

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



Brigadier General Kenneth S. Hara assumed his duties as the Assistant Adjutant General - Army, on January 1, 2018, He is also the commander of the Hawaii National Guard; dual-hatted, February 2018 - Present, Deputy Chief of Staff, Army National Guard, Operations/G3, Eighth United States Army Korea, Camp Humphreys, South Korea; and serves as the Deputy Adjutant General for the State of Hawaii, Department of Defense.

General Hara received his commission as a Second Lieutenant of Infantry through the Hawaii Military Academy, Officer Candidate School, Hawaii Army National Guard 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.

In addition to his Federal mobilizations, General Hara served on several state missions in support of local authorities. Most notable were his duties as the Assistant Operations Officer with the 2d Battalion, 299th Infantry following Hurricane Iniki which devastated the island of Kauai on 11 September 1992; as the Task Force KOA commander, comprised of Hawaii Army and Air National Guard Soldiers and Airman, that conducted National Guard Domestic Operations following an earthquake that struck the island of Hawaii on 15 October 2006; and as the Dual Status Commander of Joint Task Force – 50 in support of the Kilauea volcanic eruption response and Hurricane Lane response in 2018.

General Hara's military education includes the United States Army War College at Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania; Command and General Staff Officer Course from the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; Combined Arms Service Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; Combined Logistics Officer Advanced Course at Fort Lee, Virginia; Initial Entry Rotary Wing Course, Fort Rucker, Alabama; and the Infantry Officer Basic Course at Fort Benning, Georgia.

He holds a Masters of Strategic Studies from the United States Army War College and a Bachelors of Arts Degree in Human Services from the Hawaii Pacific University.

General Hara's awards and decorations include the Combat Infantryman Badge, Army Aviator Badge, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal with oak Leaf Cluster, Meritorious Service Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Commendation Medal with Silver Oak Leaf Cluster, and the Army Achievement Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters.

He is married to the former Myoung Park and has five children, Kristin, Julia, Nichole, Justin, and Alicia.