, Kahoolawe Island Guide, Ho'ike 'ano o Kanaloa. It was decided to enhance the mobile application due to funding constraints.

These enhancements include:

- Renaming app to 30 characters or less as per Apple's new guidelines.
- Updating and optimizing the app codebase to work with the latest versions of Android and iOS.
- Call out the UXO warning on the disclaimer
- Evaluation survey embedded for volunteers can complete them on island via their phones or smart tablets
- "Ask the KIRC" feature in which users can submit a question to the KIRC
- POI of the Day (Point of Interest of the Day) in which app displays a random 'ili or POI at startup of the app
- Inclusion of a "What's Happening" section for KIRC press releases and announcements
- Inclusion of an "Observations" function which allows staff and volunteers to report and record environmental observations enroute to and while on island, including submittal of photos

Bryan Berkowitz of Berktech Solutions LLC conducted a general training for staff on how to access and navigate the app as well as specialized training for those who will be editing its content management system (CMS). Berktech Solutions LLC is currently working out the "bugs" in the Android platform and once the final version is released on the Android platform the newest iOS version will be released.

### **KIRC Virtual Museum-Stage 3: Collaborations & Special Collections**

The Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission was awarded a grant of \$75,000 from the Institute of Museum and Library Services' (IMLS) Native American/Native Hawaiian Museum Services Program on June 15, 2018. This two year project will run from August 1, 2018 to July 31, 2020 and focus on:

- 1) Reorganization of the KIRC Archive Room
- 2) Expansion of data in the KIRC Living Library database



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- 3) Rehousing of part of the “Navy” special collection (Navy Collection)—a collection originally given to DLNR by the Navy and placed with the Maui Historical Society on loan in 1981; the KIRC acquired the collection in February 2011
- 4) Evaluation, procurement and installation of improved software for the KIRC Living Library

Shelving has been purchased and placed in the KIRC Archive Room in order to take the archival material off the floor (see photos below). Materials for rehousing the Navy Collection has been purchased. PastPerfect Online software has been procured and staff is in the process of exporting data from the current Museum Archive program used for the KIRC Living Library website to PastPerfect Online. The website will be redesigned once this export is completed. Staff is also finalizing the sample from the Navy Collection to be rehousing and included in the KIRC Living Library website.



The KIRC Archive Room prior to initial reorganization.



The KIRC Archive Room after initial reorganization.