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NEW ADJUTANT GENERAL NOMINATED

Governor Neil Abercrombie has nominated **Maj Gen Darryll Wong** as the Adjutant General, a member of the Governor's Cabinet. Maj Gen Wong currently serves as the Commander of the Hawaii Air National Guard. The State Senate will hold his confirmation hearing in January.

Send congratulatory e-mail: darryll.wong@hickam.af.mil

General Wong's biography that follows reflect his current position as the Hawai'i Air National Guard Chief of Staff and Commander, Hawai'i Air National Guard. The biography is current as of June 2010.

MAJOR GENERAL DARRYLL D. M. WONG



Chief of Staff, Hawaii Air National Guard

Major General Darryll D. M. Wong is Chief of Staff, Hawai'i Air National Guard and also serves as Commander, Hawai'i Air National Guard, Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam, Hawai'i.

As Chief of Staff he coordinates the development and implementation of Hawai'i Air National Guard policies and provides guidance to all subordinate commanders and staffs.

As Commander, he is responsible for developing the Hawai'i Air National Guard's strategic and contingency operational plans.

He commands an organization consisting of one of the largest and most diversified Air National Guard Wings with three operational flying squadrons (F-22 Raptors, KC-135R Stratotankers and C-17A Globemaster IIIs) and the Hawai'i Regional Operations Control Center. Other units include a Combat Communications Group, with an Air Traffic Control and Eagle Vision unit, an Air

Operations Group, Signal Intelligence Flight, and a Weather Flight with a total authorized strength of 2,515 personnel. Units are responsible for the air defense of the Hawaiian Islands with combat-ready fighters on 24-hour alert.

General Wong is also dual-hatted as Air National Guard Assistant to the Commander, Pacific Air Forces Command. In his current position, he also worked as the Air National Guard Assistant to the Deputy Chief of Staff for Strategic Plans and Programs, Headquarters United States Air Force, Washington, District of Columbia.

General Wong received his commission in May 1972 as a distinguished graduate from the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps Program at the University of Hawai'i, Mānoa.

While on active duty, he flew C-141's during the final years of the Vietnam War, the closing of United States bases in Thailand, and the baby and refugee airlift as a member of the 53rd Military Airlift Squadron, Norton Air Force Base, California. He served as Squadron Scheduler, Training Officer, and a member of the Airlift Control Element unit.

General Wong joined the Hawai'i Air National Guard in November 1984 as a Flight Line Maintenance Officer overseeing F-4C Phantom operations and the eventual conversion to the F-15A Eagles. He later served as Flight Line Executive Officer, and the Maintenance Staff Officer. His last assignment with the squadron was as the Officer-in-Charge of Organizational Maintenance.

In 1993, he transferred to the newly formed 203rdAir Refueling Squadron as a Combat Crew Pilot, Instructor Pilot, and Flight Commander. He later served as the 203rd Air Refueling Squadron Director of Operations.

Before assuming his current position, he served as the Headquarters Hawai'i Air National Guard Director of Operations and project officer for developing C-17A beddown requirements for the Hawai'i Air National Guard. General Wong is a Command Pilot and Instructor Pilot with more than 3,000 hours in the C-17, KC-135R, C-141A, T-38, and T-37.

EDUCATION:

1972 University of Hawai'i, Mānoa, Bachelor of Arts, Geography, Honolulu, Hawai'i

1996 United States Air War College, by correspondence

2005 Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies, Honolulu, Hawai'i

2006 Joint Forces College, Advanced Joint Professional Military Education, Norfolk, Virginia

2007 Program for National and International Security Management, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts

2009 University of Hawai'i, Mānoa, Master of Business Administration, Honolulu, Hawai'i

2009 University of Hawai'i, Mānoa, Certificate in International Management – Pacific Asian Management Institute, Honolulu, Hawai'i

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. June 1972 - September 1973, Student, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Williams Air Force Base, Arizona
2. September 1973 - June 1976, Aircraft Commander, 53rd Military Airlift Squadron, Norton Air Force Base, California
3. June 1976 - November 1976, Aircraft Commander, 730th Military Airlift Squadron, Norton Air Force Base, California
4. November 1976 - September 1982, Reservist, Headquarters Air Reserve Personnel Center, Lowry Air Force Base, Colorado
5. September 1982 - November 1984, Liaison Officer, United States Air Force Academy 9001st Air Reserve Squadron, Lowry Air Force Base, Colorado
6. November 1984 - July 1987, Aircraft Maintenance Officer, 154th Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Hickam Air Force Base, Hawai'i
7. July 1987 - January 1991, Executive Officer, Flight Line, 154th Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Hickam Air Force Base, Hawai'i
8. January 1991 - August 1991, Officer-in-Charge, Flight Line, 154th Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Hickam Air Force Base, Hawai'i
9. August 1991 - December 1991, Staff Officer, 154th Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Hickam Air Force Base, Hawai'i
10. December 1991 - January 1993, Officer-in-Charge, Organization Maintenance, 154th Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Hickam Air Force Base, Hawai'i
11. January 1993 - June 1998, Combat Crew Instructor Pilot and Flight Commander, 203rd Air Refueling Squadron, Hickam Air Force Base, Hawai'i
12. June 1998 - May 1999, Operations Officer, 203rd Air Refueling Squadron, Hickam Air Force Base, Hawai'i
13. May 1999 - August 2001, Director of Operations, Headquarters, Hawaii Air National Guard, Honolulu, Hawai'i
14. August 2001 - September 2003, Assistant Adjutant for Air and Commander, Headquarters, Hawaii Air National Guard, Honolulu, Hawai'i
15. September 2003 - Present, Chief of Staff, Hawai'i Air National Guard, also serves as Commander, Headquarters, Hawai'i Air National Guard, Honolulu, Hawaii;

    Dual-hatted, July 2008 - Present, Air National Guard Assistant to Commander, Pacific Air Forces Command, Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam, Hawai'i

FLIGHT INFORMATION:

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight hours: More than 3,000

Aircraft flown: T-37, T-38, C-141, KC-135R

Pilot wings from: Williams Air Force Base, Arizona

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Meritorious Service Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award (with 3 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters)

National Defense Service Medal (with 1 Bronze Service Star)

Vietnam Service Medal

Kosovo Campaign Medal

Humanitarian Service Medal

Air Force Longevity Service Award (with 4 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters)

Armed Forces Reserve Medal (with Bronze Hourglass and M Device)

Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon

Air Force Training Ribbon

Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal (with Silver Date Bar)

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS:

1972 Graduate, Honors Program (Senior Honors Thesis), University of Hawai'i, Mānoa

1972 Distinguished Graduate, Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps, University of Hawai'i, Mānoa

1975 Member, All-Air Force Volleyball Team

1975 Member, Armed Forces All-Star Volleyball Team

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant	7 June 1972
First Lieutenant	7 June 1975
Captain	13 December 1982
Major	13 December 1989
Lieutenant Colonel	31 October 1995
Colonel	30 March 2000
Brigadier General	23 June 2003
Major General	29 July 2005