



Hawai'i State Chapter Military Officers Association of America

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CITATION FOR DOLEMAN AWARD Colonel Kwai "Sunny" Young USA (Ret.)

The Hawaii Chapters of the Military Officers Association of America take pride in presenting the Doleman Award to Retired Army Colonel Kwai "Sunny" Young.

Sunny has devoted thousands of hours of volunteer work at the Arizona Memorial at Pearl Harbor welcoming visitors and seeking improvements to enhance their experience. For the past 9 years, as a board member of Pacific Historic Parks, Sunny has spearheaded the Pearl Harbor Christmas Lights boat tours that have provided over 20,000 local families unforgettable views of brightly-decorated ships and submarines. He further supports the military community by participating in the nationwide Vacations for Veterans program, providing lodging for wounded military personnel and their families in Branson, Missouri, while they undergo treatment and rehabilitation. As senior member of the Hawaii Army National Guard's Honor Guard for military funerals, he leads ceremonies to honor fallen comrades at cemeteries statewide.

Sunny was asked to be the State Ombudsman Coordinator for the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve program. For six years he coordinated Ombudsmen on all islands to mediate and resolve employment problems between Employers and Reservists and National Guard. Most of these service personnel were returning from deployment.

Sunny's unselfish efforts during a lifetime of service to the YMCA are also evident in programs directed at improving the wellbeing of Hawaii's *keiki*. He has been a driving force in revitalizing facilities and programs at Camp Erdman. The camp has sponsored Operation Purple, providing opportunities for children of deployed military personnel to enjoy unique recreational and confidence-building activities. Sunny's service with the YMCA also involves Military Family Appreciation Day at the Honolulu Zoo; Bishop Museum Kids Day; and Children and Youth Day.

As a member of the Pearl City Lions Club, Sunny initiated a program to re-stripe parking lots and curbs at numerous schools. At vision and hearing screening clinics conducted at local elementary and pre-schools, he assists in identifying students who require medical attention to fulfill their academic potential. Sunny truly subscribes to the Lions' motto of "We Serve".

At the National level, Sunny has been awarded the Jefferson Award for Public Service in 2009; the President's Call to Volunteer Service Award by the National Park Service in 2008; and the U.S. Department of Interior Take Pride in America Secretarial Volunteer Service Award in 2008.

Today, we recognize Colonel Young with the prestigious Doleman award for exemplary continuous voluntary contributions to the military and civilian communities. Sunny truly personifies the spirit of *ohana* and is a shining example of a person who believes that service to humanity is our highest calling.

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