

Meet your Resident Advisory Board Members

The Resident Advisory Board (RAB) was established to encourage residents to engage in their community and positively affect the quality of life of families living within Island Palm Communities (IPC). A huge thank you to the resident volunteers for donating their time and contributing to the success of their community!

Residents are encouraged to share ideas and suggestions with their RAB representatives as you see them in the community or by emailing your community RAB representative directly as shown below each RAB representative name below. IPC values all suggestions and recommendations.



**Satrin
Gumataotao**
Kaena

"I am the daughter of Retirees (combined 59 years of service), spouse of an Active Duty Soldier (20+ years), active volunteer with

our unit SFRG (leader for 2+ years w/ 2-27) and a Family Readiness Support Assistant with the 9th MSC on Fort Shafter Flats.

We have lived on Schofield in the new Santa Fe since November 2016. I enjoy sharing information with my neighbors, fellow spouses, family members and soldiers. I feel that everyone either doesn't always get the information as it is sent out or isn't aware of where or how to find it, which makes some feel like they don't have a voice in what is going on and how it affects them."



Carrie Scheib
Red Hill

"I am an Army dependent of 32 years, 15 of which I've resided in Army Family housing. As an adult, my family has moved between five duty stations. I am a proud military spouse and mother of five boys.

As a military spouse of 14 years and an early childhood educator, I have served on both individual and district level school advisory boards. I also have experience working with Housing and Garrison representatives, advocating for change within military family communities. I am excited to serve my fellow IPC neighbors by representing them on the Resident Advisory Board!"



Kelly Blas
AMR RIM

"Aloha! My name is Kelly Blas, and I have just moved back to Hawaii with my husband, our almost one-year-old, and our two dogs. We also have three children on the mainland in

college. I have volunteered with various Army and Civilian Organizations for the last 20+ years, including FRG, AFAP, Spouse's Clubs, One Steps, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Hawaiian Humane Society, and more. I work in Marketing and Direct to Consumer Operations for Crazy Shirts, based out of Halawa, and have been with them since 2015.

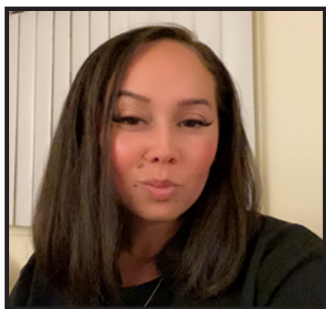
I am an advocate of voicing concerns with possible solutions in hopes of achieving change when it's needed. I am excited to use my knowledge and resources to improve communications between residents and organizations that can listen and help resolve issues. I love to be involved in my community and look forward to providing my support where possible."



**Christy
McKinney**
Wheeler

"I'm a mother of three adult children and a Newfoundland dog. I care for my adult daughter of 23, she has Down

Syndrome. I have a daughter married on the mainland and a son in High School. We PCS'd to Hawaii in June 2023. My husband is an active Army Chaplain. I'm very excited to be more involved in this community and to have the opportunity to serve our neighborhood as best as I can."



Tara Richards

Kalakaua

"Hi there! I'm so excited to be on the board as I enjoy being involved with the community and enjoying meeting new people. I have been a military spouse for 6 years. I am also an SFRG

leader and a military brat. I currently volunteer for a few different organizations. I adore spending my extra time helping military families and guiding them to the resources that the military has to offer.

Fun facts about me; I'm a mom of 7 wonderful kids, a retired medical office administrator for 15 years, I'm currently a stay at home mom with a small business, I binge watch movies in my free time and host social gatherings at our home.

I look forward to being the voice to help our community. Please don't hesitate to reach out if needed."



Ray Galas

Fort Shafter

"Aloha Kakou! We love living in our home in the beautiful State of Hawai'i & enjoy making new family friends!

Our Army, Navy, Air Force & Marine Corps military family, forebears & kupuna

served in the American Revolutionary War, the Union Army of the American Civil War, World War II, Cold War; IFOR, SFOR, TF HAWK, KFOR, Iraq & Afghanistan.

As surviving next of kin, our family was presented the Congressional Gold Medal for World War II Artilleryman Ben Galas, U.S. Armed Forces Far East.

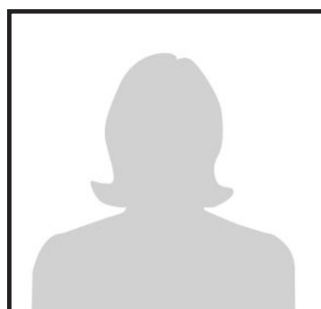
Present day, we're an active-duty Army family, finishing our fourth command team tour, now, at the historic "Pineapple Pentagon," Kahauiki ahapua'a.

Deployments, dwell time, off post community resources, on post garrison programs, opportunities and sacrifices are aspects of military family-community homelife that I've had empathy, advocacy & mentorship for in CONUS, OCONUS, TDY, deployed and in garrison environments.

Bonds of fellowship & timely communication with on post neighbors, our off post community, our contractor, vendor, municipal, state, federal, civilian, military partners & stakeholders—are the means I aim to sustain, for our shared, safe, enjoyable and vibrant homelife within the Island Palm Communities, here in the great State of Hawai'i.

Mahalo nui loa, Malama pono,

Safety First!



Jentel O. Worrell

Wheeler

"Aloha! My name is Jentel (pronounced "gentle") O. Worrell. I am a military spouse of 16 years, mother of 2 children, and a part-

time dentist. We love living here in beautiful Hawai'i! We have lived on Wheeler since 2022 and are trying to see all that we can in the Pacific.

When I am not practicing dentistry, I volunteer at my local church and at our children's schools on Wheeler, mentoring students applying to dental school, and taking courses to continue my education. I enjoy exploring new destinations with my family, walking, Pilates, reading, and Netflix.

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve on the Resident Advisory Board and support the needs of my community. I look forward to engaging with fellow spouses, family members, and active duty service members to hear their concerns and find solutions that will create positive change in our community."



Katie Essel

Helemano

"Aloha! My name is Katie Essel, I have been on-island for over 4 years working under various commands. I am currently working as an Executive Administrative Assistant. I have been an

Island Palms Communities resident for the past year and a half; previously I was a barracks manager before I married my wonderful husband, I am quite passionate about addressing residents' comments and concerns about their quality of life. I have also held various additional duty positions and have volunteered with several single service member organizations on island, this helps me know who to go to for your issues!

As a RAB member, I'm dedicated to hearing about any questions or concerns when it comes to you and your family's military housing experience. Sometimes living on an island can feel isolating, but I want you to know that you have someone dedicated to helping you with your housing issues. It's my goal for HMR residents to feel safe, connected, and that their voice matters."



Ralna Shelton

Porter

"I am the spouse of an active-duty soldier and a mother of two small, sweet children (so far). I am also a proud mother of fur babies and fish. My grandfather served in WW1 and had a silver star for his

service, he served over 30 years and ended his career as a CSM. I am a Hawaii Native, born, bred and raised here and although I have visited other states; I always found my way back home.

In my free time I enjoy volunteering with many different organizations and participate in several community programs across the island. I love attending church on Sundays and have a doctorate in Theology. I love to get to know my community and make new friends. I aspire to build stable, strong foundations, and safe communities for my children, family and the military. When solving issues and disputes, I use the acronym BLAST (Believe, listen, apologize, solve, and thank). If there is a community event, a new thing to learn, a new chance to build, grow and move up in careers or just better myself, that is where you will find me."

All things are possible with God. Luke 1:36



Panini Aliilua

Tripler

"Talofa! I have been working with the Department of Veterans Affairs Office as an Administrative Officer of the Day (AOD) since 2019. My role involves

assisting veterans in the Pacific region by providing guidance and resolutions to their issues and concerns. Additionally, I am a member of the Army Reserve with the 9th Mission Support Command (MSC) and was recently selected as a Brigade Command Sergeant Major (CSM) at a unit located in Korea.

I have lived in Hawaii for over 20 years and been a member of the Tripler community for 4 years. I enjoy walking the trails in the area and it is very convenient for me in commuting to my civilian job. I am excited to be a board member and be a voice for the community to address any issues and concerns that will benefit everyone and looking forward to serving and working with other board members and leadership for the betterment of our community."