



Mark K White

Hawaii Director

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Mark K. White was born into a military family at Maxell AFB, Alabama in 1957. He graduated from high school in 1975 then attended Northern Arizona University where he graduated with an extended degree in Biology. After working for 5 years managing restaurant kitchens, he joined the Air Force as an officer candidate in 1984. While in the military in the 1990s he completed masters degrees in Human Resource Management from Troy State University and Military Operational Science from Air Command and Staff College.

His command assignments in the Air Force include commanding two Services Squadrons, one while deployed for a year to Saudi Arabia and a second command at Hickam Air Force Base Hawaii. Where he met and eventually married his current wife Ginger, originally from Taiwan.

Mark's military career culminated in two high level assignments as a Group and Region Commander. He served as the 22nd Mission Support Group Commander at McConnell AFB Kansas and as the Army and Air Force Exchange Service's Pacific Region Commander in Okinawa Japan. He retired from the Air Force in the Spring of 2012 and returned to Oahu as a resident of Hawaii.

Since his retirement he has done extensive volunteer work for non-profit and nonpartisan organizations in both artistic and political arenas. He served almost 4 years as President and Executive Director of the 3-dimensional artist group Hawaii Craftsmen before resigning to become the State Director for Convention of States Action in Hawaii in late 2015.

He currently teaches pottery arts at both Schofield Barracks and Hawaii Potter's Guild when he is not presenting, advocating, or leading his Convention of States Action team in Hawaii.