



# DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT  
**THE AIR FORCE COMMENDATION MEDAL**

HAS BEEN AWARDED TO

**MAJOR KAIALII KAHELE**

FOR

**OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT**

**1 MAY 2015 TO 23 MAY 2015**

**ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

Major Kaialii Kahele distinguished himself by outstanding achievement while assigned to 613th Air Operations Center. During this period, Major Kahele authored and directed liaison efforts with the Joint Air Component Coordination Element and 613th Air Operations Center to generate 250 sorties of critical relief. He designed course of actions for the United States Ambassador to Nepal and increased Nepal ramp coordination for humanitarian and disaster relief throughput, offloading 4.23 million pounds of cargo, 1030 passengers, 93 evacuees, 254 sorties and a combined 811 flying hours, directly saving lives. Major Kahele developed a detailed over-watch plan for downed aircrew, ensuring joint search and rescue execution and ultimately developed the angels air movement plan for the 618th tanker airlift control center for transportation of deceased United States Marines. He also developed an intricate retrograde concept of operations moving 300 passengers, eight rotary assets and 20 pallets which was lauded by the joint commander. His superb leadership enabled over 43 United States Agency for International Development tasks which was a key enabler to saving lives. Finally his stellar communications and organizational capability allowed the seamless

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND

17 September 2015

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RYAN T. OKAHARA, Brigadier General, HIAN  
Commander, Hawaii Air National Guard

