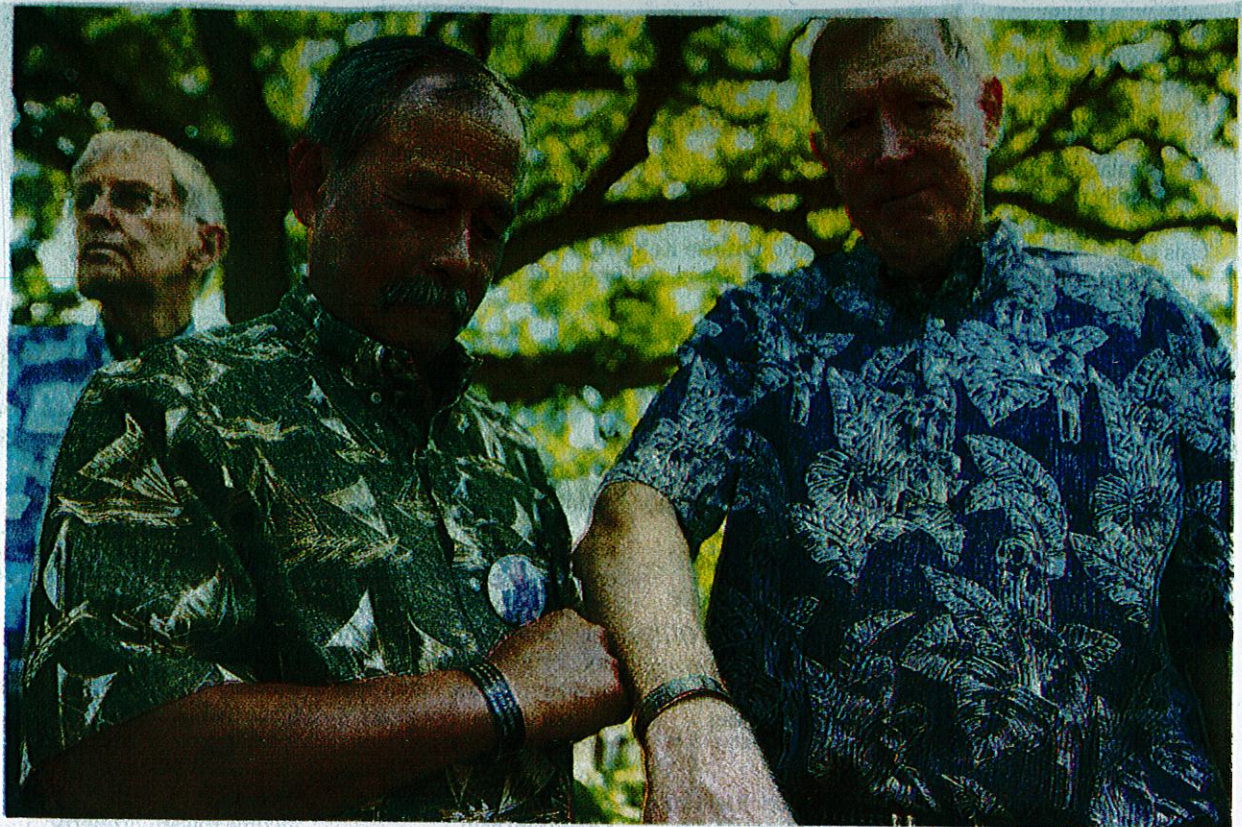


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Memorial Task Force co-chairmen Allen Hoe, left, and David Brostrom show the memorial bracelets they wear for their sons who were killed in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. The men appeared at a news conference Tuesday at the Vietnam and Korean War Memorial at the state Capitol to announce a project to build a memorial for Hawaii veterans who served in recent wars, starting with the first Gulf War.

## Soldiers' fathers press for memorial

*The two men want to make sure their sons' sacrifices in U.S. wars will not be forgotten*

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As two more of the nation's wars begin to fade from the forefront of American consciousness, two fathers who lost their sons in Iraq and Afghanistan hope it won't be the same for their sons' sacrifices.

A day before today's 12th anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks — which precipitated the "War on Terror" and fighting in Afghanistan and Iraq — Allen Hoe, whose son, 1st Lt. Nai-  
noa Hoe, was killed in Iraq, and David Brostrom, who lost his son, 1st Lt. Jonathan Brostrom, in Afghanistan, met with state officials to

say they are seeking public ideas for a proposed war memorial.

Hoe and Brostrom are co-chairmen of a state task force planning a memorial for Hawaii's fallen soldiers from Operation Desert Storm in 1991 as well as the later wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The Iraq War ran from 2003 to 2011, and Afghanistan fighting, which started in 2001, is continuing as the nation's longest-running war.

"I take it on as a huge responsibility, and my motivation is my son," Brostrom said of the memorial. "You know, he's looking down, and he's making sure that everybody who fought in all these wars is properly honored."

For the more recent Iraq War and Afghanistan, more than 327 service members with Hawaii ties have died.

Act 139, signed by Gov.

Neil Abercrombie on June 21, directed the Office of Veterans Services to develop a plan to give tangible and visible recognition to those who died in the nation's most recent wars.

The memorial task force members announced the new public outreach at the site of the Korean and Vietnam War Memorial on the state Capitol grounds, which cost more than \$1 million and was dedicated in 1994, officials said.

State Rep. K. Mark Takai, a task force member, said the announcement Tuesday was a way to kick off the new memorial drive.

"We've met a few times already," Takai said, "but I think today's message is we want to get the public involved."

A survey is available at [www.SurveyMonkey.com/s/HawaiiMemorial](http://www.SurveyMonkey.com/s/HawaiiMemorial) asking what form the memorial should

take, what information it should include and where it should be located, among other questions.

The survey asks whether one of four suggested sites "might be an appropriate location," including Fort DeRussy in Waikiki, the Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery in Kaneohe, the Oahu Veterans Center in Foster Village and the State Capitol District.

Allen Hoe and Dave Brostrom are themselves warriors. Hoe served in the Vietnam War as a combat medic with a long-range reconnaissance team. Brostrom was a helicopter pilot and commanded an aviation battalion in Operation Desert Storm.

"Every day is a struggle, and being in this special place brings to mind some very personal moments,"

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# Announcement of Public Hearing

## NEWSWATCH

### **Ideas welcome for new Gulf War Memorial**

The Hawaii Gulf War Memorial Task Force is soliciting the public's input as to what a new memorial should look like.

The task force has scheduled a public hearing for 1 p.m. Friday at the state Capitol, room 309.

Hawaii's Office of Veterans Services was tasked to develop a plan that provides tangible and visible recognition of the sacrifices and contributions of veterans from Hawaii who served in the Persian Gulf War, Operation Desert Storm, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation New Dawn, the global war on terrorism, Homeland Defense and Operation Noble Eagle.

The Departments of Accounting and General Services, Defense, and the state Historic Preservation Division are also helping establish the new memorial.

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**STATE TASK FORCE SEEKS INPUT FROM COMMUNITY ON MEMORIAL FOR VETERANS**  
**Public Hearing to Discuss Design and Location of Newly Planned Memorial Honoring Hawaii Veterans**

**WHO:** The Hawaii Gulf War Memorial Task Force, co-chaired by David Brostrom and Allen Hoe, the Gold Star Fathers of Army 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenants Jonathan Brostrom and Nainoa Hoe, is holding a public hearing today to seek input from the public on the design and location of a newly planned memorial honoring Hawaii veterans.

**WHEN:** Thursday, October 24, 2013 at 1:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** State Capitol, Conference Room 309

**WHAT:** Act 139, signed by Governor Abercrombie on June 21, 2013, directed the Office of Veterans Services to develop a plan to give tangible and visible recognition of the sacrifices and contributions of veterans from Hawaii who served in the Persian Gulf War, Operation Desert Storm, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation New Dawn, Global War on Terrorism, Homeland Defense, and Operation Noble Eagle. The Task force must conduct a public hearing and submit its findings in a report and plan to the 2014 Hawaii State Legislature.

The following factors to be considered are:

- 1) What should the Memorial include? (This includes names, conflicts, history, maps, etc.)
- 2) How do you envision the Memorial? (Examples: statues, gardens, water, pavilions, obelisks, columns, abstract representations, etc.)
- 3) Which of the following sites might be an appropriate location for the Memorial?
- 4) Is there another site that you feel would be well suited?
- 5) If yes, please identify the site and your reason.
- 6) How might the Memorial symbolize a statewide meaning?

Information about the Memorial Task Force may be found at <http://dod.hawaii.gov/ovs/advisory-board/task-forces/memorial-task-force/> or by contacting the Task Force at (808) 433-0423.

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