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Walt Kaneakua serves as a Director for the Hawaii Pacific Foundation (HPF), a non-profit Native Hawaiian Organization based in Honolulu, Hawaii. His duties include the Strategic Planning Committee, and he oversees the partial HPF portfolio for charitable giving in the Native Hawaiian community. He grew up as on the mainland and Europe, returning to attend the Kamehameha Schools followed by undergraduate

education at the University of Hawaii, Manoa. He currently teaches as an adjunct professor at Pacific Rim Christian University and as well as a professor for the U.S. Naval War College at Pearl Harbor. Kaneakua serves on the Board of Governors for Shriners Hospital for Children (Hawaii). He serves as a commissioner for the Department of Defense Advisory Committee on Diversity and Inclusion. He served as a business analyst for the Daniel K. Inouye Asian Pacific Center for Security Studies at Fort Derussey. He formerly worked as a congressional staff for United States Senators Daniel K. Inouye and Mazie Hirono and Congresswoman Tulsi Gabbard. The congressional career included military and veteran affairs, aviation, immigration, social services, medical care, education, military force structure, land use, urban planning, emergency management, governance, and Hawaii military support.

Education:

- BA Economics, University of Hawaii, 1973
- MS Systems Management, University Southern California, 1982
- MA Economics, University of Oklahoma, 1989
- Doctorate in Management (Organizational Leadership), dissertation: "Mentoring Hawaiians in a Turbulent 21st Century," University of Phoenix, 2010
- MA, National Security and Strategic Studies, Naval War College, 2015

Air Force Professional Military Education:

- Squadron Officers School (1982),
- Air Command & Staff (1986),
- Air War College (1989).
- Naval War College Fleet Seminar Program (2013)

Specialized training:

1974-2000: Multiple military training courses in contract law, administration, aircraft operations, aircrew survival, Air Force planning, programming, budgeting, communications, strategic planning, management, leadership, airfield and airspace, disaster preparedness, disaster on-scene commanders' courses and various other competencies for military command and staffing.

Specialized certifications:

- Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) licensed as Airline Transport Pilot (ATP), qualified to fly multi-engine, commercial passenger aircraft.
- Air Force Command Pilot, instructor pilot, and aircrew evaluator.
- Trained practitioner for organizational long range and strategic planning.
- Plans and Programs certification at the Air University, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama
- Airfield and Airspace Officer certification, Air University.

Training Courses:

• 1974-977 Contract law, administration, pricing, negotiation and contract solicitation at Air Logistics Command, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio and Lowery AFB, Colorado.

Professional Experience

- 2019-2021 Daniel K. Inouye Asia Pacific Center for Security Studies. Business Analysis responsible for strategic plan and process implementation.
- 2014-2016 United States Representative Tulsi Gabbard, District Director (Hawaii Chief of Staff): oversees Hawaii operations of Congressional District 2, including rural Oahu and all neighboring islands. Responsible for directly supervising 11 people who conduct constituent outreach, casework, correspondence, and communications. Staff subject matter expertise includes healthcare, education, military academy nominations, congressional art competition, Federal Aviation Administration, small business support, Native Hawaii issues, youth leadership forums, foreign affairs, agriculture, interagency cooperation, homelessness, immigration, taxes, natural

- resources preservation, aging population, disease control, Hawaii infrastructure.
- 2008-2013 United States Senator Daniel K. Inouye, Honolulu Office, Executive Assistant for Military Affairs: Coordinated with Pacific Command and service components (Pacific Fleet, Pacific Air Forces, Marine forces Pacific, Army Forces Pacific, US. Coast Guard, District 14) for plans, programs, military construction, land conveyance and initiatives affecting Hawaii. Additional duties of responsibility included FAA, Coast Guard, Small. Business Administrative (SBA), Native Hawaii Organizations (NHO) and Homeland Security issues.
- 2013 Following Senator Inouye's death, detailed to Senator Mazie Hirono to establish her transition from US House to US Senate and to establish the model for military and veterans' affairs.
- 2000-2008 Aloha Airlines, Honolulu International Airport, Honolulu, Hawaii
 - Captain, Boeing 737 qualified for international and local flight operations (South Pacific Islands, Canada, western United States) as well as Hawaii inter-island flying.
 - o Ground School platform instructor for pilot aircraft systems (aerodynamics, performance, hydraulics, electrics, pneumatics, air conditioning and pressurization, flight controls, Air Traffic Control procedures). Instructed Captains and pilots and facilitated discussions for Critical Incident Response, Crew Resource Management during emergencies, and flight deck defense by crew members.
 - o Pilot union leadership committees: Performance, Human Factors (including Critical Incident Response Team), Professional Standards (chair), Family Assistance, and Innovative Improvement Teams. Led discussions and planning for process improvement teams and quality developments to company processes.
 - O Aloha Airlines Explorer program, counselor responsible for program curriculum development and implementation. Counseled high school and college students considering airline careers.

Military Experience:

• 1995-2000 Vice Wing Commander for Hawaii Air National Guard, 154th Wing, Hickam Air Force Base: responsible for 2,000 personnel with operational effectiveness and readiness of three aircraft (F-15, KC-135 and C-130) squadrons and support systems as well as personnel, civil engineers, security forces, communications, logistics, religious and legal support. Annual budget \$65,000,000.

- Served as the organization Inspector General, responsible for the oversight or procedures and behaviors of the Wing. Reviewed, assessed, and investigated incidents and processes during the operation of the organization. Prepared written assessments, conclusions and recommendations for corrective action resulting from oversight.
- Led executive leadership seminars for organizational groups. Led process improvement teams seeking better professional and corporate performance.
- 1992-1995 Squadron Commander, 203rd Air Refueling Squadron, Hawaii Air National Guard, Hickam AFB, Hawaii. Activated flying squadron, maintenance, and support units in the initial bed down of a Pacific Forces (PACAF) flying organization. Multi-agency effort to create stand-alone flying unit with nine aircraft, 327 personnel and directives, regulations, associated supporting facilities, systems, and equipment. Theater flying in Europe, North America, Asia, and the Pacific. Commanded operational flying detachments in France, Italy, and Iceland.
- 1990-1992 Squadron Commander, 9th Airborne Command and Control Squadron (9ACCS), a fully operational unit supporting Pacific Command and the Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS) strategic operations.
- 1989-1990 Deputy Commander for Operations, 15th Wing, Hickam AFB, Hawaii, second in command with responsibilities for flying organizations, base operations, chemical warfare, and unexploded ordinance (UXO) divisions.
- 1988-1989 Plans and Programs Director, 5th Air Force Headquarters, Yokota Air Base, Japan: responsible for U.S. Government projects, hardware, sites, and facilities in Japan under Air Force responsibility.
- 1987-1988 Executive Officer to the Commander, 5th Air Force, Japan. Responsible for administrative procedures, efficiency reports, travel, and support of the commander.
- 1986-1987 Director, Airfield and Airspace Management Division, 5th Air Force, Japan. Responsible for maintaining, structure modification and management of U.S. military aircraft in Japanese airspace. Responsible for all U.S. Air Force airfields and supporting facilities in Japan.
- 1984-1986 Division Chief, Support Operations, Operational Support Airlift, Pacific Air Forces (PACAF), Hickam AFB, Hawaii. Responsible for Air Force airlift requirements for Pacific aircraft and support activities in the region.
- 1981-1986 Aircraft Commander, Squadron Instructor Pilot, Flight Examiner, Air Force program planner, airfield and airspace manager, and operational

- commander. Worldwide deployment and overseas stationing in Pacific including Guam, Wake, Korea, Australia, Japan, Philippines, and Okinawa.
- 1979-1981 Aircraft Pilot, 916th Air Refueling Squadron, Travis AFB, California. Piloted KC-135 and T-37 aircraft.
- 1977-1978 Undergraduate Pilot Training, Williams AFB, Arizona
- 1975-1977 Procurement Officer, F-15 (Eagle) Systems Program Office, Wright-Patterson, Ohio
- 1973-1975 Procurement Officer, Research and Development Contracting Branch, 4950th Test Wing, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

Other Experience:

- Professor, U.S. Naval War College, College of Distant Education, Pearl Harbor.
- Adjunct Professor, New Hope Christian College (2012-present)
- Member, Board of Governors Shriners Hospital (2023-persent)
- Commissioner, Defense Advisory Committee on Diversity, and Inclusion (2022-present)
- Member, Board of Directors, Kulia Foundation (2018 present)
- Director, Hawaii Economic Development Corporation (2011-present)
- Director, Center for Tomorrow's Leaders (2015-2016)
- Aloha Airlines Captain and First Officer, (2000-2008), Airline Transport Pilot
- Aloha Airlines Explorer Advisor (2003-2007)
- Aloha Airlines Pilots' Ground School Instructor (2001-2008)
- Director (member) for the Enchanted Lakes Resident Association, (2005-2008)
- Director (Chair) The Native Hawaiian Defense and Education Fund, (2005-2009)
- Director/Advisory Board, New Hope Christian College (2006-2013)
- Council Member at Large, Kawaiaha'o Church (2007)
- Aloha Airlines Pilot Group Committees: Professional Standards (Chair), Family Support, Aircraft Performance, Critical Incident Response (2002-2008)
- Former Aikido student and instructor; instructor for Aloha Airlines pilot classes in Air Traffic procedures; Aircraft Systems; Separation and Escape Defense Training
- Council Member, New Hope Metro (2012-2013)

• Former or present member of Pearl City Community, Calvary by the Sea Lutheran, Kawaiaha'o, New Hope Christian Fellowship and New Hope Metro Churches. Served on committees or boards including church councils, trustees, building & grounds, membership, and luau activities, chaired councils at Pearl City and Calvary.

Organizational affiliations:

- Veterans of Foreign Wars, Life Member Disabled American Veterans, Life Member
- Military Officers Association of America (MOAA), Life Member
- Air Force Association, Life Member
- Hawaii National Guard Association, Life Member
- National Guard Association of the United States, Life Member
- Order of the Daedalians, Life Member

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