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Hawaii Dental Service Names Dr. Mark Sweet Dental Director

Honolulu, Hawaii — Hawaii Dental Service, the state's leading dental benefits provider, has named Dr. Mark Sweet as its new dental director.



Dr. Sweet, who is board certified in endodontics, recently retired as a U.S. Army Colonel after a distinguished, 32-year military career, serving in dental roles throughout the world. This included serving as the officer in charge for USA DENTAC Hawaii from 2013 to 2018.

Prior to joining HDS, Dr. Sweet most recently served as a commander and staff endodontist in Korea. He also served at Fort Polk, Louisiana; Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Camp Taji in Iraq; Vicenza, Italy; and Landstuhl, Germany. He earned numerous commendations and medals for outstanding service while serving as a dentist leader in the military. In addition, Dr. Sweet's academic appointments include serving as an associate professor with the Uniformed

Services University of the Health Sciences.

In his new role, he oversees HDS's dental consultants. He also serves as the primary liaison with the dental provider community, including Medicare and Medicaid providers. He reports to Minna Lehti, HDS's chief operating officer.

He is a member of the American Association of Endodontists, American Board of Endodontists College of Diplomates, American Dental Association, American Society of Forensic Odontology; American Dental Education Association; and International Association of Dental Traumatology.

Dr. Sweet, a Kapolei resident, earned a Bachelor of Science degree in general science from the University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa; a dental degree from the University of Iowa College of Dentistry, where he also completed a residency in endodontics.

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About Hawaii Dental Service

Hawaii Dental Service (HDS) is the leading dental benefits provider in the state, serving nearly one million residents throughout Hawaii, Guam, and Saipan. It has the largest network of dentists, with more than 95 percent of Hawaii's licensed, practicing dentists participating with HDS.

As a nonprofit founded in Hawaii in 1962, HDS is committed to making quality oral health care affordable and accessible. Employers who offer HDS dental plans to their employees represent Hawaii's diverse industries, companies, unions, associations, and nonprofit organizations. HDS also offers dental plans for individuals and families. HDS has been a part of Delta Dental, the nation's largest and most experienced dental insurance benefits provider, since 1966. This affiliation gives members access to a nationwide network of participating dentists.

For more information, please visit HawaiiDentalService.com.