

BRIGADIER GENERAL KENNETH S. HARA
Deputy Adjutant General
State of Hawaii, Department of Defense



Brigadier General Kenneth S. Hara assumed his duties as the Assistant Adjutant General - Army, on January 1, 2018. He is also the commander of the Hawaii National Guard; dual-hatted, February 2018 - Present, Deputy Chief of Staff, Army National Guard, Operations/G3, Eighth United States Army Korea, Camp Humphreys, South Korea; and serves as the Deputy Adjutant General for the State of Hawaii, Department of Defense.

General Hara received his commission as a Second Lieutenant of Infantry through the Hawaii Military Academy, Officer Candidate School, Hawaii Army National Guard in 1987. He has served in numerous positions of increased authority and responsibility from platoon leader through Chief of the Joint Staff including other key staff positions. In 2005, he deployed as the commander of the 2nd Battalion 299th Infantry to Baghdad, Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. In 2008, General Hara deployed to Kuwait as the deputy commander of the 29th Infantry Brigade Combat Team. In 2012, General Hara deployed a third time as the commander of the Operations Coordination Center - Regional Command South, Security Forces Assistance Advisory Team, Kandahar, Afghanistan.

In addition to his Federal mobilizations, General Hara served on several state missions in support of local authorities. Most notable were his duties as the Assistant Operations Officer with the 2d Battalion, 299th Infantry following Hurricane Iniki which devastated the island of Kauai on 11 September 1992; as the Task Force KOA commander, comprised of Hawaii Army and Air National Guard Soldiers and Airman, that conducted National Guard Domestic Operations following an earthquake that struck the island of Hawaii on 15 October 2006; and as the Dual Status Commander of Joint Task Force – 50 in support of the Kilauea volcanic eruption response and Hurricane Lane response in 2018.

General Hara's military education includes the United States Army War College at Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania; Command and General Staff Officer Course from the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; Combined Arms Service Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; Combined Logistics Officer Advanced Course at Fort Lee, Virginia; Initial Entry Rotary Wing Course, Fort Rucker, Alabama; and the Infantry Officer Basic Course at Fort Benning, Georgia.

He holds a Masters of Strategic Studies from the United States Army War College and a Bachelors of Arts Degree in Human Services from the Hawaii Pacific University.

General Hara's awards and decorations include the Combat Infantryman Badge, Army Aviator Badge, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal with oak Leaf Cluster, Meritorious Service Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Commendation Medal with Silver Oak Leaf Cluster, and the Army Achievement Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters.

He is married to the former Myoung Park and has five children, Kristin, Julia, Nichole, Justin, and Alicia.




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National Guard



Brigadier General Kenneth S. Hara

**Assistant Adjutant General
 Hawaii Army National Guard
 Honolulu, HI**

Since: October 2015

SOURCE OF COMMISSIONED SERVICE OCS

EDUCATIONAL DEGREES

Hawaii Pacific University - BA - Human Services
 United States Army War College - MSS - Strategic Studies

MILITARY SCHOOLS ATTENDED

United States Army War College
 Army Strategic Education Program-Basic (ASEP-B)
 Harvard University, General and Flag Officer Homeland Security Executive Seminar

FOREIGN LANGUAGE(S) None Recorded

<u>PROMOTIONS</u>	<u>DATE OF APPOINTMENT</u>
2LT	26 Jul 87
1LT	25 Jul 90
CPT	8 Mar 93
MAJ	20 Apr 00
LTC	3 Jun 04
COL	8 Dec 08
BG	15 Oct 15

<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>
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Oct 15	Present	Assistant Adjutant General, Hawaii Army National Guard, Honolulu, Hawaii; dual-hatted, Feb 18 - Present, Deputy Chief of Staff, Army National Guard, Operations/G3, Eight United States Army Korea, Camp Humphreys, South Korea
Jan 14	Oct 15	Chief of the Joint Staff, Joint Force Headquarters - Hawaii, Hawaii National Guard, Honolulu, Hawaii
Jul 13	Jan 14	Commander, 29th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, Kapolei, Hawaii
Nov 12	Jul 13	Commander, 29th Infantry Brigade Combat Team Forward 34, Kandahar, Afghanistan
Apr 12	Nov 12	Commander, 29th Infantry Brigade Combat Team Forward 34, Kapolei, Hawaii
Jan 12	Apr 12	Commander, 29th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, Kapolei, Hawaii
Jul 09	Jan 12	Deputy Commander, 29th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, Kapolei, Hawaii
Oct 08	Jul 09	Deputy Commander, 29th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, Kuwait
Jun 08	Oct 08	Deputy Commander, 29th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, Kapolei, Hawaii
Jul 07	Jun 08	Student, U.S. Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania
Dec 06	Jul 07	Branch Chief, Joint Force Headquarters-Hawaii, Kapolei, Hawaii
Sep 06	Dec 06	Commander, 1st Squadron, 299th Cavalry, Hilo, Hawaii
Jan 06	Aug 06	Commander, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry, Hilo, Hawaii
Jan 05	Jan 06	Commander, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry, Baghdad, Iraq
Oct 04	Jan 05	Commander, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry, Hilo, Hawaii
Aug 03	Oct 04	Executive Officer, 103rd Troop Command, Pearl City, Hawaii
Jan 02	Aug 03	Commander, Regional Training Site Maintenance, Ordnance Training Company, Pearl City, Hawaii
Dec 99	Jan 02	Assistant S3, 29th Separate Infantry Brigade, Kapolei, Hawaii
May 99	Dec 99	Detachment Commander, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 103rd Troop Command, Pearl City, Hawaii
Jul 97	May 99	Training Security Officer, 103rd Troop Command, Pearl City, Hawaii
Jan 95	Jul 97	Base Defense Liaison Officer, 25th Infantry Division (Light) Detachment, Pearl City, Hawaii
Oct 91	Jan 95	S3 Air, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry, Hilo, Hawaii
Sep 91	Oct 91	Aviation Section Leader, 452nd Aviation Detachment, Hilo, Hawaii
Jul 91	Sep 91	Aviation Section Leader, 451st Aviation Detachment, Hilo, Hawaii
Jan 91	Jul 91	Chemical Officer, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry, Hilo, Hawaii
Jul 90	Jan 91	Executive Officer, Company A, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry, Keaau, Hawaii
Sep 88	Jul 90	Platoon Leader, Detachment 1, Company A, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry, Pahala, Hawaii
Jul 87	Sep 88	Platoon Leader, Company A, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry, Keaau, Hawaii
Jun 86	Jul 87	Officer Candidate School, Hawaii Military Academy, Waimanalo, Hawaii

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

	<u>DATE</u>	<u>GRADE</u>
Chief of the Joint Staff, Joint Force Headquarters - Hawaii, Hawaii National Guard, Honolulu, Hawaii	Jan 14 - Oct 15	Colonel
Commander, 29th Infantry Brigade Combat Team Forward 34, Kandahar, Afghanistan	Nov 12 - Jul 13	Colonel

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONAL ASSIGNMENTS

	<u>DATE</u>	<u>GRADE</u>
Commander, 29th Infantry Brigade Combat Team Forward 34, Kandahar, Afghanistan	Nov 12 - Jul 13	Colonel
Deputy Commander, 29th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, Kuwait	Oct 08 - Jul 09	Colonel
Commander, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry, Baghdad, Iraq	Jan 05 - Jan 06	Lieutenant Colonel

US DECORATIONS AND BADGES

Legion of Merit
Bronze Star (with 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster)
Meritorious Service Medal (with 3 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters)
Army Commendation Medal (with 1 Silver Oak Leaf Cluster)
Army Achievement Medal (with 2 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters)

Meritorious Unit Commendation (with Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster)
Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal (with 1 Silver Oak Leaf Cluster)
National Defense Service Medal (with Bronze Service Star)
Afghanistan Campaign Medal (with Campaign Star)
Iraqi Campaign Medal (with 2 Campaign Stars)
Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
Humanitarian Service Medal
Armed Forces Reserve Medal (with Silver Hourglass Device and "M" Device)
Army Service Ribbon
Overseas Service Ribbon (with Numeral 3)
Army Reserve Components Overseas Training Ribbon (with Numeral 5)
North Atlantic Treaty Organization Medal
Combat Infantryman Badge
Army Aviator Badge

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Army Aviator
Flight hours: 196.6
Aircraft flown: UH-1H
Pilot wings: 04 Jun 1991

CIVILIAN OCCUPATION

Serves as the Deputy Adjutant General for the State of Hawaii, Department of Defense. As the Deputy Adjutant General, he serves as the primary advisor to the Adjutant General for the State of Hawaii. General Hara assumed his current assignment in January 2015.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

National Guard Association of the United States
Hawaii National Guard Association
Hawaii Pacific University Alumni Association
Association of the United States Army
National Infantry Association
United States Army and Cavalry Association

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

2017, Joint Qualified Level III
2011, Hawaii National Guard Field Grade Commander of the Year - Hawaii National Guard Association
2001, Hawaii Army National Guard Outstanding Officer of the Year - Hawaii National Guard Association

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