

State of Hawaii

Gulf War Memorial Task Force 2014 Legislative Report



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Summary Report

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REPORT TO THE TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE
STATE OF HAWAII
2014

Pursuant to SB 551, SD 2, HD1, CD1

Directs the Office of Veterans Services, with the assistance of DAGS, State DOD,
and the

State Historic Preservation Division,

To develop a plan to establish a memorial honoring the veterans of 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, and those who have protected our borders by land, sea, and air. Objective: submit a report to the Legislature.

During the 2013 Regular Session of the Legislature, Senate Bill 551 was introduced and enacted into law as Act 139, Session Laws Hawaii. Act 139 was signed by Governor Abercrombie on June 21, 2013. Complimentary substantive resolutions, House Resolution 86, House Draft 1 and House Concurrent Resolution 115, House Draft 1, were introduced during the 2013 Regular Session of the Legislature, were adopted in the House and Senate, respectively, officially stating the position of the Legislature. The resolutions were introduced and adopted to show the support of the House and Senate, jointly, in this endeavor and to take action with moving forward with developing a plan to establish a memorial in the event that the above-mentioned bill did not pass.

The Hawaii Gulf War Memorial Task Force composed of 12 members began meeting monthly on August 15, 2013, at the Oahu Veterans Center to start developing plans to build the Memorial. At this meeting the following were discussed: Lessons learned from the establishment of the Korean and Vietnam Memorial on the Capitol grounds; the need to involve the community; public support and participation; location of the Memorial; request for State funds; Design concepts; and Names of the Fallen.

From this meeting, the first media announcement was made at the Korean and Vietnam Memorials and introduction of the Gulf War Memorial Task Force Co-chairs Allen Hoe and Dave Brostrom. Both were interviewed along with the company of other Task Force members. The Honolulu Star Advertiser published

an article with a huge color picture of the co-chairs which appeared on the front page and in section B in the September 11, 2013 edition. After this article, two additional written articles and an ad were placed in the newspaper for public input concerning the upcoming Public Hearing.

A total of six meetings were held to include a Public Hearing on October 24, 2013, at the State Capitol. During these meetings an on-line survey was developed for the public's input using the on-line "Survey Monkey" service. The survey asked several questions developed by the Task Force to determine public sentiments on the best locations for the proposed memorial, and for inputs on design concepts. The survey asked the following questions: 1) What should the Memorial include? (This can include names, conflicts, history, maps, etc.); 2) How do you envision the Memorial? (Examples include statues, gardens, water, pavilions, obelisks, columns, abstract representations, etc.); 3) Which of the following four sites might be an appropriate location for the Memorial (check all that apply)? Fort DeRussy in Waikiki, Waikiki Natatorium, Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery in Kaneohe, Oahu Veterans Center in Foster Village, State Capitol District; 4) Is there another site that you feel would be well suited? Yes or No; 5) If yes, please identify the site and your reason.; 6) How might the Memorial take-on a "state-wide" meaning?; 7) DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION Military Status. Veteran, Active Duty, National Guard, Reserves, Army, Air Force, Coast Guard, Marines, Navy, Family member of a veteran; 8) Where do you live? Oahu, Maui County, Kauai County, Hawaii Island County, Outside of the State of Hawaii; 9) CONTACT EMAIL ADDRESS Please provide your email address if you would like to be contacted about upcoming public hearings.; 10) Thank you for completing this survey. Please email takai1@capitol.hawaii.gov if you have questions regarding this survey. Please add any other comments below regarding the plans for the Memorial.

Over 150 individuals from across the State participated and submitted their inputs and comments to the on-line survey. Survey results are attached along with graphic depictions of these results.

The Public Hearing held on Thursday, October 24, 2013, at 1:30 p.m. was attended by 12 individuals; out of the 12, four gave verbal testimonies and five testimonies were submitted in writing. The Friends of the Natatorium also provided written and verbal testimonies at this hearing and advocated placement

of the Memorial near the Waikiki Natatorium. Other individual's testified that the Memorial be placed on the Capitol grounds.

The Task Force decided that based on their findings and research, the four locations with the most support were the Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery in Kaneohe, Ft DeRussy in Waikiki, the State Capitol District, and the Waikiki Natatorium Memorial Park. A matrix (see atch) that included criterion for selecting the proper sight was developed and agreed to by the Task Force as a means of judging and deciding the best location for the Memorial. Therefore, the Task Force is recommending that the Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery (HSVC) in Kaneohe be recommended as the primary Memorial site. If HSVC is selected, there may not be a need for an Environmental Impact Statement since the grounds have gone through previous assessments. Parking is plentiful and the area is wide open with surroundings that are environmentally befitting with beautiful vegetation and majestic scenic views. The State owns the land and there is a security presence with State Maintenance workers Monday through Friday and with a uniformed security service on the weekends. As long as future burial space will not be encumbered, the Veterans Affairs National Cemetery Administration will not have any objections to this Memorial being built in the cemetery. Additionally, the Task Force feels strongly that replicas of the Memorial be located in each of our neighbor island State Veterans Cemeteries so that our neighbor island Veterans, family members, and visitors have an opportunity to pay their respects. Furthermore, having a significant Memorial in HSVC could also provide additional emphasis and awareness in support of the quest for Shrine Status for the HSVC. Shrine status is the highest standards and measurements validation that a State or Federal Veterans Cemetery can achieve. One of the other poignant reasons for having the memorial in HSVC with replicas in each of our State Veterans Cemeteries is that it is the location for all of our Memorial Day and Veterans Day services across the State, this venue unites Veterans, families, and community members together with one common bond, honoring those who fought and died for our freedom and liberty.

The Gulf War Memorial Task Force Recommends the following to the State Legislature, the Governor of the State of Hawaii, and to the citizenry:

1. This same Task Force to continue their venture in establishing the Gulf War Memorial until completion with updates annually to the State Legislature.
2. To request for \$5 M from the State for planning, designing, and constructing the Memorial with a prime location at HSVC and replicas on each neighbor island

Members of the Gulf War Memorial Task Force:

Co-Chair Allen Hoe, Attorney at Law

Co-Chair Dave Brostrom, COL (Ret, US Army)

State Senator Will Espero

State Representative K. Mark Takai

COL Arthur Tulak, US Army

Command Chief Master Sergeant Willie Rafael, HIANG

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Act 139

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EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
HONOLULU

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
GOVERNOR

GOV. MSG. NO. 1242

June 21, 2013

The Honorable Donna Mercado Kim,
President
and Members of the Senate
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

The Honorable Joseph M. Souki,
Speaker and Members of the
House of Representatives
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear President Kim, Speaker Souki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on June 21, 2013, the following bill was signed into law:

SB551 SD2 HD1 CD1

RELATING TO A MEMORIAL
ACT 139 (13)

Sincerely,
A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Neil Abercrombie". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "N".

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawaii

Approved by the Governor

on JUN 21 2013

THE SENATE
TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE, 2013
STATE OF HAWAII

ACT 139
S.B. NO. 551
S.D. 2
H.D. 1
C.D. 1

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO A MEMORIAL.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The freedom and security that United States
2 citizens enjoy today are direct results of the sacrifices and
3 continued vigilance of the United States armed forces over the
4 course of our nation's history. The sacrifices of the members
5 of the United States armed forces have preserved the liberties
6 of this nation that have made it unique in the world community.
7 Members of the United States armed forces engaged in the Persian
8 Gulf War, from August 2, 1990, to February 28, 1991, which
9 culminated in the liberation of Kuwait from Iraq. The United
10 States air-and-land conflict, known as Operation Desert Storm,
11 began on January 17, 1991, and lasted through April 11, 1991.
12 Operation Iraqi Freedom was a military campaign led by United
13 States troops that began on March 20, 2003, and lasted through
14 August 31, 2010. It was later named "Operation New Dawn" on
15 September 1, 2010. Also known as the "War in Afghanistan",
16 Operation Enduring Freedom is an ongoing war effort that began
17 on October 7, 2001. Members of the United States armed forces
18 also engaged in the Global War on Terrorism, Homeland Defense,

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1 and Operation Noble Eagle, and protected our borders by land,
2 sea, and air. On July 24, 1994, Hawaii dedicated the Korean and
3 Vietnam Memorial on the grounds of the State Capitol. Thus, it
4 is both fitting and necessary for the State to give tangible and
5 visible recognition of the sacrifices and contributions of
6 veterans from Hawaii who served in the Persian Gulf War,
7 Operation Desert Storm, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation
8 Enduring Freedom, Operation New Dawn, Global War on Terrorism,
9 Homeland Defense, and Operation Noble Eagle, and who protected
10 our borders by land, sea, and air.

11 SECTION 2. The office of veterans services, with the
12 assistance of the department of accounting and general services,
13 the department of defense, and the state historic preservation
14 division, shall develop a plan to establish a memorial honoring
15 the veterans of the Persian Gulf War, Operation Desert Storm,
16 Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation
17 New Dawn, Global War on Terrorism, Homeland Defense, and
18 Operation Noble Eagle, and those who have protected our borders
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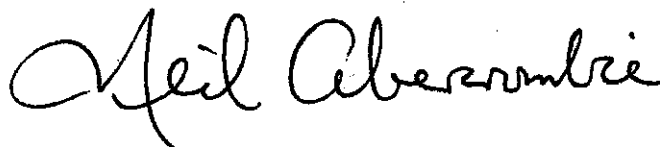
20 A public hearing shall be held to receive comments or input
21 from interested organizations and residents.



1 SECTION 3. The office of veterans services, with the
2 assistance of the department of accounting and general services,
3 department of defense, and state historic preservation division,
4 shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the
5 legislature no later than January 1, 2014.

6 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

APPROVED this 21 day of JUN, 2013



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF VETERANS SERVICES, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF OTHER DEPARTMENTS, TO PLAN AND ESTABLISH A MEMORIAL HONORING THE VETERANS OF THE PERSIAN GULF WAR, OPERATION DESERT STORM, OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, OPERATION NEW DAWN, AND OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM.

1 WHEREAS, the freedom and security that United States
2 citizens enjoy today are direct results of the sacrifices and
3 continued vigilance of the United States armed forces over the
4 course of the nation's history; and

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6 WHEREAS, members of the United States armed forces engaged
7 in the Persian Gulf War, from August 2, 1990, to February 28,
8 1991, which culminated in the liberation of Kuwait from Iraq;
9 and

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11 WHEREAS, the United States air-and-land conflict, known as
12 Operation Desert Storm, began on January 17, 1991, and lasted
13 through April 11, 1991; and

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15 WHEREAS, Operation Iraqi Freedom, later named Operation New
16 Dawn, was a military campaign led by United States troops that
17 began on March 20, 2003, and lasted through August 31, 2010; and

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19 WHEREAS, Operation Enduring Freedom, also known as the War
20 in Afghanistan, is an ongoing war effort that began on October
21 7, 2001; and

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23 WHEREAS, public memorials are an important form of
24 recognition for veterans and military personnel who contributed
25 to these important missions; and

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27 WHEREAS, Hawaii dedicated the Korean and Vietnam Memorial
28 on the grounds of the State Capitol on July 24, 1994; and



1 WHEREAS, it is both fitting and necessary for the State to
2 give tangible and visible recognition to the sacrifices and
3 contributions of veterans from Hawaii who served in the Persian
4 Gulf War, Operation Desert Storm, Operation Iraqi Freedom,
5 Operation Enduring Freedom, and Operation New Dawn; now,
6 therefore,
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8 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
9 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
10 Session of 2013, that the Office of Veterans Services, with the
11 assistance of the Department of Accounting and General Services
12 and the Department of Defense, is requested to develop a plan to
13 establish a memorial honoring the veterans of the Persian Gulf
14 War, Operation Desert Storm, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation
15 Enduring Freedom, and Operation New Dawn; and
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of Veterans
18 Services, with the assistance of the Department of Accounting
19 and General Services and the Department of Defense is requested
20 to hold a public hearing to receive comments or input about the
21 proposed memorial from interested organizations and residents;
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25 Services, with the assistance of the Department of Accounting
26 and General Services and Department of Defense, is requested to
27 submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the
28 legislature no later than January 1, 2014; and
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
31 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of the Office of
32 Veterans Services, Director of Accounting and General Services,
33 and the Adjutant General.



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HR86 HD1

Measure Title: REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF VETERANS SERVICES, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF OTHER DEPARTMENTS, TO PLAN AND ESTABLISH A MEMORIAL HONORING THE VETERANS OF THE PERSIAN GULF WAR, OPERATION DESERT STORM, OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, OPERATION NEW DAWN, AND OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM.

Report Title: Veteran Memorial; Office of Veterans Services

Description:

Companion: [HCR115](#)

Package: None

Current Referral: VMI

Introducer(s): TAKAI, BROWER, ITO, ONISHI, TSUJI, Cabanilla, Cachola, Fale

Sort by Date	Status	Text
3/12/2013	H	To be offered.
3/13/2013	H	Offered
3/14/2013	H	Referred to VMI, FIN, referral sheet 37
3/22/2013	H	Resolution scheduled to be heard by VMI on Wednesday, 03-27-13 8:30AM in conference room 312.
3/27/2013	H	The committees on VMI recommend that the measure be PASSED, WITH AMENDMENTS. The votes were as follows: 7 Ayes: Representative(s) Takai, Ito, Brower, Cachola, Onishi, Takayama, Tsuji; Ayes with reservations: none; Noes: none; and 3 Excused: Representative(s) Choy, Ohno, McDermott.
4/2/2013	H	Reported from VMI (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1327) as amended in HD 1, recommending referral to FIN.
4/2/2013	H	Report adopted. referred to the committee(s) on FIN as amended in HD 1 with none voting aye with reservations; none voting no (0) and Carroll excused (1).
4/8/2013	H	Scheduled for decision making on Wednesday, 04-10-13 3:15PM in conference room 308.
4/9/2013	H	Re-referred to VMI, referral sheet 51
4/11/2013	H	Adopted with none voting aye with reservations; none voting no (0) and Har, Oshiro excused (2).
4/11/2013	H	Resolution adopted in final form.

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Testimony

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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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4/12/2013	S	Received from House (Hse. Com. No. 641).
4/15/2013	S	Referred to PSM/WAM.
4/25/2013	S	Waived referral to PSM/WAM.
4/25/2013	S	Deferred until 04-30-13.
4/30/2013	S	Adopted.
4/30/2013	S	Transmitted to House.
5/1/2013	H	Returned from Senate (Sen. Com. No. 757).
4/30/2013	H	Resolution adopted in final form.

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Testimony

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Agendas

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GULF WAR MEMORIAL TASK FORCE

Meeting at

Oahu Veterans Council

Thursday, August 15, 2013

9:00 a.m.

AGENDA

- I Introductions
- II Testimonies
- III Establish Structure & Goals
- IV Create Timeline
- V Neighbor Island Veterans
- VI Fundraising
- VII Individual Task Force Members Thoughts
- VIII Summarize/Wrap-up

STATE OF HAWAII
OFFICE OF VETERANS SERVICES
Gulf War Memorial Task Force Committee
Meeting at
State Capitol, Room 423
Thursday, September 5, 2013
1:30 p.m.

AGENDA

- I **Introductions** of New Gulf War Memorial Task Force
- II **Review August 15, 2013 Minutes** from Col Tulak & OVS
- III **Old Business** Action Items: Allen, Dave, & Task Force Members
- IV **New Business:** Allen, Dave, & Task Force Members
- V **Special Reports:** Allen, Dave, & Task Force Members
- VI **Individual Task Force Members Thoughts** - "Around the Room"
- VII **Next Meeting**
- VIII **Adjourn**

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
GOVERNOR



DARRYLL D. M. WONG
MAJOR GENERAL
ADJUTANT GENERAL

RONALD P. HAN, JR.
COLONEL, USAF (Ret.)
DIRECTOR

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
OFFICE OF VETERANS' SERVICES
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Telephone Number 433-0420

GULF WAR MEMORIAL TASK FORCE
Meeting at
State Capitol, Rm. 325
Thursday, October 3, 2013
1:30 p.m.

AGENDA

- I Introductions
- II Status Report on "Online Survey"
- III Establish Structure & Goals for Public Hearing
- IV Time-line adjustments
- V Neighbor Island Veterans
- VI Task Force Members - Mana`o
- VII Summarize/Wrap-up

For assistance you may contact the State Office of Veterans Services at 433-0423

Public Hearing Notice
For The
Hawaii Gulf War Memorial Task Force

Hawaii's Office of Veterans Services (OVS) was tasked by Act 139 (2013) to develop a plan which 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, 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 directed to assist in establishing Hawaii's Gulf War Memorial.

The Hawaii Gulf War Memorial Task Force, Co-chaired by Allen Hoe and David Brostrom, Gold Star Fathers of US Army 1st Lieutenants Nainoa Hoe and Jonathan Brostrom, are soliciting the public's input on how it envisions the Memorial should look like and where it should be placed. 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 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? Fort DeRussy in Waikiki, Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery in Kaneohe, Oahu Veterans Center in Foster Village and State Capitol District; 4) Is there another site that you feel would be well suited? Yes or No; 5) If yes, please identify the site and your reason. 6) How might the Memorial symbolize a statewide meaning?

The Task Force has scheduled a public hearing for 1:00 P.M. on Thursday, October 24, 2013, at the Hawaii State Capitol in Room 309, 415 South Beretania Street, Honolulu, Hawaii. Individuals and organizations are encouraged to attend the public hearing and to share their ideas on the proposed Memorial's design and location. **Persons wishing to offer comments should submit testimony at ONE of the following ways:** PAPER: in person, 15 copies or mail one copy to the State Office of Veterans Services at 459 Patterson Road, suite 1A-103, Honolulu, HI 96819 postmarked by October 31, 2013; FAX: (808) 433-0385 to be received by 10/31/2013 or EMAIL: Jennifer.aina@va.gov received on 10/31/2013. Each Testifier is only allowed five (5) minutes. Written testimony should indicate Testifier's name with position/title and organization, if appropriate; and the date and time of the hearing.

Anyone with a hearing impairment who desires to attend the public hearing may request assistance of a sign language interpreter. The request may be made in writing (to the OVS address in the preceding paragraph), or by calling OVS at (808) 433-0423. The request will need to be received at least seven days before the hearing is scheduled to start.

Ronald Han, Director
State Office of Veterans Services

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
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GULF WAR MEMORIAL TASK FORCE
Meeting at
Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery
Administrative Building Conference Room
Kaneohe, Oahu
Thursday, December 19, 2013
1:30 p.m.

UNOFFICIAL WORKING MEETING

AGENDA

- I Gulf War Memorial at the HSVC
- II Site Location selection for Memorial in the HSVC
- III Additional Inputs for Legislative Report
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Minutes

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Meeting minutes of the OVS Memorial Task Force (MTF).

1: **General.** The first meeting of the OVS MTF convened 15 August 2013, at 0900 hrs at the Oahu Veterans Center (OVC). Col (Ret) Ron Han, chaired the meeting.

Members Present:

- Col (Ret) Ron Han
- Rep. Mark Takai
- COL (Ret) Dave Brostrom
- Mr. Allen Hoe
- Mr. Willie Hirokane
- Jennifer Aina
- Angie Westfall
- James Hisano
- Imaki Maki
- C/MSgt Willie Rafael
- COL Arthur N. Tulak

2. The Lessons Learned from the Vietnam Memorial.

- a. Need to keep the community and media informed so that recommendations are not a surprise. Committee must finish on time, or risk losing funds. Public support is necessary to ensure that politicians are able to fully commit to the project without anxiety about how their constituents might react.
- b. Design of the memorial is a huge issue. Artistic aspects of the memorial can draw lines of confrontation among those who are in favor of the project to erect a memorial. Previous efforts for the Vietnam Memorial included the other islands. OHA was against the Vietnam Memorial site, as they sought it for their own use for a statue of one of the Hawaiian Monarchs. Designs must also be appropriate to the Hawaiian setting, be low maintenance, and fit in with their immediate surroundings.
- c. How do we generate interest in the Veteran, Active/Reserve, and Retired community to develop designs and provide feedback on the designs that will be accepted as proposals for consideration?

3. **Guidance.** Col (Ret) Han - Need to organize the TF and develop a plan for the way forward. The OVS MTF mission is to provide a plan in the form of a report to the State Legislature by January 2014. The plan should have a five year time frame.

4. **Timing.** One of the questions that may be asked is whether the timing for such a memorial is premature, as operations in Afghanistan have not yet concluded. Likewise, OEF-P in the Philippines, and various operations in the Horn of Africa continue. The TF needs to have a narrative that addresses this preemptively. Operation DESERT STORM (ODS) is now taught in history books and many who served in that conflict are now long out of the military. Few serving today are old enough to have served in that conflict. The Global War on Terrorism (GWOT) is a great unifying title for many of the following conflicts, but not all. Operation NEW DAWN (OND) started as state-on-state warfare over concerns of Iraq's efforts to develop weapons of mass destruction and later morphed into one of the battlegrounds in the GWOT. However, ODS pre-dates the GWOT. Operations NOBLE EAGLE (ONE) ENDURING FREEDOM (OEF), and OEF-Philippines (OEF-P) are all clearly GWOT related. Therefore the best unifying theme to these conflicts is either geographic (Middle East) or the two major thematic groupings of Operations (ODS and GWOT).

5. Location of the Memorial.

- a. The Capitol Grounds are highly favored by many, but space is scarce and options fewer. Not all available space is on solid ground, as some of the open space in the Capitol area are above the under-ground parking. These areas limit the scope of the structure and weight of memorial designs. Generally, the areas around the Capitol grounds are crowded, and the Historic Preservation Division may limit design options that would be accepted at other sites.
- b. State Veterans Cemetery at Kaneohe is another logical choice. Many of the war dead from the conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq are buried there.
- c. Sandy Ballard suggested earlier to Col (Ret) Han that the Oahu Veterans Center (OVC) is yet another possible location and there is space to erect a Memorial there. Erecting the memorial there would help to entice the veterans from these conflicts to come to the OVC and learn about the services offered from the member organizations of the Oahu Veterans Council.
- d. COL (Ret) Dave Brostrom suggested that the Army Museum at Fort DeRussey was another high-visibility area for the memorial that would be appropriate, and draw visitors. The Army owns the land.

6. Need for another Task Force? Angie reported that among state government leaders there have been calls for assembling a Task Force that would supervise Memorials in the Capitol area. There is a need for a master plan for the Capitol area that would inform future projects. At the moment, no such plan exists.

7. Request to the State for Funds. Rep. Mark Takai informed the group of the need to put in a request to the State Budget for \$1 million to fund the memorial. This would go under the State DoD budget as a CIP [definition of this acronym?]. The Vietnam Memorial project also started with a budget commitment of \$1 million.

8. Composition of the Memorial Task Force. Col (Ret) Han explained that the original members of the MTF can add more members as required with concurrence of current membership. Rep. Takai suggested inviting his Hawaii State Senate counterpart to join the OVS MTF.

9. Leadership of the OVS MTF. Col (Ret) Ron Han asked for volunteers for the position of Chairman and Secretary to start work. COL (Ret) Dave Brostrom and Mr. Allen Hoe were nominated for co-chairmanship of the OVS MTF and both accepted the office. Ms. Jennifer Aina was nominated for Secretary and accepted the nomination. COL Arthur Tulak volunteered to serve as the second Secretary to Ms. Aina

10. OVS MTF Schedule. Alternate meeting locations were discussed: 1) OVC; 2) State Capitol; 3) Fort De Russey, and; 4) Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery (HSVC). Meetings will rotate through these locations.

11. Design Concerns.

- a. Inclusion of the Hawaii Medal of Honor (HI MoH) in the Memorial. The OVS MTF discussed whether or not the HI MoH should be part of the memorial. COL Tulak observed that the HI MoH was a clear demonstration to the active and reserve component military serving in Hawaii that the State supports the military serving in Hawaii by bestowing this honor on soldiers whose home of record is elsewhere. This is a strong message to those currently

serving in HI of the commitment of the state to the nation's military. Incorporating the HI MoH into the memorial would communicate this to a wider audience. Rep. Takai mentioned that there are some issues with including the HI MoH that would preclude simply listing all recipients, and the list would have to be reviewed for appropriateness.

- b. Room to Grow as Conflicts Endure and Change. The memorial design must be flexible and adaptable if other conflicts emerge that are part of the Middle East or GWOT focused operations. If designed properly, the memorial can be expanded according to a logical design.
- c. Names of the Fallen. COL Brostrom and others suggested that names are important and put the conflict into human terms. The Arizona, Utah, Vietnam, and other memorials have names, which is part of the reason they are so revered. Cost is a factor, but can be overcome.
- d. Recognition of Donors. The OVS MTF agreed that there would be no permanent recognition of the donors on the memorial itself. The OVS TF can create its own methods of acknowledging these efforts, e.g. certificates, and the State Legislatures can also recognize major donors.

12. Meeting schedule and Milestones.

- a. SEP 5, at the State Capitol, room TBD.
- b. OCT 3 – TBD
- c. Need to have the DRAFT plan by the November meeting.
- d. Public hearings in November/December timeframe.

13. Other Islands Participation. Angie asked – “What do the other islands get for this?” The OVS MTF discussed how the final design might be developed with the goal of having replicas on a smaller scale erected at appropriate sites on the other islands. COL Tulak and others emphasized that the OVS MTF had to stay focused on the assigned task to plan for a memorial on Oahu, and build provisions into the plan for other organizations and County governments to plan for replicating the final design at their sites. COL (Ret) Brostrom cautioned about making any promises or perceived promises to the other islands. Attempts to include the other islands now would complicate command and control and would involve the other island veterans' councils prematurely and slow decision-making. Rep. Takai recommended to keep it simple and to acknowledge in the plan the future possibility to create smaller versions at appropriate sites on the other islands at a future date.

14. Developing Community Interest and Support. Angie suggested using surveys, and survey engine software (“survey monkey”) to permit various interested communities and organizations to register their views. The member organizations of the OVC are organized groups from members of our key target audiences. Having their preferences registered via surveys is quantifiable proof that the OVS MTF has addressed the concerns of the constituents of the planned memorial. The OVS MTF will have to develop survey questions, post on a controlled Internet webpage, and communicate to the target audiences how to participate. The OVS can host the survey on its Hawaii Network of Care homepage. (www.hawaii.networkofcare.org). OVC member organizations and the Public Affairs Officers of the military commands can put this out via command information channels, to include the Island military newspapers. Homework for the OVS MTF members is to develop 4-5 questions

each to bring to the next meeting. The OVC can assist in developing these questions at their next scheduled meeting on 31 August.

15. Fundraising. There are two primary lines of operation for funding: 1) private, and 2) public.

a. Public Funding.

- i. Rep. Takai briefed an action underway that will charge for the "Freedom" vanity plates issued after 9-11, which are currently provided free of any additional charges, while all other vanity plates cost extra. The State and City governments are working to charge \$25 for new and renewals of these plates, of which \$20 would go to fund the memorial. It is anticipated that up to \$150,000 could be raised in this manner.
- ii. Request of \$1 Million – a standard amount for such projects and expected by the legislature. The OVS MTF will need to put a cap on construction costs not to exceed what is provided by the State Legislature.
- iii. State matching efforts to private donations may be a vehicle where public funding commitment can induce private contributions.

b. Private Funding.

- i. Use of Non-Profit organizations. The OVS MTF can solicit donations and raise funds via other means for deposit into the accounts of **Hawaii Supports our Military**, a 501(c)3 entity established by the State House, under the leadership of Rep. Takai. There are now \$3,000 in this fund. www.supportourmilitaryhi.com
- ii. Member organizations of the OVC conduct fund-raisers to fund their operations and can provide a percentage of raised funds to the OVS MTF, or dedicate targeted fund-raising efforts to the memorial. This would also demonstrate a wider group of active supporters of the effort, which could in turn generate more support.
- iii. Commercial enterprises may also donate to the memorial effort. If **Hawaii Supports our Military** is the vehicle for this, then the EIN must be provided to potential donors.

16. Public Awareness Efforts.

- a. Keep the OVC informed as a valuable ally.
- b. Seek inputs from the current generation of serving military service members.
- c. Use the "Vets Flash" and Active Duty Command Information products (e.g. *Hawaii Army Weekly*, *Hawaii Marine*, and the *Ho-Okele* newspaper (Air Force and Navy paper for Pearl Harbor-Hickam)).
- d. The lead for public affairs will likely be Mr. Chuck Anthony in the HI State DoD.

Meeting minutes of the OVS Memorial Task Force (MTF).

1. **General.** The second meeting of the OVS MTF convened 5 September 2013, at 1330 hrs at the State Capitol, meeting room 423. Co-chairmen COL (Ret) Dave Brostrom, and Mr. Hoe, chaired the meeting.

Members Present:

- COL (Ret) Dave Brostrom
- Mr. Allen Hoe
- Rep. Mark Takai
- Sen. Will Espero
- Mr. Carswell Ross
- Mr. Lloyd Maki
- Ms. Jennifer Aina
- Ms. Angie Westfall
- C/MSgt Willie Rafael
- COL Arthur N. Tulak

2. Mr. Allen Hoe opened the meeting.
3. **Old Business.** Mr. Hoe asked for review of the previous minutes. Secretary Tulak reported that the attendance as listed on the previous minutes was incorrect – delete from the list of attendees: 1) Debbie Harada; 2) Galen Yoshimoto, – add: 1) Angie Westfall. 2) Jimmy Hisano, and; 3) Lloyd Maki.
4. **Preparation of Request for Funds.**
 - a. Rep. Mark Takai discussed the deadlines from the Task Force and actions taken to make some progress in the State Legislature for CIP. Explained that the recommendation that the Task Force needs to prepare and present for funding does not need to be for a design that is already done – can be broader in scope ahead of the January deadline. This will provide the necessary foundation for continued work.
 - b. Sen. Espero reported that he spoke with Senator Hanabusa’s staff for possible Federal funding – they are working it and will report back. There may also be some support that could be obtained from private foundations in D.C.
 - c. Rep. Takai – Issues that are difficult to resolve, such as the design and site location, do not necessarily require resolution before the funding issue, and if these topics are included in the proposal, then it might delay progress as these topics will generate debate that will slow it down.
5. **Involving the Public.**
 - a. COL Tulak – we need to develop the questions for the public that will help to ensure that we are accurately capturing the sentiments of the public and demonstrating that we are connecting to the citizenry to gain their support early.
 - b. Mr. Ross – there are some open questions we asked ourselves that we can take to the community to get a sense of where they stand.
 - c. COL Tulak – suggested that these questions could be then provided to a smaller audience – that is the OVC member organizations – and then to a larger audience.
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- e. Sen Espero, we'll probably have little opposition on this – I am of the feeling that we should identify several sites as a Task Force as soon as possible and then focus the public hearings on the location. What do you think of these sites, and do you have other suggestions? Whatever we do in terms of design and concept will still be at the mercy of the location and whether or not it supports the community's needs. Obvious questions associated with any site include parking, access, etc.
- f. Rep Takai added that we have to have a public hearing and the survey will inform this.
- g. Sen Espero – the hearing will reach everyone. May not need a survey. Need to have transparency .
- h. Rep Takai – there are some people who will expect to be brought into the process early – if we don't give them special treatment. This is an intermediate step that ensures we have a receptive group of highly interested and committed veteran organizations behind the TF.
- i. Sen Espero – the public hearing is only asking for inputs on location – not pushing a particular solution. Is there any risk in getting public opinions on possible locations?
- j. Rep Takai – believes that there will be strong opinions on the location as to whether it sufficiently honors the veterans and whether it supports the needs of the community. Next week is Sept 11th and this is the time for Chuck to make a public announcement of the efforts. Where is the Press Release?
- k. Mr. Ross, we need to articulate the means that will be employed for the public to provide inputs – e.g. public hearings, e-mail or written correspondence etc. and that decisions will be based on inputs from veterans and family members. We are not tasked to write a 100-page report – this could be a 6 page report that outlines the strategy for taking this forward.
- l. COL Brostrom – we should have the public hearing 16-18 NOV so that we have about 30 days before the deadline to get our report compiled, informed by public inputs, and we work on it over a couple of meetings in NOV/DEC to get it done. The announcement for the public hearing should also include the possible locations under consideration. Suggested that an office in the State DoD or other branch, should take on the action officer responsibilities to do the staff work to analyse and determine feasibility of options developed by the TF.
- m. Sen Espero believes that as a member of the ways and means committee that will approve the memorial funding will immediately want to know where it is, what the conceptual design is, and how these issues impact the overall cost. Proposals that were submitted without these concrete details were awarded funds in amounts less than what was asked for.
- n. Rep Takai acknowledged that as it stands now, the TF does not have a prioritized list of locations to choose from.
- o. Sen Espero suggested that the TF probably ought to provide that short list of three or four locations.
- p. Rep Takai – the TF has identified four possible sites: 1) State Capitol grounds; 2) HSVC; 3) OVC, and; 4) Fort Derussy grounds.

- q. Mr. Ross – for the Vietnam memorial – we had a design competition which generated 12 proposals that were narrowed down to 10, which were put on public display at the Fleet Reserve. This could now be done over the Internet. The committee will want to know what it is we want the architects to do.
- r. Sen Espero – does the TF endorse the open competition for designs. The draft plan for Nov 7th – what will that entail? How far will it go in presenting concepts? Will it show the complete process from beginning to end? Rep Takai – the draft plan is the draft of the report to the Legislature. The TF will have to vote on the proposal to be submitted on the Dec 5th meeting.
- s. Ms. Westfall – we need to do the survey before we plan the public hearings, so that we can post the results of the surveys. We need to decide what the questions should be for the survey. The on-line survey should be open for at least two weeks.
- t. Rep Takai – we should put out the survey on Sept 10th and take advantage of this date over a free public on-line survey process. Two weeks of survey and then compiling the results, will still permit a public hearing on the week of 20 October.
- u. Rep Takai – the public hearings should be held either at State Capitol (rooms 301 or 309) or OVC.
- v. What do we say to the public about the hearings so that they come informed?
- w. COL Tulak – we identified many of the questions at the first meeting. What to call it? Can we combine a memorial that covers GWOT and ODS? Do we want names of the fallen included? Names of the Hawaii Medal of Honor winners?
- x. Mr. Hoe – we need to do some work on the public announcement in order to get the current generation in this process.
- y. Sen Espero – will the survey have an introduction? Rep Takai – it should and we can post the legislation that started the TF and a short history of what work has been done so far.
- z. Mr. Lloyd – what will the deadline be for the survey? Rep Takai – how about November 5th? This is about 2 months. Mr. Hoe, we don't need to shut it down, but that gives a deadline.
- aa. Group discussed when to have the hearing – Thursday October 24th in Room 309 in the afternoon.
- bb. Mr. Hoe decided that all future meetings will be held in Room 423 for the 7 NOV and 5 DEC.

6. Budget Request to the Legislature.

- a. Angie Westfall – we don't really have any idea on how much money to ask for.
- b. Rep Takai – we need to know what the plan is for the budget request that will provide the limits of what we will work with. We need to request the high-end of what the options might require, so that funding allocations don't make the decisions about site and design for us. Acknowledged that the State House and State Senate bodies must be convinced that the project should be supported with funding and that the TF is capable to carry out the task assigned.
- c. Sen Espero, the request must cover three elements: 1) Planning, 2) Design, and; 3) Construction. Rep Takai stated that the amount needed is probably \$2M to account for time delays, inflation of costs, etc.

- d. Sen Espero – public funding may generate a significant portion, but is hopeful for grants from various foundations and organizations in D.C.

7. Timing of Construction and Completion of Memorial

- a. Sen Espero – when do we want this memorial completed? Sept 11, 2015 was proposed. Mr. Hoe asked if that coincided with the planned withdrawal date from Afghanistan.
- b. Sen Espero – we need to get this funded by the legislature by early 2014 legislature session. The release of funds must be made in a timely manner to permit the transfer to contracting for execution. Rep Takai explained that is why we need to go to the next session to get funds so that we are on-track to get it done by Sept 11, 2015. This means that we'll need to start a contract for execution in Sept 2014.

8. Open discussion on construction of on-line survey.

- a. How do we construct a memorial that honors veterans from these conflicts listed?
- b. What do you think this memorial design should be? How should it look?
- c. Which of the following locations do you recommend (include other for total of 5)
- d. Is it important that this memorial have state-wide reach to the other neighbor islands? Explain?
- e. Open comments
- f. Would you like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings? If yes, please provide e-mail, phone or mail address.
- g. Demographics of participants (Check all that apply) e.g.
 - i. Are you a veteran?
 - ii. What service?
 - iii. Are you a military family member?
 - iv. What island do you live on?

9. Public Information.

- a. Rep. Takai will assign to his staff to formulate the survey and put it on-line for announcement on 10 September. Asked for the questions to be submitted to all members in e-mail from the Secretary and then have respondents.
- b. Ms. Westfall – who will write the press release. Rep Takai will work this. Sunday is the deadline for response for inputs to the questions.

10. Who should be on the list of names for the memorial?

- a. Mr. Hoe asked for the list of State Medal of Honor recipients. Rep Takai has a spreadsheet of names to provide. Only KIA names will be included on the Memorial who meet the federal standards. Some of the names on the list of HI MOW recipients are non-combat deaths, so the entire list cannot be used. Is there a relationship to Hawaii that needs to be defined for who is to be included?

- b. COL Brostrom suggested that this should be anyone who is assigned to a unit in Hawaii that is KIA during any of these conflicts.
- c. Mr. Hoe – you need not have been born here, but if you were a resident of HI when he or she became a KIA, then they ought to be included.
- d. Rep Takai said that there are NG units in Saipan and Guam that are part of the HI NG, and some other units on the mainland.
- e. COL Brostrom – attached units should not be included. Rep Takai suggested to postpone discussion of this to future meetings.

11. Tasks for Next Meeting.

- a. Rep Takai – has anyone checked with the Fort DeRussey location to see if it is feasible? It is federal land and the state would have to negotiate for this.
- b. Sen Espero – ultimately, who is choosing the location? Answer – it is the committee.
- c. Sen Espero – need a rundown on the possibilities at each location – what is feasible at each? Mr. Lloyd will enquire about Fort DeRussy. COL Han for HSVC. COL Brostrom stated that the site should have a sense of honor and importance. The OVC is not really in that category. Sen Espero believes that HSVC and Capitol Grounds are the most likely locations.

12. Mr. Hoe motion to adjourn, seconded by Rep Takai, adjourned at 1520 hrs.

Prepared by: COL Arthur N. Tulak

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1. **General.** The second meeting of the OVS MTF convened 3 October 2013, at 1330 hrs at the State Capitol, meeting room 325. Co-chairmen COL (Ret) Dave Brostrom, and Mr. Hoe, chaired the meeting.

Members Present:

- COL (Ret) Dave Brostrom
- Mr. Allen Hoe
- Sen. Wil Espero
- Rep. Mark Takai
- Col. (Ret) Ron Han
- Mr. Carswell Ross
- Mr. Lloyd Maki
- Ms. Jennifer Aina
- Ms. Angie Westfall
- Mr. Willie Hirokane
- COL Arthur N. Tulak

Guests attending:

- Mr. Mo Radke(Friends of the Natatorium)

2. Mr. Allen Hoe opened the meeting.

3. **Old Business.**

- a. **Survey Results.** Rep. Takai reported that we have 90 responses to the survey. Recommended to all members to review the results to form opinions. Main issue is that we need to allocate more time to get more responses.
- b. COL Tulak – Public Service Announcement (PSA) in Midweek – will submit proposal to Co-Chairmen for approval.
- c. COL Tulak – press release provided to Hawaii Army Weekly and Ho’okele. Hawaii Marine did not respond. Will re-engage with editors to inform them of extension of the survey.
- d. Col. Han – push over the Vets Flash and next OVC. Public Affairs of the National Guard. Retiree Services.
- e. Mr. Ross – upcoming RAD at Schofield Barracks – exploit the e-mail listing of those who are participants. General Allan Ono is guest speaker. Unfortunately, postponed the event, but can still capitalize on the e-mail contacts.
- f. Mr. Hoe – can we tell in the survey results how many responses are from neighbor islands?

4. **New Business:**

- a. **Public Hearing on the 24th of OCT.**
 - 1) Rep. Mark Takai discussed how this event could be signaled with a press release that will once again remind all of the on-line survey.

- 2) Room is reserved (#309) from 1300 to 1700 to provide the public an opportunity to provide testimony. Will be key for OVC member organizations to show support for actions of the TF so far, so that this continues to move forward.
- 3) Olelo could support by video-taping and providing tapes for neighbor islands. Chairmen approved pursuing Olelo TV to cover.
- 4) Col. Han will get formats of previous public hearings and put out announcement of the public hearing also through State DoD PA
- 5) Goals to be achieved - Rep. Takai suggested providing bullets for the questions that we are seeking public testimony to address. Need to stay consistent with the questions already presented in the on-line survey.
- 6) What we can expect at the public hearing is that people are free to present information in novel ways - they may even propose unique design options.
- 7) COL (Ret) Brostrom – Should we update the survey to include the new possible locations, such as the World War I Memorial (Natatorium), Schofield Barracks, Ford Island, etc. COL Brostrom proposed that we officially add as possible options all locations that have been added via the Survey Monkey. Rep. Takai seconded. Discussion pointed to the fact that a new survey would have to be posted to replace the old one. Sen. Espero, “Would we then need to revise the second survey if there are new location options?” Ms. Westfal “We could add those few that got the most votes.” Vote taken and motion carried. Airport would not be listed (infeasible), but Fort Shafter, Schofield Barracks, National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (a.k.a. Punchbowl), Ford Island.
- 8) Mr. Radke spoke on behalf of the WWI Natatorium site would offer. Proposed that the Memorial would be standing in the park on the mountain-side of the Wall and arch and would be a back-drop. American Legion has a National Resolution to restore the Natatorium, and VFW is expected to follow. Natatorium has also been submitted to the National Registry for inclusion as one of the historic structures to be preserved. Friends of the Natatorium seek to preserve the wall, and there may be a way to optimize both. Will Espero specified that we need to be clear that the property considered is the Memorial Park adjacent to the Natatorium.
- 9) COL (Ret) Brostrom suggested that as we inform the public about the survey, we ought to highlight that site selection should consider strongly accessibility to the public. Sen. Espero opined that we need not make it too complicated and that it is a logical assumption that the public will consider that. Angie commented that we may need to develop evaluative criteria. COL Tulak asked if these evaluative criteria need to be communicated to the public, or if they would just be used by the TF to evaluate options at a later date.
- 10) Mr. Ross – what is the date that we will publish the next press release? Sen. Espero, 10 days notice means that we have to do it by the 14th. Rep. Takai proposed to do it on the 10th to provide more warning time to the public. Jennifer will check on the procedures for announcing public testimony. Sen. Espero – we need to be able to accept e-mail, fax and letters. Chairmen approved Olelo to cover this. Rep. Takai will contact Capitol TV, which is carried on Olelo. Chairmen confirmed that it must be published by the 10th.

5. Site Feasibility Report from Mr. Lloyd Maki

- a. Provided maps for the TF of the layout of the Capitol Grounds that will inform members on feasibility of proposed locations for the purpose of visualizing available space and accessibility.
- b. The group discussed various options on how the HSVC could be utilized.

6. Including Neighbor Island Veterans

- a. Co-Chair Hoe asked how we are reaching out.
- b. Col. (Ret) Han reported that the leader of the Maui Veterans Council will attend the public hearing if possible. Strong proponent for including Maui County in the project. There are two Veteran Councils on the Big Island, 2 in Maui County and 3 in Kauai County.

7. Co-Chair Hoe asked Mr. Radke to speak to the TF.

- a. Friends of the Natatorium also focused on ensuring that the memorial should be accessible.
- b. Mr. Radke will provide a copy of the letter sent by Ms. Donna King.
- c. Memorials all over the country are forgotten and neglected – accessibility to the Memorial is what ensures that the Memorial remains in the public eye “in the path of life.”
- d. The Friends of the Natatorium have the goal to return the Natatorium as a functioning swimming pool. Whatever is done to utilize the Memorial will require repair to the portion of the Natatorium that extends into the water. Can’t simply fill the basin with sand.
- e. Rep. Takai asked how much it would cost to repair. Mr. Radke – anywhere from \$20 - \$70 Million.
- f. The current course of action is demolition by neglect.

8. Funding Concepts for the Memorial

- a. Rep. Takai provided an update about the earlier proposal of using specialty license plates as a fund-raising vehicle. There are few special decal license plates for various purposes. The 9-11 plate was offered at no cost. Rep. Takai’s effort was to rescind the 9-11 plate which is being misused and return to the previous model. The DMV is too overwhelmed to consider this option at this time.

9. Tasks for Next Meeting.

- a. Chairmen review the draft announcement of the public hearing that Jennifer will develop.
- b. Developing the list of names for the monument. Co-Chair Brostrom Somebody has to be responsible for pulling the names that will go on the monument. Co-Chair Hoe stated that Rep. Takai’s office will support this effort. Co-Chair Brostrom advised that when we think the list is done, we confirm it with the VA and the Services. Timing of this effort is after the Legislature decides to fund it. This process is already underway in Rep. Takai’s office – will need an update on progress at the next Task Force meeting. Rep. Takai’s office is currently managing the Hawaii Medal of Honor program. Mr. Radke provided Ms. Aina the Descendants of Hawaii

10. Task Force Schedule:

- a. 10 October 2013 announce the public hearing via press statement that reminds all of the on-line survey.
- b. 24 October, 2013:Public Hearing at State
- c. Chairmen review of the survey results.
- d. TF Meeting - Capitol, Room 309, November 7, 2013
- e. Draft report to the Legislature December 5, 2013: Meeting at State Capitol. Task - Vote on "process" to move forward to be submitted to the Leg.
- f. January 4, 2014: Task Force to submit report to the Legislature.

11. Mr. Hoe motion to adjourn, seconded by Co-Chair, adjourned at 1505 hrs.

Prepared by: COL Arthur N. Tulak

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Gulf War Memorial Task Force
PUBLIC HEARING Minutes
State Capitol, Conference Room 309
Thursday, October 24, 2013
1:00 p.m.

Task Force Members Present: Mr. Allen Hoe, Co-Chair; Senator Wil Espero; Representative Mark Takai; Col (Ret.) Ronald Han; Chief Willie Raphael; Ms. Angie Westfall; Mr. James Hisano; Mr. Carswell Ross; Ms. Jennifer Aina; Ms. Lisa Vargas

Audience Attendees: Mr. Dennis Egge; Mr. James Kuroiwa; Ms. JoAnn Nakata; Ms. Sonia Takahashi; Ms. Donna Ching; Ms. Momi Cazimaro; Mr. Mo Radke; Mr. James Kurata; Mr. James Anderson; Mr. Dean Seki; Mr. Robin Yahiku, & others

Media Coverage: Olelo Community Media; Channel 4 KITV- Andrew Pereira

Co-Chair Allen Hoe convened the Public Hearing by having members of the Task Force introduce themselves to the audience. After introductions Chair Hoe explained that the Task Force was created by the 2013 Legislature to develop a report on establishing a Gulf War Memorial with a location and design in the State of Hawaii. Once the report on the Gulf War Memorial is completed, it will then be submitted to the upcoming 2014 Legislature. Representative Takai explained that there is a Survey Monkey that the public can go to online and answer the questions the Task Force developed concerning where the Memorial should be located and what the design should look. The Survey Monkey will be available online until November 3, 2013.

Chair Hoe asked the members of the public who will be testifying to please step forward when called upon, and to sit in the chairs located across from the Task Force members.

Ms. Donna Ching, President, Friends of the Natatorium, testified in favor of recognizing the names of all Hawaii's war dead at the War Memorial Natatorium and making the Natatorium the State's central monument to our sacrifice in wars past, present and future. She also reported that she was able to visit the Woolsey Hall walkway of Memorials of all Wars in the state of New York - she does not want to see wars forgotten.

Master Chief Mo Radke, USN (Ret.), testified that he has a connection and agrees that the Gulf War Memorial should be located at the Natatorium in Waikiki.

Ms. Momi Cazimaro testified that the War Memorials should be together to include the Eternal Flame with the Korean/Vietnam Memorials and the Gulf War Memorial. The Queen Liliuokalani Statue should be relocated to where the Eternal Flame is at because the Queen's home is close to the eternal flame.

Mr. Dennis Egge testified that the Memorial should be on the Leeward side of the State Capitol grounds close to the Korean and Vietnam Memorials.

Mr. James Kuriowa testified that the legacy to recognize our war soldiers should continue in generations to come; all War Memorials should be together.

Mr. James Anderson, member of the Natatorium testified that visitors and residence do not know where the War memorials (WWII Memorial and the Korean and Vietnam Memorial) are located. Once they do find out the location of these War Memorials, which is in town, individuals do not know where to park. The Memorials should be placed at the Waikiki Natatorium where people can see it and have more accessibility. If there were a Memorial Park it would be more visible.

After testimonies Representative Takai asked Ms. Ching and Mr. Radke if they wanted the Gulf War memorial be part of the Million dollar project which is a present issue. Both stated that it would not be part of the project. Ms. Ching stated that all the War Memorials should be brought together; have all the names of the "Fallen" from Hawaii located at the Natatorium; it's not the Hawaiian way to have the Memorials placed in an area where it will be forgotten. Col Han asked, will the Gulf War Memorial take the attention away from the Natatorium issues or be buried in these discussions if placed at this site and possibly delay construction? Ms. Ching stated that the Gulf War Memorial could stand alone in this vicinity and that she is also on the Kapiolani Park Board; the Board had also discussed this issue.

Representative Takai asked about the design of the Memorial to Ms. Cazimaro; she had no design but felt that War Memorials should all be together. Chair Hoe stated that having individual names would be very powerful.

Representative Takai asked Ms. Ching on specification of the Kapiolani Park; Ms. Ching stated that the Memorials would have an interactive response by the public where the children would be able to see and touch the Memorial; Chair Hoe felt that the Gulf War Memorial should be respected instead of used as a playground.

Representative Takai reminded the public that the Survey Monkey will be open until November 3, 2013.

Hearing was adjourned at 2:23 p.m.

Gulf War Memorial Task Force
Meeting Minutes
State Capitol, Conference Room 423
Thursday, November 15, 2013
1:30 p.m.

Task Force Members Present: Mr. Allen Hoe, Co-Chair; Senator Wil Espero; Co-Chair Dave Brostrom; Col (Ret.) Ronald Han; Mr. Carswell Ross; Mr. Lloyd Maki; Ms. Jennifer Aina

Co-Chair Allen Hoe convened the meeting with reviewing of Testimonies submitted to OVS for the Public Hearing by the Gulf War Memorial Task Force on Thursday, October 24, 2013 at 1 p.m. in Room 309. The following testimonies that were submitted were from Moe Radke, Mike Golojuch, Owen Miyamoto, Donna Ching and Frank Bragg.

It was reported that the Waikiki Natatorium site was first disapproved for additional Memorials but has now welcomed the Gulf War Memorial to be located. Co-chair Brostrom stated there are four sites that seem to have generated the most popularity which are Kaneohe Veterans Cemetery, Natatorium, Capitol Grounds and Fort DeRussey. Mr. Ross reported that the State Capitol grounds and the Waikiki Natatorium were the most popular sites for the Gulf War Memorial. Co-chair Hoe reported that the State and City governments would have to do an Environmental Impact Statement should the Gulf War Memorial be placed on either location.

Senator Espero stated that the report to the Legislature could be compiled into two to twenty pages. Col Han suggested that the Co-chairs assign parts of the report to each member. Senator Espero recommended the report not go into funding for the project. Mr. Ross asked Mr. Maki if a professional is needed to compile the report, Mr. Maki recommended a consultant to do the research. The Senator stated that the report does not have to be specific. Co-chair Hoe stated that in conclusion "the community has responded" in the report. Senator Espero stated that the path of little resistance for location of the Memorial is in Kaneohe at the Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery grounds.

Co-chair Hoe mentioned that he would like to review the inputs from the younger generation on the Survey Monkeys. Col Han reported that he would like to see the Task Force continue. Senator Espero reported that if the Task Force were to be able to do all the research and carry on with selecting the design then funds could be relegated by the Legislature. Five million could be proposed for the project. It would be easier and less costly to have the Memorial at the Veterans Cemetery in Kaneohe.

Co-chair Hoe asked Mr. Maki to research and present justification on each site in comparison to the Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery.

Co-chair Brostrom reported that if the Memorial is located at the columbarium at the Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery where the Memorial Day and Veterans Day ceremonies are being

held, then visibility of the Memorial would be very accessible. The location would also be where burial space is unavailable according to VA standards.

In January the Task Force should meet and select a site and propose a Bill with a site location and five million to fund the project. Mr. Ross stated that selecting the site should be the driver of creating the Memorial, design will come later. The actual appropriation will depend on the design reported the Senator.

Timeline Adjustments - Co-chair Hoe reported that the Task Force is already on schedule. A rough legislative draft report should be ready by the December 5th meeting. Another meeting will be scheduled after the December 5th meeting.

Co-chair Brostrom reported that the Task Force should propose a five million marker and propose it for 2015. It was recommended that the House of Representatives propose the funds. The design competition will already be in place before the funds are released. It was mentioned that justification for having the Memorial at the Cemetery would be that utilities are already in place to include bathrooms, in addition, the local community prefer to stay away from Waikiki; parking is harder to find in Waikiki.

Neighbor Island - Co-chair Hoe stated that a replicated Memorial of the selected design on a smaller scale will be proposed for each island. The legislators of each island would support the project. Senator Espero asked that OVS do the drafting of the Legislative report and email to members of the Task Force for inputs. Information for the report could be extracted from the Minutes.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Meeting minutes of the OVS Memorial Task Force (MTF).

1. General. The OVS MTF convened 5 December 2013, at 1330 hrs at the State Capitol, meeting room 423. Co-chairmen COL (Ret) Dave Brostrom, and Mr. Hoe, chaired the meeting.

Members Present:

- COL (Ret) Dave Brostrom
- Mr. Allen Hoe
- Sen. Wil Espero
- Rep. Mark Takai
- Col. (Ret) Ron Han
- C/MSgt Willie Rafael
- COL Arthur N. Tulak
- Mr. Carswell Ross
- Mr. Lloyd Maki
- Ms. Angie Westfall
- Mr. Willie Hirokane
- Mr. James Cavin (for SEN Espero)

2. Mr. Allen Hoe opened the meeting.

3. **Old Business.**

- a. **Survey Results – Open Discussion.** TF members were invited to review the results of the on-line survey initiated to obtain inputs from the public at-large.
 - Ms. Westfall observed that the clear winner in terms of most popular vote on the on-line survey was the HSVC.
 - COL Han observed that a consistent comment is expression of favor of having the memorial incorporate the names of the fallen.
 - Mr. Carswell noted that many respondents wanted to acknowledge units and maps, a history of the conflict, and for the individuals, name, branch of service, and date KIA.
 - Co-Chair Mr. Hoe suggested that the memorial should somehow indicate home of record (State) as many who will be recognized will see that the Memorial includes those who had a connection to Hawaii, not just those who are official HI residents.
 - COL Tulak observed that while inclusion of names are a consistent request the design should follow example of names at the Arizona Memorial with just rank and branch of Service.
 - Mr. Carswell and Mr. Hoe discussed whether or not to include additional information, such as home-town, but added that this would significantly add to the cost.
 - Co-Chair COL (Ret) Brostrom observed that all are in general agreement on names being included - recommended to zero in on desired locations, which is really the top issue and therefore moved that shift to discussion of the sites in order to arrive at a TF recommendation.
- b. **Site Recommendation.** Site selection criteria on the agenda is a useful way to assess the feasibility and desirability of the various sites. Page 9 of the survey results showed how the locations ranked:

1st – HSVC; 2nd – State Capitol District; 3rd Fort De Russey, and; 4th Waikiki Natatorium. The TF agreed to focus on these top four for further examination.

- Mr. Carswell asked “which have the best public access – especially parking?”
 - Co-Chair Brostrom asked “which of the top four, when examined against the site selection criteria, comes out on top?”
 - Mr. Maki commented that using the site selection criteria, it is rather obvious which scores highest across the board – HSVC at Kaneohe.
 - Rep. Takai stated that the TF should acknowledge how the 8 options ranked, and highlight that the top-ranked option meets with the recommendation of the TF.
 - Co-Chair Brostrom explained that there are other factors beyond the site selection criteria that will need to be addressed (e.g. Environmental Impact Statements).
 - Ms. Westfall suggested a matrix on a “yes” or “no” of whether the top four meet the site selection criteria. Second step is to rank them on these criteria. Final step in developing the comparative matrix would be to weight the selection criteria and then determine which of the top four comes out on top.
 - Rep. Takai remarked that “as we go forward – there may be a “red-flag” issue with the recommended option, but that will follow the recommendation of the TF”. Focusing on the EIS as the most likely “red flag” this follows a determination of the best recommended option.
 - Ms. Westfall commented on the requirement for a “Historical Preservation” assessment. Historic review is not an obstacle but just part of the entitlement process. All of the sites would require this review. Of the four (4), the HSVC is probably the location with the least impacts to historic property but the final determination on that count would be based on the actual design of the memorial and its suitability to the site (and this would apply to whichever site was chosen).
 - Col (Ret) Han explained that the VA’s most pressing issue regarding approval/disapproval for a memorial at the HSVC will be whether or not it impacts on burial space.
 - Rep. Takai suggested that the TF will need to present this as a package that acknowledges there are still unanswered questions, but the TF is comfortable making a recommendation from among the top four-ranked sites.
- c. **Call for a vote.** Ms. Westfall called for a vote on which of the 8 recommendations is the TF winner. Mr. Hoe concurred that a vote was appropriate. Rep. Takai remarked “... looking at the HSVC and who is buried there – it is mostly the veterans of the GWOT and the Gulf War.” Several concurred that this point weighed heavily toward selecting the HSVC as the recommended site. Mr. Carswell added that whatever design concept is selected, that there something will also be placed on neighbor islands and suggested that “... this is easier to do if we are placing this at Kaneohe”. The Co-Chairmen asked if any TF member had a preference for a site other than HSVC as the clear top candidate. All TF members indicated their support for HSVC as the TF lead candidate to recommend to the legislature.

- d. **Shrine Status.** Discussion on achieving Shrine Status for whatever site is selected as the ultimate recommendation. Co-Chair Brostrom asked if the placement of the memorial at the HSVC would help to enhance the posture and standing of the HSVC in a way that the Punchbowl has already achieved. Col. (Ret) Han answered that this would certainly achieve VA Sec Shinseki guidance that there has to be a clear distinction between civilian and military cemeteries. The presence of the memorial would greatly facilitate current efforts to get the HSVC designated as a national shrine. The presence or absence of a memorial does not carry the day, but it will help. Mr. Hoe asked what are the other shrines? The 2008 State Cemetery in Kona HI was designed and built with the intention of achieving Shrine status.
- e. **Assessment of the other sites that made the top four in the survey.** The TF members discussed the 4th place candidate – the Natatorium. The Friends of the Natatorium had presented a long-range concept that would make the Natatorium a memorial for all Hawaii War Dead. If this is the overall intent, then it exceeds the stated scope of the GWOT Memorial TF mandate. If the Natatorium is not selected as the location of the GWOT memorial, it does not derail long-running efforts to restore the Natatorium as a War Memorial that builds on its history as a WWI memorial and expand its purpose.
- f. **Historic Preservation Reviews.** Ms. Westfall, of the top four site locations, the TF believes that the HSVC poses the fewest complications and challenges to overcome. Much of the previous discussions of the TF focused on the many challenges of putting something on the State Capitol grounds and open questions about the ability to put anything at Fort DeRussy, which is Army property. The Natatorium will certainly require historical preservation assessment, and the ongoing efforts to restore the Natatorium either as simply a wall or to its former status as a swimming pool, complicates planning of the Memorial. These are separate efforts and combining them unnecessarily complicates the concept development, planning, design, and construction.
- g. **Design Concept.** Rep Takai asked if we should also be recommending a timeline that states the planning steps and milestones for soliciting and judging/selecting a winning design.
- h. **Funding requirements** – Co-Chairmen stated that the TF has been asking the legislature for \$1M – is that enough? Do we need to ask for \$5M? Mr. Carswell answered “... if we expect to have funds available to fulfill the original intent to fund neighbor island counterpart memorials, then we need to ask for more.” The submitted design concept should also include options for the neighbor islands. This would permit a request for funds on the neighbor islands at the same time. Rep. Takai offered that the vast majority of funds will go to the main memorial and that only \$100k should go to each neighbor island’s complementary memorial. Rep. Takai reinforced that the neighbor island concept is important, as these communities have communicated through their legislators that the TF

cannot forget the neighbor islands and they expect to have something constructed on each of their islands. This requirement will be communicated by their legislators and so they would expect the TF to acknowledge it. Co-Chair Hoe stated that from his experience - \$5M is the right planning figure to provide the necessary flexibility in design concepts. COL Tulak commented that a \$5M allocation would certainly help the designers to develop designs that aren't restricted by the \$1M amount, which could result in designs that are unnecessarily cheap or skimpy. \$5M initial allocation will ensure that design recommendations will provide a range of options that allow the State to choose the best option that meets the intent of the Governor's mission while acknowledging cost limits.

- i. **How do we obtain the design?** Open competition for the design once the location is selected, as this is a critical component of the design itself. That is, the designer must know where it will go if he/she is to understand how it will fit into its surroundings. Rep. Takai commented that the TF needs to find a similar effort elsewhere to see how we compare and know if designs fall within acceptable ranges of what is normal.
- j. **Situating the Memorial at HSVC.** Col. (Ret) Han suggested that the Co-Chairs and other TF members should go to the HSVC to see what areas make sense. Design features will drive much of location and vice – versa. COL Tulak commented that the TF will need to identify the physical and space limits of where it can go so that designers can develop options. The Co-Chairmen called for a reconnaissance and meeting at the offices of the HSVC to explore options. This meeting and reconnaissance will be part of the TF set of activities. Mr. Hoe recommended that the meeting at HSVC should be Thurs the 19th at 1330. Rep. Takai observed that before the TF members meet there, it must know what the limits will be on construction area so that the TF can be certain of its final recommendation.

4. New Business:

- a. Ms. Westfall, serving as the representative from the State Historical Preservation will leave the TF in her official capacity. A new representative will be appointed. The TF Co-Chairmen invited her to continue to participate as a private citizen.

5. Tasks for Next Meeting.

- a. Send suggestions on the comparison matrix to Ms. Aina.
- b. Notes from the meeting will support the development of the comparative matrix.

6. Task Force Schedule:

- a. December 19, 2013 meeting at HSVC 1330 Hrs.
- b. January 4, 2014: Task Force to submit report to the Legislature.

7. Mr. Hoe motion to adjourn, seconded by Co-Chair, adjourned at 1500 hrs.

Prepared by: COL Arthur N. Tulak

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Meeting minutes of the OVS Memorial Task Force (MTF).

1. General. The OVS MTF convened 19 December 2013, at 1330 hrs at the State Veterans Cemetery. Co-chairmen COL (Ret) Dave Brostrom, and Mr. Hoe, chaired the meeting.

Members Present:

- COL (Ret) Dave Brostrom
- Mr. Allen Hoe
- Col. (Ret) Ron Han
- C/MSgt Willie Rafael
- Mr. Carswell Ross
- COL Arthur N. Tulak
- Mr. Lloyd Maki
- Ms. Jennifer Aina
- Mr. Willie Hirokane
- Mr. James Cavin (for SEN Espero)

2. Mr. Allen Hoe opened the meeting.

- a. **A. Shrine Status.** Mr. Hoe asked the TF members what is needed to achieve Shrine Status at HSVC. Mr. Ross discussed the many issues that impacted the HSVC that have been longstanding resource problems. Compared to the National Cemetery of the Pacific, which is well-resourced, the HSVC has only 8 employees to manage a cemetery with greater burial plot capacity. Mr. Ross will prepare a memorandum outlining what the requirements are for the cemetery and how these requirements, when fulfilled, will help to move the HSVC towards shrine status.
- b. **Reviewed Agenda.** Co-chair Mr. Hoe recommended to start with status of report.
- c. **TF Report.** Mr. Hoe asked members to review the draft report prepared by Ms. Aina. Suggested that there are simple recommendations that members can suggest (e.g. grammar, etc.) but asked for major comments and suggestions on content and focus. Mr. Hoe asked the TF when it should finalize the document. The report will make the overall recommendation and needs to make an authoritative recommendation that shows the rigor applied to the process. Discussion among TF members achieved concurrence that appendices to the main body of the report would show the methods employed, and the logic of the decisions made over the course of the last few months to arrive at the recommendation.
- d. **Discussed how the TF recommendation would result in a budget submission.** Col (Ret) Ron Han explained that the report is the foundation of the budget recommendation, but there will need to be a bill introduced for funding. Mr. Ross commented that veterans and veterans organizations will want to have the chance to testify in support of the funding bill, so there is a communication effort necessary to get the word out and build support to aid the legislature to arrive at a decision with full information. Col Han asked that Rep. Takai provide the best recommendation of how to bring this before the legislation for funding.
- e. **Site Options for Memorial Placement.** Mr. Hoe asked Mr. Hirokane to provide an overview with the map to allow TF Members to better appreciate the possibilities of the dimensions

and locations of the memorial. There are two areas not allocated for burial space adjacent to the plaza flanked by the flag poles.

- f. **Site Comparison Matrix.** Mr. Maki provided copies of the comparison matrix for the TF Members. The matrix is intended to rank order the top 4 sites according to criteria discussed at the last TF meeting. COL (Ret) Brostrom observed that the matrix included the National Cemetery of the Pacific, which did not make the top four, which were; 1) HSVC; 2) State Capitol; 3) Natatorium, and 4) Fort DeRussy. TF members reviewed the rankings by category to assess and adjudicate the scoring.
- Jennifer recommended the deletion of the infrastructure criteria, which are not a significant differentiator for initial assessments (A4 through A4.d, namely: 1) water service; 2) electrical service; 3) sewer service, and; 4) storm drainage).
 - COL Tulak discussed the need to be able to differentiate the four sites from the perspective of how they provide a location that confers dignity and solemnity to the memorial. Col Han recommended that this aspect be specifically mentioned in order to convey that the TF saw this as an important criteria that should be included.

3. **Site Reconnaissance:**

- a. The Co-Chairmen directed the TF to drive to the available areas at the HSVC that could support the memorial First the Columbarium and then the flat field in front of the administration building.
- b. The columbarium site consists of the two grassy areas adjacent to the plaza. This site impressed the TF members with the grandeur of the surroundings and the solemnity the area already conveys with the existing monument providing an imposing back-drop. TF members discussed how the proposed memorial and existing one would complement one another and lend even greater dignity and solemnity to the site. The ambient noise and scenic views also contributed significantly to the experience visitors will have when they visit the memorial. These aspects convinced TF members of the superiority of the site from the top four identified in the on-line survey. The two areas adjacent to the plaza provide an area for the memorial without interfering with the Veterans Day and Memorial Day observances.
- c. Mr. Hoe asked if the site prompted any design limitations, such as height, so as not to block the view of the Koalaue mountains. As the site is surrounded by berms, this aspect is not expected to unnecessarily hinder the design options.

4. **Tasks for TF Members**

- a. Review and comment on the draft report to be sent out by Ms. Aina.
- b. Deadline for submissions is Friday 27 December via e-mail – using “Track changes” (look under the review tab at the top of the document when viewed on the computer and click on track changes before making revisions).

- c. Mr. Lloyd will send out the comparison matrix so that TF members can comment on the judgments and concur or recommend changes. Deadline is also 27 December via e-mail to Mr. Maki (not necessary to use track changes).

5. Task Force Schedule:

- a. January 4, 2014: Task Force to submit report to the Legislature.

6. Mr. Hoe motion to adjourn, seconded by Co-Chair, adjourned at 1456 hrs.

Prepared by: COL Arthur N. Tulak

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Written Testimonies

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Testimony Submitted by Command Master Chief Mo Radke, U.S. Navy (retired)
October 24, 2013

USE THE NATATORIUM MEMORIAL PARK AREA TO ERECT A GULF WAR MEMORIAL

Gulf War Memorial

Iconic
Accessible
Interacts with everyday life
Connects with people

Visual Representation

- Black slate or granite with engraved names
- Static Display (Desert Camouflage Humvee) with names inscribed on a permanently affixed brass or bronze (or similar metal) plate
- Ask for representative designs from Architects

Purpose Statement

The Gulf War spanned a large period of time. From the logistics plan of OPERATION DESERT SHIELD in 1990 through OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM and OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM that still exist today.

Over 20 years of service and sacrifice should be recognized with the right mix of solemnity and celebration.

Solemnity: For eternal respect of those that served; and the families of those that served; who by making the ultimate sacrifice, ensured the opportunity that those for whom they fought and died would live on to renew, respect, and hopefully, remember.

Celebration: The path of service should be placed directly in the path of those who live on. For how else can one learn about what was done, on their behalf, by another. We can celebrate that service when we know about it and it's in front of us.

Read
9/19/13

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September 17, 2013

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Dear Mr. Hoe and Mr. Brostrom:

The loss of your sons in war is a debt that can never be repaid in full. We are grateful for your determination to lead a task force to create a lasting memorial to recognize those who have served in the Middle East wars and conflicts.

Mo Radke, retired command master chief of the Pacific Fleet headquarters, and I would like to sit down with you to discuss the idea of using the land already set aside for the (Great) War Memorial Natatorium to honor all of Hawaii's service veterans from then till now.

We envision that the whole area be re-dedicated as a "Hawaii Warriors Memorial Park." Perhaps it would include manicured lawns and individual memorial spaces or objects for specific conflicts. The grassy area can and should be used the same way it is today, for picnics and community interaction – ensuring the perpetuation of the idea of a "living memorial" that connects civilians and veterans alike with past conflict and sacrifice. The War Memorial Natatorium, with a completely re-engineered pool, would be part of this interaction.

By recognizing the service of all Hawaii's warriors in a single, central, highly public space, we can not only honor our heroes but also highlight the *reason* so many serve: to preserve our freedom and allow our keiki and mo'opuna to reap the benefits of that freedom and the price paid for it.

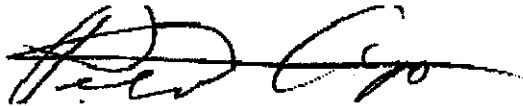
As an aside, if there's one thing we've learned the hard way, it is that whatever is decided (a separate new memorial or a rededicated Warriors Park at the Natatorium), we suggest

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you make sure, by law, that it shall be preserved in perpetuity for so long as the state and nation exist.

Mo will act as a point of contact to coordinate with you to find a time when you might be available for a conversation. He is at (808)386-3500 or at mo@golfacademyhawaii.com

Aloha,



Peter Apo
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Testimony Before the Hawaii Gulf War Memorial Task Force

Honorable Co-Chairs Allen Hoe and David Brostrom
Members of the Task Force:

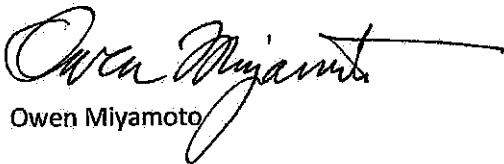
I am testifying in support for the Hawaii Gulf War Memorial to be located within the Waikiki Natatorium for the following reasons:

- The Natatorium is in an ideal location that is readily accessible to residents and visitors alike.
- The partially restored structure is a beautiful memorial that was built to honor Hawaii's residents who participated in World War I and could be designed to include all veterans from Hawaii who participated in all conflicts defending our country, including the Gulf War.
- With ocean engineering technology, a new protective structure could be constructed to restore the sandy beach fronting the bleachers
- The interior of the structure could be remodeled to provide display areas memorializing the veterans of Hawaii who participated in all of the conflicts where its citizens volunteered and were asked to serve.
- An enclosed, climate controlled area would allow the installation of modern information technology as well as conventional displays.
- The area between the structure and Kalakaua Avenue should be landscaped and the driveway removed to expand landscaped area and include flag poles.
- A public-private partnership should be undertaken to provide the funding needed for restoration and operation of the memorial.

Much has been done in studying the various alternatives to restore the Waikiki Natatorium. It is clear restoration can be completed by restoring the beach without building the costly swimming pool. By combining the resources of supporters of the World War I and Gulf War veterans with other veterans' organizations, the Waikiki Memorial Natatorium would be a lasting testimony to the service rendered by Hawaii's men and women who defended our country and our state.

I urge your support for the location of the Gulf War Memorial within a restored Waikiki Natatorium.

Thank you for the opportunity to present my testimony.


Owen Miyamoto



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October 29, 2013

**Testimony for the Gulf War Memorial Task Force
in Support of ACT 139(13) Relating to a Memorial**

Co Chairs David Brostrom, Allen Hoe and Task Force Members,

The Department of Hawaii, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States (VFW) represents more than 3,800 members in 20 Posts located throughout the State of Hawaii. VFW is a federally chartered national association of soldiers, sailors, marines and airmen who have served the United States of America in wars, campaigns, and expeditions on foreign soil or in hostile waters.

VFW Hawaii members are gratified that Act 139—signed by Governor Abercrombie on June 21, 2013—now directs the Office of Veterans Services, with the assistance of the state Department of Accounting and General Services and Department of Defense, to develop a plan using wide public input to establish a memorial honoring veterans of the Persian Gulf War, Operation Desert Storm, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation New Dawn, Global War on Terrorism, Homeland Defense, Operation Noble Eagle, and who have protected our borders by land, sea and air.

VFW Hawaii members strongly recommend that a *separate* memorial should be built within the historic district of Honolulu, similar to the Korean and Vietnam War Memorial, and should be situated in a shaded, peaceful site near the State Capitol building. Such a memorial should include the names of all Hawaii veterans who paid the ultimate sacrifice during these recent campaigns.

Finally, there is some sentiment among VFW Hawaii members for having a central memorial at the Waikiki Natatorium to honor veterans of all conflicts: past, present and future. However, some support for that project does not diminish our strong endorsement of your efforts to design and build a memorial that will attract visitors and residents alike.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support developing a Gulf War Memorial.

Frank J. Bragg

Frank J. Bragg
State Commander, VFW Hawaii

Aina, Jennifer, OVS, Honolulu

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Gulf War Memorial Task Force

Hearing Date: 1 PM on Thursday Oct 24, 2013 At the Hawaii State Capitol in Room 309 415 South Beretania St, Honolulu
Name; Fred Rohlfing

Affiliation: former state legislator ('59-'84), Attorney general/HNL-Liaison director of Am. Samoa, Masters swimmer, Federal Magistrate Judge, US Rep on the South Pacific Commission, Captain USNR-ret

Position: in favor of recognizing the names of all of Hawaii's war dead at the War MEMORIAL NATATORIUM and making the Natatorium the State's central monument to our sacrifice in wars past, present and future.

I am a keiki o ka aina born at the start of the Great Depression. In a few days with luck I'll make 85 years on the planet. I was here for the Pearl Harbor attack in '41 and most of my life has been spent here .I served in Naval Intelligence during the Korean and Vietnam wars earning a combat medal and letter of commendation during the latter while on reserve training duty in Vietnam during the tet offensive in 1968.

As a kid living in Manoa I used to love to go on outings to the Natatorium where we swam and dived into the saltwater pool.I recall attending night swim meets there watching the famous Maui swimmers coached by Soichi Sakamoto....Keo Nakama, Bill Smith, Jose Balmores, are names that come to mind.

Thus in the early 1970's when the government (City, State, and federal engineers) decided they wanted more sand and no natatorium I joined a group headed by Anne Burleigh to preserve the WWI memorial and the pool. We took them (Gov Burns, Mayor Fasi and the US Engineer Colonel) head-on first under environmental law in the federal court (we lost) Then in state Court where after losing at the circuit court level we won a 3-2 decision in the Hawaii Supreme Court which still stands today as binding law. I also remember well the support we received from swimmers (particularly those with handicaps) and veterans. US Senator Dan Inouye weighed in in support of our resistance not because of a swimming connection but with his background of fighting in the Italian campaign with the 442. That got the attention of vet groups, the feds, and fellow Democrats Burns and Fasi.

(As a Yale graduate I endorse the comments of Donna Ching regarding the memorials at Woolsey Hall on campus in New Haven.)

The Natatorium site is particularly appropriate for honoring our fallen warriors-- the mixing of sand and the sea... traditions of sharing our islands' assets and the special culture of aloha wiith people of different ethnicity goes on. That legacy should continued to be honored by appropriate structures dedicated to our heroes at the Nat site.

Fred Rohlfing

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October 21, 2013

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RE: Testimony for Hawaii Gulf War Memorial

I am Mike Golojuch, Lt Col, USAF (Ret) and I support a Hawaii Gulf War Memorial. Although I am writing as an individual, I am also on the Advisory Board, Office of Veterans Services.

We do need to honor 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 final design should include the ideas of those who were directly involved or had a loved one who served in one or more of the above mentioned actions.

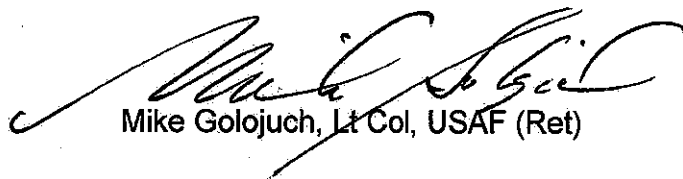
I believe it would be appropriate if the memorial was near the Korean and Vietnam memorials near the State Capitol. Even though there are other noble locations, being next to these two other sites will give the memorial the visibility and equal status that the other two memorials have.

The memorial should have some depiction of the Middle East, the State flag and the Hawaiian Islands. Also there should be some incorporation of the boots, rifle and helmet that are used at many memorial events to recognize the women and men who gave their all in the theater of operations.

Most importantly, whatever the final design and location are selected, we must make it a priority to act quickly on the memorial and not let it drag out five to ten years.

Thank you for letting me provide my views on this important memorial.

Sincerely,



Mike Golojuch, Lt Col, USAF (Ret)

Why We Must Place Death Straight in the Path of Life.

Only in Hawaii would cemeteries need to post entrance signs that scold, "No ball playing. No hibachis."

Warnings notwithstanding, on visits to my grandmother's grave I still see families happily picnicking, playing ukulele and kids joyfully running around. And yes, once I saw a baseball game played on a tombstone diamond with a plastic bat and wiffle ball.

My sisters and I have used my popo's gravestone as a picnic table when we forget to bring something to put our food on. Running, singing, picnicking -- what a mainlander might find disrespectful -- we kama'aina find comforting and correct. What matters to us is being WITH the deceased and sharing the life you have built on top of the foundation theirs provided. Why shouldn't memorial parks be places for the living as much as for the dead? Isn't that the point of a spent life? Creating something for those who follow?

As we ponder how best to honor those Hawaii has lost in the Gulf War, I connect my cemetery picnics with my years on the East Coast.

<http://ctmonuments.net/2011/08/woolsey-hall-new-haven/>

Yale University's Woolsey Hall was where Glenn Miller performed and broadcasted his iconic Big Band music to WWII battlefronts in Europe. Because of its positioning on a major cross-campus thoroughfare, every day hundreds of students and New Haven residents pass through Woolsey's Memorial Hall, walking between walls inscribed with the name of every Yale alumnus who has died in war. Aside from our own Natatorium, Woolsey is the only other war memorial I know of that has successfully integrated itself into the daily doings of the living.

<http://query.nytimes.com/mem/archive-free/pdf?res=9B0DE0D61F3DE533A25751C2A9679D946195D6CF>

Unlike our own Natatorium, Yale has maintained, with honor and beauty, Memorial Hall since 1902. And they are still adding names today. One day when I was living in New Haven, I was walking through Woolsey, as I did nearly every day and stopped in my tracks. A stone carver was adding the name of the most recent Yale to die in war. I watched, fascinated at his freehand skill as he carved without stencil or even a penciled outline into the marble panel of Memorial Hall's entrance. I remember that day like it was yesterday and believe the entrance to our own War Memorial Natatorium could become like the halls of Woolsey, with every Hawaii war casualty permanently inscribed.

A truly great memorial can provide inspiration many decades after it is built. Who knows what greatness (in swimming, in architecture, in politics, in you name it!) might rise from the Natatorium if we can bring it back to life along with the names of those it is dedicated to? <http://faroutliers.wordpress.com/2007/11/12/woolsey-hall-memorial-walls-and-stacked-pencils/>

Imagine a place where the names of all of Hawaii's sons and daughters lost in all wars are together in an honor roll where the living will assuredly make connection with them.

This is the Hawaiian way. We do not view the events of today in isolation, we reach back to our ancestors. We are not deluded with self-importance about our own achievements, we are grateful for the sacrifice of those before us. We do not mourn those who pass, we celebrate their lives and know that their spirits are with us today.

This is the feeling I have about all of Hawaii's war dead. From the pre-statehood WWI combatants till today's Gulf War. I'd like to see them all together. All in a place where people will naturally congregate. In a place of life, joy and gratitude.

I do not want to see those lost in the Gulf War forgotten like those of The Great War and eventually all other wars, whose monuments are allowed to fall into disrepair or located in some far off corner of Honolulu that is not directly in the path of the living. Let's bring honor to all. Bring our fallen sons and daughters together and ensure that those who enjoy the freedom won by their blood are forever connected to the sacrifice paid.

Donna L. Ching
Yale University School of Management 1994

Aina, Jennifer, OVS, Honolulu

From: Donna L. Ching <dlching@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 24, 2013 11:48 AM
To: Aina, Jennifer, OVS, Honolulu
Subject: Testimony for Gulf War Memorial Task Force

Jennifer, a few typos corrected.
please discard previous email and use below.
Mahalo! Donna

-----Original Message-----

From: Donna L. Ching <dlching@aol.com>
To: jennifer.aina <jennifer.aina@va.gov>
Sent: Thu, Oct 24, 2013 11:42 am
Subject: Testimony for Gulf War Memorial Task Force

Hearing: Gulf War Memorial Task Force
Date: 1:00 P.M. on Thursday, October 24, 2013, at the Hawaii State Capitol in Room 309, 415 South Beretania Street, Honolulu,
Name: Donna L. Ching
Position: In favor of recognizing the names of all Hawaii's war dead at the War Memorial Natatorium and making the Natatorium the State's central monument to our sacrifice in wars past, present and future.

Dear Task Force Members,
Each time I walk down the steps from the street into Grand Central Station in NYC, I think to myself, "there is no place on earth like the great city of New York." Last week, when I was there, I stopped to wonder, "why is does this emotion never fail to surge to my mind when I enter this building?"

What makes a place and a city magnificent is a visceral connection to something bigger -- history, tradition, times gone by, people who come before you -- these are the things that strike wonder and respect in us.

I am here to strongly urge you to consider connecting those we've lost in the middle east with those Hawaii lost in the very first American War our kama'aina fought, World War I, and every war in between. Let's bring all our war dead to a place where people will gather and be constantly reminded of the sacrifice paid for liberty.

You may have read the October 9, 2013 op-ed piece I wrote for the Star Advertiser. In it, I describe my visits to local cemeteries where I see families picnic, singing songs and children playing.

I also describe Yale University's Woolsey Hall where the school has inscribed the name of every alumnus lost in war. The list reaches back to the Civil War. And it is a living memorial that continues to add names. In fact, when I was in graduate school at Yale, I watched a stone cutter add the name of a soldier lost in the Middle East. Woolsey Hall is at a major cross campus intersection that sees hundreds, if not thousands of pedestrians a day. Fellow Yale graduate, Maya Lin's great Vietnam Memorial is said to have been inspired by Woolsey Hall.

I imagine a place where, like at Woolsey, names of all of Hawaii's sons and daughters lost in all wars are together in an honor roll where the living will assuredly connect with them. In Hawaii we do not view the events of today in isolation, we reach back to our ancestors. We are not deluded with self-importance about our own achievements, we are grateful for the sacrifice of those before us. We do not mourn those who pass, we celebrate their lives and know that their spirits are with us today.

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Mahalo!

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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

By William Cole
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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. Nainoa 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 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 1st 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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HAWAII GULF WAR MEMORIAL SURVEY RESULTS
Compiled by Representative K. Mark Takai
(Updated: 5 December 2013)

BACKGROUND

Act 139 signed by Governor Abercrombie on June 21, 2013 directed the Office of Veterans Services with the assistance of the Department of Accounting and General Services, the Department of Defense, and the State Historic Preservation Division 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 Memorial Task Force, co-chaired by David Brostrom and Allen Hoe, the Gold Star Fathers of Army 1st Lieutenants Jonathan Brostrom and Nainoa Hoe, recently announced that they are seeking input from individuals, organizations and the general public on what the Memorial honoring Hawaii veterans design should include and where it should be located.

Information about the Hawaii Gulf War 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.

ONLINE SURVEY LINK

www.SurveyMonkey.com/s/HawaiiMemorial

SURVEY QUESTIONS

Q1 What should the memorial include? (This can include names, conflicts, history, maps, etc.) - Open-Ended Response

Names, conflicts, date of death

At least names, conflict, year of death; also maps and history in the common areas would be very helpful

A Living Memorial such as a Swimming Pool that reflects Hawaii's Uniqueness

Answering the 5 W's is always good. The future should know the who, what campaigns, when the campaigns happened, where were the campaigns located, and why.

names

Definitely namebn s, years, conflicts if manageable.

names and historical events

Unit names, map of where these units actually step foot onto, and if possible, individual names divided into branches of service at the time.

I think that listing the names, simply, perhaps with branch, rank and date and location of death, is powerful and can be central to the memorial. Context elements

like history and maps should, if used at all, be secondary and not detract from the power of

Conflict and names

No more war memorials if we can not take care of the current ones

Names, conflicts, brief histories of conflicts, and maps

names, conflicts, maps, history

A history of all conflicts in which the men and women sacrificed their lives including their names.

Name, rank, service branch, date of demise, conflict names of the conflicts and years it occurred.

Honoring those who served and died with a nod toward peace. I think names are important to the families of those who died in service.

Rank, Name, Conflict/Conflicts, Branch, Yrs of Service

Names & conflicts (to include dates)

A plaque listing Hawaii's sons and daughters who fought and died in the conflict or at least the number claiming Hawaiian ties

Names and the branch of service and dates. Map and history of the area

The memorial should include, at a minimum, the names of those from Hawaii lost since the first operation in 1990 to liberate Kuwait.

Names - Operation served - Hometown or Village

Conflicts, inclusive dates, short history

Names, conflicts

Names and accomplishments.

Grades/Names, Years served, all major conflicts, and history of each service names, identify the conflict/war vet gave his/her life in.

Names and conflicts

Conflicts with names listed under them

names, conflicts, history

Names of those attached to Hawaii Units or From Hawaii, who were killed.

Names and the overall history of why they were sacrificed.

Names of the war dead, name of conflict,

Names, conflict, date of loss and location, map.

All Conflicts

Rank, Name, Conflict, History, Branch of Service and Bio.

names, branch of service, and KIA dates of our military deceased.

The memorial should talk about the sacrifice and honor of all the veterans who served and for those who gave their all. A statement about the fight for supporting the home of the free.

Recent conflicts post Vietnam War (Panama, Persian Gulf, Desert Shield/Storm, OIF, OEF)

I will defer to Alan Hoe for this, I want to follow his lead

names (if possible), dates, and maps.

names, conflict, dates

Names, Local Units, Home State, Date

Rank; Name; Branch of Service; Conflicts

Names, History, conflicts, and maps.

names, conflicts,

Establish a Memorial Development Team

Names, dates, conflict, history, maps

I think the memorial should be consistent with Hawaiian Warrior Tradition and unique to the Hawaiian Islands. It should list the names and conflicts of our fallen and there should be a plan for expansion with future conflicts.

Names, conflicts with dates, home towns, unit names, dates of service

Names, conflicts, maps

KISS Keep it simple.

Iraq, Kuwait and Afghanistan

Names, conflict, at minimum

As indicated in your captions, information/objects that provides context to the conflict/war

similar to Vietnam Memorial with more space between names with some ability for families to leave flowers by the name of the fallen

NAMES; HISTORY;MAPS

Names

Rank, Name, Branch of Service, Date, and Location

Name of service member, rank, branch of service, date of death, conflict theater, hometown

Names, conflicts,

Names, conflicts, dates

Names and Conflict...Date lost

Names, primarily, and if appropriate, conflicts matched to names.

Names

names, dates, history, maps

It should include the names and war in which they were involved.

The names above all. Everything else is secondary

names, conflicts

The memorial should be consistent with the memorials to the citizen soldiers found at "Punchbowl", that refer to military groups and not individuals that have been properly memorialized with a government grave-marker or Headstone in a cemetery or other lo

We already have one unmaintained war memorial. Let's redo it to be a universal memorial to all wars. Don't spend money to build yet another memorial that eventually will fall into disrespectful disrepair.

All designated conflicts since RVN conflict.

Name, branch, conflict, anything else pertinent

Overall should include information on each conflict's name, dates, site on map.

Underneath or near by each conflict should list the names, ranks, dates of each war dead. Or, list the names of the war dead chronologically and add where they were killed.

name, rank, service

Names of our soldiers, a symbol of 9/11 which began the conflict, and something that reflects the need for peace (both here and the Middle East)

Gold encrusted names set in Lava Rocks around a large pond. I would like to see it built on the grounds of the Memorial cemetery @ Punchbowl. There should be a small Visitors Center/Booth near by offering literature of the wars represented.

names and dates

Names of the people that died and what war they were in.

name & age, branch of service, home-of-record, date & location of death

Names, soldier's pictures, where soldier was from, school, unit, conflict, historical references, and maps.

Name, age, Branch of Service, Rank, Conflict, Location of death, and date.

Names, at a minimum.

Names, theater(s) of service.

NAMES (with more space to add more, sadly, as needed) and a symbol/structure of some sort to represent the meaning of the memorial

Names

Names, conflicts

names conflicts

All middle east conflicts and attacks involving US military.

Names, conflicts, maps, pictures, etc Perhaps at veterans memorial at Kaneohe since Punchbowl is too crowded.

Names + brief history of the conflict.

names of kia, following the dod casualty protocol, also conflicts identified, oif, oef etc.

Names, Birthdates, Deathdates, military branch and photos of the people who passed away

I think it should be a park environment that can be honored, but still enjoyed by the public.

Names, Military Force, date killed

names, killed in action, date of death and what military branch

conflicts and names

Names, conflict for individuals. Maps and history separate, larger location

Abstract. Focus on the fallen.

Gulf War KIA with ties to Hawaii (station here with a unit or a resident) along with the various campaigns... maps and history good where appropriate in the overall design

Should include Names of all KIA (Federal Standard) who have a relationship with Hawaii, e.g. born in HI, assigned to unit in HI.

Honor the names of those we have lost.

Q2 How do you envision the memorial? (Examples include statues, gardens, water, pavilions, obelisks, columns, abstract representations, etc.) - Open-Ended Response

water or gardens

keep it simple and elegant; public spaces where people can gathering, socialize, eat, swim

A Living Memorial such as a Swimming Pool that reflects Hawaii's Uniqueness

Perhaps something similar to the civil rights memorial in Montgomery, AL. A regional/world map with significant locations and events/dates tagged on the map. Water could be the bodies of water surrounding the locations on the map and the whole location surrounded by a "peace" garden, similar to the Peace Garden located near the Turtle Mountains of North Dakota.

abstract representations

I like Donna Ching's article on use of the Natatorium for all veterans. I understand the Natatorium facade at least will be preserved. The Vietnam and Korean war memorials proximity also suggests a good place for future memorials.

a sense of place where people can enjoy the space. Let the architectural design experts create options

A large oval shaped sandpit surrounded by a few columns (columns having individual names) and inside the sandpit would have miniature depictions of the key points or strategic points of the war such as the "Infamous Highway of Death", the so-called "Burm Line", the region where we found Saddam's Republican Guards surrendering to us on the knees and hands on their heads lined up in formation as we came through. The oval shape representing the "Desert Shield" as we maintained and controlled the region from going beyond Kuwait. The columns represent our armed forces united for the "Cause / Mission" creating the "Desert Storm" of offensive power...just my thought or vision (Norberto Garcia, Kauai USMC)

I very much like and applaud the idea of siting the memorial at or adjacent to the Waikiki Natatorium War Memorial, thereby creating in essence a memorial park to honor all Hawaii war dead from all conflicts.

A memorial wall with the names engraved on it.

minimalist aesthetic with simple gardens, flowing water incorporated into natural surroundings, statues OK

As part of a restored and improved Waikiki Natatorium.

gardens and fishponds are best. Must have seating areas for folks to sit and contemplate. Covered seating area is best.

As a renovated Waikiki War Memorial Natatorium Park, a living memorial, with a wheelchair accessible pool...

Statues, garden around memorial.

pavillion

A plaque as previously described.

I feel that there should be statues of soldiers on the battlefield or large brass medallions with each service on it such as navy, army etc. the background should represent the gulf desert. Or a large wall with everyone's name and small picture on it.

I see an honorable presentation of the names as mentioned above, in whatever format deemed appropriate by the task force.

A meeting place where community can come together for all the reasons things those who fought and lost. We continue to barbeque and play ... and they're right there with us

Nothing that requires maintenance--we aren't very good at maintaining our memorials.

Statues, water, columns

garden

Gardens, water features (water falls, "infinity pool type set up), Pavilions, columns)

Service emblems/representations

Something that includes Hawaiian Culture theme. Include a Warrior statue with outstretched hand holding the symbols for each US Military Branch (Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force).

Statues

I like the idea of a garden

statues, gardens, water, pavilions, obelisks, columns, abstract representations

Pavilion with Map, Military Art, Info about conflicts.

I would like to see a personal story of each person if feasible.

like the vietnam memorial, a wall with all the names of all Hawaii's fallen listed together on the entry/foyer of the War Memorial Natatorium.

The flags of the services, maybe a statue depicting troops in action, or medic dealing with the deceased. It would be very somber, but it is real. decorate it nice to show the deceased at peace. Just a thought.

Statue of Archangel Michael

Statue, garden, water and pavilion.

simple statue

Pavilions with memorial plaques to honor the veterans of these most recent conflicts

Living memorial with not only granite recognition of those sacrifices, but include plants/trees

Something to do with Na Koa, Hawaiian Warriors

statuary seldom comes out well and is often controversial. ditto with abstract representations. gardens, pavilions, walls, etc. are probably the best bet.

gardens, water, pavilions

Shared Military Remembrance Site

Using the natural beauty of Na Ko'olau to blend into the theme - water, greenery & stone, perhaps?

Gardens, water, pavilions, and some statues.

garden like setting

Let the team develop the details and get input from all the Military Service organizations.

Simple, meaningful design ... like Vietnam memorial

Uniquely Hawaiian. It should not look like the typical memorials in Washington DC.

statues, circular paths, pavilions

gardens

Minimal.

Some artistic design and monument

Not sure

WALL

monoliths in a garden setting

Anything worthy of their sacrifice, quiet, tasteful, dignified, a place of quiet contemplation.

a garden with water features and summary of the conflict

Depending on the number of names and conflicts, need to have sufficient space... and easy to maintain, given the fiscal constraints that the State continues to face.

Not abstract. Something classic looking.

Garden with wall with names, etc.

I have an open mind and have not spent enough time thinking about the form to give an opinion.

gardens, water, Pavillion

flowing water, gardens, and obelisks

Not sure.

I defer to those more involved, such as the families of the KIA

gardens and water, statues

A memorial Stone similar to the Military Order of the Purple Heart, already at the Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery, again, without individual names, but the collective membership as an organization is honored. This could be "Special Forces Afghan" or Navy Seals" Pakistan, or US Army Training Team, Kandaha/ Kabul, or Cyber Team Nebraska.

Create a memorial on the location of the WWI memorial. Retain the WWI memorial with the names and add another one for whatever other wars you want to. There can be the one arch to memorialize all veterans and then individual memorials with names for each war.

A wall similar to the fieldstone wall that is background for the Korean/RVN Memorial near the Capitol

perhaps a building at Fort DeRussy, next to the Army Museum. Open to the public, that way also tourists can perhaps pay their respects too. Pictures with a plaque telling their stories

Like smooth black marble, like the Vietnam Memorial. Like the Danish war dead memorial in Amalienborg Palace. Don't think there is a need for a statue, but others may want it. Like the idea of a garden with water. Having a place to burn incense would be helpful.

Similar to the existing Korea / Vietnam memorials on the grounds of the State Capitol. Artistic and dignified.

I would envision a park with a pathway that meanders and crisscrosses to signify the many paths these soldiers took and the many directions of this conflict. It should also include religious symbols and words of wisdom/peace from every religion/cultural group to emphasize that this was not condoned by your average faithful people but a group of fanatics. A reflective pool or mirror should be in the middle where all the paths meet/intersect with the names of our soldiers etched around the base and the fountain or statue in the middle that represents the people of Hawaii (symbolically showing that these soldiers protect/are the foundation for the rest of us). Would like to see as many Native Hawaiian plants in this memorial as possible.

Names set in lava rocks around a large pond with abundant flowers, wooden bridges and lots of lush greenery. I would also like to see a relocated/reconstructed small wooden early Hawaiian Church/Chapel beside it for reflections and quiet time.
garden, water fountain

I think it should reflect the islands and ohana. Hawaii should be represented somehow. We should have something like the Vietnam memorial. Some type of pavillion or statue with water surrounding it.

That's a decision for the artist/designer.

Wall, including Hawaiian warrior alongside a modern Hawaiian soldier statue in the middle.

Gardens with a water element, falls, pond, or fountain, and a pavillion or shady areas where people can sit and reflect. It would be nice to have a flower garden (ROSES! or something fragrant) . Statue(s) to depict a soldier with a set of the Inverted rifle display which symbolizes a lost brother in arms. Walls or a table top height memorial (similar to ground zero) with etched names/data so people can pencil etch a copy if they want. It doesnt have to be grand, but tranquil.

Quiet place, perhaps a garden, with benches. Have a design competition to encourage input.

Same as Korea/Vietnam memorials.

Something that will be honored and not easily desecrated. Gardens and pavilions tend to attract less than savory long-term visitors.

statue of young soldiers, both men and women

Plaque

, pavilions

A place where families and friends can assemble to reflect and remember.

PERHAPS A LARGER AREA THAN THE ONE PAVILLION AREA...WITH A WATER POND WITH COLOMNS..HISTORICAL MAPS AND OR DISPLAYS OF MAJOR BATTLES..NAMES OF OUR LOCAL SMS/ HEROS

Garden.

a simple design stated strongly in symbolism and it should clearly be representative of a native hawaiian motif, i.e., natural formations, lava rock, solid granite, perhaps items from the combat regions, etc.,

Something that expresses that we should never forget these men and how they fought for this country. A SYMBOL OF AMERICA!

My personal feeling is that Ford Island should be turned over to either the Parks Department or the State and preserved as a Historic Monument itself. This can not only house the existing museums, but house others and is an ideal location for parks and additional museums.

Statues, gardens, columns

statues, pavilions, pictures, plaques

condusive to its environment; depending on its location

simple as possible.

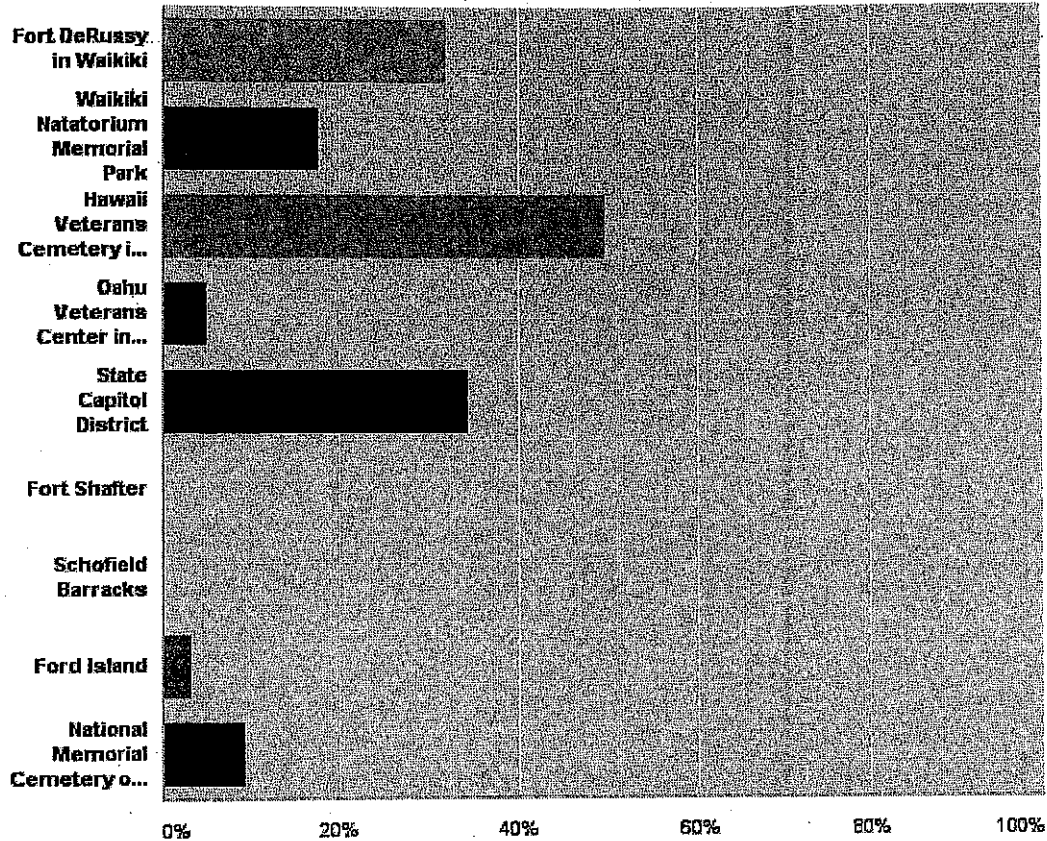
Something Hawaiian.

Engraved marble scenes of military members from all branches of the service with a meditative area or garden where family members can reflect on their sacrifices of these brave men and women...and a list of those KIA on the engraved marble Presentation of Names grouped by conflict on some type of wall.

Abstract. Like the Vietnam Memorial in Hawaii.

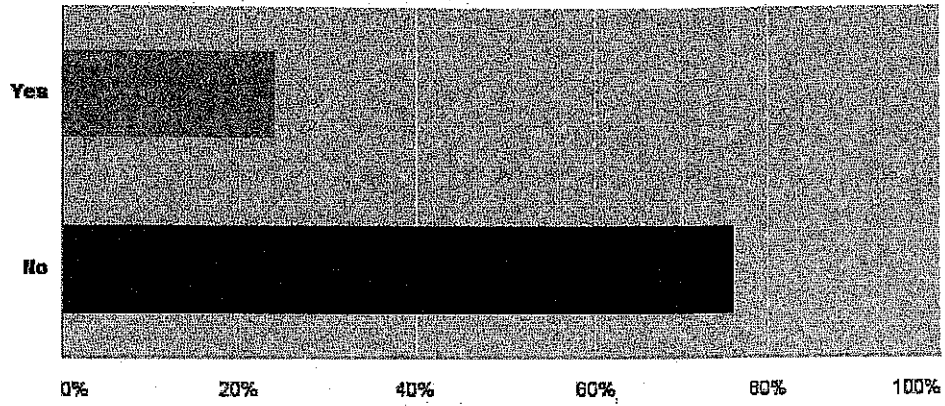
Q3 Which of the following four sites might be an appropriate location for the memorial (check all that apply)?

Answered: 119 Skipped: 17



Q4 Is there another site that you feel would be well suited?

Answered: 113 Skipped: 23



Q5 Is there another site that you feel would be well suited? If yes, please identify the site and your reason. - Open-Ended Response

Underutilized, living memorial and not maintained

I'd like to recommend more of a philosophy than a specific location. If this memorial is to educate and remind residents and visitors of the history and sacrifices made by many people, then this memorial needs to be in a public location where it would have free access good traffic (pedestrian) flow - such as a park. The problem I see with many of the suggestions, above, is that the memorial would be only seen on special days (ie Memorial Day) or accessed by only those with an interest and ID card (ie. the military installations), or off the "beaten track" (ie Oahu Veterans Center). A good park, like the one near the chapel in Fort DeRussy would be ideal. Not at a cemetery or a military base. It should be easily available to the general public.

Any area in town that easy to get to by public transportation. In or near downtown is best

Also one on Maui.

Punchbowl, if appropriate space/siting is available.

Why can't each island have their own memorial site with one main site on Oahu?

National Memorial Cemetery (Punchbowl)

Punchbowl Cemetery.

Honolulu International Airport. The other four sites provide a great difficulty for most Neighbor Island citizens to visit this memorial. Although there are direct flights in/out (that bypass Oahu) from all the Neighbor Islands (except Molokai, Lanai, Niihau, and Kalawao County, most island residents pass through HNL multiple times during their lifetime. This provides an opportunity to visit this memorial.

Hilo Not to be disrespectful, but I would rather this money slated for "visible and tangible" recognition of Veterans be used for something like our project for a Community Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC) in Hilo. Then the tangible and visible benefits would be meaningful because it would then be a working benefit to the current 2,800 veterans who are being served by a currently small Hilo CBOC facility that needs to find a new location in the future (which we are offering to them). Our planned CBOC (we already have the lease for the land) will serve existing Veterans and many who will return from current service. I understand the significance of monuments but in light of the need for services, I would rather these funds be used to help plan and build our CBOC and serve the Hawaii Island Veterans who need the help now (WWII, Korea, Viet Nam, Middle East Conflicts). Then the small bronze plaque on the building can say, "We were going to build a \$4,000,000 monument to honor you and your fallen brothers, but figured this building would serve you better." I think any Veteran would agree that the use of the funds in this manner would be more appropriate. With Much Aloha. Collins Tomei - Treasurer 895-6655 Ka Hui Koa - Hawaii Island Veterans Memorial, Inc Hilo CBOC project. Hilo, Hawaii

Waikiki Natatorium War Memorial refurbish this site and share our remembrance here!

in addition to the reasons stated previously that Kaneohe/Windward Oahu has no memorials, I am informed that, like the Chinese Cemetery in Manoa, the site in Kaneohe possesses all of the characteristics of an auspicious place of burial - the elevation, the view of the ocean, the presence of the mountains, the winds and the rains. Hence my mana'o.

Kuroda Field in Fort DeRussy to ensure that property remains a military reservation along with the Hale Koa Resort.

On Ford Island, in proximity to other military historic sites, the Pacific Air Museum, U.S.S. Missouri, Arizona, the Utah, and National Pacific Memorial.

One consolidated site at the current WWI memorial.

Memorial Cemetery grounds @ Punchbowl. It is an extremely area and visited by many local and tourists alike. Each gravesite is decorated by leis on Veterans Day made by many volunteers. A sight to behold.

What about Punch Bowl?

Natatorium site. The boundary between land and water is symbolic and connective. This is where land meets water and connects the world that these soldiers left to defend and die for.

Perhaps Schofield Barracks just because there is a lot of land there with a cemetery or Ft Shafter flats area that's central already federal property since many of our reservists were involved and vital players in Middle East conflicts.

The Kaneohe Veterans Cemetery is a special place which the state gathers 2x per year to honor its fallen heroes and its veterans; Memorial Day and Veterans Day,

Ford Island. A center for museum and historic recognition of the State's impact and sacrifice in our Country's war. I think developing the island any further is a tragedy and would be much better applied as a monument in itself. The Navy Lodge could stay, other lodging in specific areas. There are great locations that need preservation though. The Pacific Aviation Museum, the USS Missouri, the USS Oklahoma Memorial, the USS Utah Memorial, the old Seaplane ramps, the old hangars, the old runway, the house that was used by John Wayne in the movie In Harm's Way, the USS Arizona. All in one place.

Near WWI memorial arch near Waikiki beach

Q6 How might the memorial take-on a "state-wide" meaning? - Open-Ended Response

The "Hawaii" War Memorial Natatorium says it all. Break the names down by island of residence.

Mini-display facilities should be located in County buildings on the N.I.s

It needs to be centrally located from a practical point of view. The reality is that only with a strong web presence can it really take on any state-wide meaning. There could be active cams that people could easily view.

Get all Counties to fund it like the Natatorium was funded

We could make special notices of Hawaiian based military units and the locations/campaigns they were deployed to. We could also have a pillar/etching/engraving of names of Hawaiians who have been deployed and those involved with home defense in Operation NOBLE EAGLE.

include names of every fallen soldier from Hawaii
advertise it as such

Another historical place that becomes an educational experience and a visitor attraction

"NO matter where the sand is...on the shores of Waikiki to the Shores of Tripoli...the men and women in uniform from the Islands of Hawaii, will serve united to protect and defend Our Constitution of America against all enemies, foreign and domestic..."
By listing names of all Hawaii dead, of course. Perhaps by listing names by island?
It is futile to make this when the most beautiful war memorial at the Natatorium can not be maintained, why do you think this one would in 50yrs time?

Rename the Waikiki Natatorium. Include displays of the significance neighbor islands played during the wars.

Put it in an area that's easy for neighbor island guys to get to. Have parking and bus lines nearby. Put it in a place that both Oahu and neighbor island people are familiar with.

List the names by island of origin.

For the service those from HI and those who have served in HI have given for this nation.

After legislature approval, wide-spread publicity campaign & regular updates until construction completed & dedication.

by listing Hawaii's contribution to the war (units deployed, numbers of personnel deployed, number of casualties/fatalities from Hawaii)

Recognize everyone (residents) who participated in the gulf war!

it needs to be where people will see it on a daily basis. Not someplace where one would have to know where it is and seek it out.

The memorial and a related descendants website that details service from servicemembers state-wide. A grandson in Molokai can "look" up his "popo" and see pictures and read stories.

Include 'Hawaii' in the headings-----

Invite all gold stars and veterans and active duty to the prevailing

Incorporate hawaii themes

Names of all sons and daughters of Hawaii who served

Include all war heroes from every island

Include all the Hawaiian Islands somewhere on the memorial and possibly the US and Hawaii state flag.

local involvement

Have listing of all lost, from all islands.

If each island focuses on honoring its own fallen soldiers from their island, it would provide an equal amount of respect for outer island family, friends and community.

It's been over 20 years since I've visited Pearl Harbor, but the memory is very somber and emotionally deep for me.

by making sure it is where people will go to it. Not stuck somewhere people have to make a special effort to get to -- like the Capitol Lawn (BAD idea! no one ever goes there).

list the city/town where the fallen came from.

To commemorate those Service Members from Hawaii, who paid the ultimate sacrifice.

Breakdown the names in County grouping.

Discuss the number of Guard and reserve that took part in these conflicts

Include Army, Air Force, Navy, Marines, USCG, and National Guard with names of each Hawaiians who have died in addition to those assigned to units from Hawaii.

Have a stone ahu (altar) there

inclusion of insignia of Hawaii-based units that served: 100-442 Inf, 29th Brigade, 322nd Civil Affairs Brigade, 411th Engineer Bn, etc.

Local Hero's Highlighted

Represent the Hawaiian Island chain in stone relief at center of monument below the flags of U.S.A. & Hawaii

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Let the Memorial Team develop the state-wide meaning and share with Veterans groups.

Publicize project during all aspects, conception, design, selection. Recognize the memorial appropriately on Memorial Day, Veterans Day.

Dont know

service members from all islands should be included

Make it easily accessible.

Not sure. Have committee decide.

possibly have a section for each island

Perhaps, by the inclusion on any memorial plaque, a depiction of ka pae 'aina o Hawaii Nei

Limit names to only state of Hawaii veterans

Having something like: "Hawai'i's Sons and Daughters Who Made the Ultimate Sacrifice on Behalf of Life, Liberty, and Justice for All."

via Memorial Day and Veterans Day honorific events

We have State veterans cemeteries on all islands, so each could have a memorial for that specific island or in the case of the Big Island, Hilo and Kona.

Not sure.

Warriors of present associated with warriors of ancient Hawaii

gubernatorial support, legislative veterans (Tulsi Gabbard, Mark Takai, etc)

participation

Not sure.

Solicit the views of all involved, especially those on the neighbor islands.

Maybe create a piece of art that can be spread out through out the state, each island that participates could have a piece. It should include all soldiers who had ties to the islands, the restrictions should not be as strict as the requirements the Hawaii State Medal of Honor. Those requirements leave out soldiers who truly loved the state. My husband loved and lived Hawaii wherever we went but he will not be honored by this state because he was not stationed here when he was KIA.

The State of Hawaii should not try to monopolize this memorial as a State Memorial, as that creates Partisan /selective approach to a National event or military campaign and Hawaii did not make any greater contribution than other municipalities.

Each stone or slab would include the names of veterans statewide. It makes no sense to have a Honolulu memorial, a Hilo memorial and so on. Veterans from the Neighbor Islands could be grouped and a duplicate memorial placed on their island.

Keep it accessible and open to the public. Donations optional.

Ask for donations from around the state. Provide state-wide educational information about why we need to honor these individuals.

Perhaps smaller or abbreviated memorials on the neighbor islands each recognizing that islands fallen warrior.

I think that the art at the memorial should be designed/inspired by children from every school. Our students are our future so they should have a hand in designing and it should be a competition by an opportunity for them to showcase their talent and their love and support of our islands and our soldiers. One design from every school, public and private, should somehow be incorporated into the memorial.

Try to include more Hawaiiana from spiritual blessings, flowers to artifacts.

It should be focused on our island state. Maybe our love the the ocean.

Directly involve every county.

Include all those from the islands that fought in both Iraq and Afghanistan.

I'm sure this memorial will include those from outer islands that have lost their lives. Include somewhere on the grounds a design of the entire island chain. Have an online site where people can visit the memorial and leave their thoughts (similar to findagrave.com) and share the link. . One thing I would like considered, please acknowledge not only those who lost their lives, but also those who were injured and impacted from the war. Please do not forget those whose lives have changed forever and continue to press on every day. Example: Eric Cagle from 1/27

Wolfhounds Thank you.

Place it in a state veterans cemetery

Being at the State Capitol

Partnerships with the Hawaii Counties need to be established and plans for a memorial painting/plaque or wall art should be installed in each county building.

This artwork should be a smaller reflection of the memorial built here on Oahu.

Perhaps list the dead by island they represented

vets day every year

Memorial walls per island listing their keiki no ka aina.

Use. HAWAIIAN CULTURAL CONCEPTS..Ohana.. Aloha, Aina, intergrate water symbolically for cycle of life..idland stste...renewal...state seal...

Smaller, replica memorials on each island.

with each island having a seperate "veterans" cemetary it would have a special area set aside for a replic of the memorial at kaneohe, perhaps in a smaller size but with the same powerful reminders of sanctity of purpose

Having Hawaiian foliage and symbols.

Enhancing existing locations on Ford Island would provide a place for focusing on the additional sacrifice and history by the State.

Have a small Memorial for each island (if families live on a different isalnd other then oahu)

Involve Neighbor islands

By representing all islands; with KIAs from all islands
It would be hard, unless there would be a memorial at every State veteran's
cemetery

Website:

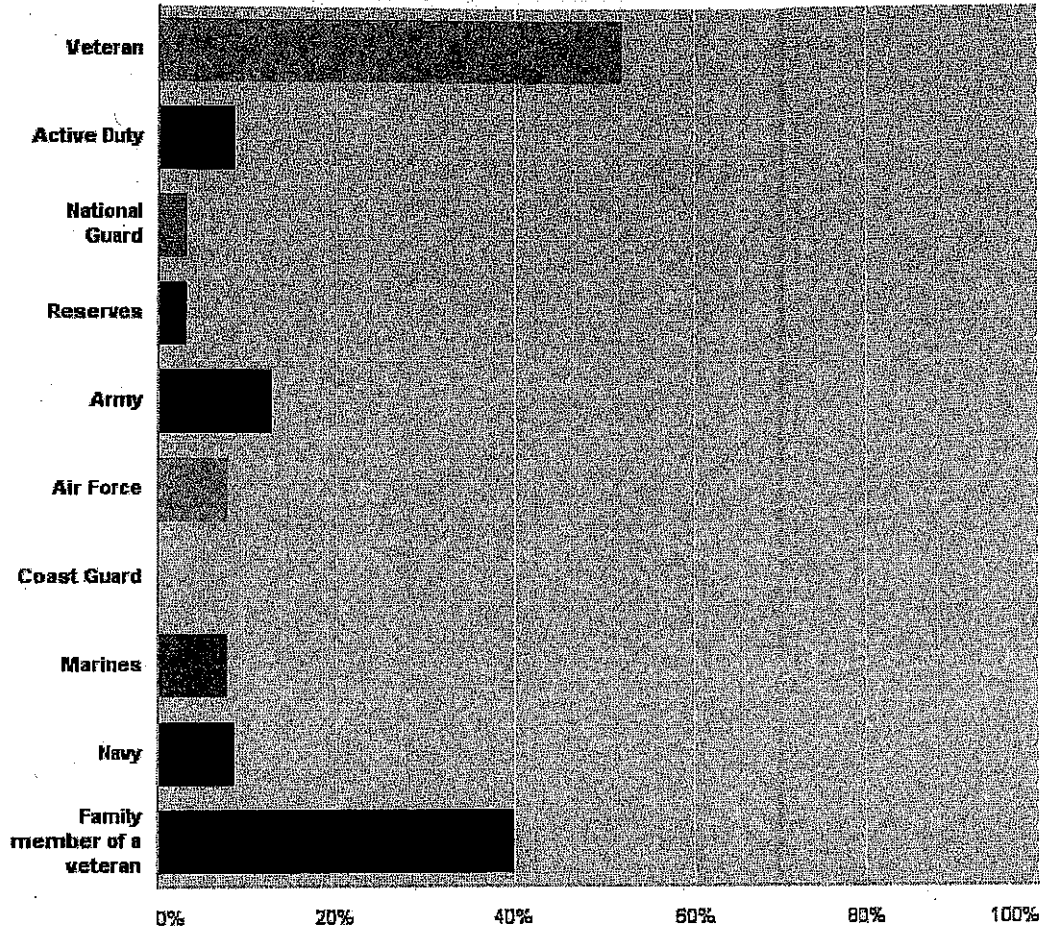
Possibly a miniature memorial on each island depicting the main memorial on
Oahu...would still include all Hawaii KIA names

Have replicas of memorial at Veterans' Centers on Neighbor Islands

Develop a portable exhibit that can be sent to the Neighbor Islands.

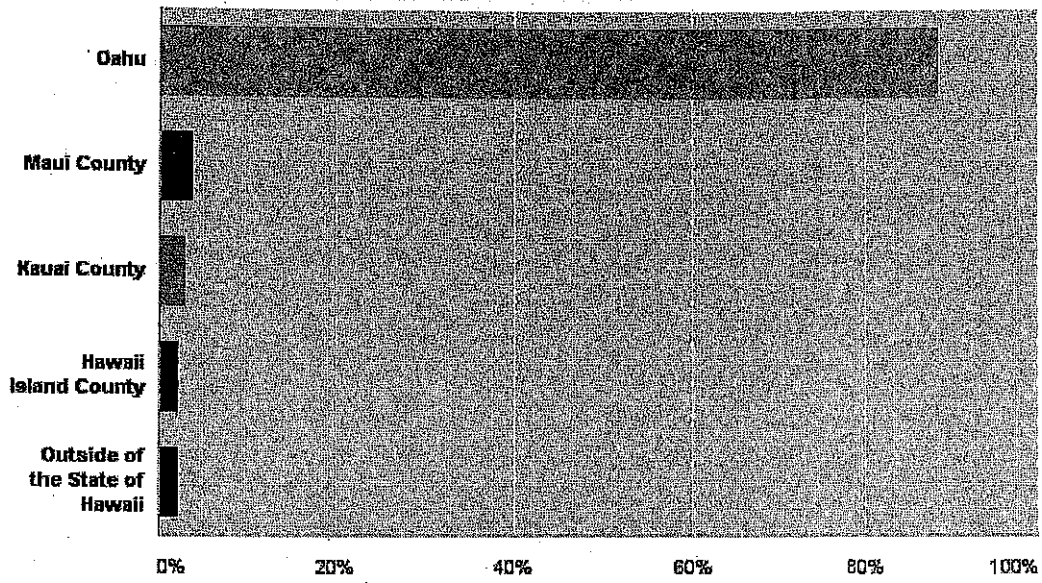
Q7 Military Status

Answered: 125 Skipped: 11



Q8 Where do you live?

Answered: 130 Skipped: 6



Q9: Please provide your email address if you would like to be contacted about upcoming public hearings.

RESPONSES NOT INCLUDED HERE

Q10 Please add any other comments below regarding the plans for the memorial. - Open-Ended Response

We should care for our existing Memorials as well as proposing new Memorials
Thank you for your initiative in recognizing the newest of the "great" generations
for supporting the longest war in American history.

Thanks to all task force members for your good work! Mahalo!

Make sure if you build it you take care of it forever! We will not forget!

I feel this is a very important project. This will mean a whole lot to a lot of people.

Mahalo for getting public input prior to building the memorial.

This remembrance effort is both noble and inspiring. Many thanks to Sen. Espero,
Rep. Takai and the rest of the task force for stepping up at the right time, for the
right reasons. Please put whatever memorial is decided on in a place where the
general

I hope it happens-----

I think this is a great thing to do for the Gulf veterans. We should never forget why
we have our freedom and all the sacrifices the soldiers and the families of military
members make.

My brother will never have a normal life after his experiences in the war. Very
disturbing and traumatic life changing experience. After seeing my brother having
so much mental difficulties, PTSD, nightmares, breakdown in remembrance of his
friends bein

Let's not let the Gulf War Veterans be forgotten like we have our WWI veterans.

Whatever is done has to stand the test of time.

It's about time!!

Not to be disrespectful, but I would rather this money slated for "visible and
tangible" recognition of Veterans be used for something like our project for a
Community Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC) in Hilo. Then the tangible and visible
benefits would b

Best use of funds and to generate use of the site by combining old and new sites.

Keep the front structure and improve the pool area for better use. Great combined
use of funds. Use a retired military volunteer panel to design, promote and oversee.
Maybe

Saepe Expertus, Semper Fidelis, Fratres Aeterni.

Thank you to project volunteers!

I think this is a wonderful effort

Great job gentlemen. My son served 2 tours in Iraq and Kuwait. Thankfully he
returned safe. My heart breaks for the families of those who suffered losses.

Please ensure we have no repeat of our efforts regarding the Korean and Vietnam
Wars Memorial because public notice was kept at a minimum. As the war on terror

affects all Americans, notification should be made via TV, radio, and any social network.

Although I don't have any objections to locating the Memorial in Kaneohe, Fort DeRussy would be an ideal location for tourists to visit the Memorial. I'm not sure how many tourists would venture a trip to Kaneohe just to visit the Memorial. Don't rush this project. Take all the time you need. All suggestions for the site and the design should be carefully considered, pondered, fermented and aired out. For many people, it will take time to deal with some emotions they know about and some they :

Make this happen...our heroes deserve it. Get Tammy Duckworth and our Washington reps to help get Federal funding!

Mahalo nui to State Rep. K. Mark Takai, Allen Hoe and David Brostrom. I will continue to follow the progress of this memorial. Aloha.

Blessings to all those involved in the planning, creating, and making of this effort.

I would like to see a small relocated/reconstructed early Hawaiian wooden church/chapel. for reflection/quite time incl. included in the plans

While deeply respect and appreciate the leadership of the Gold Star fathers, the veterans of these conflicts need equal say and participation since it will be a memorial that represents their unique experiences.

Mahalo for working to remember my brothers-in-arms in both conflicts.

Ensure that maintenance and repair money be included on a regular basis. Some "perpetual" memorials are sadly neglected.

The memorial should be somewhere prominent where it can be seen and visited by family and visitors.

Do it soon. Don't wait 10 years.

WE MUST HAVE THE SYMBOLS OF OUR COUNTRY REPRESENTING FREEDOM AND LIBERTY. THESE MEN DIED FOR THESE VALUES AND THIS MUST BE HONORED.

MUCH LOVE TO THE FAMILIES, THEY ARE THE ONES WHO MADE THE GREATEST SACRIFICE. IT IS MORE DIFFICULT TO BE THE ONE LEFT BEHIN

Honor our soldiers just as the other soldiers are being honor from WWII, Korean, and etc...

I think this is a great idea. I have many friends that were in the Golf War and would love this to honor our friends that passed especially that served our country!

I think the Task Force is doing a fantastic job.

Thanks for allowing us to comment.

Thank you for allowing public input to this process!

Thanks for lettering me participate in this memorial.

Site Evaluation Matrix

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Subject: **Gulf War Memorial** Date: **20-Dec-13**
 Re: **Site Evaluation**

Rating System: Best Good Fair Poor
 Numerical Rating: 1 2 3 4

Item	SITE EVALUATION CRITERIA	Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery	State Capitol District	Fort DeRussy (Waikiki)	Natatorium War Memorial (Waikiki)
A.	SITE CONSIDERATIONS				
A.1.	Size / Buildable Area [min. area required = XXX s.f. / acres]	Assumed to be acceptable and equal among site.			
A.2.	Lot Configuration [desired shape = rectangular vx. square]				
A.3.	Slope (Gentle slope less than ___%)				
A.4.	Infrastructure and Utilities; Proximity to / Availability of				
A.4.a.	Water Services				
A.4.b.	Electrical Service				
A.4.c.	Sewer Service				
A.4.d.	Storm Drainage				
A.5.	Tsunami & Flood Hazard	1	2	4	4
A.6.	Existing Land Use				
A.6.a.	Compatibility with Existing State and County Land Use Designations	(tbd)	(tbd)	(tbd)	(tbd)
A.6.b.	Preferably located adjacent to land uses which complement the proposed use/operation	1	2	3	3
A.6.c.	Minimal impact on adjacent community uses	2	3	3	3
A.7.	Aesthetics / Visual Setting (Scenic Value) of the Site (Consider view planes, view corridors and site resources)	1	3	3	3
A.8.	Emotional Setting (promoting a sense of reverence and a reflective/contemplative mood)	1	4	4	4
A.9.	Availability of the site for timely development upon completion of planning and design phases	1	1	3	2
A.10.	Access				
A.10.a.	Close proximity to parking stalls	1	2	2	1
A.10.b.	Automobile Parking Availability (open for use / not competing with other users)	1	3	2	3
A.10.c.	Bus Parking	1	4	4	4
A.10.d.	Pedestrian sidewalks to memorial site (from parking)	1	2	1	1
A.10.e.	Public transportation to memorial site (from Bus Stop)	4	1	1	1
A.11.	Security	1	1	1	4
B.	PROPERTY OWNERSHIP (Preference for State Owned Land)	1	1	3	2
C.	ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS				
C.1.	Impact on botanical and wildlife resources	(n/a)	(n/a)	(n/a)	(n/a)
C.2.	Impact on historical/archaeological resources	1	1	2	3
C.3.	Air Quality (e.g. away from vehicular exhaust, park and commercial activities, etc.)	1	2	2	3
C.4.	Ambient Noise	1	2	2	2
D.	PERMIT APPROVALS REQUIRED	1	2	3	3
E.	COST CONSIDERATIONS				
E.1.	Site Acquisition Cost	1	1	3	3
E.2.	On-Site Improvement Costs - besides construction costs (e.g. driveway/roadway, utilities, etc.)	1	1	2	3
E.3.	Off-Site Improvement Costs (e.g. roadway, utility extension, etc.)	1	1	1	1
Results (Lower # = More desirable site)		24	39	49	53

Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery Recollections

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Memorandum to the Gulf War Task Force
From: Carswell Ross

December 20, 2013

Subject: Recollections concerning the staffing of the Veterans Cemetery in Kaneohe

These are my understanding of what occurred during the planning and execution of obtaining staff for the Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery (HSVC) located in Kaneohe, as requested by the Co-Chair of the Task Force.

When the HSVC was conceived there were four ground keepers, a supervisor as well as clerical staff and a director. Upon completion of the HSVC these positions were filled. In addition to these positions there were funds allocated to acquire necessary cemetery operational equipment. There were also funds for a contractor to dig burial plots and fill the plots with new fill, as the materials coming from the cemetery was not appropriate to fill the plot.

After some years it became apparent that additional staff would be required to appropriately manage the grounds within the HSVC. At or about the same time the State of Hawaii was being adversely affected by the national economy and positions were frozen or deleted. The State government went through a lay off within various departments. The Office of Veterans Services (OVS) was one of the agencies that was considered for closure as the belief among legislators was that the services provided duplicated what was available through the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

The OVS was spared however positions for the groundkeepers at the HSVC were lost. To make up for these lost positions the Department of Defense (DOD) initiated a system where all the DOD groundskeepers were placed within one unit and that unit took care of all the work. Under this program groundskeepers came to the HSVC several times a week with a full complement of groundskeepers and mower operators who cut the grass with an industrial lawn mower. A contractor was sought to dig and fill graves. Prison inmates and volunteers were also used to upkeep the grounds.

After years of this practice, and with the growth of burials at the HSCV, management at the cemetery realized that additional staff was needed to appropriately maintain the grounds. Problems securing a contractor to dig the graves, obtain fill material, and refill the graves using the procedures recommended by the VA became difficult and bids were higher than expected. Based upon cost analysis of State hires vs private sector bids, the most effective method of operating the cemetery tilted toward creating position within the HSVC. The most recent budget submittals to the legislature include increasing positions and purchase of equipment for the HSVC.

During the intervening years the HSVC has received grants from the VA Cemetery System. The cemetery was inspected by VA staff and provided with instructions to achieve "Shrine Status." To achieve this coveted ranking, upgrades are required in the care and maintenance of the cemetery. Based upon input received from the VA evaluators, additional personnel for the HSVC were needed. Additionally, VA recommendations included a request for additional funds to the legislature for added manpower and specialized equipment for cemetery operations.