

# LATE TESTIMONY

## TESTIMONIAL IN SUPPORT OF

### DARRYLL WONG FOR ADJUTANT GENERAL, STATE OF HAWAII

My name is Edward R. Cruickshank. I am strongly in support of the confirmation of MG Darryll Wong as Adjutant General for the State of Hawaii. I have known Darryll for over 40 years and can attest to it that he is a man of honor and integrity.

During my 27 years in the Hawaii Army National Guard prior to retiring as a Colonel, I witnessed first hand what a great leader he is and how highly he is regarded and respected by all. As some of you may know, I was the Director for the Office of Veterans Services under the Lingle Administration for three (3) years prior to returning to my position at the Arcadia Retirement Residence. Prior to this, I served for over 31 years as a Banker with both Bank of Hawaii and First Hawaiian Bank.

Based on my background, I can assure you that I know the man Darryll is. He did not accept the position because of money, but because he wants to make a difference. Without question, he will do what is right and will make Hawaii proud.

Darryll is on several key committees in Washington that will assist in securing federal dollars in to the State. If you will recall, when he was Air Guard Commander, we received the F22, one of very few Guard units in the nation to receive such an honor.

One of Darryll's responsibilities will be to head the State Civil Defense. As a former member of the Hawaii Army National Guard, I was also the Disaster Preparedness Officer for the State of Hawaii. With this in mind, I feel Darryll will do a wonderful job with the State Civil Defense. He handles pressure well and is able to work with anyone to get the job done. In a very short time, he has established a strong working relationship with the Vice Director of State Civil Defense, Mr. Ed Teixeira.



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