

**BRIGADIER GENERAL KENNETH S. HARA**  
**Deputy Adjutant General**  
**State of Hawaii, Department of Defense**



Brigadier General Kenneth S. Hara serves as the Assistant Adjutant General - Army, Hawaii National Guard, Deputy Adjutant General for the State of Hawaii, Department of Defense, and commander of the Hawaii Army National Guard. His responsibilities include development and oversight of the state's Department of Defense strategy, policies, plans, and initiatives; the State Partnership Program; theater security cooperation; external coordination; and civil support.

General Hara received his commission from the Hawaii Army National Guard Military Academy, Officer Candidate School in 1987. He has served in numerous positions of increased authority and responsibility from platoon leader through Chief of the Joint Staff including other key staff positions. In 2005, he deployed as the commander of the 2nd Battalion 299th Infantry to Baghdad, Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. In 2008, General Hara deployed to Kuwait as the deputy commander of the 29th Infantry Brigade Combat Team. In 2012, General Hara deployed a third time as the commander of the Operations Coordination Center - Regional Command South, Security Forces Assistance Advisory Team, Kandahar, Afghanistan.

**COMMISSIONING SOURCE:**

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**EDUCATIONAL DEGREES:**

1998, Hawaii Pacific University, Bachelor of Arts, Human Services, Honolulu, Hawaii  
2008, United States Army War College, Master of Arts, Strategic Studies, Carlisle, Pennsylvania

**MILITARY SCHOOLS ATTENDED:**

2008, United States Army War College, in-residence, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania  
2017, Harvard University, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Executive Education, General Officer and Flag Officer Homeland Security Executive Seminar, Cambridge, Massachusetts

**FOREIGN LANGUAGE(S):**

None

## **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:**

Second Lieutenant – 26 July 1987  
First Lieutenant – 25 July 1990  
Captain – 8 March 1993  
Major – 20 April 2000  
Lieutenant Colonel – 3 June 2004  
Colonel – 8 December 2008  
Brigadier General – 15 October 2015

## **ASSIGNMENTS:**

1. June 1986 – July 1987, Officer Candidate School, Hawaii Military Academy, Waimanalo, Hawaii
2. July 1987 – September 1988, Platoon Leader, Company A, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 299<sup>th</sup> Infantry, Hilo, Hawaii
3. September 1988 – July 1990, Platoon Leader, Detachment 1, Company A, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 299<sup>th</sup> Infantry, Hilo, Hawaii
4. July 1990 – January 1991, Executive Officer, Company A, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 299<sup>th</sup> Infantry, Hilo, Hawaii
5. January 1991 – July 1991, Chemical Officer, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 299<sup>th</sup> Infantry, Hilo, Hawaii
6. July 1991 – September 1991, Aviation Section Leader, 451<sup>st</sup> Aviation Detachment, Hilo Hawaii
7. September 1991 – October 1991, Aviation Section Leader, 452<sup>nd</sup> Aviation Detachment, Hilo Hawaii
8. October 1991 – January 1995, S3 Air, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 299<sup>th</sup> Infantry, Hilo, Hawaii
9. January 1995 – July 1997, Base Defense Liaison Officer, 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division (Light) Detachment, Pearl City, Hawaii
10. July 1997 – May 1999, Training Security Officer, 103<sup>rd</sup> Troop Command, Pearl City, Hawaii
11. May 1999 – December 1999, Detachment Commander, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 103<sup>rd</sup> Troop
12. December 1999 – January 2002, Assistant S3, 29<sup>th</sup> Separate Infantry Brigade, Kapolei, Hawaii
13. January 2002 – August 2003, Commander, Regional Training Site Maintenance, Ordnance Training Company, Pearl City, Hawaii
14. August 2003 – October 2004, Executive Officer, 103<sup>rd</sup> Troop Command, Pearl City, Hawaii
15. October 2004 – January 2005, Commander, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 299<sup>th</sup> Infantry, Hilo, Hawaii
16. January 2005 – January 2006, Commander, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 299<sup>th</sup> Infantry, Iraq
17. January 2006 – August 2006, Commander, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 299<sup>th</sup> Infantry, Hilo, Hawaii
18. September 2006 – December 2006, Commander, 1<sup>st</sup> Squadron, 299<sup>th</sup> Cavalry, Hilo, Hawaii
19. December 2006 – July 2007, Branch Chief, Joint Force Headquarters-Hawaii, Kapolei, Hawaii

20. July 2007 – June 2008, Student, U.S. Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania
21. June 2008 – October 2008, Deputy Commander, 29<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade Combat Team, Kapolei, Hawaii
22. October 2008 – July 2009, Deputy Commander, 29<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade Combat Team, Kuwait
23. July 2009 – January 2012, Deputy Commander, 29<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade Combat Team, Kapolei, Hawaii
24. January 2012 – April 2012, Commander, 29<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade Combat Team, Kapolei, Hawaii
25. April 2012 – November 2012, Commander, 29<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade Combat Team Forward 34, Kapolei, Hawaii
26. November 2012 – July 2013, Commander, 29<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade Combat Team Forward 34, Afghanistan
27. July 2013 – January 2014, Commander, 29<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade Combat Team, Kapolei, Hawaii
28. January 2014 – October 2015, Chief of the Joint Staff, Joint Force Headquarters - Hawaii, Hawaii National Guard, Honolulu, Hawaii
29. October 2015 – Present, Assistant Adjutant General - Army, Hawaii Army National Guard, Honolulu, Hawaii

#### **SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS:**

1. November 2012 – July 2013, Commander, 29<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade Combat Team Forward 34, Afghanistan
2. January 2014 – March 2015, Chief of the Joint Staff, Joint Force Headquarters - Hawaii, Hawaii National Guard, Honolulu, Hawaii

#### **SUMMARY OF OPERATIONAL ASSIGNMENTS:**

1. January 2005 – January 2006, Commander, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 299<sup>th</sup> Infantry, Iraq
2. October 2008 – July 2009, Deputy Commander, 29<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade Combat Team, Kuwait
3. November 2012 – July 2013, Commander, 29<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade Combat Team Forward 34, Afghanistan

#### **AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:**

Legion of Merit  
Bronze Star (with 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster)  
Meritorious Service Medal (with 3 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters)  
Army Commendation Medal (with 1 Silver Oak Leaf Cluster)  
Army Achievement Medal (with 2 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters)  
Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal (with 1 Silver Oak Leaf Cluster)  
National Defense Service Medal (with Bronze Service Star)  
Iraqi Campaign Medal (with 2 Campaign Stars)  
Afghanistan Campaign Medal (with Campaign Star)  
Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal  
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Humanitarian Service Medal  
Armed Forces Reserve Medal (with Silver Hourglass Device and M Device)  
Overseas Service Ribbon (with Numeral 3)  
Army Service Ribbon Army Reserve Component Overseas Training Ribbon (with Numeral 5)  
NATO Medal  
Meritorious Unit Commendation (with Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster)  
Army Aviator Badge  
Combat Infantryman Badge

**FLIGHT INFORMATION:**

Rating: Army Aviator  
Flight Hours: 196.6  
Aircraft flown: UH-1H  
Pilot wings from: 4 June 1991

**CIVILIAN OCCUPATION:**

Serves as the Deputy Adjutant General for the State of Hawaii, Department of Defense. As the Deputy Adjutant General, he serves as the primary advisor to the Adjutant General for the State of Hawaii. General Hara assumed his current assignment in January 2015.

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS & AFFILIATIONS:**

National Guard Association of the United States  
Hawaii National Guard Association  
Hawaii Pacific University Alumni Association  
Association of the United States Army  
National Infantry Association  
United States Army and Cavalry Association

**OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS:**

2001, Hawaii Army National Guard Outstanding Officer of the Year – Hawaii National Guard Association  
2011, Hawaii National Guard Field Grade Commander of the Year – Hawaii National Guard Association  
2017 Joint Qualified level III