

2014 MILITARY APPRECIATION PACKAGE
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GOLD STAR FAMILY

HB2071 Relating to Gold Star Family Day

[4/7/2014 Act 007]

Designates the last Sunday in September as "Gold Star Family Day". (HB2071 HD1)

VETERANS

HB1770 Relating to Veterans

[4/7/2014 Act 006]

Requires notation of veteran status on state driver's licenses and identification cards if desired by the applicant. Effective October 1, 2014. (HB1770 HD1)

HB1772 Relating to the General Excise Tax [6/26/2014 Act 143]

Exempts from the general excise tax amounts received by a contractor of the Patient-Centered Community Care Program established by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs for costs or advances to third party health care providers. (HB1772 CD1)

HB1564 Relating to Veterans [7/1/2014 Act 197]

Requires the counties to obtain approval from the office of veterans' services prior to any action that may impact the State's

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obligation to establish and maintain veteran's cemeteries. (HB1564 CD1)

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

HB849 Relating to Emergency Management [6/23/2014 Act 111]

Recodifies Hawaii's emergency management statutes by updating the statutes, clarifying the relationship between the state and county emergency management agencies, and delineating the emergency management functions and powers of the Governor and mayors. (HB849 CD1)

SUPPORTING NATIONAL MATTERS

HR17/HCR33 Urging the president of the United States and the Secretary of Defense to allow "flyovers" to honor and recognize Armed Forces Day, Memorial Day, Veterans Day, and the anniversary of Pearl Harbor. (HR17 HD1/HCR33 HD1)

HR18 Expressing the support of the legislature of the State of Hawaii for the Troop Talent Act of 2013. (HR18)

HR19/SCR84 Urging the United States Congress to restore the presumption of a service connection for Agent Orange exposure to United States veterans who served in the waters defined by the combat zone and in the airspace over the combat zone in Vietnam. (HR19/SCR84)

HR22 Urging the president of the United States and the United States Congress to grant veterans benefits to Filipino veterans who fought in World War II but were subsequently denied the benefits to which they were entitled. (HR22)

HR23 Urging Congress and Hawaii's Congressional delegation to support the Veterans Health and Benefits Improvement Act of 2013 and support the recognition as veterans of those who serve in the National Guard. (HR23)

HR30 Recognizing the Korean War Veterans in observance of the 60th Anniversary of the conclusion of the Korean War. (HR30)

HR47/HCR68 Urging the president of the United States and the United States Congress to support the authorization of the issuance of General Obligation bonds for the construction of a long-term care facility for veterans contingent upon the receipt of federal funds. (HR47/HCR68)

HR195 Urging the United States Congress and Department of Veterans Affairs to allow a third party with appropriate documentation to order a government headstone for the unmarked grave of a veteran. (HR195)

HR196 Urging Congress and the United States Department of Veterans Affairs to include within the definition of "Atomic Veterans" the veterans involved in the cleanup of the United States Nuclear Test Site on Lojwa Island from 1977 to 1980 making them eligible to receive compensation and health care benefits from the United States government. (HR196)

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SEXUAL ASSAULT

HR83/SR30/SCR63 Encouraging female members of the United States Senate to reform military investigatory and prosecutorial systems governing sexual assaults. (HR83/SR30/SCR 63)

SCR62 Urging Congress to enact reforms addressing sexual harassment and assault in the United States Armed Forces. (SCR62)

BUDGET

HB1700 Relating to the State Budget [6/24/2014 Act 122]

Adjusts appropriations for fiscal biennium 2013-2015 operating and capital budgets of executive branch agencies and programs. (HB1700 CD1)

Hawaii National Guard Armories. Provides \$12,600,000 for FY2014 and \$3,400,000 for FY2015 for design and construction for improvements and upgrades to National Guard armories to conform to current National Guard Bureau standards and criteria, and to meet unanticipated health, safety, and building code requirements. This project is deemed necessary to qualify for federal aid financing and/or reimbursement.

Kalaeloa Army Aviation Support Facility, Oahu. Provides Appropriates \$30,318,000 for FY2014 and \$901,000 for FY2015 for plans, design, construction and equipment of a new Army Aviation Support Facility at Kalaeloa, Oahu. The facility will be built to National Guard standards and will meet LEED silver level. This project is necessary to qualify for federal and financing and/or reimbursement. This

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Department of Defense Facilities ADA Improvements. Provides \$600,000 for FY2015 for plans, design and construction for modifications to existing Department of Defense Facilities to meet ADA requirements. This project is deemed necessary to qualify for federal aid financing and/or reimbursement.

Department of Defense Facilities Upgrade and Improvements. Provides \$1,000,000 in FY2015 for plans, design, construction and equipment for upgraders, improvements and renovations, to include repair and maintenance and health and safety projects for Department of Defense facilities, statewide.

Civil Air Patrol Headquarters. Provides \$200,000 in FY2015 for construction for the reroofing, structural repair and external painting for Civil Air Patrol Central Headquarters. Appropriates \$200 for FY2015.

Oahu Veterans Center, Oahu. Provides \$2,000,000 in FY2014 and \$265,000 in FY2015 for plans, design and construction for Phase 3 of the Oahu Veterans Center located at Foster Village. This project qualifies as a grant, pursuant to chapter 42F, HRS.

West Hawaii Veterans Center, Hawaii. Provides \$300,000 in FY2014 for plans and design for site selection for a new veterans center in West Hawaii.

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Non-Potable Well for West Hawaii Veterans Cemetery, Hawaii. Provides \$1,610,000 in FY2015 for plans, design and construction for non-potable water well including pumps, piping and appurtenances, water tank and power generation system for west Hawaii Veterans cemetery. This project is deemed necessary to qualify for Federal and financing and/or reimbursement.

Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery Upgrades and Improvements, Oahu. Provides \$6,354,000 in FY2015 for plans, design and construction for upgrades and improvements at Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery to include the construction of double-depth lawn crypts, improvements to the committal shelter, installation of security systems at the administration and maintenance buildings, and upgrade to the irrigation system. This project is deemed necessary and qualify for federal aid and/or reimbursement.

Veterans of Foreign Wars Hawaii, Oahu. Provides \$500,000 in FY2015 for plans, Plans and design for a Veterans of Foreign Wars Center. This project qualifies as a grant, pursuant to chapter 42F, HRS.

Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl harbor, Oahu. Provides \$550,000 in FY2015 for construction for the historic Ford Island Control Tower Complex Restoration. This project qualifies as a grant, pursuant to chapter 42F, HRS.

Hawaii National Guard Youth Challenge Academy Upgrade and Improvements, Keaukaha Military Reservation, Hawaii.

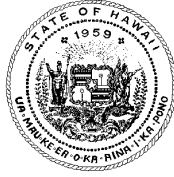
Provides \$5,900,000 in FY2014 and \$2,000,000 in FY2015 for plans, design, construct and equipment for two (2) billets to house cadets of the YCA program on the Island of Hawaii; provide renovation to the existing armory at Keaukaha Military Reservation (KMR) for administration, classrooms, restrooms, storage, multi-purpose/dining area and other miscellaneous facility and infrastructure improvements.

Hawaii National Guard Youth Challenge Academy, Building 32 Repair and Improvements, Kalaeloa, Oahu. Provides \$340,000 in FY2015 for plans, design and construction for repairs and improvements to Building 32.

NDWP-Kapalama Military Reservation Improvements, Honolulu Harbor, Oahu. Provides \$250,000,000 in FY2014 for plans, design and construction for the development of a new container terminal facility and other related improvements. This is a New Day Work Project.

Hawaii Island Veterans Memorial, Hawaii. Provides \$425,000 in FY2015 for construction for a community based outpatient clinic and box culvert. This project qualifies as a grant, pursuant to chapter 42F, HRS.

VA Long-Term Care Facility, Oahu. Provides \$5,500,000 in FY2015 for plans and design for a new VA long-term care facility. This project is deemed necessary to qualify for federal and financing and/or reimbursement.



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HAWAII MEDAL OF HONOR

HB1282 Relating to Military Service

[4/10/13 Act 009]

Expands the scope of eligibility requirements for the Hawaii Medal of Honor to include additional members. (HB1282 HD1)

SCR25 Awarding the Hawaii Medal of Honor to United States military service members with Hawaii connections killed in action while serving in dangerous, volatile, and unstable areas of the world, including Iraq and Afghanistan. (SCR25)

CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR

HCR218/ HR174 Urging the United States Congress to award the Congressional Medal of Honor to John Kuulei Kauhahao, of Honaunau, Hawaii. (HCR218/HR174)

HOMELAND SECURITY

SB680 Relating to Homeland Security

[6/25/13 Act 175]

Enacts a homeland security law to establish a State Office of Homeland Security within the State Department of Defense. Authorizes the establishment of county organizations for homeland security. (SB680 CD1)

HCR224/HR178 Urging the United States Department of Homeland Security to examine and re-evaluate its policies regarding refugee and asylee protections, including the principle of non-refoulement. (HCR224 HD1/HR178 HD1)

HR22 Urging the United States Department of State, the Department of Homeland Security, and the United States Attorney General to ease Visa restrictions for the People's Republic of China. (HR22 HD1)

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HR53 Expressing commitment to the Constitution of the United States (National Defense Authorization Act). (HR53)

VETERANS

HB1381 Relating to Professional and Vocational Licensing

[6/25/13 Act 185]

Limits licensure by endorsement or reciprocity for military spouses to those spouses who are present in the State for at least one year pursuant to military orders. Specifies that a license issued to a military spouse by endorsement or reciprocity shall be valid for the same time period as other similar licenses. Limits the validity of the license to a maximum of five years in the aggregate. (HB1381 CD1)

HB1396 Relating to the Japanese American Experience in Hawaii

[7/9/13 Act 275]

Appropriates funds for the planning and design of the Nisei Veterans Legacy Center, subject to matching funds. Requires a report to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2014. Effective July 1, 2013. (HB1396 CD1)

SB540 Relating to Veterans

[4/24/13 Act 41]

Makes permanent provisions relating to residency requirements for the burial in veterans cemeteries of armed service members and their dependents. (SB540)

HR47 Requesting the State Department of Defense to establish a veteran women services coordinator position within the Office of Veterans Services. (HR47 HD1)

HCR183/HR148 Urging the President of the United States and Congress to support and pass the Filipino Veterans Family Reunification Act of 2013. (HCR183/HR148)

MEMORIALS

SB551 Relating to a Memorial

[6/21/13 Act 139]

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. (SB551 CD1)

HCR130 Urging Congress to support the construction of a memorial commemorating the War in the Pacific at the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center. (HCR130 SD1)

HCR115 /HR86 Requesting 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. (HCR115 HD1/HR86 HD1)

NATIONAL GUARD AND RESERVES

HB527 Relating to Uniform Maintenance

Allowance

[4/11/13 Act 10]

Repeals the uniform maintenance allowance for enlisted personnel of the Hawaii National Guard. Effective July 1, 2013. (HB527 HD1)

HCR81/HR62 Urging the Board of Trustees of the Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund to pay the Tricare reserve select premium for eligible state and county employees who are members of the National Guard and Reserves who decline health insurance coverage through the Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund and instead opt for health insurance coverage through Tricare Reserve Select. (HCR81/HR62)

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CIVIL AIR PATROL

HB1136 HD2 SD1

[6/14/13 Act 122]

Appropriates \$150,000 for fiscal year 2013-2014 to the DOD for the civil air patrol. Effective July 1, 2013. (HB1136 CD1)

EDUCATION

HR72 Urging the various branches of the United States Armed Services in the state of Hawaii, in cooperation with the Military Affairs Council of the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii, to establish a working group to assess the feasibility of a consolidated Military Transition, Immersion, and Education Center. (HR72 HD1)

MEDICAL CARE

SB548 Relating to Telemedicine

[6/25/13 Act 189]

Exempts from licensing requirements in the State any commissioned medical officer or psychologist employed by the U.S. Department of Defense, who is credentialed by Tripler Army Medical Center, while providing direct telemedicine support or services to neighbor island beneficiaries within a Hawaii National Guard armory on the island of Kauai, Hawaii, Molokai, or Maui. (SB548 CD1)

SB933 Relating to the Tricare Program

[6/21/13 Act 164]

Extends for 5 years the general excise tax exclusion for amounts received by a managed care support contractor of the Tricare program for the actual cost or advancement to third-party health care providers pursuant to a contract with the United States. Effective 07/01/2013. (SB933 CD1)

MISCELLANEOUS

SB856 Relating to Holidays

[6/7/13 Act 94]

Establishes January 30 of each year as "Civil Liberties and the Constitution Day" to celebrate, honor, and educate the public about various individuals' commitment to preserving civil liberties. (SB856 HD1)

HCR164 HD1/HR132 Supporting the Aegis Ballistic Missile Defense System and the Ground-Based Midcourse Defense System. (HCR164 HD1/HR132 HD1)

BUDGET

HB200 Relating to the State Budget

[6/18/13 Act 134]

Appropriates positions and funds for the operating and Capital Improvements Program budget of the Executive Branch for fiscal years 2013-2014 and 2014-2015 (HB200 CD1)

Hawaii National Guard Tuition Assistance Program. Provides \$250,000 in FY2013-2014 and \$250,000 in FY2014-2015 to support recruitment and retention by means of reimbursing service members for post-secondary education costs.

Office of Veteran Services. Provides \$43,854 in FY2013-2014 and \$87,708 in FY2014-2015 to support the addition of five additional Veterans Services Counselors to support veterans across the State.

Hawaii National Guard Youth Challenge Academy. Provides \$7,155,669 in FY2013-2014 and \$7,155,669 in FY2014-2015 for operating expenses for the Youth Challenge Academy.

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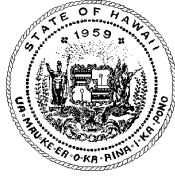
Disaster Warning and Communications Devices, Statewide. Provides \$2,500,000 in FY2013-2014 and \$2,500,000 in FY2014-2015 for plans, land acquisition, design, construction, and equipment for the incremental addition, replacement and upgrade of state civil defense warning and communications equipment.

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Transpacific Landing Stations, Broadband Infrastructure Deployment, Statewide. Provides \$20,000,000 in FY2013-2014 for plans, land acquisition, design, construction, and equipment, for Submarine trans-pacific cable landing stations, infrastructure improvements, and broadband infrastructure deployment improvements.

Amelioration of Physical Disasters. Provides \$500,000 for fiscal year 2013-2014 and the sum of \$500,000 for fiscal year 2014-2015 shall be expended for relief from major disasters pursuant to Section 127-11, Hawaii Revised Statutes.



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HCR35 Awarding the Hawaii Medal of Honor to United States military service members, with Hawaii connections, killed in action while serving in dangerous, volatile, and unstable areas of the world, including Iraq and Afghanistan.

EDUCATION

HB2639 HD2 Relating to Higher Education
[4/9/12 Act 12]

Amends the University of Hawaii college-credit equivalency program to require the award of college credit for service in the United States armed forces. Requires the program to develop a learning assessment to determine eligibility. Effective July 1, 2012.

VOTING

HB461 Relating to the Uniform Military and Overseas Voters Act
[7/5/12 Act 226]

Enacts the Uniform Military and Overseas Voters Act to ensure ability of members of the military and others eligible voters who are overseas to participate in all elections for federal, state, and local offices. Authorizes ballots and balloting materials to be transmitted by facsimile or electronic mail. Makes conforming amendments.

HB1755 Relating to Voter Registration
[7/5/12 Act 225]

Updates voter registration laws, including authorizing the acceptance of electronic applications to register to vote; applies to all primary, special, nonpartisan, and general elections, beginning with the primary election of 2016. Makes an appropriation. Effective July 1, 2012.

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VETERANS

HB1974 Relating to Veterans

[7/9/12 Act 307]

Removes the residency requirements for the burial of members of the armed services and their dependents in veterans cemeteries. Establishes criteria consistent with the United States Department of Veterans Affairs eligibility requirements for burial in a national or state cemetery. Repealed June 30, 2015.

HR13/HCR19 Urging the United States Department of Veterans Affairs and the Hawaii Office of Veterans Services to develop comprehensive programs and services to address the needs of women veterans.

HR87/HCR115 Urging the United States Congress to repeal the mandatory military detention and indefinite detention provisions of the National Defense Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 2012 and amend the Authorization for Use of Force.

HR64 Urging the President and Congress of the United States to adopt the Veterans Remembered Flag.

NATIONAL GUARD AND RESERVES

HR36 Urging the Hawaii Army National Guard to provide emergency transport services by helicopter to individuals from Leeward Oahu and communities in the immediate vicinity who require immediate trauma care.

MISCELLANEOUS

HB2257 Relating to Professional and Vocational Licensing

[7/6/12 Act 247]

Permits licensure by endorsement or licensure by reciprocity in certain situations for a nonresident military spouse. Establishes procedures for a nonresident military spouse to receive a license by endorsement or license by reciprocity. Permits issuance of a temporary license if certain requirements are met. Requires the licensing authority to expedite consideration of the application and issuance of a license by endorsement, license

by reciprocity, or temporary license to a qualified nonresident military spouse.

HB2258 Relating to Professional and Vocational Licensing

[7/6/12 Act 248]

Requires professional and vocational licensing boards to consider relevant military education, training, and service as part of the evaluation process toward the qualifications of a license. Requires the licensing administrator of the professional and vocational licensing division of the department of commerce and consumer affairs to communicate the intent of this Act to each licensing authority and report to the legislature. Repeals June 30, 2022.

HB2409 Relating to Consumer Protection

[7/6/12 Act 249]

Authorizes the director of commerce and consumer affairs to enforce certain federal laws to protect military members and their families from abusive lending practices.

HB2410 Relating to the Military

[4/24/12 Act 65]

Requires the Governor, on behalf of the State, to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the United States Department of Defense to enhance the State's relationship with the military and provide continued support for the military's presence in Hawaii.

SB2678 Relating to Honouliuli

[7/6/12 Act 235]

Requires DLNR to establish a Honouliuli park site project advisory group to develop recommendations to leverage county, state, federal, and private funding for an educational resource center at the Honouliuli site; requires report to 2013 legislature; appropriates \$100,000 for the activities of the advisory group; requires that no funds shall be expended unless matched on a dollar-for-dollar basis by federal, private, or other external funds.

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HR80 Urging Congress to create a separate branch of the United States Armed Forces to combat cyber crimes, cyber warfare, and cyber terrorism.

HR167 Urging the United States House of Representatives Armed Services Committee and Subcommittee on Military Personnel to act favorably on H.R. 2148 and to report the bill to the United States House of Representatives for further action.

SR10 Requesting the support of the repeal of Combat Exclusionary Rules.

SR75 Encouraging the military strategy of forward-basing a visible military force in Hawaii and urging the Military Affairs Council of the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii to continue with its work as the liaison for Hawaii in matters relating to the military's presence in Hawaii.

HB2012 Relating to the State Budget [6/8/12 Act 106]

To adjust and request appropriations for fiscal biennium 2012-2013 funding requirements for operations and capital improvement projects of Executive Branch agencies and programs.

Hawaii National Guard Youth Challenge Academy. Provides \$7,120,563 in FY2012-2013 for operating expenses.

NDWP-Kapalama Military Reservation Improvements, Honolulu Harbor, Oahu. Provides \$50,000 in FY2012-2013 for design and construction for the development of a new container terminal facility and other related improvements. This is a New Day work project.

Veterans Cemetery Improvements, Statewide. Provides \$3,545,000 FY2012-2013 for design and construction for miscellaneous upgrades and improvements to veteran's cemeteries statewide.

Retrofit Public Buildings with Hurricane Protective Measures, Statewide. Provides \$1,650,000 in FY2012-2013 for plans, land acquisition, design, construction and equipment to retrofit public buildings with hurricane protective measures and increase the number of public shelters statewide.

Disaster Warning and Communications Devices, Statewide. Provides \$1,600,000 in FY2012-2013 for plans, land acquisition, design, construction and equipment for the incremental addition, replacement and upgrade of state civil defense warning and communications equipment.

Birkhimer Tunnel and Support Facilities, Health and Safety Requirements, Oahu. Provides \$600,000 in FY2012-2013 for plans, land acquisition, design, construction and equipment for health and safety improvements to the State Emergency Operating Center, Birkhimer Tunnel and support facilities to include American with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance, sprinkler system and additional installation of conduits, removal of overhead utility lines, and other improvements.

Energy Savings Improvements and Renewable Energy Projects, Statewide. Provides \$6,500,00 in FY2012-2013 for design and construction for replacement of energy efficient state of the art building air conditioning systems to replace failing and inefficient equipment. Implement external controls to provide set backs and reduce energy consumption statewide. Design and construct renewable energy technologies to reduce use of fossil fuels and provide clean and reliable energy for high consumption on facilities.

Building 117 Renovation, Kalaeloa, Oahu. Provides \$745,000 in FY2012-2013 for design, construction and equipment for an Army National Guard consolidated facility of permanent steel and masonry type construction, utilities, access road, parking

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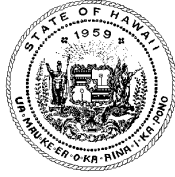
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areas, security fencing, interim renovations and other related work.
29th Infantry Brigade Combat Team Readiness Center. Provides \$33,450,000 in FY2012-2013 for plans, design and construction for the new 29th Brigade Combat Team readiness Center to be built to National Guard Bureau standards and will meet LEED silver usage level requirements.

Minor Military Construction and Renovations at Army Guard Facilities. Provides \$17,000,000 in FY 2012-2013 for plans, design construction and equipment for replacement of existing Hawaii Army National Guard Kalaeloa and RTI campus utilities infrastructure, larger repair projects, and federal energy projects.

Department of Defense Facilities, Infrastructure, and Devices, Statewide (lump sum capital infrastructure projects). Provides \$3,000,000 in FY2012-2013 for plans, design, construction, and equipment for upgrades, improvements and renovations, to include repair and maintenance and health and safety projects for Department of Defense facilities, statewide.

Upgrade and Improvements to National Guard Facilities. Provides \$11,440,000 in FY2012-2013 for design and construction for improvements and upgrades to National Guard armories to conform to current National Guard Bureau standards and criteria, and to meet unanticipated health, safety, and building code requirements.



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HAWAII MEDAL OF HONOR

SCR27 Awarding the Hawaii Medal of Honor to United States military service members, with Hawaii connections, killed in action while serving in dangerous, volatile, and unstable areas of the world, including Iraq and Afghanistan.

GOLD STAR FAMILIES

SB883 Relating to Special Number Plates [5/31/11 Act 70]

Designates a new special design Gold Star Family plate for children, parents, grandparents, spouses, and siblings of fallen soldiers, to be provided no later than October 1, 2011. Effective on approval.

EDUCATION

SB1383 Relating to School Repair and Maintenance [6/21/11 Act 150]

Permits the Hawaii 3R's School Repair and Maintenance Fund to receive moneys

transferred to it from the School-level Minor Repairs and Maintenance Special Fund.

HB4 Relating to the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children [6/3/11 Act 82]

Makes permanent the interstate compact on educational opportunity for military children; deletes provisions relating to the furnishing of unofficial education records; and clarifies military representation on the state council on educational opportunity for military children within BOE. Effective June 30, 2011

NATIONAL GUARD AND RESERVES

HB1107 Relating to the Hawaii National Guard [6/20/11 Act 144]

Authorizes members of the army and air national guard who are qualified by training and authorized by their commanders to use electric guns subject to state law when assisting civil authorities in disaster relief, civil defense, or law enforcement functions.

2011 MILITARY APPRECIATION PACKAGE (Cont.)

HAWAII STATE LEGISLATURE

(UPDATED July 12, 2011)

HR285 Commending the State of Hawaii for winning the 2010 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award.

VETERANS

HR79/HCR86 Urging Congress and the President of the United States to support the Filipino Veterans Family Reunification Act of 2009, or similar legislation, to expedite the reunification for certain Filipino veterans of World War II.

HR142/HCR163 requesting the Governor set aside and transfer sixty acres of land to support the establishment of a West Hawaii multi-purpose and intergenerational veterans center.

HR216/HCR253 Urging the President of the United States and the United States Congress to expedite payments of war benefits to Filipino veterans who fought in World War II but were subsequently denied their entitled benefits.

MISCELLANEOUS

HB49 Relating to Armed Forces Service Members [6/1/11 Act 71]

Recognizes the federally prescribed DD Form 93, or its successor form, as an acceptable method of determining the person authorized to direct disposition of an armed forces service member's remains.

HB1036 Relating to the Federal Tax Qualification Requirements for the Employee's Retirement System [6/9/11 Act 96]

Adopts language, regarding death benefits for ERS members on qualified military service, required to maintain the tax-qualified status of the ERS; and adopts provisions for the commencement of benefits required to maintain the tax qualified status of the ERS.

HB1622 Relating to Historic Preservation [4/25/11 Act 14]

Requires the construction of a state law enforcement memorial in the capitol district, provided private funds are solicited and used for the construction of the memorial.

SB782 Relating to Dangerous Weapons [7/12/11 Act 222]

Prohibits any person from knowingly or intentionally possessing, constructing, setting off, igniting, discharging, or otherwise causing to explode any homemade explosive device. Establishes a violation of this prohibition as a class C felony.

SB1484 Relating to Insurance [4/27/11 Act 21]

Exempts from insurance code, associations (1) Organized before 1880; (2) Whose members are active, retired, or honorably discharged members of the U.S. armed forces or sea services; and (3) whose principal purpose is to provide insurance and other benefits to their members.

HR305 Honoring and commending the United States Navy SEALs for successfully neutralizing the world's most wanted terrorist

HR114/HCR134 Requesting all active, reserve, and guard components of the United States military and the active and reserve components of the United States Coast Guard to make resources available to improve the opportunities for continual care for the domestic animals owned by members of the United States military and United States Coast Guard who are required to deploy or relocate.

2011 MILITARY APPRECIATION PACKAGE (Cont.)

HAWAII STATE LEGISLATURE

(UPDATED July 12, 2011)

HB200 Relating to the State Budget

[6/23/11 Act 164]

To adjust and request appropriations for fiscal biennium 2011-2012 funding requirements for operations and capital improvement projects of Executive Branch agencies and programs.

Hawaii National Guard Youth Challenge Academy. Provides \$7,202,090 in FY2011-2012 and \$7,202,090 in FY2012-2013 shall be expended to carry out the Hawaii National Guard Youth Challenge Academy's mission.

Veterans Cemetery Improvements, Statewide. Provides \$6,762,000 in FY2011-2012 and \$3,035,000 in FY2012-2013 for design and construction for miscellaneous upgrades and improvements to veteran's cemeteries statewide.

Columbaria Niches, Statewide. Provides \$1,200,000 in FY2011-2012 for design and construction for additional columbaria niches statewide.

USS Missouri Memorial Association. Provides \$160,000 in FY2011-2012 for design and construction to replace air conditioning.

American with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Infrastructure Improvements, Statewide. Provides \$1,753,000 in FY2011-2012 for construction for modifications for persons with disabilities and to identify and correct existing deficiencies for the Department of Defense (DOD) facilities.

Birkhimer Tunnel and Support Facilities, Health and Safety Requirements, Oahu. Provides \$543,000 in FY2011-2012 and \$600,000 in FY2012-2013 for plans, land acquisition, design, construction and equipment for health and safety improvements

to the State Emergency Operating Center, Birkhimer Tunnel and support facilities to include American with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance, sprinkler system and additional installation of conduits, removal of overhead utility lines, and other improvements.

Building 117 Renovation. Provides \$41,131,000 in FY2011-2012 and \$745,000 in FY2012-2013 for design, construction and equipment for an Army National Guard consolidated facility of permanent steel and masonry type construction, utilities, access road, parking areas, security fencing, interim renovations and other related work.

29th Infantry Brigade Combat Team Readiness Center. Provides \$450,000 in FY2011-2012 and \$33,450,000 in FY2012-2013 for plans, design and construction for the new 29th Brigade Combat Team readiness Center to be built to National Guard Bureau standards and will meet LEED silver usage level requirements.

Minor Military Construction and Renovations at Army Guard Facilities. Provides \$2,800,000 in FY2011-2012 and \$17,000,000 in FY 2012-2013 for plans, design construction and equipment for replacement of existing Hawaii Army National Guard Kalaeloa and RTI campus utilities infrastructure, larger repair projects, and federal energy projects.

Upgrade and Improvements to National Guard Facilities. Provides \$4,600,000 in FY2011-2012 and \$1,540,000 in FY2011-2012 for design and construction for improvements and upgrades to National Guard armories to conform to current National Guard Bureau standards and criteria, and to meet unanticipated health, safety, and building code requirements.



2010 MILITARY APPRECIATION PACKAGE

HAWAII STATE LEGISLATURE

(Updated: May 10, 2010)

The 2010 Military Appreciation Package was created to support the efforts of our men and women in uniform throughout Hawaii and to make the lives of our service members and their families a bit more bearable during these difficult times.

The pieces of legislation that comprise the Military Appreciation Package address some of the many challenges facing our military personnel and their families, including significant recruitment and retention issues, especially for the National Guard and Reserves.

One of the most unfortunate consequences of war is the loss of our men and women in uniform. The establishment of the Hawaii Medal of Honor in 2005 has allowed the Legislature to recognize military personnel with Hawaii ties killed in action. The Legislature held, for the fifth time, a joint session this past March to honor and award Hawaii's fallen soldiers and their families with the Hawaii Medal of Honor. A total of 268 service members have been honored since March 29, 2003.

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HAWAII MEDAL OF HONOR

HCR3 Awarding the Hawaii Medal of Honor to United States military service members, with Hawaii connections, killed in action while serving in dangerous, volatile, and unstable areas of the world, including Iraq and Afghanistan.

VOTING

HB2397 Relating to Primary Elections **[5/20/10 Act 126]**

Complies with the Federal MOVE (Military and Overseas Voting Empowerment) Act by moving the date of the primary election to the second Saturday of August. Requires nomination papers to be filed not later than 4:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday in June. Effective January 1, 2011.

VETERANS

HB2351 Relating to Veterans

[5/5/10 Act 78]

Requires an applicant for a veteran's license plate to include a copy of the applicant's most recent discharge paper or separation document that indicates an honorable discharge or general (under honorable conditions) discharge from active duty.

SB2139 Relating to Veterans

[4/16/10 Act 27]

Requires the Director of the Office of Veterans' Services to act on behalf of deceased veterans found to be indigent at the time of death and without surviving immediate family members to ensure the burial or cremation and inurnment of the veteran's remains in a state veteran's cemetery.

2010 MILITARY APPRECIATION PACKAGE (Cont.)

HAWAII STATE LEGISLATURE

(Updated: May 10, 2010)

HR30 Urging Congress and the President of the United States to support passage of S. 1337, the Filipino Veterans Family Reunification Act of 2009, or similar legislation, to expedite the reunification for certain Filipino veterans of World War II.

HR82 Urging the President of the United States and the United States Congress to expedite payments of war benefits to Filipino veteran who fought in World War II but were subsequently denied their entitled benefits.

HR105 Requesting the Office of Veterans' Services, assisted by the Department of Accounting and General Services and Department of Defense, to develop a plan to create memorials to the Veterans of the Persian Gulf War and women Veterans of World War II on the grounds of the State Capitol near the Korean and Vietnam War Memorial.

HR200 Requesting the Chief Justice of the Hawaii Supreme Court to convene a committee to identify at which point veterans and active duty military personnel and returning Reservists and National Guard members enter the justice system, and how best to address their needs, including developing a Veterans Court.

NATIONAL GUARD AND RESERVES

HR123 Urging the National Guard Hawaii Youth Challenge Program to consider alternative sites for its program activities on the island of Hawaii.

HR259 Commends the efforts and bravery of the soldiers of the Hawaii Army National Guard and The Hawaii Army Reserves and the Airmen and Airwomen of the Hawaii Air National Guard on their recent deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

SR105 Urging members of Hawaii's Congressional Delegation to support H.R. 208, the National Guardsmen and Reservists

Parity for Patriots Act and S. 644, the National Guard and Reserve Retired Pay Equity Act of 2009.

PEARL HARBOR HISTORIC SITES

HR52 Commemorating the 65th anniversary of the end of World War II and acknowledging the Pearl Harbor Historic Sites Partners for their contributions in preserving the nation's military legacy.

SR77 Designating the Pacific Aviation Museum-Pearl Harbor as the State Museum of Aerospace History.

MISCELLANEOUS

HB1900 Relating to Military Personnel [5/10/10 Act 88]

Recognizes the designations of prisoners of war and missing in action as valid descriptions of casualty status and category classification for military personnel.

HB2061 Relating to Children

[6/25/10 Act 177]

Statutorily establishes a process by which the family court can resolve matters regarding custody and visitation for service members of the United States armed forces, armed forces reserves, and National Guard whose military duties require temporary absences. Effective August 1, 2010.

HB2383 Relating to Flags

[4/20/10 Act 40]

Recognizes and requires the prisoner of war/missing in action flag to be flown with the US and Hawaiian flags on specified days and allows the flag to be flown on other days.

SB2137 Relating to Health Clubs

[4/22/10 Act 45]

Allows military personnel serving on federal active duty or active duty in federal service and deployed or otherwise serving outside of the State to cancel or suspend health club contracts.

2010 MILITARY APPRECIATION PACKAGE (Cont.)

HAWAII STATE LEGISLATURE

(Updated: May 10, 2010)

HR29/HCR70 Recognizing and commending those who provide support to the families of deployed members of the Armed Forces.

HR110/HCR175 Urging the United States Congress to designate the Honors and Remember flag as a national symbol of our nation's concern and commitment to honoring and remembering the lives of all members of the US Armed Forces who have lost their lives in the line of duty.

SR36 Expressing support for repeal of the Don't Ask Don't Tell policy of the United States Armed Services.

HB2200 Relating to the State Budget

To adjust and request appropriations for fiscal biennium 2009-2011 funding requirements for operations and capital improvement projects of Executive Branch agencies and programs.

Disaster Warning and Communication Devices, Statewide. Provides \$2,406,000 in FY2009-2010 and \$1,561,000 in FY2010-2011 for plans. Land acquisition, design, construction and equipment for the upgrade of State Civil Defense warning and communications equipment.

Lump Sum CIP. Veterans Cemetery Improvements, Statewide. Provides \$265,000 in FY2009-2010 and \$1,913,000 in FY2010-2011 for design and construction for miscellaneous upgrade and improvements to veterans cemeteries statewide.

Columbaria Niches, Statewide. Provides \$194,000 in FY2009-2010 and \$961,000 in FY2010-2011 for design and construction for additional columbaria niches statewide.

American with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Infrastructure Improvements, Statewide. Provides \$1,800,000 in FY2009-2010 and \$1,650,000 in FY2010-2011 for design and construction for modifications for persons with disabilities and to identify and correct existing

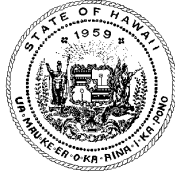
deficiencies for the Department of Defense (DOD) facilities.

Birkhimer Tunnel and Support Facilities, Health and Safety Requirements, Oahu. Provides \$500,000 in FY2009-2010 and \$500,000 in FY2010-2011 for plans, land acquisition, design, construction and equipment for improvements to the State Emergency Operating Center, Birkhimer Tunnel and support facilities to include American with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance, sprinkler system and other improvements.

Hawaii National Guard Youth Challenge Academy. Provides \$3,200,000 in FY2010-2011 shall be expended for the Hawaii National Guard Youth Challenge Academy's mission. Provides \$400,000 in FY2010-2011 shall be expended to establish the second Youth Challenge Academy, provides that no funds shall be made available unless the federal government provides \$1,200,000 for the purpose for which this sum is appropriated.

Mail Distribution Center, Building 175 Remodel, Kalaeloa, Oahu. Provides \$1,100,000 on FY2009-2010 and \$75,000 in FY2010-2011 for construction and equipment to remodel Building 175 Kalaeloa into a mail distribution center for the Hawaii Army National Guard (HIARNG).

Building 19 Restorations, Kalaeloa, Oahu. Provides \$5,400,000 in FY2009-2010 and \$500,000 in FY2010-2011 for design, construction and equipment to restore, repair or renovate Building 19 Kalaeloa, former mess hall at the former Barbers Point Naval Air Station (BPNAS). Project will develop Readiness Center space to include vault, administrative, storage, locker room, classroom, assembly hall, physical training, restrooms and kitchen space for Headquarters Detachment of the Hawaii Army National Guard.



2009 MILITARY APPRECIATION PACKAGE
HAWAII STATE LEGISLATURE
(UPDATED MAY 8, 2009)

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One of the most unfortunate consequences of war is the loss of our men and women in uniform. The establishment of the Hawaii Medal of Honor in 2005 has allowed the Legislature to recognize military personnel with Hawaii ties killed in action. The Legislature held, for the fourth time, a joint session this past March to honor and award Hawaii's fallen soldiers and their families with the Hawaii Medal of Honor. A total of 240 service members have been honored since March 29, 2003.

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EDUCATION

SB1164 Relating to Interstate Compact on Education Opportunity for Military Children

Enacts the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children to remove barriers to educational attainment faced by children of military families due to frequent moves and deployment of parents.

HAWAII MEDAL OF HONOR

SCR2 Awarded 23 Hawaii Medal of Honor to United States military service members with Hawaii connections killed in action while serving in dangerous, volatile and unstable areas of the world including Iraq and Afghanistan.

NATIONAL GUARD AND RESERVES

SB896 Relating to Civil Service Law

Clarifies the position in the Hawaii National Guard sponsored adult educational programs are exempt from civil service requirements.

VETERANS

HB632 Relating to Policy Advisory Board on Veteran's Services

Requires the Governor, in making appointments to the policy advisory board on Veteran's Services, appoint at least three women as members.

2009 MILITARY APPRECIATION PACKAGE (Cont.)

HAWAII STATE LEGISLATURE

(UPDATED MAY 8, 2009)

MISCELLANEOUS

HCR19 Strongly urging the Secretary of Defense and the President of the United States to award Sgt. Rafael Peralta the Medal of Honor.

HB200 Relating to the State Budget

Amends the General Appropriations Act of 2008 that appropriates general, general obligation bond, federal, revenue bond, special and other funds for departmental operating and capital improvements budgets.

Birkhimer Tunnel and Support Facilities, Health and Safety Requirements, Oahu. Provides \$500,000 IN FY09-10 and \$575,000 in FY10-11 for plans, land acquisition, design, construction, and equipment for improvements to the State Emergency Operating Center, Birkhimer Tunnel, and support facilities to include American with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance, sprinkler system, additional installation of conduits, removal of overhead utility lines, and other improvements.

Veterans Cemetery Improvements, Statewide. Provides \$265,000 in FY09-10 and \$1,913,000 in FY10-11 for design and construction for repairs and improvements to veterans cemeteries statewide.

Columbaria Niches, Statewide. Provides \$194,000 in FY09-10 and \$961,000 in FY10-11 for design and construction for additional columbaria niches statewide.

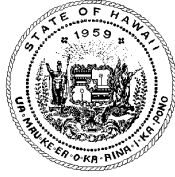
Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Infrastructure Improvements, Statewide. Provides \$900,000 in FY09-10 and

\$825,000 in FY10-11 for design and construction for modifications for persons with disabilities and to identify and correct existing deficiencies for the Department of Defense facilities.

Mail Distribution Center, Building 175 Remodel, Kalaeloa, Oahu. Provides \$825,000 in FY09-10 and \$75,000 in FY10-11 for construction and equipment to remodel Building 175 Kalaeloa into a Mail Distribution Center for the Hawaii Army National Guard (HIARNG). Project will provide space to sort and inspect incoming and outgoing official mail and packages for distribution to/from units of HIARNG. Work to include carpentry, mechanical remodeling, demolition, masonry, and pavements.

Disaster Warning and Communication Devices, Statewide. Provides \$100,000 in FY09-10 and \$100,000 in FY10-11 for plans, land acquisition, design, construction, and equipment for the incremental addition, replacement and upgrade of State Civil Defense warning and communications equipment.

Building 19 Restoration, Kalaeloa, Oahu. Provides \$4,050,000 in FY09-10 and \$375,000 in FY10-11 for design, construction, and equipment to restore, repair or renovate Building 19 Kalaeloa, former Mess Hall at the former Barbers Point Naval Air Station (BPNAS). Project will develop Readiness Center space to include vault, administrative, storage, locker room, classroom, assembly hall, physical training, restrooms, and kitchen space for Headquarters Detachment of the Hawaii Army National Guard.



2008 MILITARY APPRECIATION PACKAGE
HAWAII STATE LEGISLATURE
(LAST UPDATED MAY 1, 2008)

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One of the most unfortunate consequences of war is the loss of our men and women in uniform. The establishment of the Hawaii Medal of Honor in 2005 has allowed the Legislature to recognize military personnel with Hawaii ties killed in action. The Legislature held, for the third time, a joint session this past March to honor and award Hawaii's fallen soldiers and their families with the Hawaii Medal of Honor. A total of 217 servicemembers have been honored since March 29, 2003.

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MOTOR VEHICLES

HB 2605 Relating to the Armed Services

Provides for the exemption of vehicle weight taxes for one noncommercial vehicle per member of the National Guard or Reserves.

SB 3240 Relating to Motor Vehicle Driver's License

Adjusts the length of time a person's license will remain valid based on their age and provides that military personnel whose driver's license has expired while on active duty outside of the country will be authorized to drive for 90 days upon their return to the United States.

EMPLOYEE'S RETIREMENT SYSTEM

SB 3004 Relating to the Employee's Retirement System

Conforms provisions regarding compensation of ERS member on military leave to USERRA. Conforms provisions to comply with federal tax law changes affecting the hybrid plan.

HAWAII MEDAL OF HONOR

HCR 61 Awarded 31 Hawaii Medal of Honors to United States military service members with Hawaii connections killed in action while serving in dangerous, volatile and unstable areas of the world including Iraq and Afghanistan.

EDUCATION

SR 119 Requesting the State Department of Defense to extend the time for eligibility to receive educational benefits for guard servicemembers who have served on active duty.

NATIONAL GUARD AND RESERVES

HR 315 Recognized the Hawaii National Guard for their assistance during natural disasters in Hawaii.

HR 320 Commemorating the proud legacy of service men and women in the United States Army Reserve on the occasion of the 100th Anniversary of the United States Army Reserve.

HR 321 Commemorating the proud legacy of Filipino service men and women in the United States Army Reserve on the occasion of the 100th Anniversary of the United States Army Reserve.

2008 MILITARY APPRECIATION PACKAGE (Cont.)
HAWAII STATE LEGISLATURE
(REVISED MAY 1, 2008)

VETERANS

HR 19 Urging the Congress of the United States to enact legislation to exempt children of Filipino World War II Veterans from immigrant visa limits.

HR 22 Recognizes the courageous contributions and service of the Filipino veterans of World War II.

HR 91 Requesting Congress and the President of the United States to enact the Filipino American Veterans Equity Act of 2007, or similar legislation providing veterans benefits to Filipino veterans who served our nation in World War II.

HR 118 Requesting the Department of Accounting and General Services and the Department of Public Safety to maintain and clean the Korean and Vietnam Memorial on the grounds of the Hawaii State Capitol.

MISCELLANEOUS

HB 2293 Relating to Agriculture

Establishes various provisions and mechanisms to allow the Agribusiness Development Corporation to acquire agricultural lands. Authorizes ADC to acquire specific agricultural lands located on Oahu and owned by the Galbraith Estate.

HB 2500 Relating to the State Budget

Amends the General Appropriations Act of 2007 that appropriates general, general obligation bond, federal, revenue bond, special and other funds for departmental operating and capital improvements budgets.

Galbraith Estate, Oahu. Provides \$13,000,000 for land acquisition to acquire lands currently owned by the George Galbraith Estate in Central Oahu.

Birkhimer Tunnel and Support Facilities, Health and Safety Requirements, Oahu. Provides \$301,000 for and \$700,000 for plans, design and construction for improvements.

Disaster Warning and Communication Devices, Statewide. Provides \$5,100,000 and \$2,600,000 for plans, land acquisition, design, construction, and equipment for the upgrade of civil defense warning and communication equipment.

Keaukaha Joint Military Center, Armed Forces Center, Hilo, Hawaii. Provides \$56,956,000 and \$6,935,000 for design, construction, and equipment to design-build a complex for soldiers, airmen, state employees, veterans and retirees on the Island of Hawaii.

Armory Renovations, Hanapepe, Kauai. Provides \$1,100,000 for design and construction for renovations.

American Red Cross, Hawaii State Chapter, Oahu. Provides \$125,000 for construction for renovation of the Red Cross Headquarters facility.

American Red Cross, Hawaii State Chapter, Oahu. Provides \$200,000 for plans, design and construction for disaster hardening of the Red Cross Headquarters building, generators and flood abatement.

Molokai Veterans Caring For Veterans, Molokai. Provides \$250,000 for design and construction for development of facilities for the caring of veterans.

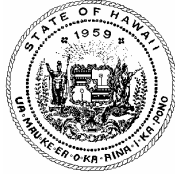
Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery, Oahu. Provides \$300,000 for design and construction for improvements to the Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery. Improvements may include, but may not be limited to, road repair, drainage repair, and slope repair above the columbarium.

Veterans Cemetery Improvements, Statewide. Provides \$200,000 and \$1,000,000 for plans, design and construction for repairs and improvements to veteran cemeteries statewide.

Arizona Memorial Museum Association, Oahu. Provides \$1,000,000 for construction to replace the museum visitor center at the USS Arizona Memorial Park and to centralize visitor entry.

Pacific Aviation Museum – Pearl Harbor, Oahu. Provides \$500,000 for construction for Phase II of the restoration of the historic structures on Ford Island and the construction of museum exhibits within Hangar 79.

USS Missouri Memorial Association, Inc., Oahu. Provides \$250,000 for plans, design and construction for industrial renovation and maintenance support.



2007 MILITARY APPRECIATION PACKAGE
HAWAII STATE LEGISLATURE
(LAST UPDATED MAY 18, 2007)

The 2007 Military Appreciation Package was created to support the efforts of our men and women in uniform throughout Hawaii. The pieces of legislation that comprise the Military Appreciation Package address some of the many challenges facing our military personnel and their families.

The purpose of this package is to show our appreciation for the military and to address significant recruitment and retention issues, especially for the National Guard and Reserves.

The following pages list the bills and resolutions that have passed the Legislature during the 2007 legislative session. (Lead introducers are in parentheses.) The Governor has until June 25, 2007 to notify the Legislature of any bills she may be considering to veto. On July 10, 2007 all bills that are not vetoed will become law.

HAWAII MEDAL OF HONOR
SCR 123

Awarded 66 Hawaii Medal of Honor to United States servicemembers with Hawaii connections killed in action while serving in dangerous, volatile, and unstable areas of the world, including Iraq and Afghanistan. (Hanabusa)

EDUCATION

SB 618 Relating to Education

Directs the Department of Education to establish a program to award veterans high school diplomas to armed services veterans drafted during World War II, Korean conflict, or Vietnam War, as well as to those whose schooling was interrupted due to wartime practices. (Sakamoto)

NATIONAL GUARD AND RESERVES

HB 1063 Relating to the Hawaii National Guard

Appropriates funding to the Department of Defense's Operation About Face Program in order to provide federal temporary assistance to needy families funds. (Evans)

SB 1968 Relating to the Hawaii National Guard

Allows National Guard personnel on state active duty to deposit their paycheck by electronic transfer to their personal banking accounts. (Hanabusa)

HR 91/SR 65

Requesting the United States Congress to support passage of the National Guard Empowerment Act of 2007. (Takai/Inouye)

HR 171

Requesting the United States Department of Defense to allow members of the National Guard and Reserves who are still recovering from illnesses incurred in the line of duty while mobilized for deployment to Iraq or Afghanistan, and who have either been discharged for medical reasons or released from active duty to their reserve component units, to continue to have access to Department of Defense medical facilities on the same basis as active duty service members, or to receive TRICARE coverage on the same basis as retirees. (Shimabukuro)

MEMORIALS AND VETERANS

HB 613 Relating to Veterans

Changes and clarifies the composition of the Policy Advisory Board on Veterans' Services. (Evans)

HB 831 Relating to Veterans Burial Grants

Requires the Office of Veterans' Services, at the request of a survivor or interested party of a deceased World War II Filipino veteran, to make payment directly to a mortuary or crematory for funeral and burial services, and to transport the veteran's remains to the Philippines upon submission of an unpaid invoice. (Magaoay)

SR 18

Requesting Enactment of H.R. 901/S. 4070, "Filipino Family Reunification" or similar legislation that grants the priority issuance of visas to veterans' children with approved immigration petitions. (Inouye)

2007 MILITARY APPRECIATION PACKAGE (Cont.)
HAWAII STATE LEGISLATURE
(REVISED MAY 18, 2007)

SR 19/SCR 39

Requesting Enactment of the Filipino American Veterans Equity Act of 2007 or similar legislation that provides federal veterans benefits and services to the Filipino World War II Veterans. (Inouye/Inouye)

MISCELLANEOUS

HB 500 Relating to the State Budget

Provides for operating and capital improvement appropriations and authorizations for agencies in the Executive Branch for the fiscal biennium 2007-2009. (Say)

Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery, Oahu. Provides \$300,000 for FY 2007-2008 for improvements to the Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery on Oahu, including road repair, drainage repair, and slope repair above the columbarium.

Veterans Cemeteries, Statewide. Provides \$200,000 for FY2007-2008 and \$1,000,000 for FY 2008-2009 for repairs and improvements to veterans cemeteries statewide.

Molokai Veterans Caring for Veterans, Molokai. Provides \$250,000 for FY 2007-2008 for design and construction of facilities for the care of veterans.

Keaukaha Joint Military Center, Armed Forces Reserve Center, Hilo, Hawaii. Provides \$56,956,000 for FY2007-2008 and \$6,935,000 for FY 2008-2009 for design, construction and equipment to design-build a complex for soldiers, airmen, state employees, veterans and retirees on the Island of Hawaii.

Hanapepe Armory, Hanapepe, Kauai. Provides \$1,100,000 for FY 2007-2008 for renovations and miscellaneous aesthetic and operational improvements to the Hanapepe Armory.

Arizona Memorial Museum Association, Oahu. Provides \$1,000,000 in FY 2007-2008 for construction to replace the Museum Visitor Center at the USS Arizona Memorial Park and to centralize visitor entry.

Pacific Aviation Museum- Pearl Harbor, Oahu. Provides \$500,000 in FY 2007-2008 for construction for Phase II of the restoration of the historic structures on Ford Island and the construction of museum exhibits within Hangar 79.

BACKGROUND

The terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 continue to have repercussions today. Thousands of military service members and their families are grappling with the news about upcoming deployments to dangerous, volatile, and unstable areas of the world, such as Iraq and Afghanistan. In addition, many of those who have already completed one tour of duty have been redeployed in what the United States Department of Defense describes as the largest series of troop rotations since World War II. Such a massive mobilization and deployment of U.S. forces has not left Hawaii untouched.

The National Guard and reserve components of our Armed Forces have deployed thousands of soldiers, marines, sailors, and airmen stationed in Hawaii, to Iraq and Afghanistan.

One of the most unfortunate consequences of war is the loss of our men and women in uniform. The establishment of the Hawaii Medal of Honor in 2005 has allowed the Legislature to recognize military personnel with Hawaii ties killed in action. The Legislature held, for the second time, a joint session this past April to honor and award Hawaii's fallen soldiers and their families with the Hawaii Medal of Honor. A total 186 servicemembers have been honored since March 29, 2003.

As a beneficiary of their courageous and dedicated service, the State bears a special responsibility toward United States forces. As the war continues, many more of our soldiers are being sent overseas, with some who are already on their second and third deployment. As a result, it is vital to create appropriate legislation to address some of the many challenges facing our military personnel and their families. The Military Appreciation Package was created in an effort to help make the lives of our soldiers and their families a bit more bearable during these difficult times.



2006 MILITARY APPRECIATION PACKAGE
HAWAII STATE LEGISLATURE
(UPDATED JUNE 23, 2006)

The 2006 Military Appreciation Package was created to support the efforts of our men and women in uniform throughout Hawaii. The pieces of legislation that comprise the Military Appreciation Bill Package address some of the many challenges facing our military personnel and their families.

The following pages list the bills and resolutions that have passed the Legislature during the 2006 legislative session. (Lead introducers are in parentheses.) For more information on these measures, please check out our website at www.capitol.hawaii.gov or contact Vice Speaker Takai at 586-8455.

HAWAII MEDAL OF HONOR

HCR 329

Adopted (3/22/06)

Awarding the Hawaii Medal of Honor to United States Military Service Members with Hawaii Connections Killed in Action while Serving in Dangerous, Volatile, and Unstable Areas of the World, Including Iraq and Afghanistan. (Say)

commissioned officer in the Hawaii national guard, whether army, air, or both. Grandfathers in sitting adjutant general. (Takai, Ito, M. Oshiro, B. Oshiro)

EDUCATION

SB 1648 CD1 – Relating to Tuition Assistance

Act 188 (6/14/06 Gov. Msg. No. 455)

Authorizes the UH board of regents to set tuition fees for members of the Hawaii national guard and reserves at the same level as tuition fees for resident students. (Sakamoto)

**HCR 48 HD1 and HR 34 HD1
Adopted (4/28/06 and 3/30/06,
respectively)**

Requesting that the Federal Government Allow National Guard Members and Military Reservists with Twenty or more Years of Service to Retire with Full Retirement Benefits at Age Fifty-Five. (Takai, Chong, Ito)

MOTOR VEHICLES

HB 1809 CD1 – Relating to Motor Vehicles

Act 221 (6/22/06 Gov. Msg. No. 488)

Allows member of U.S. armed forces on active service outside of Hawaii to renew driver's license within 90 days of the member's return to Hawaii or discharge from hospitalization. (Morita, Chong, Ito, Takai)

**HCR 120 and HR 87
Adopted (4/21/06 and 3/30/06,
respectively)**

Urging the Bush Administration and the United States Congress to Fully Restore the Budget Cuts to the Equipment and Personnel Budget of the Army National and Air National Guard of the United States. (Takai)

HAWAII NATIONAL GUARD AND RESERVES

HB 173 SD1 – Relating to the National Guard

Vetoed by Governor (5/2/06 Gov. Msg. No. 331)

Prohibits a person from being eligible to serve as adjutant general unless the person has had at least 5 years of service as an active

**SCR 147 and SR 92
Adopted (4/25/06 and 4/5/06,
respectively)**

Urging the Congress of the United States to Authorize and Appropriate Funds to Allow All Members of the Armed Forces Reserve Component to Access the TRICARE Program. (Sakamoto)

2006 MILITARY APPRECIATION PACKAGE

HAWAII STATE LEGISLATURE

(UPDATED JUNE 23, 2006)

MEMORIALS & VETERANS

HB1900 CD1 – Relating to the State Budget

Act 160 (6/1/06 Gov. Msg. No. 426 & 690)

Adjusts and requests appropriations for Fiscal Biennium (FB) 2005-07 funding requirements for operations and capital improvement projects (CIP) of Executive Branch agencies and programs.

- 29th Brigade Monument and War Memorial, Oahu. Provides \$350,000 for plans, design and construction for two war memorials. The first memorializing the deployment of the 29th Brigade to Iraq, and the second memorializing all Hawaii soldiers involved with the global war on terrorism.
- Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery, Oahu. Provides \$564,000 for plans, design and construction for repairs to the Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery.
- Oahu Veterans Center, Oahu. Provides \$850,000 for design, construction and equipment for Phase II improvements at the Oahu Veterans Center at Foster Village.
- Nisei Veterans Memorial Center, Education Center, Maui. Provides \$750,000 for construction of education center to house Nisei Veterans Archives and provide classroom space for student seminars.
- 100th Infantry Battalion Veterans Apartment Project, Oahu. Provides \$500,000 for plans, design and construction for renovation and repairs to the 100th Infantry Battalion Veterans Apartment Project.
- Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor, Oahu. Provides \$500,000 for plans, design and construction to develop an aviation museum and national historic site on Ford Island.
- USS Missouri Memorial Association, Inc., Oahu. Provides \$490,000 for construction of ADA compliant access for the USS Missouri Memorial.
- Arizona Memorial Museum Association, Oahu. Provides \$500,000 for plans, design and construction to replace the museum and visitor center at the USS Arizona Memorial.

HB 1879 CD1 – Relating to Veterans Act 121 (5/23/06 Gov. Msg. No. 386 & 651)

Appropriates money for the department of defense to publish the Hawaii veterans' newsletter. (Kawakami, Cabanilla, Chang, Ito, Kahikina, Kanoho, Tanaka)

MISCELLANEOUS

HB1900 CD1 – Relating to the State Budget

Act 160 (6/1/06 Gov. Msg. No. 426 & 690)

Adjusts and requests appropriations for Fiscal Biennium (FB) 2005-07 funding requirements for operations and capital improvement projects (CIP) of Executive Branch agencies and programs.

- Keaukaha Joint Military Center, Hawaii. Provides \$4,000,000 for plans and design for a specially designed complex for soldiers, airmen, veterans, and retirees on the Island of Hawaii. This project will also include an expanded PX, limited commissary and an Office for Veterans Affairs.

HB 2457 SD1 – Relating to the State Plan Act 65 (5/2/06 Gov. Msg. No. 323 & 591)

Clarifies the policy of the State to recognize military presence in Hawaii as an area of important state concern. (M. Oshiro, Finnegan, Herkes, Kanoho, B. Oshiro, Thielen, Tsuji)

HCR 49 HD1 and HR 35 HD1 Adopted (4/21/06 and 4/4/06, respectively).

Requesting the United State Secretary of the Navy to Provide Rent Relief to the USS Bowfin Submarine Museum and Park and USS Missouri Memorial. (Takai, Chong, Ito)



2005 MILITARY APPRECIATION PACKAGE
HAWAII STATE LEGISLATURE
(LAST UPDATED MAY 5, 2005)

The 2005 Military Appreciation Package was created to support the efforts of our men and women in uniform throughout Hawaii. The pieces of legislation that comprise the Military Appreciation Bill Package address some of the many challenges facing our military personnel and their families.

The following pages list the bills and resolutions that have passed the Legislature during the 2005 legislative session. (Lead introducers are in parentheses.)

HAWAII MEDAL OF HONOR

HB 8 – Relating to Military Service. Establishment of and criteria for Hawaii Medal of Honor for military personnel with Hawaii ties who are killed in action since 2003. (Takai)

EDUCATION

HB 115 – Relating to Military Affairs. Requires The University of Hawaii to establish a program to allow readmission to military members who have been deployed. (Ito)

HB 100 – Relating to the State Budget. Provides \$460,000 for each of the next two years for the Hawaii 3Rs Program. (Say)

SCR 70 – Requesting Hawaii's Congressional Delegation to Reevaluate the Department of Defense Enlistment Policy for Homeschoolers. (Sakamoto)

NATIONAL GUARD AND RESERVES

HB 100 – Relating to the State Budget. Provides \$400,000 for each of the next two years to fund the Tuition Assistance Program for eligible members of the Hawaii National Guard. Also, provides \$250,000 for an event to thank our troops for their service. (Say)

HB 115 – Relating to Military Affairs. Authorizes the State to deposit the uniform maintenance allowance into a financial institution account designated by an enlisted member of the national guard. (Ito)

HB 295 – Relating to Professional and Vocational Licensing. Relaxes license restoration requirements for DCCA licensees who are deployed during state or national crisis. (Takai)

SR 104 – Urging the Congress of the United States to Authorize and Appropriate Funds to Allow All Members of the Armed Forces Reserve Component to Access the Tricare Program. (Sakamoto)

HR 228 – Recognizing the Contributions of the Hawaii Chapter of the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve. (Takai)

MEMORIALS AND VETERANS

HB 115 – Relating to Military Affairs. Appropriates \$187,450 for casket liners and to address the soil problems at the Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery. (Ito)

HB 1029 – Making an Appropriation for the Department of Defense. Appropriates \$30,000 for each of the next two years to publish a Hawaii Veterans' newsletter. (Kawakami)

SB 1378 – Relating to the Pearl Harbor Historic Trail. Designates the path from Halawa landing to Waipahu as the Pearl Harbor Historic Trail. (Espero)

HCR 246 – Encouraging the United States Postmaster General to Issue a USS Arizona Memorial Stamp. (Takai)

HCR 249 – Urging Congress to Support Legislation Conferring Veterans' Benefits on Filipino World War II Veterans. (Takai)

(Cont.)

2005 MILITARY APPRECIATION PACKAGE (Cont.)
HAWAII STATE LEGISLATURE
(REVISED MAY 5, 2005)

MEMORIALS AND VETERANS (Cont.)

HB 100 – Relating to the State Budget. Provides for operating and capital improvement appropriations and authorizations for agencies in the Executive Branch for the fiscal biennium 2005-2007. (Say) Provides funding for the following items:

- Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery, Oahu. Provides \$564,000 for construction and repairs.
- Nisei Veterans Memorial Center, Maui. Provides \$1,500,000 for construction for the adult day care facility.
- Arizona Memorial Museum Association, Oahu. Provides \$500,000 for the replacement of the museum and visitor center.
- Oahu Veterans Center, Oahu. Provides \$850,000 for Phase II improvements at the Oahu Veterans Center at Foster Village.
- Keaukaha Joint Military Center, Hawaii. Provides \$4,400,000 for a specially designed complex for soldiers, airmen, veterans, and retirees, including an expanded PX, limited commissary and office for veterans affairs.
- Hilo Medical Center, Hawaii. Provides \$18,228,000 for the construction of a long-term veterans care home.

BACKGROUND

The terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 continue to have repercussions today. Thousands of military service members and their families are grappling with the news about upcoming deployments to dangerous, volatile, and unstable areas of the world, such as Iraq and Afghanistan. In addition, many of those who have already completed one tour of duty face re-deployment in what the United States Department of Defense describes as the largest series of troop rotations since World War II. Such a massive mobilization and deployment of U.S. forces has not left Hawaii untouched.

For example, over a year ago the Army's 25th Infantry Division (Schofield Barracks) sent approximately 5,000 soldiers to Iraq and 5,500 soldiers to Afghanistan. Furthermore, 1,500 troops have subsequently been deployed from the 25th Infantry Division over the past year and a half. The good news is that approximately 10,000 soldiers have returned. The remainder of the 25th Infantry Division is expected to return by the end of June.

Likewise, last September, the Marine Corps (Kaneohe Bay) sent 1,000 Marines from the 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment to Iraq, and an additional 1,000 Marines from the 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment were deployed to Afghanistan.

The National Guard and reserve components of our Armed Forces have deployed thousands of soldiers, Marines, Sailors, and Airmen stationed in Hawaii, to Iraq and Afghanistan.

For example, of the 2,975 soldiers in the Hawaii Army National Guard, more than 2,000 soldiers have been activated. This year 1,983 soldiers from the 29th Brigade Combat Team, 298th Engineer Detachment and the 117th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment are deployed to the Middle East.

The Army Reserves currently has deployed more than 600 soldiers from the 100th Infantry Battalion and 411th Engineering Battalion to the combat zone. The Army Reserves previously deployed 500 soldiers to the combat zone, some of which have not been deactivated yet.

As a beneficiary of their courageous and dedicated service, the State bears a special responsibility toward United States forces. The pieces of legislation that comprise the Military Appreciation Bill Package address some of the many challenges facing our military personnel and their families.



2004 MILITARY APPRECIATION PACKAGE
HAWAII STATE LEGISLATURE
(LAST UPDATED MAY 26, 2004)

The 2004 Military Appreciation Package was created to support the efforts of our men and women in uniform throughout Hawaii. The pieces of legislation that comprise the Military Appreciation Bill Package address some of the many challenges facing our military personnel and their families.

The purpose of this package is to show our appreciation for the military and to address significant recruitment and retention issues, especially for the National Guard and reserves.

The following pages list the bills and resolutions that have passed the Legislature during the 2004 legislative session. (Lead introducers are highlighted.)

TAXES

HB 1904 RELATING TO TAXATION.

Increases the allowable income tax exemption for National Guard members and reservists over a five year period from \$1,750 to \$4,721 per year (increases based on pay received by personnel at an E-5 pay grade for all drill and AT dates) beginning in 2005. (Takai)

SB 2983 RELATING TO CONFORMITY.

Conforms Hawaii's tax law to most of the provisions of the Federal Military Family Tax Relief Act of 2003, such as providing tax relief on base pay for Hawaii residents serving in combat zone, extensions of tax filing deadlines and numerous other family benefits. (Bunda)

EDUCATION

HB 1800 RELATING TO THE STATE

BUDGET. Provides \$400,000 in general funds for the Hawaii 3Rs Program. Provides \$400,000 for the Tuition Assistance Program for eligible enlisted and commission members of the Hawaii National Guard. (Say)

HB 1908 RELATING TO EDUCATION.

Allows the Department of Education to use up to \$100,000 in federal impact aid for the establishment of a military liaison position

within the Department of Education and to provide funding for the Joint Venture Education Forum. (Takai)

HB 1929 RELATING TO SCHOOL REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE. Codifies a coordinator position for the Hawaii 3R's program within the department of education; makes conforming amendments. (Takumi)

HR 63/SR 47. Requesting the superintendent of education to establish a task force to address problems faced by military impacted schools. (Takai/Sakamoto)

HR 163. Urging the President and Congress to fully fund the Impact Aid Law and to request the Federal Department of Defense and the Federal Department of Education to find the means of rectifying the shortfall in impact aid due to the State of Hawaii (Takai).

ECONOMIC

HB 2662 RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. Allows loans for businesses threatened by military base realignments and closures. Appropriates funds. (M. Oshiro)

SR 23/SCR 52. Urging the support of deployed Hawaii National Guard and military reservists through economic relief measures. (Kawamoto)



2004 MILITARY APPRECIATION PACKAGE
HAWAII STATE LEGISLATURE
(LAST UPDATED MAY 26, 2004)

BACKGROUND

The terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, continue to have repercussions today. Thousands of military service members and their families are grappling with deployed family members and the news about upcoming deployments to dangerous, volatile, and unstable areas of the world, such as Iraq and Afghanistan. In addition, many of those who have already completed one tour of duty face re-deployment in what the United States Department of Defense describes as the largest series of troop rotations since World War II. For instance, around 85,000 regular, United States reserves, and National Guard troops have been deployed to Iraq. Such a massive mobilization and deployment of U.S. forces has not left Hawaii untouched.

Recently, 4,500 soldiers from the 25th infantry division (light) based at Schofield Barracks have been deployed to Iraq and 3,500 soldiers from the 25th have deployed to Afghanistan. Each of the missions will last at least twelve months – twice as long as previous deployments.

The assigned strength of the Hawaii National Guard stands at approximately 5,500. Since September 11, 2001, more than 1,200 National Guard members have been activated, though not necessarily deployed overseas.

There are currently more than 300 Hawaii Army National Guard soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan. Since August 2003, approximately 55 soldiers from Company B, 193rd Aviation (Forward I) have been in Afghanistan serving in Operation Enduring Freedom. They will be returning shortly.

Replacing Forward I is approximately 60 Army National Guard soldiers from Company B, 193rd Aviation (Forward II).

Recently, approximately 200 soldiers from Company C, 193rd Aviation went to Iraq (north of Baghdad) to serve in Operation Iraqi Freedom. They will return in April 2005.

More than 300 National Guard members have also served in Operation Noble Eagle. These local residents have served their country by providing security at military bases, airports and other been deployed to areas like Iraq and Afghanistan.

Around 2,500 Army reservists are based in Hawaii. About 600 of the reservists with the 411th engineer battalion have been mobilized for duty in Iraq. It is the first deployment for the 540-soldier battalion since World War II.

Many additional guardsmen and United States reserve troops are presently serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. Nationwide, there are approximately 200,000 reservists, about 60,000 of who have been called up to serve in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Even beyond the sheer numbers, however, the effects of the call-up of National Guard and reserve forces are substantial. Although national guardsmen and reservists recognize their duty and are willing to serve their nation, the disruption to their personal and professional lives cannot be denied. Individuals from all walks of life – from college students and engineers to physicians and public servants – are plucked from their daily routines and sent overseas under hostile conditions.

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