



## Brief Biography of

### **TOBY L. CLAIRMONT, RN, CEM**

Toby Clairmont is the Director of Emergency Services for the Healthcare Association of Hawaii and the Team Commander of the Hawaii Disaster Medical Assistance Team, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. In these roles, he is responsible for healthcare system emergency program development, planning and emergency operations in support of over 115 organizations in the State of Hawaii and the throughout the Pacific.

Prior to joining the Healthcare Association of Hawaii in 2002, Toby previously served as the Assistant Hospital Administrator for the 250-bed Kaiser Medical Center in Honolulu, Director of Disaster-Emergency Services for the Pacific Division of the American Red Cross, and as Senior Hyperbaric Systems Engineer for Makai Undersea Test Range. In 2000, Toby retired from United States Army Nurse Corps following 25 years of active and reserve military service. He is the recipient of the Meritorious Service Medal (MSM), Army Commendation Medal (ARCOM - 4 awards) and various other awards and special skill badges.

Academic experience includes appointments on the affiliate faculty of two major universities; teaching and speaking at the international, national and state levels. Most recently, Toby facilitated a multi-national regional bio-security exercise in Malaysia and participated in various disaster management exchanges with the Republic of Indonesia and the People's Republic of China (2007). Over the years, he has also served as a technical consultant to the Defense Threat Reduction Agency and the Center for Domestic Preparedness, U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

His 30-year disaster response history includes over 200 hurricanes, earthquakes, transportation accidents, floods, tsunamis and a nuclear power plant accident (Three Mile Island). In 2005, Toby led elements of the Hawaii Disaster Medical Assistance Team into New Orleans, Louisiana during the initial federal response to Hurricane Katrina and most recently, to the Territory of American Samoa for earthquake and tsunami response.

Toby was raised in Hawaii and trained at the University of Hawaii at Manoa in nursing and electrical engineering. He also completed advanced leadership training at the Kenan-Flagler Business School, University of North Carolina. He is a board Certified Emergency Manager.

