



LIEUTENANT COLONEL HENRY S. HARA

LTC Henry S. Hara enlisted in the Hawaii Army National Guard on May 23, 1951 and was later commissioned as a Second Lieutenant of Infantry on October 4, 1954. LTC Hara served over 37 years in the Hawaii Army National Guard upon his retirement on July 31, 1988.

During the 29th Infantry Brigade activation on May 13, 1968, LTC Hara served as the Brigade's S1, and consequently deployed to the Republic of Vietnam as the commandant of the Headquarters Detachment (CI), Military Assistance Command Vietnam.

LTC Hara assumed command the 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry on September 16, 1975 and served as the battalion commander for over 13 years until relinquishing command on May 14, 1988.

For his outstanding service as the full-time 2-299 IN command administrative officer, LTC Hara - affectionately known as "The Shogun" - received several commendations from military leaders, civil authorities, and private organizations.

LTC Hara is a graduate of the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

His awards and decorations include:

Legion of Merit

Meritorious Service Medal

Army Commendation Medal

Army Achievement Medal

Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters

National Defense Service Medal

Vietnam Service Medal with three Bronze Stars

Armed Forces Reserve Medal with two Bronze Hourglass

Army Service Ribbon

Army Reserve Component Overseas Training Ribbon with Numeral 3

Meritorious Unit Commendation

Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation with Palm

Republic of Vietnam Campaign Ribbon

Hawaii National Guard Medal for Merit with one Bronze Kahili

Hawaii National Guard Service Medal with two Bronze Kahili

Hawaii National Guard State Active Duty Ribbon,

Hawaii National Guard 1968 Federal Service Ribbon

Hawaii National Guard Recruiter Badge.

He was also awarded the Hawaii National Guard Association's Outstanding Field Grade Commander for the years 1983 and 1987.