

RESUME

WILLIAM DONALD SOUZA

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Professional Summary

Priory to joining the Hawaii State Government and the City and County of Honolulu Government I was employed by the Honolulu Star-Bulletin since 1961 as a copy boy and after serving in the U.S. Army as a Medic from 1965-1968 as a Medical Corpsman stationed in Ludwigsburg Germany, I returned to the Honolulu Star-Bulletin as the Administrative Photo Assignment Editor in their Newsroom on Merchant Street. I served as Marketing Director for an inter-Island airline called Ananda Air that transported wealth clients from Honolulu to Lahaina, or Hana on the Island of Maui. I joined the Hawaii State Labor and Industrial Relations in 1983 as an Information Specialist responsible for the media communications and producing a monthly newsletter while on the staff of the Commission on Employment and Human Resources Council on Vocational Education. I worked in the Department of Housing and Community Development as an Information Specialist during the administration of Honolulu Mayor Frank F. Fasi and I have had the privilege from 1982-1983 to serve on the Staff of the late and former Hawaii Congressman Cecil Heftel in his Honolulu Office to handling constituents inquiry. At Leeward Community College I worked on a federal grant specifically for Native Hawaiians and it was from 197-2000 when I left for a brief moment with Channel 2 News and I returned to Leeward Community College as a Special Assistant for Hawaiian Affairs to the Chancellor of Leeward Community College in Pearl City where I retired from the University of Hawaii system in 2006. Overall I have had the opportunity to guide and lead people in my 45 years of progressive growth and experience. I look forward to the future with great confidence. I am also proud of the professionalism, sensitivity, and compassion for the human spirit that has taught me to love and appreciate the many simple things in my 74 years of work experience!

Skills

First and foremost I pride myself to be a communicator, a Hawaiian Cultural Practitioner; I am a people oriented person, a problem solver with strong organizational and interpersonal skills acquired over 74 years of diverse and demanding responsibilities. Creative, media oriented, excellent oral and verbal skills, exceptional listener, computer literate, knowledgeable about local, national, and international current events and I have an extensive background in Hawaiian History.

### Work History

1983-1986: State of Hawaii Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, Commission on Employment and Human Resources Council on Vocational Education as an Information Specialist with responsibility of handling the media and producing a newsletter for the Council on Vocational Education; 1986-1994: State of Hawaii, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, as a media-consultant, responsible for media relations; Department Newsletter, and training directors on how to work with the media, and lead all of the Aloha United Way Campaigns for the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; 1994-1995: Served and worked as the Executive Director of the Beatification of Damien of Molokai with the Roman Catholic Church in Hawaii; 1997-2000: Leeward Community College as a coordinator of a Native Hawaiian program for Hawaiians tuition-free Hawaiian Language classes, Ukulele and many more with proof of Hawaiian. It was very successful and we had over 5,000 Hawaiians and part-Hawaiians participating; August 2000-April 2001: Weekend Assignment Editor at Channel 2, KHON TV news; handle staff coverage and assignments for the weekends. June 2001-to my retirement in 2006: at Leeward Community College served as Office of Continuing Education, Non-credit classes and later assigned to be a Special Assistant for Hawaiian Affairs to the Chancellor at Leeward Community College. I held this post until I retired from the UH system from Leeward Community College.

I was drafted in to the United States Army and served as a Medical Corpsman from 1965-1968 in Ludwigsburg, Germany. Received an Honorable discharge.

### Education

Graduated in [REDACTED] from Radford High School earning a diploma; and graduated in [REDACTED] from Chaminade University of Honolulu and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree.

### Personal Data

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

Marital Status: [REDACTED]

Health: [REDACTED]

### Community Groups and Hawaiian Societies

Active member and High Chief in the Royal Order of Kamehameha 1, Hawaii Chapter 1; Board of Directors for Alu Like, Inc. served over 15 years on the Board; Former State of Hawaii Advisory Committee on State Office Buildings named for Alii; Former State of Hawaii Advisory Committee for the Art in the Leiopapa a Kamehameha; former member of the State of Hawaii Advisory Committee Literacy program at Leeward Community College and former Vice-Chair District 24-27 of the Democratic Party of Hawaii and an active member of the Party.

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