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A lifetime of service and leadership with community, state and national organizations

Committed, compassionate, and disciplined leader who creates and catalyzes learning organizations, emphasizing development of individual potential and the value of teamwork to achievement. Demonstrated personal commitment to raising national awareness of issues affecting veterans, military and their families by cycling over 18,000 miles through all fifty states in one year. Served our nation as U.S. Army officer for twenty years, and our community now as an advocate for equity, opportunity, healthcare and service. Vice-chair and director of kama'aina company for nearly 3 decades. Graduate of West Point, National Intelligence University and Antonin Scalia Law School. Honors and credentials include:

- Legion of Merit for service in United States Army.
- President, officer, and director of public and non-profit service organizations.
- Vice-chairman and director of W.H. Shipman, Ltd., a kama'aina company.
- Attorney licensed in Hawai'i and Virginia.
- Operations and logistics officer for Washington State Guard (disaster response force).

EXPERIENCE

Leadership

Public Sector

- **Chair, Hawai'i County Charter Commission** (2018-2020)
- **Hawai'i County Board of Ethics** (2013-2017)
- **Corporate & East Hawai'i Regional Board, Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation** (2015-present)
 - Chair, Finance & Information Systems Committee (2019-present)

Private Sector

- **W.H. Shipman, Ltd.**, Vice-Chairman and Director (1992-present)
- **Shipman Law**, Attorney (2002-present; member, Hawai'i & Virginia State Bars)
- **Sunrise Aloha LLC**, VP & CFO (2014-present)

Non-Profit Sector

- **Duty, Honor, America Tour** (non-profit), Cyclist, Director and Chief Operating Officer (2010-2011)
- **Boys and Girls Club of the Big Island**
 - Board Chair (2019-present)
 - Board Secretary (2013-2019)
- **The Success Factory/NexTech**, Secretary/Treasurer of STEM support non-profit (2016-present)
- **Steering committee, East Hawai'i Regional Health Improvement Collaborative** (2015-present)
- **Rotary Club of South Hilo**
 - Assistant District Governor (2020-present)
 - President (2014-2015)
- **Ku'ikahi Mediation Center**, President (2015-present)
- **Community First Physician Selection & Subsidy Committee** (2016-2019)
- **Hawai'i Island Chamber of Commerce, Mil & Gvmt Affairs Cmtes & Cost of Living TF** (2016-present)
- **Kea'au Community Christmas Parade committee** (2012-present)
- **Hawai'i Island Veterans Day Parade committee**, Secretary (2012-present)
- **Holy Apostles Episcopal Church** (2012-present)
 - Senior Warden (2016-present)
 - Convention Delegate, Episcopal Diocese of Hawai'i (2015-2017)
 - Christ Episcopal Church, Seattle University District (Vestry, Stewardship, Budget 2004-2012)
- **Association of US Army** (2005-present)
 - Executive Vice President for Big Island, Hawai'i Chapter (2013-present)
 - President, PFC William Kenzo Nakamura Chapter (Seattle) (2007-2012)
 - Support soldiers/families, improve conditions for veterans, team with other service organizations
- **Washington State Guard (WSG)**, Washington State Military Department, Colonel (2005-2010)
 - Director for Operations and Logistics
 - State Emergency Ops Center National Guard contact during disaster response

