

Key AFCEA Hawaii Chapter Advocate Passed December 7, 2022



Rear Adm. Richard Macke, USN (Ret.), center, is honored in April 2022 with the Chair's Superior Performance Award. Adm. Samuel Paparo, USN, Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet, far left, presented the award. On Macke's left is his wife, Susie Macke. On his right is Lt. Gen. Susan S. Lawrence, USA (Ret.), AFCEA's president and CEO, and Linda Newton, president of the AFCEA Hawaii Chapter.

It is with great sadness to inform our AFCEA Hawaii Ohana that RADM Richard (Dick) Macke, USN (Ret.) passed December 7, 2022.

Richard (Dick) Macke, RADM (Ret) USN was a distinguished AFCEA Life Member with over 40 years of lasting contributions to the Association. Dick Macke was a long and ardent supporter of AFCEA at the International and local level. He was an

ambassador for AFCEA's message and has collaborated with many local and worldwide organizations to promote AFCEA's mission. His leadership and mentorship clearly will have an enduring effect on AFCEA.

Dick Macke was a long-time member of the Board of Directors and its Executive Committee, providing leadership and guidance to the Association. He was a strong proponent of diversity and inclusion to build and strengthen AFCEA. He has been a champion of women, emerging leaders and increased diversity at the Chapter and International levels. He served as an advisor to the Chair and President/CEO of AFCEA over several administrations. He has been an advocate for increased participation in AFCEA and representation on the Board by members of the Hawaii and other Chapters. He has also served as a liaison for AFCEA with US and partner nation military and government leaders in the Indo-Pacific Region resulting in

increased visibility for and participation in AFCEA activities in the region.

Dick Macke was a strong advocate for AFCEA with the senior Military Commanders in DOD, Hawaii, and the Indo-Pacific region, ensuring they and their staffs support of AFCEA International and AFCEA Hawaii TechNet conferences and events over many years. His advocacy ensured that AFCEA provides these forums for discussion, collaboration, solution development and implementation.

Dick Macke served as a Keynote Speaker, Panelist and Moderator for many AFCEA TechNet conferences over the years. He frequently contributed to Signal Magazine and other publications addressing requirements for Command and Control,

Cyber Operations and Security, and support of the U.S. Armed Forces. He recruited many people to join AFCEA as members and leaders at the International and Chapter level, bringing in talent and enthusiasm for AFCEA.

Dick Macke was passionate about growing the leaders of tomorrow. He was a long-time member of the Board of Directors for the AFCEA International Educational Foundation. He was an active supporter and Board Member of the AFCEA Hawaii Educational Foundation and subsequent Education Committee. He participated for many years on scholarship review boards at the International and Hawaii Chapter levels. He regularly engaged local media to ensure that STEM Scholarship and Grant opportunities were made widely available to the local community. To recognize Dick Macke's contributions to STEM education, AFCEA Hawaii established the ADM Richard Macke scholarship in 2010 that is awarded annually to a Hawaii-based student who demonstrates a practical technical excellence in a Hard Science - Mathematics, Engineering, Computers/Networks, Physics, Chemistry or Biology.

Dick Macke served in numerous leadership positions, some multiple times/years, for AFCEA over the past 40 years:

- AFCEA International Board of Directors
- AFCEA International EXCOM Member
- AFCEA International Educational Foundation Board of Director
- AFCEA International Governance Committee Member and served as Chair and Nominating Committee Co-Chair

- AFCEA Hawaii Board Member
- AFCEA Hawaii Senior Executive
- AFCEA Hawaii Chapter President
- AFCEA Hawaii Educational Foundation Board Member

Dick Macke was the recipient of the ADM Jon L. Boyes Medal for Distinguished Service to AFCEA and, most recently, was awarded the AFCEA International Chair's Superior Performance Award at TechNet Indo-Pacific conference in April 2022.

Dick Macke's superior service to AFCEA over the past forty years was clear. He provided leadership and mentorship at all levels of the Association. His contributions were far reaching, and the results will be realized for decades to come. He unselfishly gave of his time, energy, and leadership for AFCEA's mission and people.

Beside his championship of AFCEA International and AFCEA Hawaii chapter's efforts, he was a longtime leader, member and supporter of the U.S. Navy League and Navy League Honolulu Council. He served as Navy League Honolulu Council President, Board of Directors 2016-2017.

Mahalo iā 'oe no kāu lawelawe, e Dick Macke. A hui hou kakou.