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Memorial Day Service to be held at Kaneohe

By Deborah M. Sanders Murray

Gov. Benjamin J. Cayetano will be the keynote speaker for the Governor's Memorial Day ceremony at



Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery (HSVC) in Kaneohe, Monday, May 25.

The ceremony is scheduled for 1 p.m., with musical prelude by the Hawaii National Guard's 111th Army Band.



File photo

The Governor's Memorial Day ceremony is made possible by the State

Department of Defense, under the direc-(continued on page 7)

VA clarifies rules for health-care enrollment

In response to incorrect information distributed by others on the Internet, the Office of Veterans Services is clarifying recent changes regarding veterans' eligibility for health care.

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is required by law to establish an enrollment system for health-care services to be in place by Oct. 1, 1998. The formal enrollment system begins on that date. While veterans must be enrolled to receive care, it does not mean that veterans who have not applied for enrollment during this trial period will lose their eligibility for VA health care. Veterans can apply and be enrolled at the time they are in need of VA health care. Veterans who have received VA healthcare services since Oct. 1, 1996 will have an application processed automatically on their behalf.

"Enrolling for VA healthcare services will provide improved access for Hawaii's veterans to a comprehensive package of services," said Walter M. Ozawa, director of the Office of Veterans Services.

Applicants will be placed in one of seven enrollment priority groups specified by Congress. Based on the priority they are assigned, the number of other veterans requesting to be enrolled, and the funds available for VA health care, VA will determine how many veterans can be served. Veterans will be notified by

mail beginning in late Spring whether or not their application for enrollment has been accepted.

Some veterans may still be treated without being enrolled. Veterans with service-connected disabilities may be treated for those disabilities, and veterans who were discharged or released from active duty for a disability incurred or aggravated while on active duty may be treated for that disability within the first 12 months after their discharge.

Veterans who are classified as being service-disabled with a rating of 50 percent or greater will continue to be eligible for VA health-care services without making application for enrollment.

While veterans in these categories do not have to be enrolled to be treated, they are encouraged to do so to help VA plan its services and allocate its resources.

Those who are enrolled will be eligible for inpatient and outpatient services, including preventive and primary care. Other services include: diagnosis and treatment; rehabilitation; mental health and substance abuse treatments; home health, respite and, hospice care; and drugs and pharmaceuticals in conjunction with VA treatment.

Veterans accepted for enrollment will be eligible to receive care at any of VA's more than 1,100 service sites. (continued on page 4)

Office of Veterans Services



State of Hawaii Department of Defense See this feature on the Internet at: http://www.dod.state.hi.us/ovs/message.htm

Make 1998 the year for planning your long-term care needs

From the Director Walter M. Ozawa

n the last issue of the Hawaii Veteran, I briefly discussed the need for all veterans to prepare now for long-term care. I was surprised by the number of comments I received about this subject. Most people, unfortunately, don't want to think about preparing for what they will need as they get older. I'm a "baby boomer" and over 50 like a large number of our veterans in Hawaii. Many are counting on Social Security to tide them over, along with retirement pay. Of course, there are those who fortunately invested well, or set aside a retirement financial package. However, most have not, especially those in their mid-40s to mid-50s.

A recent Sunday paper carried a column titled "Follow the law on qualifying for Medicaid" which pointed out that the national average for full-time care at a nursing home is \$45,000 a

year or \$3,750 per month. It is much higher in Hawaii and can quickly deplete an elderly person's life savings. Indeed, I know of a veteran who had Alzheimer's, whose wife sold their home on the mainland to move back to Hawaii to be closer to family to assist them. Although afflicted with Alzheimer's, he was, otherwise, physically healthy. His wife ended up using all their capital gains, which had been set aside for a home in Hawaii, to care for him. After several years, he passed away leaving his widow with nothing. Now, her long-term care needs must be met with Medicaid; not at all the quality of life they had envisioned when he retired from the military and a second career. They had more than sixty years of work between them.

Once over 65, military health care coverage for the retired veteran is transferred to Medicare, not Medicaid. (Medicaid benefits are, as you know, usually for those with lowcomes.) Thus, many elderly people use up all their assets before they qualify. Recent laws "look back" three-to-five years to prevent gifts or transfers of assets to family members in order to meet the "poverty test," where such gifts and transfers are counted in the eligibility test. This is a complex and sensitive issue, especially since Medicaid does not provide for the quality of life you may have in mind in your later years. This is especially so for Hawaii, where people live longer and the cost of living is significantly higher.

There are some options, of course, but as you get older, those options become exponentially more expensive. Whether you consider some form of long-term care insurance, financial planning, retirement planning, or investments, the sooner you take action, the better. Regrettably, for most of our elder veterans, it is too late for financial action. Still, you should set aside time with family to discuss your wishes and consider your future options. For "boomer" veterans and younger, sit down and plan out your later years of retirement; it will be a valuable experience.

Hawaii does not currently have a veterans home. While the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs does have a 60-bed Center for Aging on the grounds of Tripler Army Medical Center, only 15 beds are for long-term geriatric care rehabilitation and respite services, which means they are not for residential care.

Bottom line, veterans, is that if you don't have anything in place, do it now! If you don't know where to start, ask your veterans organization to put together a briefing for you as a group. Your Office of Veterans Services is planning a Governor's Conference on

> Veterans sometime in 1998, focusing on older veterans, to address this and other issues. The federal Veterans Affairs Medical and Regional Office Center (VAMROC), State Departments of Health, Human Services, Labor and Industrial Relations, and the Hawaii Housing Authority, among others, will be participating. More information will be sent out later.

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DOD and OVS serve veterans with pride

By Deborah M. Sanders Murray

served in the U.S. Army for 12 years. A year after my discharge, I was diagnosed with diabetes. ►Would I qualify for any kind of Veterans Affairs medical benefits?

This type of question comes up many times in the Office of Veterans Services, the state agency that assists local veterans by providing them with information and services. In many cases, a question like this one is not asked until a veterans services counselor is alerted to a veteran's medical history during a counseling session (see list of counselors at the bottom of Page 2).

This is why preliminary counseling is essential when determining if a veteran is eligible to file a claim. A number of veterans are reluctant to investigate if they qualify for Pension or compensation as a result of a service-connected disability, because they feel that such action may affect their ability to receive gainful employment or maintain their future employment status.

"We are the veterans' advocate. We try to make sure that veterans receive all of their entitled services," said Carswell Ross, veterans services coordinator for the OVS, located at 919 Ala Moana Blvd; Suite #100.

The Office of Veterans Services (OVS) may take action on behalf of veterans, their families, and survivors to secure appropriate rights, benefits, and services. Such action includes receiving, investigating, and resolving disputes or complaints of any nature.

The OVS takes pride in knowing that its efforts have taken many veterans off of State welfare roles by providing them with information, mediation, and the guidance needed to file a claim, so that the federal government can compensate them for service-connected disabilities.

The OVS helps veterans complete paperwork to have their discharges upgraded; provides short-term counseling; information and referral; notary public; legal name changes; outreach; letter writing; Veterans Affairs benefits assistance and employment, and re-employment assistance.

There are many other cost saving benefits and services that veterans recieve as a result of the State of Hawaii Department of Defense's (DOD) relationship with the OVS (the OVS is administratively attached to the DOD). Maj. Gen. Edward V. Richardson, state adjutant general, makes it possible for the Hawaii Army National Guard's 111th Army Band to perform at various events such as the Governor's Memorial Day Ceremony; provides manpower to set up for programs sponsored by veterans organizations; and seeks approval from the National Guard Bureau for Hawaii Air National Guard F-15s to fly the missing man formation during approved ceremonies. Such support is provided at no additional cost to the state.

The DOD Engineering and Contracts Office provides the engineering and support services needed to facilitate the development and upgrade of veterans cemeteries and veterans' centers throughout Hawaii.

West confirmed as VA secretary



Togo D. West Jr.

Togo D. West Jr. was confirmed as Secretarv of Veterans Affairs, April 28, 1998.

The former Secretary the

Army will succeed Jesse Brown as secretary of Veterans Affairs. Brown resigned from the position effective July 1, 1997.

West served as Secretary of the Army

from 1993 to 1997. He first joined the federal government as a legal intern with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission in the summer of 1967 and then returned to federal employment in 1968 when he accepted a judicial clerkship in the southern district of New York.

He was initially commissioned as a field artillery officer in 1965 and later commissioned in the Judge Advocate General's Corps in 1969.

West served with the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Manpower and Reserve Affairs) until 1973. He then joined the Department of Justice as Associate Deputy Attorney General in 1975 and was appointed to serve as the Department of the Navy's General Counsel in 1977, a position he held until 1979. He also served as the special assistant to the Secretary and Deputy Secretary of Defense from 1979 to 1980 and was appointed General Counsel of the department in January 1980.

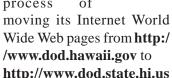
West's military awards include the Legion of Merit and Meritorious Service Medal; and, for his public service, he was awarded the Defense Medal for Distinguished Public Service. He received a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering and a juris doctorate from Howard University.

As VA secretary, he is responsible for maintaining a nationwide system of health care services, benefits programs, and national cemeteries for America's 26 million veterans.

OVS web site moving to different location

By Deborah M.S. Murray

The State of Hawaii Department of Defense is in the process



The change will impact the Office of Veterans Services (OVS) web site located at: http:// www.dod.hawaii.gov/ovs

The address of the new OVS web site will be http:// www.dod.state.hi.us/ovs

In an effort to transition to the new address, the DOD is planning to operate a dual site for approximately two months in an effort to give OVS customers notice of the changes.

However, in the interim, if you can't get the site at the old address, simply try the new site address.

State DOD officials have set a goal to make the transition work as smoothly as possible.

Currently, the only major changes in the site will be the Universal Resource Locator (URL) or Internet address used to access the site.

In the future, site officials hope to add some new features and information that centers around transitioning active military personnel to life after the military.

"Our ultimate goal is for the OVS web site to become a repository for information that



affects the State's 120,000 veterans across," said Maj. Gen. Edward Richardson,

adjutant general.

The site features a calendar of events page designed for local veterans organizations to publish all of their events throughout the year.

Posting a calendar event is as easy as sending an e-mail. You can send it to the following address:

webmaster@dod.state.hi.us

Another feature of the OVS site is the Hawaii Veteran, the OVS newsletter. The publication is posted in both hypertext markup language (HTML) and portable document file (PDF) formats. PDF files can be viewed by downloading the Adobe Acrobat Reader program from the web site at: http:// www.adobe.com

The HTML documents can be read with the web browsers like Microsoft's Internet Explorer (IE) and Netscape's Navigator (NN).

Individuals who have IE 4.0, PointCast or Netscape 4.0 can locate the Hawaii Veteran at its channel located at: http://www.dod.state.hi.us/ ovs/vets.cdf

After calling up the above link, you will be prompted to add the site to your connections channel and a button will be provided to access the channel.

Individuals who do not al-

VA health care enrollment — continued from page 1

While enrollment must be renewed every year, a veteran's enrollment will automatically be renewed unless he or she chooses not to re-enroll, or unless VA resources limit the number of veterans the department can cover. Certain veterans will be asked to provide income information annually in order for VA to properly classify them within the enrollment system, as required by law.

To apply for enrollment, veterans should call, write, or visit the Office of Veterans Services or a VA clinic. Veterans and their families can also call Sonja Barboza, registration clerk, at 566-1590 for more information, or visit VA's web site at: http://www.va.gov/health/elig

You can enroll at any of the following VA facilities in Hawaii:

Honolulu **VA Medical Regional Office**

Center (VAMROC)

300 Ala Moana Boulevard,

2nd Floor

Telephone: 566-1590

Kauai **Community-Based Outpatient**

Clinic (CBOC)

3367 Kuhio Highway, Suite 102

Telephone: 246-0497

Maui **Community-Based Outpatient**

Clinic (CBOC)

35 Lunalilo Street, Suite 102

Telephone: 242-6624

Hilo **Community-Based Outpatient**

Clinic (CBOC)

120 Keawe Street, Suite 204

Telephone: 935-3781

Kona **Community-Based Outpatient**

Clinic (CBOC)

75-5995 Kuakini Highway,

Suite 413

Telephone: 329-0774

ready have these programs loaded on their computers are cautioned to read the specifications before downloading, since such programs may take more resources than allocated.

For more information about the OVS web site, call the State DOD, Public Affairs Office, at: (808) 733-4258 e-mail the DOD webmaster at:

webmaster@dod.state.hi.us

Reunions and conventions

AJA veterans to hold national convention

The Oahu Americans of Japanese Ancestry (AJA) Veterans Council is hosting the 1998 AJA Veterans National Convention in Honolulu from July 2-5, 1998.

The convention is planned as a combination reunion and educational event which will bring together World War II Japanese American veterans, their families, friends, and supporters. Four military units are represented in the Oahu AJA Veterans Council: the 100th Infantry Battalion, 442nd Regimental Combat Team, 1399th Engineer Construction Battalion, and the Military Intelligence Service. The convention also welcomes AJA veterans who served in other military units. This is the first time that all of these units will hold a joint reunion.

In addition to the veterans' reunion activities, three educational workshops are scheduled to cover topics such as: archival tips and techniques, conducting oral histories, and The Legacy: Set-

ting the Standard for the 21st Century. The focus of these workshops is to promote a better understanding of historical preservation issues.

The major events (workshops and luncheon banquet) will be held at the new Hawaii **Convention Center** in Waikiki, July 3rd and 4th, respectively. Also on July

4, the Brothers of Valor Monument will be unveiled/dedicated at Fort DeRussy at 9 a.m. Memorial services will be held at 9 a.m., July 5th, at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl).

Other events include golf tournaments:



MEMORIES OF WAR--Veteran Robert Katayama reminisces about his deployment during World War II while touring the Smithsonian's American History Museum in Washington, D.C.

one is slated for Hickam Air Force Base. July 2, 12 noon, and the other at the Kapolei Golf Course, July 3, 7 a.m.

For information about reunion activities or about how you can register, contact Guy Koga, committee chair, (808) 395-4869.

WAVES National slated to hold convention in Waikiki, July 20-26

By Deborah M. Sanders Murray

Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service National (WAVES) will hold its convention in Hawaii, July 20-26, at the Hilton Hawaiian Village, Waikiki.

During the convention, attendees will take on projects as revising the organization's bylaws and installing new officers, according to Eugenia C. Woodward, the local contact for the convention.

Many tours are planned, as well as an Aloha Banquet on Saturday, July 25.

WAVES National is a veter-

ans organization of former Navy WAVES, Coast Guard SPARS, Women Marines, and also retired and present members of the national's sea ser-

On July 30, the organization will celebrate its 56th birthday. The WAVES was started in 1942 after Congress passed the Navy Women's Reserve Act to authorize women to supplement manpower on a temporary, emergency basis.

For additional information about the convention, contact Ms. Woodward at (808) 623-4735. You can reach her at the following e-mail address: Eugenia_Woodward@msn.com

Ninth **Annual Old Soldiers** Reunion planned for Maui

The Ninth Annual Old Soldiers Reunion will be held at various locations in Kahului, Maui, Sept. 17-20, 1998.

Reservations must be made at either the Maui Seaside Hotel or Maui Beach Hotel before June 15.

Activities for the reunion include a golf tournament,



Sept. 18, 6:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Waiehu Golf Course; bowling at Aloha Lanes, Sept. 18, 9 a.m. to 12 noon; and a reunion banquet Saturday, Sept. 19, from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. in the Red Dragon Room of the Maui Beach Hotel.

For information, contact Peggy Haake at (808) 877-0197.

Q & A:

Department of Veterans Affairs

Does VA's guarantee on the property mean the government is satisfied the house is structurally sound? We have found cracks in the foundation of the older home we bought last year and are concerned this could lead to future problems.

No. VA's guarantee of the home loan is based on an appraisal, but the appraiser's job is not the same as a home inspector. VA affixes warning statements to this effect on the VA "certificate of reasonable value." In new construction loans, VA inspectors ensure the construction conforms to the contract specifications. Home purchasers should make their own arrangements for professional structural inspection, if desired.

If I am found to qualify for VA vocational rehabilitation benefits, how many years do I have to complete my rehabilitation program?

A disabled veteran found to be eligible generally must complete the rehabilitation program within 12 years of the date of his or her discharge or release from active duty.

For more information, contact any VA office. In Honolulu, call 566-1000 or 1 (800) 827-1000 or write: VA Medical and Regional Office, P.O. Box 50188, Honolulu, HI 96850.

See this feature on the Internet at: http://www.dod.state.hi.us/ovs/q&a.htm

vet news

See Vet news on the Internet at: http://www.dod.state.hi.us/ovs/vetnews.htm

Army searching for World War II award recipients

Monterey, CA--A team of historians at the Presidio is searching for Asian-American and Pacific Islander soldiers and airmen who received the Distinguished Service Cross (DSC), the nation's second-highest award for valor, in WWII.

The project encompasses U.S. soldiers and airmen of Asian Indian, Chinese, Filipino, Japanese, Korean, and Southeast Asian, Native Hawaiians, Micronesians, Polynesians, Melanesians and other Pacific islanders. It will also review individuals who served in the Army Air Forces.

After the project's completion, the Pentagon will convene a special awards board to consider upgrade to the Medal of Honor.

Persons with information regarding the ethnic groups who received the DSC in WWII, while serving in the Army Ground or Air Forces, are being asked to call Scott D. Welch at (408) 242-7864 welchs@pom-(e-mail: emhl.army.mil). The fax number is (408) 242-7864.

Oahu Veterans Center funded and scheduled for construction in 1999

Gov. Benjamin Cavetano announced that the State will build an Oahu Veterans Center to serve as a meeting place for 70 Oahu veterans organizations.

Cayetano has released \$500,000 for design and \$2.3 million for construction to make this 10,000-to-15,000 squarefoot facility a reality by 1999. Construction is expected to begin next year.

"The needs of Oahu's 90,000 military veterans will be well-served by this longawaited veterans center," Cayetano said.

"We are thrilled to have a place we

can call home, to conduct meetings, hold social gatherings, and properly display flags with dignity and honor," said Fred Ballard, secretary of the Oahu Veterans Council, and executive director of the Fleet Reserve Association, Branch 46.

The Oahu Veterans Center is proposed to be built on a site in the middle of Richardson Field at Pearl Harbor, near the USS Arizona Visitors Center. The site will be acquired by the State in exchange for State land of equal value located near the "Aiea Landing."

For more information, call Walter Ozawa, OVS director, at 587-3000.

Hospitalized veterans need cancelled postage stamps

Hospitalized veterans across the country who collect stamps as a form of therapy need cancelled U.S. and foreign stamps to add to their collections.

You can send your stamps to:

Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center Veteran's Stamp & Coin Club 3601 South 6th Ave. Tucson, AZ 85723

Attention: Hawaii veterans' organizations

If you have any news items, veteransrelated programs or events, we would love to publish them in the Hawaii Veteran newsletter, or on our Internet web site.

Send them to:

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Former veterans advisory board member dies

Judith (Joy) Worobe, 63, formerly of Pearl City, died Oct. 2., 1997, in South Paris, Maine.

She was born Jan. 21, 1934, in Chicago, Ill. and is survived by husband, Donald J.; son, James A., South Paris, Maine; daughter, Miriam Trevino, Tacoma, Wash.; five grandchildren; daughter-in-law, Edith Worobe, South Paris, Maine; and, son-in-law, Arnoldo A. Trevino, Tacoma, Wash.

She received a bachelor of science degree in nursing from San Diego State College and a master's in nursing from the Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C. She served in the Air Force during the Korean War.

Worobe served as a public health



Worobe

nurse in L.A. County, Arlington County, and the State of Hawaii; instructor in nursing at UH-Manoa and Hawaii Loa College; medical director of an experimental preschool in the Governor's

Office, and assistant for Family Planning, State of Hawaii; adolescent program specialist, community health nurse, pediatric nurse practitioner, and advice nurse at Kaiser Permanente Hospital, Hawaii Region.

She was a member of the American Nurses Association; National League for Nursing; Sigma Theta Tau Alpha Chapter; and, past commander, Disabled American Veterans, Dept. of Hawaii, and was active in the Honolulu community Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, and veterans' activities. She was also a charter member of the Governor's Advisory Board on Veterans Services and served for eight years, two as board chair.

Listed in "The World Who's Who of Women," 1982 edition.

Her husband, Don, said of her, "Joy always put the needs of Hawaii's veterans first in everything she did. We'll miss her."

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tion of Maj. Gen. Edward V. Richardson. The event is planned and coordinated by the Office of Veterans Services (OVS) with William E. Rogers, Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery's operations manager, spearheading the event. Key support elements are being provided by the Hawaii National Guard personnel, such as the Hawaii National Guard Youth ChalleNGe Program, who set up chairs for the ceremony.

The program features participation by the Hawaii Air National Guard's Royal Guard; the Girl Scouts of America, who decorate veterans graves with flags and leis; and, veterans groups that proudly display their colors during the ceremony.

For additional information about this ceremony and information about how you can find out about other Memorial Day ceremonies scheduled around the island, contact the OVS at (808) 587-3000.



KOREAN WAR VETERANS 1998 OFFICERS--Ted Miyamoto, vice president; Robert Hamakawa, president; Harry Kumabe, secretary; and, Richard Higa, treasurer.

KWV install new officers

By Louis Baldovi

The Korean War Veterans Association, Hawaii Chapter, installed this year's

The elected officers are: Robert Hamakawa, president; Ted Miyamoto, vicepresident; Harry Kumabe, secretary; and, Richard Higa, treasurer.

Chairmen appointed to serve during this term are: Louis Baldovi, coordinator, Korean revisit program and parades; Michael Ho, advisor, Korea revisit program and Korean War Veterans Association liaison; Harrison Lee, group leader, Korea revisit program and recreation; Moses Pakaki, "Tell America about Korea" program; Cas Castillo, Armistice Day Ceremony; Susumu Agena, Korean/Vietnam Wars Memorials maintenance; Sak Sakasegawa, welfare; Eugene Miura, color detail; Bob Hu, bylaws; Richard Higa, uniform; Shoji Kuroda, social; and, Francis Yasutake, Taro Goya, Thomas Tanaka, Harry Takane, and Nick Nishimoto were appointed to work with the communications network.

calendar/notices

See the calendar/notices on the Internet at: http://www.dod.state.hi.us/ovs/ovscal.htm May 24

Memorial Day Eve Candlelight Ceremony, National Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl) 6:15 p.m., sponsored by VFW Post 10583.

<u>Maui:</u> Candlelight Memorial Ceremony in front of War Memorial Gym, Wailuku, 6:30 p.m.

Kauai: Kauai Veterans Cemetery, Hanapepe, 10 a.m.

May 25

Memorial Day, federal and state holiday.

<u>Maui:</u> Maui Veterans Cemetery, Makawao, call 243-5818 for details.

Mayor's Memorial Day Ceremony, National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl), 9 a.m., Hawaii Air National Guard F-15s to provide the flyby.

<u>Hilo</u>: Hawaii County Veterans Cemetery #1, 9 a.m., sponsored by American Legion Post #3.

Governor's Memorial Day Ceremony, Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery, 1 p.m.

July 20-26

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July 2-5

The Oahu AJA Veterans Council is sponsoring the 1998 AJA Veterans National Convention, Honolulu. It will be held at the Hawaii Convention Center and the Ala Moana Hotel. The council is made up of AJA from the 100th Battalion, 442nd Regimental Combat Team, 1399 Engineer Construction Battalion, and the Military Intelligence Service. For more information, contact Guy Koga at (808) 395-4869.

July 29 - August 2

The 3rd Marine Division Association 44th Annual Family Reunion at the Omni-Rosen Hotel in Orlando, Fla. Anyone who served in, was attached to, or served in support of the 3rd Marine Division at any time since it was formed, Sept. 16, 1942, is eligible and cordially invited to attend. For membership and reunion information, contact USMC retired Sgt. Maj. Bill Krueger, or call (703) 451-3844.

September 17-20

The Old Soldiers' Reunion will be held on Maui. Reservations must be made at either the Maui Seaside Hotel or Maui Beach Hotel before June 15. For information, contact Peggy Haake at (808) 877-0197.

If you have a story idea or want to list an event for veterans in the *Hawaii Veteran* or on the *Internet*, please forward the information to the State Department of Defense Public Affairs Office, 733-4236 (fax), or call 733-4241. The submission deadline for the next issue of the Hawaii Veteran is **September 11, 1998**.

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