

## Welcome to Power Up Pacific

**Aloha!**

On behalf of the Gulf Coast Energy Network, it is my honor to welcome you to the 2026 Power Up Pacific Summit here in beautiful Honolulu, Hawaii.

This event brings together leaders from across the military, government, industry, utilities, academia, NGOs, and innovation communities to tackle one of the most critical challenges of our time — building resilient, secure, and scalable infrastructure across the Indo-Pacific.

We are especially grateful to *Miami Federal*, our Presenting Sponsor, for their leadership and commitment to advancing mission-critical infrastructure. Their support helps make this summit possible and reflects the kind of public-private partnership needed to move from ideas to real-world deployment.

I would also like to extend a sincere thank you to all of our speakers, whose expertise and perspectives are driving meaningful conversations and actionable solutions. Your willingness to share insights and challenge the status quo is what makes this event truly impactful.

To our valued sponsors and partners—thank you for your continued support and belief in the importance of this mission. Events like Power Up Pacific are only possible through your engagement and leadership.

A special thank you to our co-host, the **Society of American Military Engineers (SAME)** **Honolulu Post**, and to **Soaring Eagles Concierge Event Services**, for their collaboration in bringing this summit to life here in the Pacific.

Over the next two days, I encourage you to engage, connect, and think boldly about the future of energy, infrastructure, and mission assurance. The challenges are real—but so is the opportunity to lead.

Thank you for being here. Welcome to Power Up Pacific.

**Mahalo!**

**Dave Robau**

Programs Chair, 2026 Power Up Pacific  
Gulf Coast Energy Network



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# 2026 Power Up Pacific Featured Speakers

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## Day 1 Monday, May 4

8:30-12:00	Exhibitor Move-In	Tapa Ballroom 1
1:00-2:00	<b>Welcome Remarks &amp; Opening Keynote</b> <b>Mr. Dave Robau</b> , Executive Director, Gulf Coast Energy Network <b>Introductions:</b> <b>Welcome Remarks: Dr. Ravi Chaudhary</b> , former Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, Energy, Installations, and the Environment <b>Mr. Matthew "Ziggy" Sigstad</b> , Chief, Operational Energy Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (SAF/IEN) The Pentagon <b>Hawai'i State Energy Office Address: Mr. Mark Glick</b> , Chief Energy Officer, Hawai'i State Energy Office	Tapa Ballroom 2
2:00-3:00	<b>Aligning Energy Security with Island Infrastructure in the Indo-Pacific</b> Led by the <b>Hon. Dr. Ravi Chaudhary</b> , former Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, Energy, Installations, and the Environment Panelists Include: <b>Col. Gregory D. Hammond</b> , Commander, 647 <sup>th</sup> Air Base Group, 15 <sup>th</sup> Wing, and Deputy Commander, Joint Base Pearl-Hickam, U.S. Air Force, Hawaii <b>Brig. Gen. Michael J. Zuhlsdorf</b> , Director of Logistics, Engineering, and Force Protection, HQ Pacific Air Force, Joint Base Pearl-Hickam, U.S. Air Force, Hawaii <b>Dr. Roger Babcock</b> , PE, Director, Chief Engineer, Hawaii Department of Environmental Services	Tapa Ballroom 2
3:00-3:30	Networking Break with Exhibitors	Tapa Ballroom 1
3:30-3:45	<b>7 Steps to Building Resilience</b> <b>Ms. Karen Moore</b> , President, Direct Results Consulting	Tapa Ballroom 2
3:45-4:15	<b>Navy Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Program Update</b> <b>Mr. Drew McDougall</b> (CTR), NAVSEA SBIR Program Outreach Program <b>Mr. Joel Joseph</b> , Co-Founder, Atomus Cyber	Tapa Ballroom 2
4:15-5:00	<b>Fueling the Indo-Pacific: Energy Dominance Through Innovation</b> <b>Moderator: Ms. Emily Carlisle</b> , Environmental Scientist, National Energy USA <b>Mr. Steve Minard</b> , Chief Executive Officer, Odin Energy Group <b>Mr. Ron Heffron</b> , Vice President of Future Fuel, GHD	Tapa Ballroom 2
5:00-5:10	<b>Closing the Space Management Gap in Defense Infrastructure</b> <b>Mr. Dan Miller</b> , Founder, IMS Consulting	Tapa Ballroom 2
5:10-5:30	<b>Closing Keynote Address</b> <b>Colonel Justin W. Morrison</b> , Commander, Detachment 2, Air Force Installation and Mission Support Center, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii, U.S. Air Force	Tapa Ballroom 2
5:30-7:30	Evening Reception/Networking with Exhibitors	Tapa Ballroom 1

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## Day 2 Tuesday, May 5

- 7:30-8:30**      **Registration/Networking *Sponsored by HPS***      **Tapa Ballroom 1**
- 8:30-9:15**      **Welcome Remarks and Opening Keynote Address**      **Tapa Ballroom 2**  
**Mr. Dave Robau**, Executive Director, Gulf Coast Energy Network  
**Welcome Remarks:** TBD  
**Ms. Carrie Ann Williams**, CPSM, F.SAME, Vice President, Society of American Military Engineers, Founder/CEO, Andana Consulting LLC
- 9:15-10:00**      **Resilience Across the Fence Line: Where Mission Readiness Meets  
Community Preparedness in Hawai'i**      **Tapa Ballroom 2**  
**Moderator: Ms. Caroline Stillitano**, Associate, Converge Strategies, LLC  
**Dr. Chip Fletcher**, Dean, School of Ocean and Earth Science and Technology at University of Hawai'i, Manoa  
**Mr. Ian Morikawa**, Director of Utility Privatization, Hawaiian Electric  
**Mr. Keith Yamanaka**, Energy Manager, U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii
- 10:00-10:30**      **Morning Networking Break with Exhibitors**      **Tapa Ballroom 1**
- 10:30-11:30**      **Deploying Capital at the Edge: AI, Defense, and the Next Wave of Infrastructure**      **Tapa Ballroom 2**  
**Mr. Dave Harden**, Managing Partner, Outpost Ventures  
**Hon. Dr. Ravi Chaudhary**, former Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, Energy, Installations, and the Environment
- 11:30-1:00**      **Networking Lunch *Sponsored by National Energy USA***      **Tapa Ballroom 1**
- 1:00-1:15**      **SAME Honolulu Post STEM Camp Program Update**      **Tapa Ballroom 2**  
**Ms. Alyssa Agustin**, PMP, Senior Coastal Scientist, GHD / National Elected Director, Society of American Military Engineers (SAME)
- 1:15-2:00**      **Geothermal Unleashed: The Next Frontier of Energy Security**      **Tapa Ballroom 2**  
**Mr. Troy von Otnott**, Chief Executive Officer, HotRox Energy  
**Dr. Hamed Soroush**, Chief Executive Officer, Teverra, LLC
- 2:00-2:45**      **Integrated by Design: Aligning Planning, Construction for Mission Readiness**      **Tapa Ballroom 2**  
**Mr. Weaver Propser**, Vice President of Preconstruction, Miami Federal  
**Major Alex Wright**, PE, PMP, Chief, Planning and Integration Branch, PACAF/A4CP, U.S. Air Force
- 2:45-3:30**      **Powering the Future of Hawaii Roundtable**      **Tapa Ballroom 2**
- 3:30**      **Closing Remarks/Power Up Pacific Adjourns**      **Tapa Ballroom 2**  
**Mr. Dave Robau**, Executive Director, Gulf Coast Energy Network



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