Appendix F: Geographic Names

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**Territory of Guam**
War in the Pacific National Historical Park (WAPA)

**Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands**
American Memorial Park, Saipan (AMME)

**Territory of American Samoa**
National Park of American Samoa (NPSA)

**State of Hawaii**
USS Arizona Memorial, Oahu (USAR)
Kalaupapa National Historical Park, Molokai (KALA)
Haleakala National Park, Maui (HALE)
Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail, Hawaii (ALKA)
Puukohola Heiau National Historic Site, Hawaii (PUHE)
Kaloko-Honokohau National Historical Park, Hawaii (KAHO)
Puuhonua o Honaunau National Historical Park, Hawaii (PUHO)
Hawaii Volcanoes National Park, Hawaii (HAVO)

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CORRECT SPELLINGS OF GEOGRAPHIC (PLACE) NAMES

The U.S. Board on Geographic Names (BGN) in Washington, D.C. maintains the Geographic Names Information System (GNIS), which is the official list of place names for the United States, its territories, possessions, and affiliates. Their website is http://geonames.usgs.gov/. All Federal documents are required to use place names as they appear in the GNIS.

Today, the correct spelling of words in the Hawaiian, Samoan, or Chamorro languages require the use of special writing marks when appropriate. These marks include the macron and the glottal stop, and are used to assist speakers who are not familiar with the language. The macron appears as a long vowel marker (ā, ē, ī, ō, ū) and the glottal stop is similar to an apostrophe (‘).

The spellings of place names for all units in the Pacific Island Network are reviewed by the BGN, and the GNIS is updated as names are "corrected" to include the special marks, or to correct other errors in spelling. Technological challenges do not allow all computers to properly display documents written using native language fonts. In addition, the use of these writing marks can make keyword searches difficult, if the marks are not applied correctly or a slightly different keyboard character is used. Thus, we have decided not to include the macron and glottal stop in our text. Instead, we have included this list of all unit names in the Pacific Island Network of the National Park Service as they currently appear in the GNIS database. The GNIS and appropriate language dictionaries may be consulted for the correct spellings of other place names.

When Congress enacts legislation the place names are codified and entered into the GNIS. Recent legislation "corrected" the spellings of National Park Service units in Hawaii to include the special writing marks. One notable exception awaits amendment. The name of the state, Hawaii, is not written with an "okina between the two "i", because our Statehood Act in 1959 used the spelling "Hawaii." An Act of Congress is required to "correct" the name of the state to Hawai‘i. Thus, the name of the state is Hawaii, while the name of the island of the same name is Hawai‘i.

National Park System units of the Pacific Island Network and their abbreviations:

- ALKA  Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail
- AMME  American Memorial Park
- HALE  Haleakalā National Park
- HAVO  Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park
- KAGO  Kaloko-Honokōhau National Historical Park
- KALA  Kalaupapa National Historical Park
- NPSA  National Park of American Samoa
- PUHE  Pu‘ukoholā Heiau National Historic Site
- PUHO  Pu‘uhonua o Hōnaunau National Historical Park
- USAR  USS Arizona Memorial
- WAPA  War in the Pacific National Historical Park