

FMA Chapter 19 Newsletter

Federal Managers Association

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Mahalo for all the love, support, and services these past FMA Chapter 19 Presidents have provided to Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard, Federal Managers Association, and Chapter 19. You have taken us a long way and we are forever grateful for all your words of advice and knowledge of things most have forgotten. From left to right, the late "Willy" Castro, Ramond Jablonski, John Priolo, and Maurice Sullivan.



Current FMA Chapter 19 President, Varney Range, with Chuck Baker, Vice President and General Manager for BAE, following a General Members Meeting presentation on how important PHNSY is to local industry.

President's Message

As we come to the closing of another year, the Federal Managers Association, Chapter 19 continues to face the many changes and challenges at the Congressional and local level. How congress continues to target the hard working men and women in the federal government with a further extension of the pay freeze, as well as maintaining the sequester, is bad policy that will have negative effects on an already strapped workforce. Keep in mind, we are well into our third year of the federal pay freeze. After sequestration went into effect March 1st the federal government was faced with a reported \$110 billion in 2013 across-the-board spending cuts that would, among other things, slash base national defense spending by 10 percent (\$5 billion). Although we believe spending cuts are expected, they need to be done with complete information, understanding of risk to our national defense, and knowledge of potential negative economic impact to naval bases and Shipyard communities. The effect of sequestration also forced many federal workers to be furloughed. The Continuing Resolution that was approved by the House of Representatives and ended on September 30th caused an abrupt Government Shutdown, again causing the federal workforce to be furloughed. As we move on into the new fiscal year and face recurring issues of Budget cuts, Hiring freezes, Attrition, and not to mention the possibility of BRAC and cuts in civilian jobs that could also affect our shipyard and fellow federal workers. We MUST challenge ourselves (individually) to be more efficient (sharpening our tools) to support the projected workload with an undersized workforce. We need your engagement and participation as we move into the challenges of tomorrow.

This past year, we continued to support community events such as our Adopt-a-Highway clean-up project, Special Olympics, and also participated in the Habitat for Humanity project that provides labor help to construct homes for the unfortunate and needy. We also continue to support the Apprentice Graduation and fishing tournament, we recognized and presented awards to the supervisors of the 2nd and 3rd quarter for their outstanding achievement. We also awarded checks to multiple college scholarship applicants. The only disappointment this year was the cancellation of the shipyards golf tournament. We also held and supported a shipyard wide picnic this past summer at Bellows Beach, it was a huge success and we are already planning for a repeat for next summer.

In closing, I'd like to say that I am still committed to serve as your president of the FMA Association and look forward to building a stronger and more efficient Association that will continue its support of "OUR" Managers to provide a more proficient workforce at Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard. Also, this is an election year, we will be presenting a slate of officers running for the executive board at our next general meeting on October 24th, it's your opportunity to run for office or elect someone, I encourage you to challenge yourself and bring new ideas to the board. We need your engagement and participation as we move into the challenges of tomorrow.

Mahalo Nui,
Varney Range
Federal Managers Association Chapter 19 President



Above, FMA Chapter 19 meets with local Staffers on July 12 at Senator Mazie Hirono's office to discuss FMA National Issues, furloughs, and Science Technology Engineering and Math initiatives. In the front row is Allen Couture (Navy furlough impact), Charlotte Mukai, Lloyd Fujimoto, and Jodi Yamamoto (Army furlough impact). Photo was taken by Marvin Buenconsejo for Mazie Hirono's office. Local Staffers in back row are Kamakana Kaimulua for Colleen Hanabusa's office, Lauren Hernandez-Montez also for Mazie Hirono's office, Nathan Miyake for Tulsi Gabbard's office, and Brandon Barbour for Brian Schatz's office.

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FMA Chapter 19 Accolades

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President Varney Range thanks guest speaker Robert Sonoda for speaking with Chapter members at the April 25, 2013 General Members Meeting. Robert discussed the Base Realignment and Closure process and offered advice on how to best prepare and respond BRAC inquiries and reviews directed at Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard.



Outstanding support of our Highway Cleanup Project that took place on August 3. Once a quarter FMA Chapter 19 gathers on a Saturday morning to clean the grounds just outside of the entrance to Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard. The cleanup project has become a family event with the children of our ohana pitching in too. For their efforts, their school receives a letter from FMA Chapter 19 recognizing them for their selfless efforts and community contributions. The entire project only last a couple of hours. So if you haven't joined us yet please come show some shipyard pride. A special thank you to all our Adopt-a-Highway project coordinators and volunteers.

Please join us for our next Highway Cleanup Project scheduled for Saturday, November 2. We will meet at the Nimitz Gate Entrance to PHNSY at 0730. Hope to see you then.



The Federal Managers Association, established in 1913, is the oldest, largest, most influential association representing the interests of the 200,000 executives, managers, and supervisors serving in today's federal government.

Bravo Zulu to All Our Members for their Accomplishments

- Thank you to all FMA Chapter 19 members for volunteering to serve the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard workforce during the May 15 Lunch on the Lania event. FMA Chapter 19 partnered with the 1st Class Petty Officer's Association, MTC, NAS, and MWR/NCMA to make the lunchtime event just as successful and fun as last years. Mahalo for your kokua.
- PHNSY & IMF successfully installed a new main propulsion shaft in USS TEXAS (SSN 775) during the ship's Extended Selected Restricted Availability. This was the first time the shipyard installed a VIRGINIA-class main propulsion shaft using unique propulsion support equipment that allowed the shaft to be installed without use of dockside cranes, thus providing significant savings.
- Congratulations to PHNSY & IMF, winner of the Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet Retention Excellence Award for FY12.
- Congratulations to FMA Chapter 19 Vice President, Thora Theisen, for her new position with the PHNSY Human Resource Office.



Captain Brian Osgood, PHNSY and IMA Commanding Officer, and Lareina Gandeza, President of the Pearl Harbor Apprentice Association (top); Shop 52 Electronics Measurement Equipment Mechanic, Cheryl Yamanaka, Superior Craftsman Award Recipient (bottom left); Pedro Quintal Jr., FMA Chapter 19 Director (bottom right) with Senator Mazie Hirono during the Apprentice Graduation.

FMA Chapter 19 Gatherings

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Welcome Aboard FMA Chapter 19 New Members



Father and Son - Retired member, the late, Wilfred Castro, newly sworn in member, Lionel Castro, with Chapter 19 President, Varney Range at our April 25, 2013 General Members Meeting. Our condolences to Lionel for the passing of his Father on July 28, 2013.



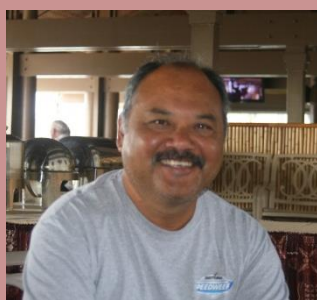
Our newest chapter members Vince Yokoyama (left) and Michael Uherek (right). They were sworn in at the July 25th general membership and were presented with a FMA pin and a certificate of membership.



“We Keep Them Fit to Fight”



Mark your calendar and join us for our next FMA Chapter 19 General Membership Meeting on **1600, 24 October at the Federal Reserve Center.** Pupus and beverages provided.



Mahalo to Director Clem Lopez for services as the Christmas Holiday Gathering chairperson. If you can spare a few hours each month becoming a chairperson for a Chapter committee is a great way to learn more about your Chapter and benefit your fellow members. Contact Varney Range, Chapter 19 President, to learn more about serving on FMA Chapter 19 Executive Board and Committees.



OFFICIAL CHARITY OF FMA

The FEEA Fund has helped civilian federal employees affected by furloughs, personal emergencies and natural disasters. Here's an example of how FEEA is assisting federal workers:

- a GS-11 IRS employee in Texas who needed help with a car payment after paying funeral and burial costs for her mother;
- a GS-5 VA employee in Mississippi who needed help paying her mortgage after separating from her husband;
- a TSA employee in Chicago who received help with rent after an auto accident caused financial hardship;
- a GS-9 SSA employee in Alabama who needed help with a car repair after costly home repairs drained her savings;
- a US Army employee in Rhode Island who needed help with rent after his wife became disabled and could no longer work

These are just a few of the grateful federal employees who received help thanks in part to the generosity of their fellow feds. Donations to FEEA can be made during the Combined Federal Campaign using the identification code 11185.

General Members Meeting

The FMA Chapter 19 Executive Board meets monthly to discuss issues that affect PHNSY Federal Workers and to organize community events. The Executive Board provides an update to its members at a quarterly General Membership Meeting. As a valued member of our federal workforce, you are cordially invited to join us at our next General Membership Meeting for a festive hour of fun, food, drink, socializing, and networking. Our next two member meetings are October 24 at the Fleet Reserve Center off Nimitz Highway just outside of the PHNSY Nimitz Gate and December 6 at the Admiral's Boat House.

FMA Chapter 19 Announcements

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Annual Fund Raiser Information

Get ready for the FMA Chapter 19 Annual Fund Raiser to benefit Toys for Tots. Toys for Tots distributes toys as Christmas gifts to less fortunate children in our community. We are accepting monetary donations at our annual Christmas Holiday Gathering for Toys for Tots. Look for your member invitation for more details on the holiday gathering and on our Annual Fund Raiser project. Members are welcome to bring guests to the Christmas Holiday Gathering. We look forward to seeing you then if not sooner.



For Our University, Our Hawai'i, Our Future.

July 31, 2013

Federal Managers Association
Chapter 19
Attn Mr. Lloyd Fujimoto
PO Box 29579
Honolulu, HI 96820

Aloha,

Thank you for your gift to the University of Hawai'i. We were delighted to receive your recent gift and to see that you were giving through the University of Hawai'i Foundation for the first time. The generosity of University of Hawai'i parents, alumni, and friends plays an important role in shaping the university's future. Contributions to UH are critical in funding new programs, responding to unanticipated projects, enhancing existing academic programs, recruiting the brightest students and building UH excellence. Your gift reflects both your belief in higher public education in Hawai'i and in UH faculty and students. I hope we continue to earn your loyal support year after year.

Your receipt for tax purposes is attached below. Should you have any questions, feel free to contact me at (808) 956-8874 or Terri.Alvaro@UHFoundation.org.

Again, we appreciate your support for our University, our Hawai'i, our future.

Sincerely,

Terri Alvaro
Director of Donor Relations

P. S. Please visit www.uhfoundation.org to realize the impact gifts like yours are making possible every day. Please also visit www.hawaii.edu/calendar for a current listing of what's happening on any one of the ten campuses in the UH System.



The 2013 Pearl Harbor Fishing Tournament held on July 13 was a renowned success with over 70 tournament participants and all made possible by the volunteer members of Chapter 19 who organized and executed this annual event. Congratulations to Joshua White our winner for landing a 234 pound Ahi.



FMA Chapter 19 Creating a Legacy

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"Willy" at a General Members Meeting with Ileen Wong and Kaipo Punahele.

Wilfred Ronald "Willy" Castro, 77, of Waipahu, passed away on July 28, 2013. Willy has served multiple positions on the Chapter 19 Executive Board including President. He continued to have a presence at our FMA General Members meetings long after his services as a Board Member. He retired from Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard as a production controller. He is survived by wife Carol, sons Andrew and Lionel, daughter Katherine Castro-Remata, sisters Patricia Fountain and Pearl Puana, and four grandchildren. Our condolences to the family, especially to his son, Lionel Castro, who is the Technical Division Branch Head of the lifting and handling department. ALOHA 'OE "WILLY" while you may no longer be at our meetings your contributions to our Chapter and to fellow FMA members shall continue.

George Balino Jr. passed away on January 30, 2013 at the Pali Momi Medical Center. George was a fellow Chapter 19 member and retired Pipe Shop (X56) member. He is survived by sons, daughters, brothers, sisters, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. He was laid to rest at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, Punchbowl. Owen Okumura recalled a story about George when he miraculously stopping the escalator at the old Ala Moana Woolworth store by grabbing the rubber hand rails when he saw a young girl trapped on the moving stairs. In an article in one of the daily papers, George said he did not know how he managed to hold on until the escalator was stopped, but he just knew he had to do something, after hearing the terrified girl's screams. He said you don't realize your strengths and capabilities until something like this happens. We are honored to have George as a member of our Chapter 19 ohana and will miss him greatly.

June 5, 2013

TO: Federal Managers Association (FMA)
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FROM: Kalani K. Balino
99-411 Honohono Street
Aiea, Hawaii 96701

Re: The Late George Balino Jr.

To whom it may concern,

Aloha! My name is Kalani Balino and I am the youngest son and a beneficiary of the late George Balino Jr. whom was a member of your Association. In response to your letter sent here at our home address of 99-411 Honohono Street, Aiea Hawaii 96701, I sincerely thank you for your kind and heartfelt words of sympathy.

As you all may have known, dad was loved by many and admired by many especially in regards to the article of which he had stopped an escalator to save a young child. He has been greatly recognized for that and truly appreciated of that as well by many. He was a very hard worker who always made sure that he was able to support his beloved wife, the late Naomi Balino, and his 6 children. He always seemed to have put others before him. In fact, he would give his last dime to any one who would be in need of it. A man of big and strong stature and more so a man with such a "BIG HEART" is what all would consider him to be. If there was anything that I would want to state in remembrance of our dad to be publicized in your newsletter or would best describe him in my eyes, it would be not only what has been mentioned earlier, but also this message which is delivered through this poem by Poems and Reflections LLC:

A MAN WHO LOVED HIS FAMILY

DAD WAS ONE OF THOSE SPECIAL MEN WHO TRULY KNEW WHAT LIFE
WAS ABOUT
WHO DEMONSTRATED THAT HIS FAMILY CAME FIRST FOR HIS ACTIONS
LEFT NO ROOM FOR DOUBT
DADDY'S GREATEST JOY WAS HIS CHILDREN, IN FACT THERE WAS NO
FASTER WAY
TO LIGHT UP HIS FACE WITH AN EAR-TO-EAR SMILE THEN THE MENTION
OF HIS CHILDRENS NAMES
HE PREFERED TO DISCUSS THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF HIS PRECIOUS
LADS RATHER THEN HIS OWN

AND LOVE TO RECALL THE SWEET MEMORIES OF OUR YOUTH AND HOW
WE HAD GROWN
A FATHER WHO LOVED TO BE NEAR US, WHO TOOK US ON FAMILY
VACATIONS
THE ROCK OF OUR STRENGTH WE CAME TO RELY ON THOROUGH THE
CHALLENGES AND TRIALS LIFE GAVE US
AND WE UNDERSTOOD HOW BLESSED WE WERE TO HAVE THIS TYPE OF
DAD
A FATHER WHO CARED FOR US ABOVE ALL ELSE, WILLING TO GIVE US
ALL HE HAD
THERE ARE MANY THINGS THAT COULD BE SAID ABOUT DAD, FOR HE
WAS A MAN OF GOODNESS, HONOR AND TRUST
BUT ANYONE WHO KNEW DAD WOULD ALSO REMARK ON THE DEEP AND
COMMITTED LOVE HE FELT FOR US
SO AS WE PAUSE TO REMEMBER OUR FATHERS LIFE, THE MAN HE CAME
TO BE
HE'D BE HAPPIEST BEING REMEMBERED BY ALL WHO KNEW HIM
AS....."A MAN WHO LOVED HIS FAMILY!!"

Dad will truly be missed by us all and although he may not be here physically, he will always be amongst us and watching over us in Spirit.

Please find enclosed a copy of dad's death certificate and in closing again I thank you for your kind and heartfelt words of sympathy and I'm sure dad is looking down on you all as well, smiling and agreeing to all that's been said while at the same time sending his own Spirit of much Love, Aloha and Mahalo to you all!!

May the good Lord continue to Bless each and everyone of you and keep you all safe and in good health always!

Sincerely,

Kalani K. Balino

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Enclosure

As member of Chapter 19 Federal Managers Association Kalani Balino, Jr., and Carol Castro both received a monetary death benefit from Chapter 19. Above is a letter of gratitude from Kalani. The Federal Managers Association represents your interests before the Administration and Congress and strives to provide you with useful tools, information, and benefits. Stay informed on legislative actions that affect federal workers, if you are not already a member of Chapter 19, we welcome you to join us at our next General Members Meeting and learn more about how we serve our community and our members.