

APA Fellow and Member of the Hawaii Planning Ohana Receives Life Service Award from the U.S. Navy



Byrnes Yamashita FAICP (center) with fellow awardees, Ms. Peggy Craig (second from right) and Rear Admiral Christopher Mossey, Commander, Naval Facilities Engineering Command NAVFAC (far right)

The 'Peggy B. Craig Life Service Award' was presented for the first time on March 17, 2012, in Crystal City, Va. Four NAVFAC employees were recognized for 20 or more years of "selfless and dedicated" service. This year's winners were:

- Sari Brindel, Supervisory Contract Specialist, NAVFAC Midwest
- Judy Doggett, Executive Secretary, NAVFAC Southeast
- Kit Mack, Supervisory Structural Engineer, NAVFAC Engineering Services Center
- Byrnes Yamashita, Supervisory Community Planner (retired from NAVFAC Pacific and currently with AECOM-Honolulu)

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The award has three distinct criteria used to evaluate nominees. They must have:

1. *made a positive and enduring impact on the organization and the people they serve*
2. *demonstrated a strong and consistent record of professional excellence in their field*
3. *a strong sense of servant leadership*

Byrnes Yamashita retired from NAVFAC Pacific in 2009 as a Supervisory Community Planner after more than 30 years of service. He was a key player in pioneering global and regional shore infrastructure planning for the Navy and demonstrated significant leadership in promoting and encouraging comprehensive planning at the Federal level. Byrnes' extensive experience and his enthusiastic willingness to share his knowledge with others, distinguished himself as a venerable mentor and coach who adeptly led, taught and guided numerous planners, engineers, and architects; both military and civilian.





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NAVFAC Pacific Retiree Receives Life Service Award

PEARL HARBOR – Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Pacific retiree Byrnes Yamashita, supervisory community planner for Asset Management, was one of four NAVFAC employees to receive the Peggy B. Craig Life Service Award at the NAVFAC Anniversary Ball held in Crystal City, Va. March 17.

“I am very proud to have represented NAVFAC Pacific and the retired civilian community in receiving this prestigious award in its inaugural year,” said Yamashita. “Having had the chance to meet Peggy and spend some time with her at the ceremony made it even more meaningful to me. She served as a wonderful role model for all to emulate.”

The Peggy B. Craig Lifetime Service Award is named after Peggy B. Craig, who faithfully served as a civil servant for 48 years and was the special assistant to 12 consecutive Chiefs of Civil Engineers. Individuals chosen for this award made a positive and enduring impact on the organization and the people they serve, demonstrated a consistent record of professional excellence in their field, and have a strong sense of servant leadership.

Yamashita portrayed each aspect of this award as he dedicated more than 30 years of service to NAVFAC. Prior to retiring in March 2009, Yamashita, through his in-depth understanding and visionary planning skills, significantly contributed to the U.S. military posture in the Pacific and Indian Ocean regions, and was a key player in pioneering global and regional shore infrastructure planning for the Navy.

He also demonstrated significant leadership in promoting and encouraging comprehensive planning at the federal level. Yamashita’s extensive experience and his enthusiastic willingness to share his knowledge with others, distinguished himself as a venerable mentor and coach who adeptly led, taught and guided numerous planners, engineers and architects, both military and civilians. Yamashita’s lasting contributions will have a positive impact on the Navy and Marine Corps team for years to come.

"Byrnes is most deserving of the recognition as he truly epitomizes what the award represents - professional excellence, lasting impact on the people he worked with, and servant leadership," said

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Clyde Kamimoto, Asset Management business line manager. "It's great on NAVFAC that it recognizes and appreciates the efforts of a retiree for his accomplishments, great work ethic, and contributions to the Navy. Realizing there are many deserving individuals, the Asset Management family is especially proud to have one of their own win this prominent award."

Joining Yamashita as a Peggy B. Craig Life Service Award winner are Sari Brindel, NAVFAC Midwest contract specialist, Judy Doggett, NAVFAC Southeast executive secretary, and Kit Mack, NAVFAC Engineering Service Center supervisory structural engineer.

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