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THE SALVATION ARMY WELCOMES NEW OFFICERS TO MAUI COUNTY

KAHULUI, HI (August 4, 2026) – The Salvation Army Hawaiian & Pacific Islands Division welcomed new leadership at two of its Maui County corps community centers in July, with Majors Kevin and Heather Pope joining The Salvation Army Kahului Corps as corps officers and Maui County Coordinators, and Captain Shawn Uilani Keoho joining The Salvation Army Lahaina Lighthouse Corps as corps officer. Both new appointments bring years of Salvation Army ministry experience to Maui County, including Major Kevin Pope's prior service in Hawai'i during the response to the 2023 Lahaina wildfires.

"We're grateful for the depth of experience Majors Pope and Captain Keoho bring to Maui County," said Major Troy Trimmer, Divisional Commander of The Salvation Army Hawaiian & Pacific Islands Division. "Their leadership will be a tremendous asset as we continue to serve communities across Maui and Molokai."

Kahului Corps: Majors Kevin and Heather Pope

Majors Kevin and Heather Pope have been appointed corps officers of the Kahului Corps, where they will also serve as Maui County Coordinators, guiding The Salvation Army's coordinated efforts across Maui and Molokai. They will also oversee The Salvation Army Family Thrift Store in Kihei, with all proceeds funding The Salvation Army Kahului Corps services.

Majors Pope were commissioned as Salvation Army officers in 2011, and they are arriving to the Hawaiian & Pacific Islands Division from the Alaska Division, where Major Kevin Pope served as Divisional Secretary for Business and Major Heather Pope served as Divisional Women's Ministries Secretary and Divisional Secretary for Program. Major Kevin Pope, a former firefighter, first came to Maui in 2023 to serve with The Salvation Army's disaster response following the Lahaina wildfires. Major Heather Pope built a career in early childhood education before entering full-time ministry.

"We are honored to join the Kahului Corps and to serve alongside the dedicated staff and volunteers across Maui County," said Major Kevin Pope. "We've seen firsthand the heart this community brings to caring for one another, and we're grateful for the opportunity to be part of that work."

Lahaina Lighthouse Corps: Captain Shawn Uilani Keoho

Captain Shawn Uilani Keoho has been appointed corps officer of The Salvation Army Lahaina Lighthouse Corps. Following her commissioning as an officer in 2012, Captain Keoho served at The Salvation Army Divisional Headquarters in Honolulu, then at the Hanapepe and Līhu'e Corps on Kaua'i. For the past three years, she led the Kona Corps on Hawai'i Island, and her move to Maui marks her service across four Hawaiian islands. Captain Keoho holds a bachelor's degree in counseling and brings 12 years of experience with drug treatment programs, with a focus on family reunification, domestic violence recovery, and transitional housing for recovering mothers and children.

Captain Keoho will work closely with the Lahaina community to deepen relationships, provide community-based services, and to help inform the development of The Salvation Army's services in Lahaina, following the loss of the Lahaina Lighthouse Corps building in the 2023 wildfires. Captain Keoho carries on The Salvation Army's legacy of service to Lahaina, where Envoy Kevin Nagasaki led ministry for nearly 30 years, until his passing in September 2025.

"Lahaina has been through so much, and I don't take lightly what it means to serve this community as we look toward rebuilding," said Captain Shawn Uilani Keoho. "Envoy Kevin's decades of ministry here left a legacy of aloha that I hope to honor. I'm looking forward to walking alongside this community as we move forward together."

About Salvation Army Officers

Salvation Army Officers are commissioned ministers of The Salvation Army, an evangelical part of the universal Christian Church. Officers receive their assignments from The Salvation Army Territorial Headquarters in Rancho Palos Verdes, California, which is also home to the officer training college. Officers are trained to lead worship services, community programs, and a wide range of social services. The Salvation Army's mission, which is motivated by the love of God, is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination.

About The Salvation Army Maui County

The Salvation Army Maui County encompasses two corps community centers — Kahului Corps and Lahaina Lighthouse Corps — along with The Salvation Army Family Thrift Store in Kihei and The Salvation Army Molokai Outpost. Programs include weekly homeless outreach, monthly food box distribution, youth character-building classes, women's and men's ministries, and Sunday worship services at the Kahului Corps, with additional community services offered for Lahaina community members. The Salvation Army Family Intervention Services operates the Kanehoalani Boys Safe House, which accepts referrals from Family Court.

VISUALS: Photos of Majors Kevin and Heather Pope and Captain Shawn Uilani Keoho are available [HERE](#) (courtesy of The Salvation Army).

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About The Salvation Army – Hawaiian & Pacific Islands Division

The Salvation Army Hawaiian & Pacific Islands Division covers the state of Hawai'i and the Pacific Islands including Guam, The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Republic of the Marshall Islands and The Federated States of Micronesia. The Division offers a wide variety of programs throughout the islands including: affordable senior housing; at-risk youth services and housing; camp & conference center; family stores; food distribution and feeding programs; homeless services; The Kroc Center – Hawai'i's largest community center; preschools & day care services; social services – emergency assistance; substance abuse treatment; and work therapy & rehabilitation services. For more information, call 808-988-2136, visit hawaii.salvationarmy.org, and follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn.