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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Hawaii Army National Guard Senior Branch Warrant Officer List

1. Effective immediately Senior Branch Warrant Officers (SBWOs) will be identified. These senior officers will serve as advisors to the Command Chief Warrant Officer (CCWO) on all branch specific issues which includes but not limited to future force structure changes, recruiting, morale, and manning.
2. SBWOs are mentors, however it must be stressed that the Warrant Officers (WOs) chain-of-command has the primarily responsibility for their professional development. A mentor is an additional avenue for subordinates to seek advice and support to enhance their development. While a mentor may be found from any source, it is likely that the special trust and confidentiality required will cause the person to look outside his or her chain-of-command for a mentor.
3. SBWOs will actively engage with junior Warrant Officers to enhance their career/personal development. They will address branch issues to the CCWO and will assist the Warrant Officer Strength Manager in filling current and projected vacancies.
4. The Senior Branch Warrant Officer List is as follows:
 - a. CW3 Andre Varea, Engineer (120A)
 - b. CW4 Brandon Shiraishi, Field Artillery (131A)
 - c. CW5 John Yim, Aviation (All 150, 151, and 153 Series)
CW5 Marvin Santos, Aviation (All 150, 151, and 153 Series)
CW5 Clyde Pelekai, Aviation (All 150, 151, and 153 Series)
 - d. CW4 Douglas Montgomery, Cyber (170B)
 - e. CW4 Kandee Almond, Signal (255A/N)
 - f. CW4 Brandon Cho, Signal and Cyber (255S/170A)
 - g. CW3 John Feist, Military Intelligence (All 350, 351 352, and 353 Series)
 - h. CW4 Roman Lim, Human Resources (420A)
 - i. CW5 Curtis Hiyane, Bandmaster (420C)
 - j. CW4 Jarred Siruno, Ordnance (All 890, 913, 914, 915, and 919 Series) TC/JFHQ Only
CW4 Matthew Kakazu, Ordnance (All 890, 913, 914, 915 and 919 Series) BDE Only

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k. CW4 Christopher Smith, Logistics (All 920 Series)

l. WO1 Luis Luyo, Food Service (922A)

m. CW3 Michael Moore, Ordnance (All 948 Series)

5. Warrant Officers are highly encouraged to reach out to their SBWO within 90 days of their assignment. SBWOs will include a mentorship bullet in their officer evaluation report/support form to show their effectiveness as the SBWO. WOs who rate Non-Commissioned Officers who have potential to become a Warrant Officer should document this on their evaluation report.

6. This memorandum is valid until rescinded. Requests to be removed from the branch list will be addressed directly to the HIARNG CCWO.

7. POC is CW5 Kevin Aihara at 808-672-1294 or kevin.h.aihara.mil@army.mil.

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