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*Hawaii veterans travel to D.C. for historic ceremony*

## Medal of Valor dedicated at Tomb of the Unknowns

**By Capt. Charles J. Anthony & Sgt. 1st Class Stephen M. Lum**

Gov. Benjamin J. Cayetano, Hawaii's veterans organizations representatives, and National Guard members dedicated the State of Hawaii Medal of Valor, on behalf of the people of Hawaii, on June 25 at the Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Va.

Hawaii citizens (military and civilian) are eligible for the Medal of Valor for performing an uncommon act of personal heroism involving the voluntary risk of his/her own life, or for a self-sacrifice so conspicuous as to be distinctly above and beyond the call of duty.

The shadow box encased Medal of Valor is dedicated to all military personnel, from Hawaii, who gave their lives in service to their country. Hawaii is the 50th state to dedicate a State medal at Arlington.



*Photos by Capt. Charles J. Anthony*

**Gov. Benjamin J. Cayetano (center), Maj. Gen. Edward V. Richardson and Maj. Gen. Robert Foley render honors after a wreath is presented at the Tomb of the Unknowns, Arlington National Cemetery, Va., June 25.**



"You have defended our country, defeated tyranny, and liberated the oppressed. It is because of you that we are here today," said Gov. Cayetano, thanking the veterans for their service.

"Hawaii has always contributed more than what was expected to the defense of America and her ideals.

"With deep respect, I thank you for your loyalty, dedication, and patriotic service, and stand here in awe of all those who made the ultimate sacrifice," said Cayetano.

Joichi Muramatsu, Alfred Los Banos, Tasmania S. Samuela and Sgt. 1st Class Aaron R. Pollick, representing veterans of World War II, Korean and Vietnam Wars,

and the design team presented the Medal Of Valor to *The Old Guard* (U.S. Army 3rd Army) at Arlington National Cemetery before the formal ceremony. Maj. Gen. Robert F. Foley, commanding general of the Military District of Washington, hosted the ceremony. Foley is the only Medal of Honor recipient in active service.

The Medal of Valor presentation at Arlington was made by Cayetano and Maj. Gen. Edward V. Richardson, the adjutant general. Cayetano also placed a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns. Also in attendance were U.S. Congressman Neil S. Abercrombie, National Guard Bureau  
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**Gov. Benjamin J. Cayetano presents the State of Hawaii Medal of Valor in the Memorial Display Room of Arlington Memorial Amphitheater, as a soldier from the ceremonial Old Guard stands by.**