

**STATE OF HAWAII OFFICE OF VETERANS SERVICES
ADVISORY BOARD ON VETERANS SERVICES AGENDA**

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Office of Veterans' Services (Tripler Army Medical Center)
459 Patterson Rd. E Wing, Rm 1-A103 Honolulu, HI 96819

Friday, May 3, 2024

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

AGENDA

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / MOMENT OF SILENCE**
- III. ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER ROLL CALL**
- IV. COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC NOTICE** - Request all written testimony be received by the State of Hawaii Office of Veterans' Services 48 hours prior to the meeting to facilitate timely distribution to board members. Written testimony will still be accepted after this timeframe and every attempt will be made to distribute to board members for review. If submitting written testimony, please note the board and agenda item(s) your testimony concerns. Send to: State of Hawaii Office of Veterans' Services (Tripler Army Medical Center) 459 Patterson Rd. E Wing, Rm 1-A103 Honolulu, HI 96819 Fax: (808) 433-0385. Email: ovs@hawaii.gov
- V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- VI. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 5, 2024**
- VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- VIII. PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON ANY AGENDA ITEM** - Oral testimony will be taken at any time during the meeting.
- IX. DEPARTMENT REPORTS** - Reports limited to 5 minutes (Written reports are required before meeting begins and does not have to be restated)
 1. Department of Veterans Affairs – Benefits – Attachment A
 - Veteran's Benefit Update
 - Highlight Benefit Programs
 - Upcoming Events
 2. Department of Veterans Affairs – Medical – Attachment B
 - Veteran's Healthcare Update
 - Highlight Healthcare Programs
 - Upcoming Events
 3. Veterans' Services Coordinator, OVS – Attachment C
 - Provide update on OVS operations
 - Provide latest info on OVS projects
 - Upcoming events
 4. Department of Defense, Engineering Office – Attachment D
 - Brief OVS State Facility and Cemetery Projects
 - Highlight project timelines and construction milestones
 5. Yukio Okutsu Veterans Home in Hilo – Attachment E
 - Update Facility Operations
 - Provide the latest staff and census numbers.

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6. Department of Health – No Report This Meeting.
 - Healthcare Update
 - Highlight Healthcare Programs
 - Upcoming Events
 7. Department of Human Services – Attachment F
 - Human Services Update
 - Highlight Human Services Programs
 - Upcoming Events
 8. Department of Labor and Industrial Relations – No Report This Meeting.
 - Labor and Industrial Relations Update
 - Highlight Labor and Industrial Relations Programs
 - Upcoming Events
 9. U.S. Department of Labor, Veterans' Employment and Training Service - No Report This Meeting.
 - US DOL VETS Update
 - Highlight US DOL VETS Programs
 - Upcoming Events
 10. National Cemetery of the Pacific – No Report This Meeting.
 - Punchbowl Update
 - Highlight Punchbowl Construction Projects
 - Upcoming Events
- X. **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS** - Shall be in writing and submitted to OVS before the meeting begins.
1. Mr. Michael Lilly – No Report This Meeting.
 2. Ms. Bridget Komine, Chair – No Report This Meeting.
 3. Mr. Blair Suzuki, Vice Chair – No Report This Meeting.
 4. Mr. Reyn Kaupiko – No Report This Meeting.
 5. Ms. Roxanne (Rocky) Bruhn – No Report This Meeting.
 6. Ms. Mary Kay Hertog – No Report This Meeting.
- XI. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
- A. Legislative Committee – Attachment G
 - B. By Laws and Procedures – No Report or Update.
 - C. Recognition and Awards – No Report or Update.
 - D. Women's Committee – No Report or Update
 - E. Projects and Events Committee - No Report or Update

XII. ADJOURN

***** **IMPORTANT** *****

If you require special assistance, auxiliary aid and/or service to participate in this event (i.e., sign language interpreter; interpreter for language other than English, or wheelchair accessibility), please contact Yolanda Ehere at (808) 433-0423 or email your request to ovs@hawaii.gov at least three (3) business days prior to the meeting.

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Office of Veterans' Services

(Tripler Army Medical Center)

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Honolulu, HI 96819

Friday, April 5, 2024

ATTENDANCE

Board Members: Mr. Blair Suzuki, Vice Chair
Mr. Michael Lilly
Ms. Roxanne (Rocky) Bruhn
Ms. Mary Kay Hertog

OVS Staff: Ms. Yolanda Ehere, Secretary
Ms. Yam Yi Lee, Administrative Services Assistant

Guests: Mr. Wade Ishii, Asst. Chief Engineering Officer, State of Hawaii DOD Engineering
Ms. Katherine Korenaga, Community and Project Development Director,
Department of Human Services
Mr. Gene Matias, Public Affairs Specialist, National Cemetery of the Pacific
Ms. Nicole Gray - Congresswoman Jill Tokuda Office Representative

Absent: Ms. Bridget Komine, Chair
Mr. Reyn Kaupiko
Gen. Bruce Oliveira , Interim Director
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs – Benefits
VA Pacific Islands Health Care System – Medical
Ms. Kauai Chartrand, Long Term Care Administrator, Yukio Okutsu
State Veterans Home
Ms. Carol Kanayama, Department of Labor and Industrial Relations
Ms. Ann Greenlee, U.S. Department of Labor, VETS
Col. Pamela Ellison, Human Resources Officer, Hawaii Army National Guard
Mr. Carlos Santana – Senator Mazie Hirono's Office Representative

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & CALL TO ORDER – A Moment of Silence

Vice Chair Blair Suzuki led the Pledge of Allegiance. After a moment of silence, Vice Chair Blair Suzuki called the meeting to order at 0900 hours.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Board reviewed the April 5, 2024 agenda. Mary Kay Hertog motioned to approve the April 5, 2024 agenda and Roxanne (Rocky) Bruhn seconded.

IV. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 1, 2024

The Board reviewed the March 1, 2024 minutes. Mary Kay Hertog motioned to accept the March 1, 2024 minutes and Roxanne (Rocky) Bruhn seconded.

V. COMMUNICATIONS

None

VI. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs – Benefits – Not Present, but submitted a report

VA Pacific Islands Health Care System – Medical - Not present. No submitted report.

Gen. Bruce Oliveira, OVS - Not Present, but submitted a report

Mr. Wade Ishii, Asst. Chief Engineering Officer, State of Hawaii DOD Engineering

Briefed on: No changes on submitted report

Ms. Kauai Chartrand, Long Term Care Administrator, Yukio Okutsu State Veterans Home – Not present. No submitted report.

Ms. Katherine Korenaga, Community and Project Development Director, Department of Human Services

Briefed on: No changes on submitted report

Ms. Carol Kanayama, Department of Labor and Industrial Relations - Not present. No submitted report.

Ms. Ann Greenlee, U.S. Department of Labor, VETS - Not present. No submitted report.

Mr. Gene Matias, Public Affairs Specialist, National Cemetery of the Pacific

Briefed on: American Samoa Government of Veterans Affairs came on Wednesday to discuss cemetery operations, development and staffing. The Republic of Korea National Cemetery Director will be coming to discuss development, operations and staffing for national cemeteries.

Ms. Nicole Gray - Congresswoman Jill Tokuda Office Representative - Present. No submitted report.

Mr. Carlos Santana, Senator Mazie Hirono's Office Representative – Not present. No submitted report.

Department of Health – Not present. No submitted report.

VII. BOARD MEMBER'S REPORTS

1. Kauai - Ms. Mary Kay Hertog - No report submitted. No additions.
2. Maui - Mr. Michael Lilly - No report submitted. No additions.
3. Oahu - Mr. Blair Suzuki, Vice Chair - No report submitted. No additions.
4. Oahu - Ms. Bridget Komine, Chair - No report submitted. No additions.
5. Oahu - Mr. Reyn Kaupiko – No report submitted. No additions.
6. Oahu - Ms. Roxanne Bruhn - No report submitted. No additions.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Legislative Committee – No changes on submitted report
- B. By Laws and Procedures - No Report or Update
- C. Recognition and Awards – No Report or Update
- D. Women's Committee - No Report or Update
- E. Projects and Events Committee - No Report or Update

IX. ADJOURN – 9:13 am

Mary Kay Hertog motioned, and Roxanne (Rocky) Bruhn seconded.
Yolanda Ehere – Recorder

**Attachment A -
Department of
Veterans Affairs -
Benefits**



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS VISIT TO KAUAI

VA Benefits Counselors assigned to the Honolulu VA Regional Office, will be at the Kauai Veterans Center

Date: Tuesday, May 14, 2024

Time: 10:00am to 3:00pm

****Walk-In Only - Customers Seen on a First Come - First Serve Basis****

The Benefits Counselor will be available to answer benefits questions, and assist with the claim process.

The Kauai Veterans Center is located at:
3215 Kauai Veterans Memorial Hwy, Lihue



Questions, contact us at:

Honolulu RO Public Contact office by
email at: pctc.vbahon@va.gov

Department of Veterans Affairs
Honolulu Regional Office





DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS VISIT TO KAILUA-KONA

A VA Benefits Counselor assigned to the Honolulu VA Regional Office, will be at the Kona Vet Center

Dates: Tuesday, May 14 & 28, 2024

Time: 10:00am to 2:00pm

****Walk-In Only - Customers Seen on a First Come - First Serve Basis****

The Benefits Counselor will be available to answer benefits questions, and assist with the claim process.

Kona Vet Center:
Hale Kui Plaza, Suite 207
73-4976 Kamanu Street
Kailua-Kona, HI 96740

Questions, contact us at:

Honolulu RO Public Contact office by email:

pctc.vbahon@va.gov



Department of Veterans Affairs
Honolulu Regional Office





DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS VISIT TO LANAI

A VA Benefits Counselor assigned to the Honolulu VA Regional Office, will be at the Lanai Senior Center

Date: Tuesday, May 28, 2024

Time: 10:00am to 2:00pm

The Benefits Counselor will be available to answer benefits questions, and assist with the claim process.

The Lanai Senior Center is located at:

309 Seventh Street

Lana'i City, HI 96763



For questions regarding this visit, please email:
pctc.vbahon@va.gov

Department of Veterans Affairs
Honolulu Regional Office



**Attachment B -
Department of
Veterans Affairs -
Medical**



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Veterans Health Administration
Pacific Islands Health Care System

VAPIHCS Director's Report Dr. Adam M. Robinson, Jr. APRIL 2024

Daniel K. Akaka Grand Opening and Registration Event

On April 5, 2024, there will be a Grand Opening event from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at our new Daniel Kahikina Akaka VA Clinic at 91-1051 Franklin D. Roosevelt Avenue in Kapolei. Please RSVP as soon as possible if you plan to come to this event. We are also excited to invite you to a registration event on the same day. The event is from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and will include registration services, whole health, caregiver support, benefits advisors, and much more. If you are curious to see our new clinic before it opens, this is your chance! We expect to see our first patient on April 8, 2024, with a gradual increase in services through the end of the calendar year.

Veteran Art Classes

VAPIHCS will be hosting painting classes for Veterans from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Wednesdays our new Daniel Kahikina Akaka VA Clinic at 91-1051 Franklin D. Roosevelt Avenue in Kapolei. These classes will be taught by professional artist and Marine Corps Veteran Peter Koutrouba. Painting -and art in general- has wonderful therapeutic qualities, and it can also be a fun way to relax and enjoy yourself. The classes are free, and Veterans who are interested may drop in on Wednesdays. At the end of the year, students will be welcome to submit their work to the national VA art competition.

Neurofeedback Study

VAPIHCS is hosting a scientific study into a therapy called Neurofeedback at our Honolulu station. This method of therapy has been linked to decreased headaches, improved sleep, improved attention and focus, and improved quality of life. If you are a Veteran who suffered a mild concussion while on active duty and who continues to suffer from headaches, insomnia, and difficulty paying attention, you may be eligible to participate. Contact Dr. Judy Carlson at 808-433-6677 if you would like to participate. You will answer some simple questions, and if you qualify, we will ask you to come see us for 20 free, fun, relaxing sessions of neurofeedback three to five times per week. We will compensate you for your time.

Women Veterans Reproductive Health

At VAPIHCS, we are committed to providing safe, compassionate, quality care to all our Veterans. [Women Veterans](#) are a fast-growing demographic, and VA is committed to women's health. We cover many services specific to our women Veterans, such as well-women's visits, maternity care, and birth control. From sexual health care to menopause care, we are striving to ensure that women Veterans can access everything they need through VA.

The Veterans Health Administration is governed at a federal level, which allows us to follow federal guidelines rather than state guidelines when providing women's health care. We can offer counseling about options to women who are pregnant, and in some cases, we may even be able to cover an abortion if it is medically necessary. This is a controversial stance, but national VA leadership feels that women's health is important enough for VA to take this position and support women Veterans in their journey, wherever it may take them.

March is Women's History Month, which makes this a good time to remind women Veterans that VA respects the historic struggles that women have faced to gain equal rights. In health care, and in all things, women deserve equality. If you are a women Veteran who is not yet signed up for VA care, give us a call and let us tell you what we can do for you: 1-800-214-1306.

Guidance on Stakeholder Visits

VA has issued guidance to facilities across the nation to ensure that stakeholder visits are managed properly. Guidance was issued to ensure standardization across all VA facilities. The plan stresses the importance of collaboration with the community and with elected Representatives, which has always been very important to me. VAPIHCS holds a monthly Congressional Staffer Briefing to ensure full collaboration with those whom our Veterans have elected to represent them in government. We also join the monthly Veteran and Community Task Force chaired by Veteran John Henry Felix. Collaboration is at the heart of all we do here, because serving our communities means participating in them.

Guidance on stakeholder visits seeks to ensure:

- VA staff should ensure that protecting patient privacy is our priority.
- Stakeholder visits should be planned so they do not interfere with normal operations of the facility.
- The Hatch Act must be followed, including all restrictions on political activity or partisan activity as dictated by federal law.
- Extra care must be taken for visits preceding an election.
- Visits should be restricted during disaster situations to ensure that they do not impede disaster relief efforts.
- Media may be invited to stakeholder visits if it does not interfere with normal operations or compromise patient safety or privacy.
- Determinations may be made by the facility Director in regard to other times when stakeholder visits may need to be restricted due to other factors.

Recently I have been honored by visits from Captain Clecky from Navy Medical, Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) leadership, Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Leadership, and many more of our partners from both the Defense Health Agency (DHA) and the community. I consider all our work partnering with Veteran Service Organizations (VSOs), other federal agencies, community leaders, and local groups and organizations to be important, and I will always strive for the kind of transparency and accountability that Veterans and taxpayers deserve.

Veteran Transportation Options

At the VA Pacific Islands Health Care System (VAPIHCS), our coverage area is much different than other VA locations. Veterans cannot simply drive from American Samoa to get to an appointment on Oahu, so our Beneficiary Travel department works hard to help Veterans with the logistics involved in traveling to Oahu for appointments. Once Veterans arrive, they can use our VAPIHCS Courtesy Shuttle to the airport hotel, and then

to their appointments at the Spark Matsunaga Ambulatory Care Center (ACC) or their appointments at Tripler Army Medical Center (TAMC).

On February 1, 2024, the VA Courtesy Shuttle began stopping at Ke’ehi Lagoon as well. This is to allow Oahu Veterans the opportunity to park at Ke’ehi Lagoon, and then ride into the Tripler Army Medical Center (TAMC). Veterans who would like to take the shuttle are encouraged to call with any questions at: (808) 433-7982 anytime between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The VA Courtesy Shuttle is different from the Veteran Transportation Services (VTS) where a Veteran will call to schedule a pick-up from their home. That is a separate service, which is currently available for Veterans as far out as Mililani going North, Kapolei going west, and into Waikiki, though not past Hawaii Kai. VTS is still available for eligible Veterans, and pickups can be scheduled by calling (808) 433-7982

Both VTS and the VA Courtesy Shuttle are separate from the Handi-Van. The Handi-Van is a public transportation service for persons with disabilities who are unable to ride The Bus. It is fee-based service, unlike VTS and the Courtesy Shuttle which are both free. To learn more about the Handi-Van, Veterans can call: (808) 456-5555.

Parking Structure Closure


As we seek to make repairs and deliver the best care possible, we will be making repairs to the VA parking structure, building 32, at our Honolulu location. These repairs will require the closure of the entire 4th floor of the structure from March 18, 2024, to May 12, 2024. Please plan accordingly.

We Are Moving Spring 2024

VA Pacific Islands Health Care System

Kailua-Kona Community Based Outpatient Clinic

**We Will Be Moving To
73-5618 Maiiau Street
Suite 200
Kailua-Kona, HI 96740**

VA |  U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
VA Pacific Islands Health Care System

Kailua-Kona CBOC Move

VAPIHCS will receive keys for the new Kona Community Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC) on February 23, 2024, which is located at 73-5618 Maiau Street, Suite 200, Kailua-Kona, HI 96740, with the opening date planned for spring of 2024. The new clinic is 12,500 square feet and will have parking stalls reserved in the parking structure, as well as additional parking in the lot of the building.

The new Kona CBOC is conveniently located one block from Costco, and will have appointments for Internal medicine, women's health, mental health, gastroenterology, endocrinology, nephrology, neurology, and podiatry. The clinic will also feature an audiology booth, an on-site lab, and a clinical pharmacist who can assist Veterans with education on disease management. Vaccines will also be available on site. The move to a larger space will allow VAPIHCS to continue to provide care for the Veterans on the west side of Hawaii's Big Island.

For More Information:

Amy Rohlfs, Public Affairs Officer VA Pacific Islands Health Care System

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Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/va_pacific_islands/

VAPIHCS TALK STORY Podcast: <https://vapihcspao.podbean.com/>

VAPIHCS USAJOBS: <https://www.hawaii.va.gov/careers/index.asp>

**Attachment C -
Interim Director,
Office of Veterans'
Services**

OVS Board Report - Gen. Oliveria

1. SB2731 SD1 HD1 CD1 Special Number Plates; Veterans; Iraq and Afghanistan Wars. 4/26 The Conference Committee reported measure Passed, with Amendments.
2. Apr25, SB2837 RELATING TO THE OAHU REGIONAL HEALTH CARE SYSTEM, HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION. Conference committee hearing, was rolled over to Apr 26 reconvening conference committee hearing because we had not yet received "fiscal release." Fiscal release was provided by both WAM and FIN on Apr 26.

Thank you to the SAB and all Maui/Hawaii Veterans for your tremendous support!

Next steps confirming land location, and request for state funding at the next legislative session.

The 3D SVH, Maui is scoped to be a 60 bed, 82,500 sq ft facility, costing approximately \$93M with construction cost to be approximately shared 35% State and 65% Federal.

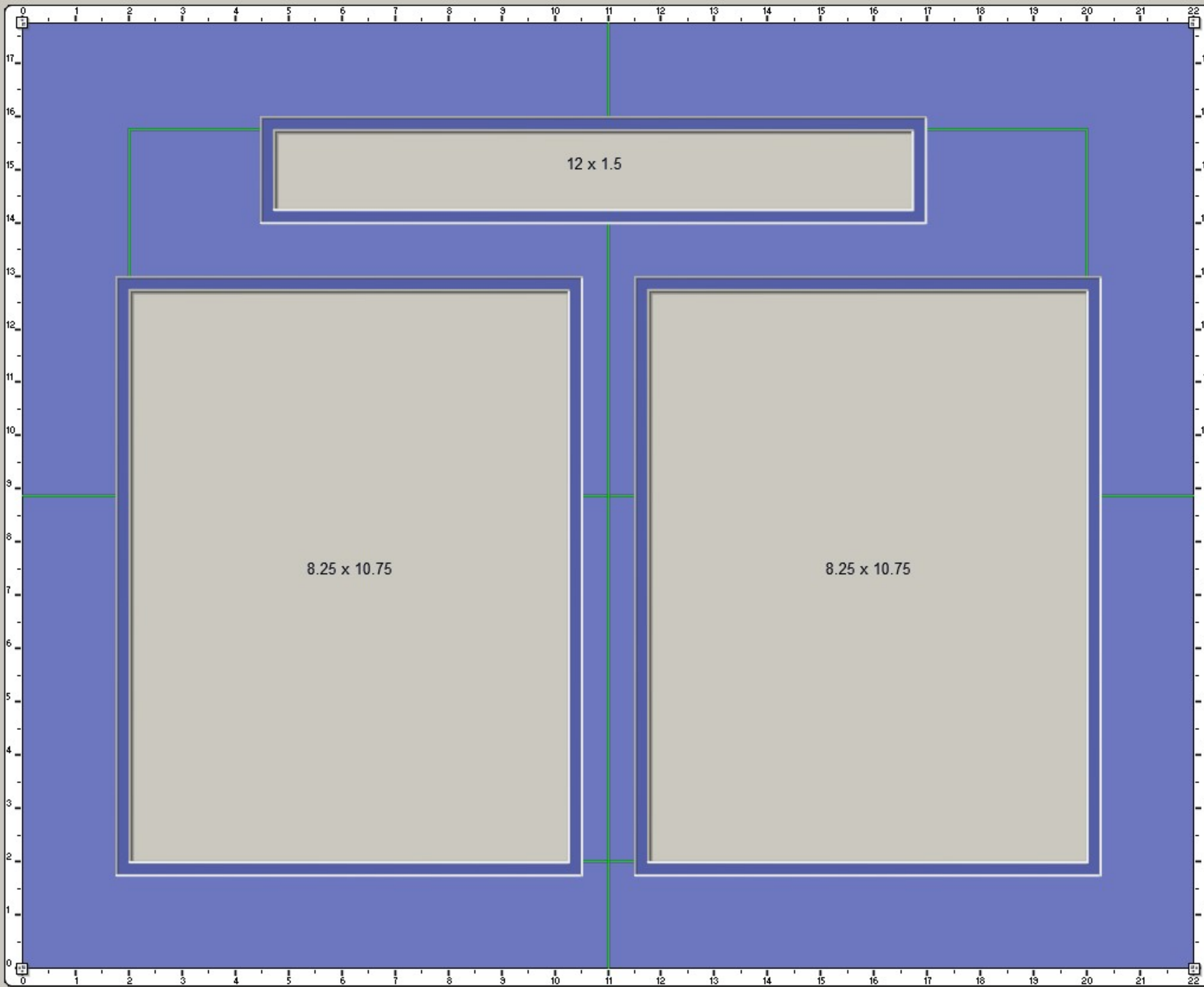
3. Honolulu City Council Bill 7 (2024) – Designating Honolulu as a purple Heart City, recognizes the service and sacrifice of military personnel who have been wounded or killed in combat, raises awareness for veterans' issues, and strengthens community-military relations.
4. 4 OVS Counselors serving veterans from the DKA CBOC.
5. Memorial Day – The parade of Flags will begin at 1:15 and the program will conclude at 2:30. Deadline to respond is Friday, May 24, 2024, by 4:00 p.m. Please call (808) 369-3575.
6. HSVC Construction
 - Admin Bldg walkway - completed
 - Columbarium Parking and Maint Yard Repavement – in progress
 - Maintenance and gutter replacement – in progress
 - Install front perimeter fence – in progress
 - Irrigation design - in progress
7. **Ron's memorialization – Please see attachment.**

COL. RONALD P. HAN JR.

1961 - 2023



Ron Han is the son of a retired Senior Non-Commissioned Officer who served his country in both the United States Navy and the United States Air Force during the Vietnam conflict. Ron received his commission as a second lieutenant through the Air Force Reserve Officers Training Program at the University of Hawaii earning a Bachelor of Science Degree. He completed over 28 years of active-duty service with the Air Force and Hawaii Air National Guard and is a graduate of Squadron Officer School, Air Command and Staff College, Air War College and was selected and completed the Advanced Officers Logistics Course. Ron also deployed with the tanker task force in support of Operation Allied Force in Europe. He commanded two squadrons, a group, and has held major command staff level positions. He advanced to the rank of Colonel on 17 March 2005 and retired on 1 July 2011. He's served as Director, State Office of Veterans Services since 7 November 2011, under the administrations of Governor Neil Abercrombie, Governor David Ige and Governor Josh Green.





COL. RONALD P. HAN JR.
1961-2023

Colonel Ronald P. Han Jr. retired from the United States Air Force on 1 July 2011. In his last duty assignment, he served as the commander of the 154th Maintenance Group in the 154th Wing located at Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam, Hawaii. He was responsible for over 850 maintainers under one classic and two active associate constructs. His Group partnered with active-duty maintainers in the 15th Maintenance Group in managing all aircraft maintenance support valued at over \$2.6 billion for the following weapon systems: F-22 Raptors, C-17 Globe Master III Airlifters, and KC-135 Stratotankers. One of the largest and most diverse Groups in the entire Air National Guard, his maintainers supported both combat and mobility air force missions, enroute tanker maintenance, and alert air sovereignty taskings.

Colonel Han graduated from Iolani School in Honolulu, Hawaii and earned a Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Hawaii.

He received his commission as a second lieutenant through the AF Reserve Officers Training Program at the University of Hawaii and served on active duty for over eight years, entering the Air National Guard in 1992. Col Han has attended Squadron Officer School in-residence and completed Air Command and Staff College and Air War College. He has also attended the Advanced Officers Logistics Course and has deployed with the tanker task force in support of Operation Allied Force. Col Han has commanded two squadrons, a group, and has held major command level positions. He advanced to the rank of colonel on 17 March 2005.

Col Han's career spans more than 28 years and is characterized by his awards and decorations that include the Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster, the Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Air Force Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters, the Air Force Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster, the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with silver oak leaf cluster, the Air Force Organizational Excellence Award with oak leaf cluster, National Defense Service Medal with Bronze Star, Korean Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with Hour Glass, the Hawaii National Guard Medal of Merit, and the Hawaii National Guard Commendation Medal.

He also earned distinction as the 5th Air Forces and Pacific Air Forces Supply Junior Manager of the Year in 1986, selected as the 1989 Air Force Hawaii Military Officer of the Year, and was the 1993 Hawaii National Guard Association Officer of the Year.

Re-appointed by the Governor of the State of Hawaii, the Honorable Josh Green, M.D., on December 4, 2022, as the Director of the State Office of Veterans Services under the Hawaii State Department of Defense, he's also a member of the State Advisory Board on Veterans Services, Board Trustee and the Vice Chair for the Finance Committee for the Hawaii Veterans Memorial Fund, and a member of the University of Hawaii Task Force for Student Veterans.

**Attachment D -
Department of
Defense,
Engineering Office**

Department of Defense
Engineering Office (HIENG)
3949 Diamond Head Road
Honolulu, Hawaii 96816-4495

ENGINEERING REPORT
Advisory Board on Veterans Services
May 03, 2024

I. Veteran Services Projects Funding

Table 1: State Capital Improvement Project (CIP) Funding							
No.	Project Title	FAI No. ²	State Funding Amount ³	State Appropriation (Lapse Date)	VA Grant Amount/Est. VA Share ^{2,4}	VA Status^{1, 2}	FY24 VA Priority ²
1	Molokai Veterans Cemetery, Improvements [25-14-7655]	HI-10-22	\$111,134	Act 164/11 [F-1] (06-30-2018)	\$438,000	P	Non-Conforming, PG-4
2	Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery, Upgrades and Improvements [12-14-7628] [CONSTRUCTION 100% COMPLETE]	HI-13-32	\$0	Act 106/12 [F-1] (06-30-2018)		A	Funded
			\$500,000	Act 122/14 [F-3.02] (6-30-2020)			
			\$1,000,000	Act 40/20 [F-5] (6-30-2026)		A	Funded
				Act 40/20 [F-5] (6-30-2026)	5,901,475	A	Funded
3	Molokai Veterans Center ⁷	N/A	\$4,000,000	Act 124/16 [F-3.01] (06-30-2018)	N/A	N/A	N/A
4	Hawaii State Veterans Home, Oahu [22-14-7679] [CONSTRUCTION ON-GOING]	15-002	\$101,542	Act 122/14 General Fund for Planning (06-30-2015)	N/A	N/A	N/A
			\$2,000,000	Act 122/14 [E-7.02] (06-30-2020)	\$3,500,000	N/A	Funded
			\$25,384,000	Act 119/15 [F-2] Second year of Biennium (FY17)	\$40,358,357		
			\$26,275,000	Act 6/20 [4-F5.1] (6-30-2026)	N/A	N/A	Funded
			N/A	Act 6/20 [4-F5.1] (6-30-2026)	\$3,825,000	N/A	Funded
5	West Hawaii Veterans Cemetery, Expansion and Improvements	HI-20-36	\$500,000	Act 88/21 [F-1] (6-30-2028)	\$2,500,000 \$4,900,000	P	Funded Conforming PG 3, #50
6	Hawaii State Veterans Home, Maui	TBD	\$34,962,188	TBD	\$57,793,561	TBD	TBD
7	Veterans Cemetery Restoration and Improvements, Statewide	TBD	\$1,100,000	Act 164/23 [F-3] (6-30-2030)	\$6,000,000	TBD	TBD
8	Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery Global War on Terrorism Memorial, Oahu	TBD	\$250,000	Act 164/23 [F-4] (6-30-2030)	\$0	N/A	N/A
9	Hoolehua Veterans Cemetery Upgrades and Site Improvements, Molokai	HI-10-22	\$65,000	Act 164/23 [F-5] (6-30-2030)	\$585,000	TBD	PG 4

No.	Project Title	FAI No. ²	State Funding Amount (Contract Amount) ³	State Appropriation (Lapse Date)	VA Grant Amount/Est. VA Share ^{2,4}	VA Status ^{1, 2}	FY23 VA Priority ²
1	Kauai/Hanapepe, Appearance & Improvement (O&M)	HI-10-23	\$770,260	Act 164/11 General Operating Fund (06-30-2012)	\$827,000 \$1,470,000	P	#54, Conforming PG 4
2	Hawaii/Kaneohe, Appearance & Improvement (O&M)	HI-10-24			\$3,093,000	P	Non- Conforming, PG-4
3	East Hawaii 1/Hilo 1, Appearance & Improvement, (O&M)	HI-10-28			\$563,000	P	#53, Conforming, PG-4
4	East Hawaii 2/Hilo 2, Appearance & Improvement, (O&M)	HI-10-29			\$2,830,000	P	Non- Conforming, PG-4
6	Maui Multi-Service Complex [Note: Grant-in-Aid funds may be appropriated in the future for this project.] [DOE unable to support. VA looking for new project site]	N/A	\$80,000	Act 122/14 General Operating Fund (06-30-2015)	\$10,000,000 (for CBOC)	A	N/A

No.	Project Title	FAI No. ²	State Funding Amount ³	State Appropriation (Lapse Date)	VA Grant Amount/Est. VA Share ^{2,4}	VA Status ^{1, 2}	FY21 VA Priority ²
1	West Hawaii Veterans Center	N/A	*	*	*	*	*
2	National Guard Conference Corporation	N/A	\$300,000	Act 248/SLH 2022 (12-30-2023)	N/A	N/A	N/A
3	Hawaii Island Veterans Memorial	N/A	\$90,000	Act 164, SLH 2023	N/A	N/A	N/A
4	442 nd Legacy Center	N/A	\$300,000	Act 164, SLH 2023	N/A	N/A	N/A
*Note: Funding and Phase TBD							

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1	Kauai Veterans Cemetery Pavilion Renovation [County of Kauai is the Expending Agency for this project.]	N/A	\$400,000 ⁵	ACT 119/15 (6-30-2018) Appropriated under the Office of the Governor	N/A	N/A	N/A
		N/A	\$700,000 ⁵	ACT 124/16 (6-30-2018) Appropriated under the Office of the Governor	N/A	N/A	N/A

Notes:

- A** – Approved/funded by VA; **P** – Grant pre-application submitted; pre-approved by VA; project placed on VA Priority List
- N/A** – Not applicable; **TBD** – To be determined. **PG** – Priority Group
- Amount of State Funds that have been appropriated, allotted and programmed for the project.
- Actual grant amount where VA Status is “**A**”; Amount of Federal Funds noted on the VA Priority List where VA Status is “**P**”.
- Pending Governor’s release of funds or submittal of an allotment request by the expending agency.
- “General Fund” = State Operating Funds.
- Error in funding appropriation. State funding amount should be \$400,000 and appropriated in a GIA. Project will be changed from CIP to GIA at the next Legislative session

A. Federal Veterans Affairs (VA) Grants Activities/Correspondence

1. Grant Pre-Applications

- a. Maui Veterans Cemetery (1.588M) - Funded
 - a. Additional Columbarium Units
 - b. Grant Closed.
- b. Kauai Veterans Cemetery (\$6.302M) - Funded
 - a. Expansion project
 - b. Grant Closed.
- c. West Hawaii Veterans Cemetery (\$4.9M) – Pre-application submitted
 - a. Expansion and Improvements
 - i. Listed in FY24 Priority List as Funded Conforming (PG 3), #50
- d. Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery (\$5.901M) – Funded
 - a. Expansion and Improvements
 - i. Construction in progress.
- e. Hawaii State Veterans Home – Maui (~\$35M State, ~\$58M Fed)
 - a. New construction 38%, 62%
 - i. March 30, 2023: Submitted Pre-Application Grant.

B. State Capital Improvement Program

1. Proviso

- a. Due to changes in the VA policy regarding the reimbursement of funds to the States, funds that were appropriated in prior years may not be eligible for 100% federal reimbursement. The Office of Veteran Services (OVS) will include language in future appropriation requests to allow up to 10% of the appropriation to not be required for 100% federal reimbursement.

C. Grant-in-Aid (GIA) Projects [No Updates]

II. Veteran Services Projects

A. Island of Oahu [updated]

- 1. Hawaii State Veterans Home, Oahu [updated]
 - a. April 30, 2024: 99% complete through April 2024.

b. Revised completion date for project is now May 18, 2024.

B. Island of Hawaii [No Updates]

C. County of Kauai [No updates]

D. County of Maui (Maui/Molokai/Lanai) [updated]

1. Hawaii State Veterans Home – Maui (New Project) [updated]

a. March 27, 2024: FIN Chair recommended, “Pass as is” for SB2837 which authorizes Oahu Region Health Care System to oversee operations and management of new Maui home.

b. SB2837: April 25, 2024 - Conference Committee Meeting.

E. Statewide [No updates]

III. Miscellaneous

The DOD Engineering Office (HIENG) is at 67% staffing for the “Engineering” positions within the office. Out of the six (6) engineering positions, there are two (2) vacancies. This will have a significant impact on the department’s ability to provide full-service engineering support on all its projects. Priority will be given to projects that involve health and safety, and projects with funds that are in jeopardy of lapsing at the end of the federal and/or State fiscal years.



SHAO YU L. LEE
MAJOR
Hawaii Army National Guard
Chief Engineering Officer

**Attachment E -
Yukio Okutsu
Veterans Home in
Hilo**

Date: April 25, 2024

From: Liaison, Yukio Okutsu State Veterans Home

To: Chair, Governor's Advisory Board on Veterans' Services

Subj: Monthly Status Report

CENSUS: Census on April 25, 2024 = 56

- January: Admissions = 10 Discharges = 6
- February: Admissions = 6 Discharges = 5
- March: Admissions = 16 Discharges = 7

CMS ANNUAL SURVEY: Our Annual CMS Survey occurred October 24, 2023 through October 30, 2023. CMS Survey findings report received with the following deficiencies; Plan of Correction submitted and accepted. Desk review completed and approved. Survey closed on CMS epoc.

FTAG 625 Notice of Bed Hold Policy Before/Upon Transfer SS: E

FTAG 641 Accuracy of Assessments SS: D

FTAG 656 Develop/Implement Comprehensive Care Plan SS: D

FTAG 657 Care Plan Timing and Revision SS: D

FTAG 686 Treatment/Svcs/Prevent/Heal Pressure Ulcer SS: D

FTAG 689 Free of Accidents/Hazards/Supervision/Devices SS: G Past-Non compliance (No POC Required)

FTAG 759 Free of Medication Error RTS 5% or more SS: D

FTAG 761 Label/Store Drugs & Biologicals SS: D

FTAG 812 Food Procurement Store/Prep/Serve-Sanitary SS: E

FTAG 880 Infection Prevention & Control SS: D

***NOTE: FTAG 689 – No plan of correction required as it was determined as “Past Non- Compliance”.

Overall 5-Star:

January: 2 Stars

February: 2 Stars

March: 4 Stars

VA ANNUAL SURVEY: Our Annual VA Survey was conducted (virtually) on June 20-23, 2023.

1 survey deficiency/tag was identified in our Annual VA Nursing Home Survey. Our final VA POC (Plan of Correction) was accepted and Full Certification received on November 24, 2023.

STAFFING:

- January: Hires= 1 RN (agency) 1 LPN (agency) Turnover = 2 CNA, 1RN
- February: Hires = 1 LPN (agency) 2 RNs Turnover = 1 DA
- March Hires = 3 CNAs, 1 RN UM, 1 SSD, 1 DA, 1 LPN Turnover = 3 CNAs, 1 DA

Our facility **maximum census** remains at **64** as we continue to experience difficulty recruiting nursing staff. We have implemented recruitment incentives which include wage increases for RNs, LPNs and CNAs. We will continue to work on recruiting and retaining both full time and travel nursing staff (RNs and LPNs as we look forward to being able to expand our bed capacity.

QUALITY MEASURES: Our facility is currently focusing on the following quality measures as we currently exceed national averages on **Falls with Injuries** (6.0% vs 3.5%), **Incr ADL Help (L)** (22.9% vs 16.3%). We also continue to closely monitor **Infection Control** measures.

Falls:

January: 6 (Fall Rate 3.47)
February: 6 (Fall Rate 3.71)
March: 9 (Fall Rate 4.67)

- Roll out of new Fall Program was initiated. Regional DON assisting with follow-up in IDT meeting with review of recommendations specific to resident's needs.
- Continue to focus on fall prevention and anticipating resident needs.
- High fall risk residents are positioned in high visibility areas.
- Licensed nurse to continue to notify DON with each fall.
- Continue discussion of falls during Clinical Morning Meeting with IDT members.
- Licensed nurse to initiate fall huddle at time of occurrence.
- Increased staff rounds in high traffic areas and during shift changes.

Infection Control:

Total Infections:

January = 3	CA = 1	IHA = 2
February = 2	CA = 0	IHA = 2
March = 5	CA = 1	IHA = 4

Infections per 1000 resident days:

January: CA= 0.57	IHA = 1.15	Total = 1.73
February: CA= 0	IHA = 1.23	Total = 1.23
March: CA= 0.52	IHA = 2.07	Total = 2.59

COVID Cases:

January:	Residents = 1	Employees = 6	Total = 7
February:	Residents = 1	Employees = 4	Total = 5
March:	Residents = 0	Employees = 0	Total = 0

- We continue to follow CDC and CMS guidelines for COVID-19.
- We also continue utilizing an Infection Control Spotter Checklist for observations of isolation rooms, PPE in halls, handwashing, ABHS, PPE donning and doffing.
- Communicate with DOH regarding new cases and also provide reporting to VA.

Attachment F - Department of Human Services

**STATE OF HAWAI'I
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
(DHS)**

Veterans Services Report

Friday, May 3, 2024



MAUI SURVIVORS
DCMP SUPPORT
CALL 211 TO ACCESS WAITLIST

For Immediate Release

March 14, 2024

**STATE OF HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES LAUNCHES
DISASTER CASE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (DCMP)**

Program will help provide access to specialized support and resources to support recovery of Maui wildfire survivors, builds on interim support.

Survivors interested in DCMP support should call 211 to access the waitlist.





Med-QUEST Division

Med-QUEST Launches Automatic Telephonic Campaign



QUEST Hawai'i



**STAY WELL
STAY COVERED**

UPDATE:

Med-QUEST will be texting
from **45421**

Please be aware of texting scams from other numbers
To contact our service center, call 1-800-316-8005

Med-QUEST will send telephonic messages to members prior to and shortly after their coverage renewal dates. Automated phone calls will be sent through a **dedicated phone number, 808-556-5748**. SMS text messages will be sent through a **dedicated SMS short code, 45421**. These numbers are only being used to facilitate outbound communications and will not accept inbound calls or texts from members. If members have questions, they are encouraged to call Med-QUEST at 1-800-316-8005.

DHS





Med-QUEST Stay Well Stay Covered Seamless Member Renewal Process for Maui County only

UPDATE! Med-QUEST stands in support of our Maui Nui community and has paused all terminations for Maui County residents through the end of May, 2024

If you are already covered by Med-QUEST do not need to take any action at this time. Your coverage will be maintained.





Med-QUEST Hits “PLAY”

Med-QUEST Division

medquest.hawaii.gov/en/members-applicants/already-covered/Stay_Well_Stay_Covered_Toolkit.html



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Human Services Hawaii.gov



State of Hawai'i Department of Human Services

Med-QUEST Division

SEARCH SITE

HOME ABOUT MEMBERS & APPLICANTS PLANS & PROVIDERS RESOURCES FAQ

Home > Members & Applicants > Already Covered > Stay Well Stay Covered Toolkit

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STATE OF HAWAII

QUEST Hawai'i

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

**STAY WELL
STAY COVERED**

Our 3-month pause ended on November 30, 2023 and we have restarted our renewals process. Please be on the lookout for your pink letter in the mail. For details on when you might receive your letter, click [here](#).

Please know that the following applies for all Med-QUEST members statewide:

- Med-QUEST has paused terminations for the remainder of 2023, meaning coverage will continue through at least the end of this year without interruption except for those who voluntarily ask Med-QUEST to end their coverage, those who have moved out of state or those who are deceased.
- If Med-QUEST can successfully renew your eligibility at this time, we will, and a pink letter confirming your renewed coverage will be mailed to you.
- If Med-QUEST is unable to renew your coverage at this time, your renewal date will be pushed out to a new month after this pause.

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REVISED ELIGIBILITY RENEWAL SCHEDULE:

Renewal month listed in the letter you received in March 2023:		Your new Renewal month after the pause:
September 2023	→	December 2023
October 2023	→	January 2024
November 2023	→	February 2024
December 2023	→	March 2024
January 2024	→	April 2024
February 2024	→	May 2024
March 2024	→	June 2024



Med-QUEST Division

Med-QUEST Member Renewal Schedules

FOR MAUI COUNTY* ONLY:

Renewal month listed in the letter you received in March 2023:		Your new Renewal month after the pause:
September 2023	→	April 2024
October 2023	→	April 2024
November 2023	→	May 2024
December 2023	→	May 2024
January 2024	→	June 2024
February 2024	→	June 2024
March 2024	→	June 2024

***All those living in West Maui as of August 2023 will not go through renewal until June 2024**

These revised schedules apply to those Med-QUEST Members who have not gone through their eligibility renewal in 2023.

Please note that if our automated system is able to process your renewal without reaching out to you, you will receive a notice confirming your successful renewal. This may happen prior to the months listed above.



Med-QUEST Division (MQD)

- **Apply Online** at <https://medical.mybenefits.hawaii.gov>
- **Call Med-QUEST Customer Service:**
O'ahu at 808-524-3370, 1-800-316-8005 (toll-free),
TTY users call 1-800-603-1201 (toll-free) or 711
- **Help from a Community Partner**
<https://medquest.hawaii.gov/en/resources/community-partners.html>
- **Fillable PDF Application**
Fill out the application as completely as possible.
 - [DHS 1100 “Application for Health Coverage and Help Paying Costs”](#)
[DHS 1100 Instructions](#)
- [Print the completed application then mail or fax to the Med-QUEST Division Eligibility Office nearest you.](#)



Benefit, Employment & Support Services Division (BESSD)

Maui Relief TANF Program

The Maui Relief TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) Program is designed to provide survivors of the 2023 Maui wildfires who have at least **one** dependent child in their household, with financial support for housing, transportation, utilities and other specific needs.

DHS contracted with Maui Economic Opportunity, (MEO) Inc. to administer the Program. MEO is a nonprofit community action agency with expertise in providing services to families and children on Maui.

The [application](#) is now available online via MEO's website.

For more information:

- Call: (808) 243-4316
- [Email: NRST@meoinc.org](mailto:NRST@meoinc.org)
- Visit Maui Relief TANF Program webpage
<https://www.meoinc.org/maui-relief-tanf-program-online-applications-will-open-friday/>.





Pu'uhonua o Nēnē

A Safe Space of Refuge

Pu'uhonua o Nēnē is a temporary shelter for adults who were houseless prior to the Maui wildfires. The site, managed by Project Vision Hawaii opened on September 29, 2023. It consists of multiple military-grade tents that can house a total of approximately 150 people. Each tent is fully insulated and equipped with cots and other supplies. There are on-site medical facilities, showers, restrooms, and meals. They are offered case management and resource linkage as well as workforce development (stipend payment program) options that can lead to employment.

As of April 24, 2024, **8** veterans are housed.

Benefit, Employment & Support Services Division (BESSD)

In-Person Services

You can receive help with food and/or cash benefits [in-person at most of the Processing Centers and First-To-Work Units.](#)

Office Hours for the locations offering in-person services are from **Monday through Friday (except Holidays), 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

Lobbies are **not** open at the following locations:

- West Hawaii – Kohala, Kamuela-Hamakua, North Kona Offices;
- Maui - Lunalilo Building Office;
- Lanai Office; and
- Oahu – Waikalua Office



Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

[WE HAVE AN ONLINE APPLICATION YOU MAY USE TO APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AND SNAP BENEFITS – CLICK HERE](#)

When you submit your application, you will receive a receipt with your tracking number. This means we have received your application.

[If you are unable to apply online, you may download and print this paper form application – click here](#)

There are several ways to submit your paper form* application:

1. U.S Postal Mail,
2. Drop off, or
3. Fax.

*Paper form – After you download, printed, and completed the application, **sign** the application. Then 1) mail, 2) drop it off at a processing center as noted above, or 3) fax the application.



Child Care Subsidies

The [Child Care Connection Hawaii](#) (CCCH) subsidy program use a sliding fee scale for families meeting the income eligibility requirements.

The subsidy amount varies based on the family's gross monthly income, family size, type and cost of care, and, for CCCH only, the hours of the caretaker's work activity.

The subsidy may not cover the full cost of care. Thus, families may be required to pay for some of the child care costs.

For families with children under the age of 13 years, the CCCH program provides subsidies to help pay for a variety of legal child care settings including: care provided in the child's home, care by relatives or friends in their home, before and after school programs, and preschools. The parent/guardian chooses the child care provider most appropriate for their child. Guidance and materials are provided during the office visit to help make this important choice.



Child Care Connection Hawaii

Oahu-Honolulu 49 S. Hotel St., Suite 301 Honolulu, HI 96813 Ph: (808) 566-2600 Fax: (808) 537-2416 Email: BESSD.CCCH.Honolulu@dhs.hawaii.gov

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Attachment G
Michael Lilly
Maui Representative
Update

Capt. Michael A. Lilly

April 25, 2024

Sadly, June is my last month on the board after two terms.

Status of Bills:

SB3267:

Requires any state-funded facility built on Department of Hawaiian Home Lands land for use by veterans to be managed and operated by veterans or a veteran-run organization. Prohibits the co-management of any veterans' facility or state-funded facility utilized for veterans.

NOT ACTIVE

SB2837/HB2294/HB2793:

Requires the transfer of the Maui State Veterans Home to the Oahu Regional Health Care System and then to the Department of Health, as part of the Oahu Regional Health Care System transfer pursuant to Act 212, Session Laws of Hawai'i 2021.

SB2837:

4/25/2024 S Received notice of appointment of House conferees (Hse. Com. No. 812).
4/23/2024 H House Conferees Appointed: Takenouchi, Nakashima, Kitagawa Co-Chairs; Amato, Garcia.

HB2294:

NOT ACTIVE

1/26/2024 H Referred to HLT, CPC, FIN, referral sheet 3

HB2793:

NOT ACTIVE

2/2/2024 H The committee(s) on HLT recommend(s) that the measure be deferred.

SB2731:

Creates license plates to honor veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan Conflicts.

4/23/2024 S Conference committee meeting to reconvene on 04-24-24 2:50PM;
Conference Room 016.

4/22/2024 S Conference committee meeting scheduled for 04-23-24 2:40PM;
Conference Room 016.

4/19/2024 H Received notice of Senate conferees (Sen. Com. No. 722).

HB2225/SB2095:

Prohibits persons from receiving compensation for advising or assisting with veterans benefits.

NOT MOVING FORWARD

2/14/2024 H Passed Second Reading as amended in HD 1 and referred to the committee(s) on CPC with none voting aye with reservations; none voting no (0) and Representative(s) Matayoshi, Takayama, Todd excused (3).

SB2095:

NOT ACTIVE

1/22/2024 S The committee(s) on HHS/PSM deleted the measure from the public hearing scheduled on 01-24-24 3:00PM; CR 225 & Videoconference.

SB3245:

Exempts qualified (100%) disabled veterans from various annual motor vehicle fees and taxes, including vehicle weight taxes and beautification fees.

NOT ACTIVE

1/29/2024 S Referred to TCA/PSM, WAM.

HB406:

Requires the Department of Health and Oahu Regional Health Care System to develop a strategic plan for the utilization of all Oahu Regional Health Care System facilities and report to the Legislature before the Regular Session of 2024. Extends the deadline to assimilate the Daniel K. Akaka State Veterans Home from the Department of Defense to the Oahu Regional Health Care System to 6/30/2024. Requires the Oahu Regional Health Care System and the Department of Defense to provide a joint progress report to the Legislature regarding construction of, and the hiring of an operator for, the Daniel K. Akaka State Veterans Home. Appropriates funds for the capital improvement project to construct a transitional treatment and housing facility on the Leahi Hospital campus. Effective 6/30/2050. (SD2)

NO UPDATE FROM LAST MONTH

3/25/2024 S Received notice of discharge of all conferees (Hse. Com. No. 457).
3/22/2024 H House Conferee(s) discharged.
3/20/2024 H Received notice of all Senate conferees being discharged (Sen. Com. No. 340).
3/20/2024 S Senate Conferee(s) discharged.
12/11/2023 D Carried over to 2024 Regular Session.

SB3367:

Authorizes the issuance of \$55,000,000 in general obligation bonds for the purpose of assisting the Korean War Foundation, Inc., with the acquisition of land and the planning, design, and construction of a war memorial hall within the Aiea (Rainbow) Bay State Recreation Area.

NOT ACTIVE

1/29/2024 S Referred to WTL/PSM, WAM.

HB622:

Establishes a Prevent Suicide Hawai'i Working Group within the Office of Wellness and Resilience. Requires the working group to focus on preventing suicides in the State, particularly among Native Hawaiians, Pacific Islanders, farmers, youth, LGBTQIA+, veterans, and other populations identified by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as a high-risk population for suicide; implement recommendations in the Prevent Suicide Hawai'i Task Force's interim report; and report to the Legislature before the Regular Session of 2025. Effective 6/30/2050. (SD2)

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