



## **MAJOR (R) FRANK CRAIG FLORO**

### **UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY CLASS OF 1979**

Craig Floro was born the second of seven children in Fort Eustis, Virginia in 1957 to a military family. His siblings are: Larry, Mark, Randy, Brett, Scott and Kristina. His father's (Colonel Lawrence A. Floro, Jr.) military career led to many relocations until his family settled in Lexington, Kentucky, where he graduated from Tates Creek High School in 1975. Craig attended the University of Kentucky and is a Distinguished Military Graduate. He was commissioned into the Regular Army in 1979.

Among his many assignments were command and staff positions with the 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division (Light), the 7<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division (Light), and instructor at the Academy of Health Sciences. Other noteworthy assignments included Joint Task Force Bravo in Honduras in 1987, where he planned and executed scores of Humanitarian Assistance missions throughout Central America. During his assignment in the 7<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division (Light) as Chief, Division Medical Operation Center, he supported military and civilian operations in Los Angeles during the riots of 1992. As a Medical Service Corps officer he attended Baylor University and earned a Masters in Health Administration. He completed a distinguished military career in 1997.

Upon retiring, Craig became the Chief Operating Officer for the Akamai Telemedicine Program in Honolulu, Hawaii. He was responsible for directing telehealth, and clinical research and development programs that supported military, federal, and international medical facilities through the Pacific Rim. He successfully designed, deployed, and implemented a nationally-recognized telehealth, teleradiology, and imaging program in Korea, Alaska, Hawaii and the Pacific Islands.

From 2002 through 2008, Craig served as the Executive Vice President of Akimeka, LLC, a privately held, Native-Hawaiian-owned Information Technology Research and Development company. In his role as primary strategist, he developed and guided programs that enabled Akimeka to grow substantially with revenues exceeding \$30M annually. Preeminent among these programs is the Joint Information Technology Center on Maui, an initiative that provides cutting-edge technology solutions and prototype systems to the Department of Defense Military Health System. He is a founding member of the Alaka'ina Foundation, a Native-Hawaiian Organization / 501(c)3, committed to education and leadership opportunities for children in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics, as well as Akimeka Technologies, a defense solutions provider.

As the CEO of Akimeka Technologies, now Ke'aki Technologies, he led the organization to phenomenal growth with revenue increasing to over \$59M annually. For two consecutive years, Ke'aki Technologies was named by Pacific Business News as the fastest growing Small Business in Hawaii. Ke'aki Technologies is a well-respected and profitable organization with strong community outreach programs. Craig is a Certified Healthcare Executive and a Fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives. He maintains a passion for community service, innovative and strategic thinking, and is an avid Wildcats fan.