



Mr. Ryo Nakamoto

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Ryo Nakamoto was born and raised in Honolulu, Hawaii. He graduated from the University of Hawaii at Manoa with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering in December 1982, as a member of Pi Tau Sigma, the international mechanical engineering honor society. Following graduation, Ryo started his federal civilian service career as a nuclear engineer with the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard. Desiring to gain experience in facilities design, he transferred to the Navy Public Works Center as a design mechanical engineer, designing various facility mechanical systems. In 1986, he transferred to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Ft. Shafter, Hawaii, to broaden his design experience on large new construction projects. From 1986 to 1999, Ryo continued to develop his expertise in mechanical system design that eventually led to his roles as senior design engineer, technical reviewer, and design team leader.

In 1999, Ryo joined Headquarters, Pacific Air Forces, Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii as the Command Energy Manager, where he earned his Energy Manager certification and successfully led the Pacific Air Forces in achieving mandated Executive Order goals at the Command's bases and sites in Hawaii, Alaska, Guam, Japan, and Korea, comprising over 85 million square feet of facility space and \$180 million in annual utility expenses. He then became the Command Mechanical Engineer, authoring and implementing the use of the Mechanical Design Guide for Dormitories in Korea and the Commissioning Manual for Collective Protection Systems against nuclear, biological, and chemical attacks.

In 2001, he became the Deputy Chief, Engineering Division, Far East District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Seoul, Korea. In addition to ensuring the production of high quality engineering products, Ryo led the 140-person Division's efforts in establishing the Division's Quality Management System, which led to the organization's subsequent ISO 9001 certification.

In 2008, Ryo became the Chief of the Korea Integration Office, Pacific Ocean Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Shafter, Hawaii, providing executive management and direction over the Yongsan Relocation Plan and the Land Partnership Plan, that together total \$10.7 billion of design, construction, C4I (command, control, communications, computers, and intelligence), and building outfitting to relocate and consolidate U.S. forces, known as the Korea Relocation Program.

In 2011, Ryo transferred into his present position as Chief, Military Integration Division, Pacific Ocean Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, where his responsibilities expanded to include the military programs in Alaska, Hawaii, and Japan, as well as the programs in Korea. In addition to the Korea Relocation Program, other current significant programs and projects under his responsibility include the \$17.4B Japan host nation construction program; the \$800M Department of Defense schools program in Japan and Korea, the \$470M F-35 beddown facilities, Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska; the \$322M Air Force Special Operations program in Japan, the \$311M U.S. Army Pacific Mission Command Facility at Fort Shafter, Hawaii; the \$305M Long Range Discriminating Radar facility at Clear Air Force Station, Alaska; and the \$285M C-17 beddown facilities, Hindan Air Base, India.

Ryo Nakamoto is a graduate of the Army Management Staff College and the Harvard Kennedy School of Government's Senior Executive Fellows Program; is a registered professional engineer in the State of Hawaii, a certified Project Management Professional, and a certified Gallup Strengths Coach; and has been awarded the Korea Service Medal, the Achievement Award for Civilian Service, and the Commander's Award for Civilian Service.

He is married to the former Lei Nogami and has two children, Meagan (16) and Nicole (13).





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