



Biography

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COLONEL KENNETH S. HARA

Deputy Adjutant General Hawaii National Guard



Colonel Kenneth S. Hara is Deputy Adjutant, Hawaii National Guard. He assumed his current assignment in January 2015. Prior to this assignment, Colonel Hara served as the Chief of the Joint Staff for the Hawaii National Guard.

Colonel Hara received his commission from the Hawaii Army National Guard Officer Candidate School, Hawaii Military Academy in 1987. He has served in numerous positions of increased authority and responsibility to include: Commander, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 103d Troop Command; Commander, Regional Training Site Maintenance, Ordnance Training Company; Commander, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry; Commander, 1st Squadron, 299th Cavalry; Deputy Commander, 29th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, Commander, 29th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, and most recently, Chief of the Joint Staff, Joint Force Headquarters, Hawaii National Guard.

EDUCATION:

1998 Hawaii Pacific University, Bachelor of Arts Degree, Human Services, Honolulu, Hawaii
2002 Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas
2008 United States Army War College, Carlisle, Pennsylvania

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. July 1987 - September 1988, Platoon Leader, Company A, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry, Hilo, Hawaii
2. September 1988 - July 1990, Platoon Leader, Detachment 1, Company A, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry, Hilo, Hawaii

3. July 1990 - October 1991, Executive Officer, Company A, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry, Hilo, Hawaii
4. October 1991 - July 1991, Chemical Officer, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry, Hilo, Hawaii
5. July 1991 - September 1991, Aviation Section Leader, 451st Aviation Detachment, Hilo, Hawaii
6. September 1991 - October 1991, Aviation Section Leader, 452nd Aviation Detachment, Hilo, Hawaii
7. October 1991 - January 1995, S3 Air, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry, Hilo, Hawaii
8. January 1995 - July 1997, Base Defense Liaison Officer, 25th Infantry Division (Light) Detachment, Pearl City, Hawaii
9. August 1997 - May 1999, Training Security Officer, 103rd Troop Command, Pearl City, Hawaii
10. May 1999 - December 1999, Detachment Commander, Headquarters Detachment, 103rd Troop Command, Pearl City, Hawaii
11. December 1999 - January 2002, Assistant S3, 29th Separate Infantry Brigade, Kapolei, Hawaii
12. January 2002 - August 2003, Commander, Regional Training Site Maintenance, Ordnance Training Company, Pearl City, Hawaii
13. August 2003 - October 2004, Executive Officer, 103rd Troop Command, Pearl City, Hawaii
14. October 2004 - January 2005, Commander, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry, Hilo, Hawaii
15. January 2005 - January 2006, Commander, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry, Baghdad, Iraq
16. January 2006 - August 2006, Commander, 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry, Hilo, Hawaii
17. September 2006 - December 2006, Commander, 1st Squadron, 299th Cavalry, Hilo, Hawaii
18. December 2006 - July 2007, Branch Chief, Joint Force Headquarters-Hawaii, Kapolei, Hawaii
19. July 2007 - June 2008, Student, U.S. Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania
20. June 2008 - October 2008, Deputy Commander, 29th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, Kapolei, Hawaii
21. October 2008 - July 2009, Deputy Commander, 29th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, Camp Arifjan, Kuwait
22. July 2009 - January 2012, Deputy Commander, 29th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, Kapolei, Hawaii
23. January 2012 - April 2012, Commander, 29th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, Kapolei, Hawaii
24. April 2012 - November 2012, Commander, 29th Infantry Brigade Combat Team Forward 34, Kapolei, Hawaii
25. November 2012 - July 2013, Commander, 29th Infantry Brigade Combat Team Forward 34, Kandahar Air Field, Afghanistan
26. July 2013 - January 2014, Commander, 29th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, Kapolei, Hawaii
27. January 2014 - December 2014, Chief of the Joint Staff, Joint Force Headquarters - Hawaii, Honolulu, Hawaii
28. 1 January 2015 - present, Deputy Adjutant General, Headquarters, Hawaii National Guard, Honolulu, Hawaii

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

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)

Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal (with 1 Silver Oak Leaf Cluster)

National Defense Service Medal (with Bronze Service Star)

Iraqi Campaign Medal (with 2 Campaign Stars)

Afghanistan Campaign Medal (with Campaign Star)

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)
Overseas Service Ribbon (with Numeral 3)
Army Service Ribbon
Army Reserve Component Overseas Training Ribbon (with Numeral 5)
NATO Medal
Hawaii National Guard Medal for Merit
Hawaii National Guard Service Medal
Hawaii National Guard Active Duty Basic Training Ribbon
Hawaii National Guard Global War on Terrorism Federal Service Ribbon
Hawaii National Guard Humanitarian Service Medal
Hawaii National Guard Hurricane Iniki Ribbon
Hawaii National Guard State Active Duty Ribbon
Army Aviator Badge
Combat Infantryman Badge

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant 26 July 87
First Lieutenant 25 July 1990
Captain 8 March 1993
Major 20 April 2000
Lieutenant Colonel 3 June 2004
Colonel 8 December 2008

(Current as of January 2015)