Jerry Dolak Promoted

I am pleased to announce the promotion of Jerry Dolak to Director, Security & Safety, for Outrigger Hotels & Resorts, effective immediately. He replaces Warren Ferreira, who retired after 17 years with our company.

In his new position, Jerry oversees security-related functions for Outrigger and OHANA Hotels & Resorts, including oversight of our security contractor, Wackenhut, as well as the establishment, maintenance, and enforcement of security regulations and procedures. In cooperation with Outrigger’s Risk Management department, Jerry also provides support and guidance on safety-related initiatives for our company.

Outrigger and OHANA strive to promote from within whenever possible, so we are delighted to see Jerry taking this next step in his safety and security career. Jerry has done a tremendous job over the years. He has proven himself time and time again to be an expert in his field and is at the perfect point in his career to lead our company to the next level of growth and excellence in the area of safety and security.

Jerry has been a member of the Outrigger safety and security team since 1988, working as a Security Officer, Security Supervisor, Investigator, Fire Safety Officer, and most recently, as the company’s Safety and Emergency Planning Specialist. During his nearly 20 years with Outrigger, Jerry has contributed greatly to the safety and security of the company. He developed and currently coordinates the company’s Safety & Health Program. He reorganized and maintains the company’s Crisis & Emergency Manual, and he also developed an operations manual for the Waikiki Emergency Operating Center. Jerry has personally been responsible for certifying an average of 150 employees each year in Red Cross CPR, First Aid, and Automated External Defibrillator (AED) procedures.

Before joining Outrigger, Jerry served four years in the U.S. Navy as a Torpedoman on a fast-attack nuclear submarine. He continued his military service in the Navy Reserve, while employed with Outrigger, and retired with 23 years of service, but not before being recalled to active duty for one additional year, following the September 11, 2001, attacks on New York and Washington. During that year, he served as a Military Police Officer at Kauai’s Pacific Missile Range Facility.

Beyond his responsibilities at Outrigger, Jerry serves as a member of a number of professional and industry organizations and contributes his time to several community programs and events. He is the Chairman of the Hawaii Chapter of the American Society for Industrial Security (ASIS), an international organization for security managers. He is also Vice President of the Hawaii Hotel & Visitor Industry Security Association (HHVISA), a member of the Council of Police & Private Security (COPPS), Coalition Chairman for the Annual Law Enforcement and Security Appreciation Luncheon, and past-Chairman of the Outrigger Hotels Hawaii Political Action Committee.

For the past 12 years, Jerry has provided security and first-aid services for the Visitor Industry Charity Walk. He has participated in the Troy Barboza Torch Run, for 18 consecutive years, to raise funds for Hawaii Special Olympics; and over the past five years, he has provided annual fire safety inspections to Royal Elementary School. He is a consistent blood donor, offering a pint to the Blood Bank of Hawaii about every eight weeks, the maximum allowed.

Jerry has been recognized over the years with numerous awards and accolades. He was named to the Hawaii Joint Police Association Hall of Fame in 2005. He received a Certificate of Commendation from Kauai Mayor Maryanne Kusaka for saving a swimmer in distress in 2001. He’s a two-time winner of Outrigger’s President’s Award for Management Excellence, and was honored with a TOP COP award in 1996 by the Hawaii Hotel Security Association. While with the Navy, in both 1996 and 2003, Jerry received the Navy & Marine Corps Achievement Medal for Professional Achievement and Superior Performance, and he was Sailor of the Quarter while on active duty in 1998.

Jerry is a graduate of the University of Phoenix, with a degree in business management. He is also a Certified Protection Professional through the American Society for Industrial Security.

An excellent photographer, Jerry has volunteered many hours to take pictures at our company’s Employee of the Quarter celebrations and other events. He and his wife, Cherry, have a five-year old son named Jake.

I am very proud of Jerry Dolak. During his nearly two decades with our company, he has worked hard, continued his education, and significantly improved his skills. He has proudly served his country. He is active in local professional organizations and activities, as well as community groups that strive to make Hawaii a better place for everyone who lives here. In sum, Jerry is a shining example of what I mean when I say, “Outrigger Is A Great Place To Work And Grow!”