



Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army

HAWAII (EAST)



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Ms. Kalipi has extensive experience working with the public and private sectors. Ms. Kalipi currently serves as the Chief Strategy Officer for Progression Energy, leading the development of utility-scale renewable energy projects specializing in floating offshore wind in Hawaii and the Pacific. Ms. Kalipi owns a consulting firm specializing in systems planning, food security, energy security, community empowerment, and helping communities to create and implement “courageous space” for complex and emotionally charged discussions related to land use, ancestral knowledge and indigenous rights, economic development, and access to capital. Ms. Kalipi led Kohala Institute, a nonprofit entity managing 2400 acres dedicated to place-based learning experiences, and worked with Arizona State University to establish strategic partnerships in Hawaii. Ms. Kalipi led TiLeaf Group, a native advocacy firm, working with Native Hawaiian entities, Indian Tribes, and Alaska Native Corporations to support community-based economic development. Ms. Kalipi had the privilege of working with U.S. Senator Daniel K. Akaka, serving as his Counsel, Military Legislative Assistant, and Minority Staff Director for the Senate Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

EDUCATION

Ms. Kalipi holds a Juris Doctor from The George Washington Law School and a Bachelor of Arts in Government & Politics and Economics from George Mason University.

MILITARY SERVICE

Ms. Kalipi served on active duty as a Commissioned Officer with the U.S. Army from 1995-1999 with the 3rd Infantry Division (Mech) operating in the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate and the Trial Defense Service, to include one deployment to Kuwait during Operation Desert Thunder in 1998.

MEMBERSHIPS AND OTHER AFFILIATIONS

CIVIC: Member, Board of Directors of PBS Hawaii (2014-present), Member, Board of Directors of Blue Planet Foundation (2022), Omidyar Fellow (2013-Present), First Nations Futures Program (2018-Present), Hawaii Bar (1995-present), DC Bar (1996-Present), Member, Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii Authority (2022 – Present).

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

Ms. Kalipi earned the Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, and the Parachutist Badge.

Ms. Kalipi was recognized as an Alumni Exemplar by George Mason University in 2018 and Hawaii Business Magazine as one of Hawaii’s People to Watch 20 for the Next 20 in 2016.

ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT

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