

FMA Chapter 19 Newsletter

Federal Managers Association

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President's Message

Aloha Fellow FMA Chapter 19 Members:

It's my pleasure to serve you as your President of the Federal Managers Association Chapter 19 for the next two years. I look forward to working closely together with the new executive board members to taking on the many challenges we will face locally and at the Congressional level. I see a more diverse group with a mix of experience and ideas that will help us transform into a more cohesive organization.

In this current economic and political climate, it's critical that the Association promotes measures that represent good government initiatives while remaining cognizant of garnering support from lawmakers. The ability to adapt to changing conditions on Capital Hill and in the Administration has always served as the strength of the Association and has allowed us to press forward with our legislative agenda independent of the political landscape. At the Congressional level, we will continue to support our Region 3 President and the National FMA office on major issues.

On March 12, 2014, at the National FMA Convention in Washington D.C., we had a great opportunity to visit and lobby with our Congressional delegates. Some of the issues discussed were:

1. The Shipyard Operations Plan – Strategies and actions needed to be successful today and into the future, a detailed look at the next five years.
2. Submittal of Resolution R-NC14 - locality pay to cover those who retired between 1994 and 2009.
3. UH West O'ahu Stem center of Excellence - With partnership funding, build a state-of-the-art center of excellence that promotes learning in various disciplines and provide innovative academic programs to help revitalize the State's workforce.
4. Ford island Synthetic Training Modeling and Simulation Center (FIST2FAC) – Continued funding through the National Defense Authorization Act includes vital funding for our state's defense projects, which means jobs, infrastructure improvements, and investment in breakthrough research and development.

Aloha & Hope to see you all at our next General Membership meetings in July and October and our Social gathering in December.

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WAIMANALO, HI (October 10, 2013) PHNSY Volunteers together with FMA Chapter 19 supporting a community build project sponsored by Habitat for Humanity. Inside find more pictures of our volunteers hard at work at the Habitat for Humanity gathering.



WASHINGTON DC (March 12, 2014) FMA Chapter 19 together with Congresswoman Colleen Hanabusa (D), 1st District of Hawaii, to discuss issues that affect our local government workforce.

FMA Chapter 19 Announcements

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Getting Results

In the past, FMA Chapter 19 would take to Capital Hill each March to meet with our elected officials to present issues and concerns that adversely affect the Federal Work Force and more specifically PHNSY. Each year our elected officials made time to meet with us but 2014 brought new faces to Congress who did not know what FMA was or who Chapter 19 was.

In November 2013 FMA Chapter 19 began conducting quarterly meetings with the local Staffs of our elected officials to help bring an awareness about FMA and Chapter 19 to our newly elected officials. The result of the effort was that on March 12, 2014, Congresswomen Mazie Hirono, Congressman Brian Schatz, Representative Colleen Hanabusa, and Representative Tulsi Gabbard each made time in their busy schedules to meet with Varney Range, John Priolo, Alan Ishida, Allen Couture, and Bryan Lee.

Knowing the fiscal pressure that the Department of Navy was under and the limitations of Congress with passing a budget not all presented issues requested funding. One issue in particular was intended to bring awareness to NAVSEA efforts onboard Ford Island at a facility known as the Fleet Integrated Synthetic Training and Testing Facility, also referred to as FIST2FAC. This state of the art facility conducts research, development, test and evaluation on synthetic training technologies and relies on collaboration with industry, academia, the Fleet, and other acquisition and joint resources. The goal with presenting FIST2FAC to our Congressional's was to solicit support for Hawaii as a place of strategic value with respect to research, development, training, and conferences.

The unexpected outcome of the visit was the recognized value FIST2FAC brings to Hawaii and the Department of Navy and a short notice facility visit by Senator Mazie Hirono the very next week following our visit at her Washington DC office.

“NO KA OI”



“One, our work load is growing. Two, we have a significant number of our shipyard personnel ready to retire. So we’re still in a transitioning phase to the next generation,” said Capt. Brian Osgood, U.S. Navy Commander at Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard, responding to KHON2 questions about the March 1, 2014, career fair.



WASHINGTON DC (March 10, 2014) FMA Convention is not just all work. Can you find **Alan Ishida** showing that even our Chapter Vice President can take time out of the busy work schedule to improving his flexibility? Following a luncheon, this work on wellness program helped to get us re-energized for the afternoon session, which concluded with a worthwhile training session on “The Importance of Diversity and Inclusion in the Workplace”.



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PEARL HARBOR, HI (March 20, 2014) U.S. Senator Mazie Hirono, representing the state of Hawaii, visits Fleet Integrated Synthetic Test and Training Facility (FIST2FAC) on Ford Island, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. *“This is the first time that I have visited this center,”* said Hirono. *“I will make sure that this center is a very important part of our naval warfare, and that it will stay in Hawaii and continue to maintain jobs and be a part of national security.”* (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Diana Quinlan/Released)

FMA Chapter 19 Gatherings

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WELCOME ABOARD

FMA CHAPTER 19 NEW MEMBERS



HONOLULU, HI (January 30, 2014) New Members Vincent J. Kapoi & Drew K. K. Receive their oath and certificates of membership at the first quarterly General Members Meeting for 2014.

2014 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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 and arranges guest speakers to present a variety of topics that are of interest to the membership. If you know a professional whose services are of value to our membership, we would be delighted to extend an invite for them to be a guest speaker. 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.

Jul.	Fishing Tournament
Aug. 2	Adopt-a-Highway
Oct.13	Golf Tournament -
Nov. 1	Adopt-a-Highway
Nov.	Annual Fundraiser
Dec .	Holiday Gathering

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.



HONOLULU, HI (October 24, 2013) Varney Range with GMM guest speaker Theresa Harden following our October 30th meeting. Theresa is the Principal Broker and owner of EXIT Real Estate Associates. Theresa can be reached at (808) 223-0429. Her office is located in Kuhio Village in the heart of Waikiki.



PEARL HARBOR, HI (December 12, 2013) FMA Chapter 19 Executive Board members gather for a photo with USMC Toy's for Tots representative at the annual Holiday Gathering. Last year the gathering was held onboard PHNSY.

KALIHI, HI (December 28, 2013) RDML Alma Grocki speaks to FMA Chapter 19 shares some stories about her time at PHNSY and also discussed issues that concern COMPACFLT. RDML Grocki was the guest speaker at the annual Legislative Action Team Luncheon held at the Natsunoya Tea House.



FMA Chapter 19 Creating a Legacy

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Dear Caring Friend,

I am writing you today to report some wonderful news! Thanks to the kind generosity of Marine Toys for Tots Foundation supporters like you, we were able to deliver joy and hope to nearly 7 million less fortunate children at Christmastime through our 2013 campaign!

I am including this record of your charitable contributions for last year for your reference. I hope you understand the importance of the role you played in providing the magic of Christmas to families in need during the holidays. It is solely the kindness of compassionate folks like you that enables us to reach so many — in Hawaii and all across the nation.

Date	Amount
12/17/2013	\$2,500.00

Imagine the sheer delight on the faces of the children who received a gift on Christmas morning. To a young boy or girl, that gift symbolizes love and worth. Imagine the overwhelming relief and gratitude felt by those children's parents, who were likely struggling just to keep food on the table.

Now, imagine the heartbreak these families would suffer without the kind and simple offering that changed that day and gave them all hope for a brighter future. Yes, your support truly changes lives.

I hope you'll join us in our 2014 campaign, supporting our critical mission to deliver that same hope to even more of our nation's children! As always, our goal is to meet an even greater number of families in need this year. I'd be honored to have you by our side once again.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Bill Grain

William J. Grain
Major, USMC (Ret)
Vice President



The donations and toys brought joy to some of Hawaii's less fortunate families this past holiday season and is another fine example of how FMA Chapter 19 gives back to the community despite the hard times many of the FMA members felt during the period of sequestration and furloughs. Mahalo for your generosity and kindness, . . .



PEARL HARBOR, HI (December 12, 2013) Ileen Wong, Treasurer for FMA Chapter 19, and former 2nd Vice President, Thora Theisen, helped FMA Chapter 19 collect \$2,500 in donations in addition to a table full of toys.



PEARL HARBOR, HI (December 12, 2013).



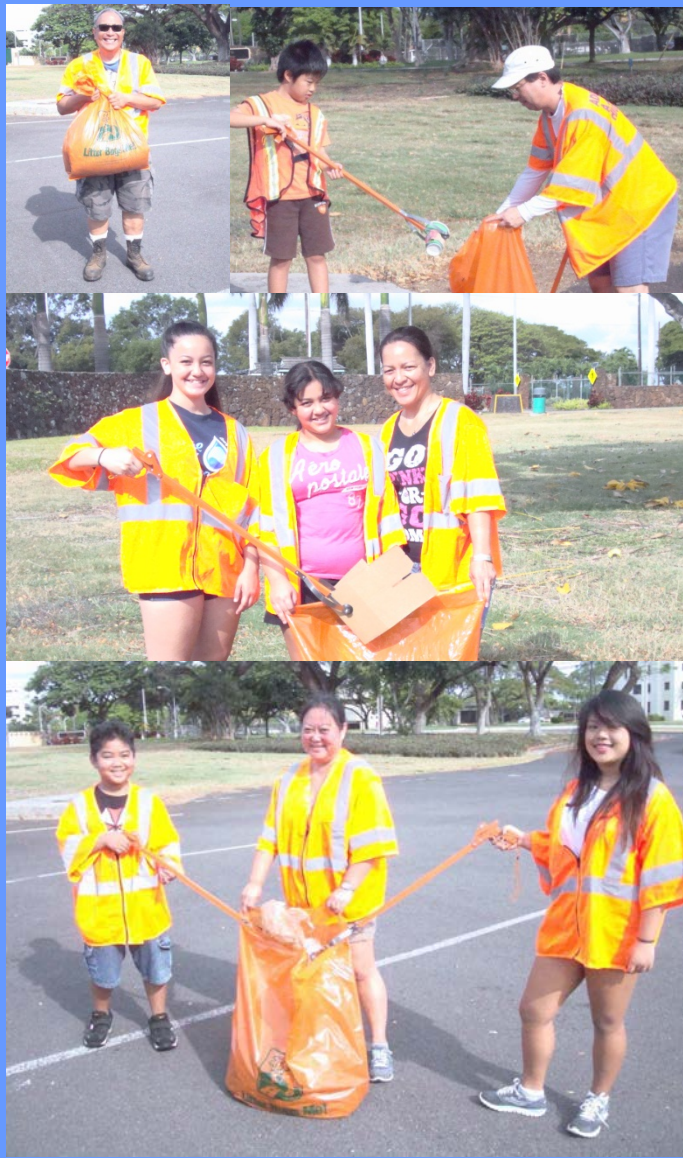
PEARL HARBOR, HI (December 12, 2013) FMA Chapter 19 Executive Board sharing some commorodory with

FMA Chapter 19 Accolades

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Community Service



PEARL HARBOR, HI (May 3, 2014) FMA Chapter 19 members getting dirty with the quarterly Adopt-a-Highway cleanup coordinated by Chapter 19 Director Pedro Quintal, Jr. [not shown]. Participating members [top left] Ryan Namaka (Code 1143), [top right] Gene Yamashita (Ma'ema'e EI) and Kelly Yamashita (Code 138), and the Agpoao Ohana: Kolby (Waimalu EI), Pam (HRO), Kailey (Aiea HS). Mahalo to all the volunteers. Our next clean-up project is Saturday, August 2 so get your ohana together and come join us at the JBPHH main gate at 7:30 AM. The clean-up doesn't take a lot of time is a great way to kick off a Saturday.



KALIHI, HI (December 28, 2014) Former Chapter 19 FMA President, John Priolo, presents the 2013 Chapter 19 Outstanding Member of the Year plaque to 3rd Vice President Allen Couture at the Legislative Action Team annual luncheon at the Natsunoya Teahouse.



WASHINGTON DC (March 12, 2014) FMA Chapter 19 together with Congresswoman Tulsi Gabbard (D), 2nd District of Hawaii [above] and with Senator Brian Schatz (D) [BELOW],



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