

# INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE MADE A DIFFERENCE

The list of individuals that have made contributions to PEACESAT is far from complete. Many more have helped in many different ways. Any failure to recognize individuals and institutions is due to a personal deficit in knowledge of the institutional history of PEACESAT. If you wish to have someone recognized for their efforts in this page, please submit the nomination to [peacesat@elele.peacesat.hawaii.edu](mailto:peacesat@elele.peacesat.hawaii.edu).

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<b>Bannan, James</b>	<p>Jim Bannan, Distance Education Specialist, The Pacific Resources for Education and Learning (PREL).</p> <p>With his extensive education and technology background, Jim helped the Guam Department of Education to apply for E-rate funding and many other projects in the FSM.</p>
<b>Best, Bruce</b>	<p>Bruce Best, PEACESAT Manager, Telecommunications and Distance Education Option (TADEO), College of Continuing Education and Extension Services, University of Guam.</p> <p>Mr. Best is recognized for his long-standing work for PEACESAT. He works tirelessly for the Pacific and is an advocate for remote telecommunications and distance learning. Mr. Best has given many thousands of hours of free work for PEACESAT during his 14 years of association with the program. Many do not realize that he has never been a full-time employee of the University of Guam, despite all of the work that he has put in.</p> <p>Mr. Best is simply a gem. His "Morning Madness" Program provides considerable information and entertainment.</p> <p><a href="#">BACK TO TOP</a></p>
<b>Connors, Dennis</b>	<p>Dennis Connors, Administrator, Public Telecommunications Facilities Program (PTFP), National Telecommunications and Information Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.</p> <p>Mr. Connors has been the senior administrator overseeing the PEACESAT Program since the U.S. Congress assigned it to NTIA. The efforts of Mr. Connors have been very significant to the overall development of the program. Mr. Connors is now in Boulder, Colorado.</p>
<b>Cooperman, William (Bill)</b>	<p>Bill Cooperman, Director, Public Telecommunications Facilities Program, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.</p> <p>Mr. Cooperman has been the program manager for PEACESAT in its re-establishment. In 1995, he received the Silver Medal from the U.S. Department of Commerce for his work with PEACESAT.</p>
<b>Cox, Clyde</b>	<p>Clyde Cox, Manager, Kokee Park Geophysical Observatory (KPGO).</p> <p>Since 1989, Mr. Cox has managed the tracking telemetry and control of the satellites used by PEACESAT. KPGO plays a major role in satellite maintenance for the PEACESAT network.</p> <p><a href="#">BACK TO TOP</a></p>
<b>Hayakawa, Rieko</b>	<p>Reiko Hayakawa, Program Officer, Sasakawa Pacific Islands Nations Fund.</p> <p>Ms. Hayakawa has been a long time friend and supporter of Pacific Islands and is well known in the Pacific Islands for her work and promotion of information technologies and telecommunication development, journalism, history and archeology projects to name a few. Ms. Hayakawa established the Sasakawa Pacific Islands Nation Fund that supports these projects. Her first involvement with PEACESAT was in 1991 when the Sasakawa Peace Foundation sponsored the PEACESAT Policy Conference in Sendai, Japan.</p>

<b>Iser, Joseph (Joe)</b>	<p>Joe Iser, M.D., Director, Office of Pacific Health, U.S. Public Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services.</p> <p>Dr. Iser has long recognized the importance of telecommunications and information to public health in the Pacific Islands Region and has been encouraging dialogue and discussion on telehealth and telemedicine.</p> <p>Dr. Iser was responsible for encouraging PIHOA and PEACESAT to collaborate and examine the possibilities of using the PEACESAT for Internet electronic mail and file transfer for the health departments in the region. Mr. Iser also served on the Hub Site Evaluation Committee where his extensive knowledge and experience in health matters was very much appreciated.</p> <p><a href="#">BACK TO TOP</a></p>
<b>Jennings, Ray</b>	<p>Ray Jennings, Chief of Systems Integration, Institute for Telecommunication Sciences, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.</p> <p>Mr. Jennings has been the long-time technical advisor for the PEACESAT Program. In 1995, he received the Silver Medal from the U.S. Department of Commerce for his work with PEACESAT.</p>
<b>Kelly, Kathleen</b>	<p>Kathleen Kelly, Director of Satellite Operations, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.</p> <p>Ms. Kelly is responsible for the operation of the satellites in NOAA's environmental and Defense Meteorological Satellite Programs.</p>
<b>Kuniyuki, Andrew</b>	<p>Andy Kuniyuki, Ph.D., Director, Land Grant Program, College of the Marshall Islands, Republic of the Marshall Islands.</p> <p>Dr. Kuniyuki is one of the persons most knowledgeable of PEACESAT and its data services in the Pacific Islands region. Dr. Kuniyuki works extremely long hours and helps many in the Pacific with the use and management of PEACESAT systems.</p> <p><a href="#">BACK TO TOP</a></p>
<b>Laughlin, Maggie</b>	<p>Maggie Laughlin, Satellite Engineer, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.</p> <p>Ms. Laughlin is instrumental in the navigational engineering of the GOES-7 satellite Telemetry, Tracking and Control (TT&amp;C). Ms. Laughlin has conducted several training sessions for PEACESAT Headquarter satellite technicians.</p>
<b>McCoy, Robert (Bob)</b>	<p>Mr. Robert McCoy, Satellite Operations, retired, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.</p> <p>Mr. McCoy has been the primary point of contact between the PEACESAT Program and NOAA. He is responsible for working with PEACESAT on satellite maneuvers and trouble-shooting problems. His efforts have been instrumental to the good operations of the satellite resource.</p>
<b>Norris, Jerry</b>	<p>Jerry B. Norris, Federal Desk Officer, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Honolulu, Hawaii.</p> <p>Mr. Norris is recognized for his special efforts in working with the Pacific and in recognizing and advocating the development of the Emergency Management Network.</p> <p><a href="#">BACK TO TOP</a></p>

<b>Samoa, Andra</b>	<p>Andra Samoa, Director, PEACESAT American Samoa, The American Samoa Power Authority, The Pacific e-Commerce Development Corporation, a non-profit business development cooperative.</p> <p>Ms. Samoa manages the PEACESAT 7.2m Hub Site on behalf of the American Samoa Government (ASG) Distance Education, Learning, and Telehealth Applications (DELTA) Consortium. Ms. Samoa worked with the PEACESAT Headquarters team while obtaining her Master's Degree in political science at the University of Hawaii.</p>
<b>Thompson, Bert</b>	<p>Bert Thompson, deceased, PEACESAT Manager, Saipan Public School System, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.</p> <p>Mr. Thompson was renowned for his incredible work as a facilitator of PEACESAT users and helped many individuals and organizations to effectively use the PEACESAT system.</p>
<b>Tulafono, Togiola</b>	<p>Togiola Tulafono, Governor, American Samoa, Chairman, American Samoa Government (ASG) Distance Education Learning and Telehealth Applications (DELTA) Consortium.</p> <p>Governor Tulafono has been integral and instrumental in the development and proliferation of telecommunications and information technology throughout American Samoa. Governor Tulafono continues to contribute his expertise and influence in the infusion of cutting edge technology into American Samoa's education systems, health care facilities and economy as a whole.</p>

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