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Presentation Before the Senate Committee on Hoisting Machine Operators Advisory Board

My objective is to continue working or offering my support as a board member in the Hoisting Machine Operators Advisory Board. I would like very much to be involve and help resolve any unsafe crane operating issues which are a major concern in the State Of Hawaii.

Whether if it relates to crane operation, crane testing, crane operator's certification, or a requirement which may need to be better enforced, I would indeed want to work with the board and help in any way possible.

Prior to retiring from Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard, the department head and staff asked me to extend my service for another six months to assist in the training of new personnel within the department who will be taking over the crane operator's training, and licensing (Crane Operator Training Leader/License Examiner).

Resume from most recent positions held prior to retirement.

EXPERIENCE: Worked at Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard for 34 years.

CRANE OPERATOR SUPERVISOR

***Worked in the weight handling and transportation shop at Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard. Type of cranes used were portal, floating, truck, hydraulic and bridge cranes.**

*** Assigned crane operators to various types of cranes throughout the shipyard to assist with all weight handling operations for repair and overhaul work on surface crafts, submarines, portal crane maintenance/overhaul.**

Crane operations expanded throughout the shipyard including inside & outside the dry docks, repair basin and the subbase areas.

***Worked directly with a rigging supervisor to meet the necessary requirements for safe crane operation during all normal and critical complex lifts.**

***Supervised crane operators and transportation personnel and utilized the shipyard supdesk payroll system with charges provided from ship/submarine and other departments and facilities.**

***Other assignments included assigning tractor trailer and heavy forklift service during the last 3 years on the second shift.**

TRAINING LEADER (LICENSE EXAMINER)

***Prior to being promoted to crane operator supervisor, I worked in the training department as a training leader and weight handling and construction equipment License Examiner for 10 years.**

Developed, revised, and administered crane operator basic and refresher safety course per the NAVFAC P-307.

Also trained personnel for the bobcat and front-end loaders and other construction equipment when it was applicable back then.

***Maintained license jackets for all licensed operators including other shop codes, military, and the PWC crane operations department. This department is audited every year by the Navy Crane Center to assure compliance with the NAV FAC 307 licensing requirements.**

***As a Training Leader (License Examiner) I administered the 30 and 40 hours Crane Operators Safety Course, prepared all necessary permit and documents for an individual to start any type of crane operator training.**

Upon completion of the required hours at the controls along side a licensed operator, I would administer a performance test and prepare all necessary license jacket documents and issue a crane operators license.

This license is valid for 2 years at which time the operator would be required to take an 8 hour refresher course prior to renewal of a license along with a current physical.

CRANE OPERATOR TEST DIRECTOR

***Throughout my career I also worked as a crane test director, testing all Cat 1, 2 & 3 cranes in the shipyard annually. Test for these cranes would be at 125% of its rated capacity and 110% for hydraulic and friction type truck cranes.**

***I was responsible for the overall safety of the test and the person in charge of all personnel involved in the test using a step-by-step engineering approved test procedure. This department was also audited annually by the Navy Crane Center.**

I started at the Shipyard as a crane operator in 1975 following other employment working with heavy equipment.

I also received school training in the US Army and was assigned to the combat engineering field.

***Other experience includes, working as a part-time licensed contractor, C17 & C24.**

Type of work performed was demolition and excavation using the following equipment:

Cat 977L

Cat 955L

Large rubber tire front-end loaders

Backhoe

Rollers

Excavators

License is currently on the inactive status with the State of Hawaii, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs.

EDUCATION:

High School 12 years US Army, Combat Engineering, Heavy Equipment.....1971
Contractors Licensing Board, C-17 & C-24.....1995
(State Of Hawaii)
Various Training Certificates, Weight Handling Equipment (PHNSY)
Firstline Supervisors Training (PHNSY).....1996

SKILLS:

Supdesk payroll, some Windows and MS Word computer training.

There is an urgency in today's construction industry to make every construction site a safe place to work, not only for those who are currently working now, but for the generations to come.

Born and raised in the Kapahulu area, I always had and will always have an interest in the various types of weight handling equipments.

I welcome the challenges ahead and would like to share my experience as a Hoisting Machine Operator Advisory Board Member.

Thank You,

Letter of Recommendation

April 13, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Eric N. Pagan and I have recently took an early retirement from Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard after 32 years and 7 months of civil service work. I'm writing this letter to you concerning Mr. Edward G. Sanchez. I have known Mr. Sanchez (we all call him Eddie) for over 30 years while working at Pearl Harbor. In the early 70's Mr. Sanchez was what I would have considered one of Pearl Harbors top crane operators. I say this because during my early years in the Shipyard I started off as an apprentice Rigger and we worked very closely with the crane operators. Mr. Sanchez has always been a man of his word. A man of integrity and also a man that always put safety first towards any job. As the year progressed Mr. Sanchez advanced in his position and became an Instructor/Licensing Examiner for the crane operators department. Doors had opened up for me to receive training to become a crane operator and I received excellent training from Mr. Sanchez from the basic 40 hour crane safety course up until I was ready for a performance test to receive my license to operate shipyard cranes. Mr. Sanchez was always there to answer any questions, to familiarize me with the different types of equipment and to help me become an accident free operator. As other doors opened up we also worked together as Test Directors and performed crane testing and certification type of work. Mr. Sanchez later became a supervisor for the crane operators and I became the Instructor/Licensing Examiner. Mr. Sanchez never forgot where he came from while advancing in leadership. He made sure that I was well trained and prepared to take over his position. With all of the responsibilities that he carried as a supervisor he always made time to assist me with the training responsibilities even to the point of getting more people qualified with the different categories of cranes. Mr. Sanchez has a "can do" attitude and will go to the extreme to be of help or assistance to those whom he is working with. He's a man with vision, concern and adds strength to a department. Mr. Sanchez is a man that I would highly recommend to any company, department, division or board that is seeking someone they can depend on and trust to get the job done. I thank you for your time in reading this and hope that you would consider Mr. Sanchez to be a part of your board of directors.

Sincerely,

Eric N. Pagan (Retired Licensing Examiner PHNSY)