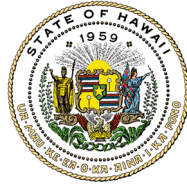


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First death of Hawai'i National Guardsman from COVID-19

HONOLULU- The Hawai'i National Guard lost its first member from the COVID-19 virus on Sunday, November 15, 2020. The 52 year old airman tested positive for COVID-19 earlier in the week.

The Hawai'i Air National Guardsman was a part-time reservist assigned to Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam.

"Sadly, the Hawai'i National Guard lost a member of our 'ohana and our heartfelt condolences and thoughts of Aloha are with the family and friends during this very difficult time," said Maj. Gen. Kenneth S. Hara, Adjutant General for the State of Hawai'i. "This personal loss reminds us that Hawai'i needs everyone to comply with safe practices to prevent further spread of this deadly disease."

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 outbreak, the Hawai'i National Guard adopted mitigation measures, which includes virtual training activities, to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

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