

Brigadier General Thomas S. Ito



Born of immigrant parents on October 16, 1928, Brigadier General Thomas S. Ito (USA Ret), began his military career as a commissioned Field Artillery Officer, in the Officers Reserve Corps in June 1951. He subsequently joined the Hawaii Army National Guard (ARNG) and served in a variety of command and staff assignments up to assistant division commander.

In December 1962, he was ordered to active duty as a major, with assignment in the Departments of Army & Air Force, the Pentagon, National Guard Bureau. He served as the Assistant and later Chief, Air Defense Branch, Organization and Training Division, overseeing and managing the multi-million dollar conversion from the Nike Ajax to the Nike Hercules Missile Systems. Upon his release from active duty in December 1966, he returned to Hawaii and served in the Hawaii Army National Guard.

As a Colonel, on March 1974, he was appointed U.S. Property & Fiscal Officer of Hawaii and was ordered to active duty by the National Guard Bureau, The Pentagon. As the U.S. Property & Fiscal Officer of Hawaii, he was responsible and accountable for all Federal funds and equipment in the Army and Air National Guard in Hawaii.

He came off active duty in September 1976 and was assigned to the 29th Infantry Brigade (Divisional) and served as the Assistant Division Commander, 25th Infantry Division.

He was promoted to Brigadier General on February 1977. He also served as the Deputy Adjutant General for Hawaii in his full-time capacity

BG Ito is a graduate of the University of Hawaii and the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College. He resides in Honolulu, HI with his wife Doris, and they have three children and four grandchildren. His decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal (Army), Legion of Merit with one Oak Leaf Cluster.

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