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Objective: To serve as an active council member of the Hawaii Advisory Council on Emergency Management. To serve as a community focused resource to the Governor and the Director of Emergency Management on emergency management topics and concerns with my over 40 years of training, education and experience as both a professional Emergency Manager and community disaster services volunteer.

Experience:

Emergency Management Staff Officer (Hazardous Materials and Logistics), Department of Emergency Management (DEM), City and County of Honolulu (2011-2025).

Nearly 14 years supporting a plethora of multi-agency emergency and disaster responses in the City and County of Honolulu i.e. hurricane, tropical storm, tsunami, flooding, wildfire and transportation accidents, etc. Provided instruction and community disaster preparedness outreach to multiple organizations and events. Retired.

U.S. Army Officer (Infantry and Civil Affairs/Civil Military Operations), U.S. Army (1981-2011).

Nearly 30 years leading soldiers in training and operations, serving on multiple service, joint and combined staffs at multiple command levels in the United States and overseas. Served and led soldier in conventional infantry units and special operations and airborne units. Specific training, education and operational experience in humanitarian assistance (HA), disaster relief (DR) and support operations and as well as Defense Support to Civil Authority (DSCA). Multiple operational deployments overseas. Last assignment was with U.S. Pacific Command (now U.S. Indo-Pacific Command) Future Operations Directorate with a focus upon Civil Affairs/Civil Military Operations with specific focus upon training support to the Armed Forces of the Philippines. Retired at the rank of Colonel.

American Red Cross (ARC), Disaster Services volunteer (1991-current)

Over 33 years as an ARC Disaster Services volunteer in five chapters (two in North Carolina, one in Connecticut, one in Virginia and currently serving the Pacific Island Region/Hawaii). Served in multiple roles over the years as a shelter manager, shelter manager instructor, government liaison, Disaster Action Team (DAT) member responding to house fires, damage assessment, community preparedness outreach and "general

purpose"/all-around volunteer. Deployed from Hawaii in support of Hurricane Irene Disaster Operation to New Hampshire and Pennsylvania.

Education:

Bachelor of Arts (History) - 1981

The Citadel (The Military College of South Carolina), South Carolina

Master of Science (International Relations) - 1991

Troy State University (now Troy University), Alabama

Master of Strategic Studies - 2004

U.S. Army War College, Pennsylvania

Over 150 Department of Homeland Security (DHS)/Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)/National Disaster & Emergency Management University (NDEMI) and National Domestic Preparedness Consortium (NDPC) resident, in-person and online training and exercise courses since 1992.

Numerous American Red Cross and other Voluntary Organization Active in Disasters (VOAD) courses of instruction, seminars and exercises since 1992.

Local Service:

Emergency Management Professionals of Hawaii (EMP-HI) (www.EMPHI.org) - Founding member (2013) and current Board Member

Windward Church of the Nazarene, Kaneohe, HI – Board Member

Hawaii Army Retiree Council, U.S. Army Garrison Hawaii, Schofield Barracks, HI – Volunteer

Neighborhood Board #30, Kaneohe, HI – City and County of Honolulu, Neighborhood Board Commission - Participant

State of Hawaii, Office of Elections - Volunteer

Awards and Acknowledgements:

Numerous military awards: Defense Superior Service Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (6 awards), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal (6 awards), Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service

Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal (2 awards), Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, Army Overseas Service Ribbon, Army Reserve Overseas Training Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon.

U.S. Army Special Skill Badges: Expert Infantry Badge, Parachutist Badge (basic)

American Red Cross – Volunteer of the Year 1994 – Highland Chapter (now Sandhills Chapter) - Fayetteville, North Carolina