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Pohakuloa Range employee receives award

POHAKULOA TRAINING AREA, Hawaii – U.S. Army Garrison -

Long time Hilo resident, Mr. Anthony Ortogero received Pōhakuloa Training Area's (PTA) Employee of the Quarter Award for his exceptional contributions while serving in the Range Division. Over a period of several years, Mr. Ortogero vastly improved the operation of the ranges by initiating many unique solar upgrades, while evaluating the safety aspects of all training and jobs conducted on PTA's ranges.

Tony takes the lead as the initial journeyman introducing a new standard for operating procedures. This new standard enhances the mission of Range Maintenance by on the job training of new range employees.

Mr. Ortogero's knowledge of solar energy and personal skills led to the design and construction of a new "line row concept". His unique solution minimized trouble shooting and range maintenance down time since implementation. Ranges are now able to operate at a moment's notice with secure and sustained power.

"We are lucky to have Tony here at PTA. He is exceptionally humble, but he has made a huge contribution keeping Soldiers and Marines safe in training and in combat for over twenty years" stated Lt. Col. Eric Shwedo, Commander of PTA.

Mr. Ortogero has been a valuable member of the PTA team since 1992. His perseverance to eliminate job hazards and to analyze key project planning stages has immensely decreased injuries at PTA ranges.

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