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FAPAC 2010 NATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE A SUCCESS

Theme: Diverse Leadership for a Diverse Workforce

WASHINGTON DC – The Federal Asian Pacific American Council (FAPAC), the premier organization representing Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) employees in the Federal and District of Columbia governments, held its National Leadership Training Conference on May 3 – 7, 2010 at the Gaylord Resort & Conference Center at the National Harbor, MD. The Conference is hailed as a great success with more than 400 in attendance. With its members representing all the major federal agencies it is the largest conference of its kind catering to the AAPI employees, both military and civilian, throughout the Federal government.

Secretary Eric Shinseki, Department of Veterans Affairs, opened the conference and was followed by an address on diversity in the Federal workforce by Commissioner Stuart Ishimaru, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. Secretary Thomas Vilsac was the Keynote Speaker at the Agency Sponsor Appreciation Luncheon in which FAPAC recognized the enormous contributions of the support of USDA, DoD, BOP, NASA, FBI, GEICO, Blue Cross Blue Shield and other sponsors. The conference featured many plenary sessions including “AAPI Women Forum”, “Federal Workforce Issues Forum” and “White House Initiatives for AAPI” which addressed the diversity issues in this year’s theme. In commemoration of its 25th anniversary, FAPAC also recognized former Secretary Elaine L Chao and former Secretary Norman Y. Mineta with the Lifetime Achievement Awards for their service to the nation, FAPAC and the AAPI community.

Many excellent workshops were also offered at the conference to afford opportunity for the attendees to learn and gain leadership skills and enhance their abilities to perform their responsibilities in an ever demanding world of doing more with less. Employees from various agencies were recognized by the bestowing of Military Meritorious Awards and the Civilian Awards at the conference. More than 50 exhibitors including many federal agencies held exhibits with information on their programs and job opportunities. This year there were several community exhibits held on the bone marrow registry and the 1882 Chinese Exclusion Act.

FAPAC is organized exclusively for educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. FAPAC is a non-profit, non-partisan organization representing the interests of over 155,000 civilian and military APA employees in the Federal and District of Columbia governments.

FAPAC has also announced that the 2011 conference will be held May 9 – 13 at Hyatt Regency at Bellevue, Washington. For further information please visit www.fapac.org.

AWARD RECIPIENTS

Military Meritorious Award	
Master Sergeant Rey Ado, Jr.	United States Army
Lieutenant Haney Hong	United States Navy
Chief Petty Officer Alexander A. Amosa	United States Navy Reserve
Master Gunnery Sergeant Dante P. Solis	United States Marine Corps
Captain Menola Guthrie	United States Air Force
SM Sgt Lorna D. Machacon	United States Air Force Reserve
Senior Airman Jonathan J. Bass	Air National Guard
Lieutenant Colonel Sajjan George	Army National Guard
Lieutenant Hoon Park	United States Coast Guard
Civilian Outstanding Award	
Outstanding Individual Leadership	
Senior Executive Service GS 10-15	Loren Michael Spencer US Navy Albert Legaspi US Navy
Excellence in Individual Achievement	
Senior Executive Service GS 10-15	Eugene M. Ban US Army Corps of Engineers Sally Souvannavong DLA
Diversity Excellence	
Senior Executive Service GS 10-15	Alfred V. Almanza USDA Irene Rita M. Becerra US Navy