

# JETAVAII ETERAI Lawelawe i nā koa kahiko me ka ha'aheo: "Serving veterans with pride"

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### State salutes WWII vets and war volunteers

By Deborah M.S. Murray

The beat and rhythm of the 1940s was in fullswing when the State of Hawaii took time to honor World War II veterans

Sept. 1, as well as those individuals who contributed to the war on the homefront.

For "Hawai'i Remembers" the Waikiki Shell was transformed into Hangar No. 1 where a USO show was staged complete with musicians, singers, actors, and a special guest appearance from legendary entertainer Bob Hope.

The Hawaii National Guard's 111th Army Band, directed by Chief Warrant Officer Gerald T. Nichols, headlined the show playing 40s stage music. Individuals who arrived at the performance early were entertained by strolling a capella groups: the Tiki Tones, Castaways and Tradewinds. The audience was also wowed by the Sounds of Aloha and the Honolulu Gleemen.

Excitement and the spirit of patriotism were in the air. Gaylord Mercer, a.k.a. "Uncle Sam," was even on hand to lead the Pledge of Allegiance with Mia Evaimalo. "Uncle Sam" was famous in the 40s for his military recruitment and war bond campaigns. Patriotic numbers such as Al Harrington performing his rendition of John Wayne's "America, and Why I Love Her" and the 111th Army Band Chorus' rendition of "Sea to Shining Sea" received standing ovations from the audience.

The show was hosted by Gov. Benjamin J. Cayetano and sponsored by the State of Hawaii, Department of Defense, under the direction of Maj. Gen. Edward V. Richardson.

"Today as we celebrate the end of the war... we all remember what a vital role the Pacific campaign in Hawaii played, as a military training center, as a shipyard repairing damaged ships and as headquarters for top Pacific command," said Cayetano.

"It is fitting that our remembrance focuses on those who sacrificed their lives for the cause of peace. It is also fitting that we remember those who came home," Cayetano said when addressing the crowd of approximately 8,000 that attended the event.

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Sgt. 1st Class Wayne T. Iha

THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES-Bob Hope and his wife Dolores entertain the crowd of 8,000 individuals attending the State of Hawaii's tribute to World War II veterans and homefront volunteers.

# Office of Veterans Services

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# A tribute to the unsung heroes

From the Director Robert C. Viduya

Only a few weeks ago, our nation joined Hawaii in commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the end of World War II. Many words were written and spoken for posterity about the sacrifices and dedication of our WWII veterans, their families, and the commitment and contribution of our home front workers. Appropriate honors were rendered to all of our WWII veterans, and many were singled out for distinguished acts of courage and heroism . . . and deservedly so. We also extended our gratitude on behalf of a grateful nation, to all veterans from all wars and conflicts.

The events of the 50th Anniversary of WWII commemorative celebrations are history now, but the sense of service, and love of country by our veterans and their families will not soon be forgotten. For veterans, it was a time to reaffirm the belief that it takes unity and teamwork to accomplish a common purpose, both in war and in peace. Many of the WWII veterans I spoke with said they had never felt so honored and elated as they did during the various commemorative events. They described it as an experience they and their families will cherish the rest of their lives. Thank you fellow veterans for making it all possible.

Hawaii bore more than its share of sacrifices. And the heroes were numerous, both on the front lines of combat and on the homefront, in support of the war effort. But, in this edition, I would

like to speak about a different type of "hero." I refer to the unsung heroes, veterans and their families, who donate time and energy to helping other veterans in our community. Let me cite just a few examples of what I am speaking about. I speak of the many veterans organizations whose members volunteer to maintain and clean-up the Korean-Vietnam Memorials on the grounds of our state capitol. I speak also of those veterans who faithfully help at the neighbor island Office of Veterans Services branch offices. They assist by answering telephones, disseminating information to veterans, and performing numerous other administrative duties essential to our neighbor island operations. Other veterans groups volunteer

to organize and operate telephone banks to reach out to veterans in Hawaii and on the mainland. I am aware also of a veteran organization that provides lunches and a meeting place to help many economically-disadvantaged veterans.

The list is long and the contributions by veterans are many. These are just a few examples of what veterans are doing to take care of their own. They volunteer, not to seek public recognition, but because they believe it is the right thing to do.

Because of funding restrictions now and in the near future, the Office of Veterans Services will continue to solicit the help and support of veterans organizations to help us accomplish our mission. Since 1993, our records show that veterans and student helpers have donated more than 14,000 hours of their time. We estimate that this has resulted in more than a \$100,000 savings to the state budget.

While the challenges we face are many, we will continue to collaborate with other state agencies to seek innovative ways to get the job done. Despite our dwindling resources, we are confident that we can depend on our unsung heroes to help us get the job done. Thus, we will be able to continue providing service, trust and confidence as the principal advocate for Hawaii's veterans. With your help, we will make it happen.

### Nov. 5-11 designated Women Veterans Recognition Week

The Honolulu Veterans Affairs Medical & Regional Office Center is committed to the needs of women veterans. In honor of National Women Veterans Recognition week, Nov. 5-11, the VA's Women Veterans Committee will host a number of activities.

Plans include an historical display of women in the military, presentations by key VA staff.

The VA clinic provides a number of health services to women veterans. Available services include evaluation and treatment of gynecological problems, information of eating healthy and women support groups. In addition, mental health and sexual trauma counseling can be obtained at the clinic.

For additional information about recognition week events or the programs offered to women veterans, contact Janis Cruce, 566-1600 or Ann Fisher (Vet Center) at 566-1764.

#### Basic training during world War II remembered

# Nisei veterans return to Camp Shelby

By Sgt. 1st. Class Wayne T. Iha

After leaving Mississippi for the battlefields of Europe and the Pacific more than fifty years ago, Japanese-American Veteransofthe 442nd Regimental Combatteam returned to where it all began.

More than 400 World War II Veterans and their families returned to Camp Shelby, Miss., June 16-18, for a homecoming celebration.

The Camp Shelby reunion was an opportunity for the nisei soldiers to unite with old friends and revisit the place where they trained to become one of the most decorated units of its size and length of service in the history of the United States

Camp Shelby is currently a Mississippi National Guard training site. It is located ten miles south of Hattiesburg and about 100 miles north of New Orleans, La.

The nisei veterans returned to a hero's welcome and were graciously welcomed by the Hattiesburg community. Festivities included a Southern-style picnic, parade, and a monument dedication in honor of the 442nd veterans.

"We truly are grateful for what they did in World War II," said Brig Gen. Alven Hopkins, the assistant adjutant general of Mississippi.

Under a clear sky, the veterans proudly followed by the motto of the 442nd RCT, "Go for Broke," (an old gambling term for going all out or shooting the works) banner as they walked the half-mile route from the assembly area to Memorial Lane where the dedication ceremony was held. The tunes for the march were played by the Hawaii Army National Guard's 111th Army Band. The band added an Hawaiian flavor to the event by playing Hawaiian and big band music for reunion events.

The highlight of the reunion occurred when Hawaii Senator



DEJA VUs---Seiji Oshiro, of Huntington Beach, Calif., (originally of Waipahu) reenacts the capture of German soldiers at the 442nd Regimental Combat Team reunion.

Daniel Inouye and Mississippi Senator Thad Cochran unveiled the monument dedicated to the 100th Battalion, 442nd RCT, the Military Intelligence Service (MIS) and the 171st Infantry Battalion; nisei units which trained at Camp Shelby. Inscribed at the top was the 442nd RCT's motto. On the other side of the monument are the words made famous by President Harry S. Truman when referring to the nisei soldiers: "You fought not only the enemy. You fought prejudice and won."

Besides Sen. Inouye, other speakers were retired Lt. Gen. Allen Ono, a vice president with American Savings Bank, and retired Maj. Gen. James Mukoyama Jr., who serves as president of the U.S. Army Reserve Association.

Pierre Moulin, a businessman from Bruyeres, France, placed a wreath on behalf of the town liberated by the 442nd in October 1944. He paid special tribute to the nisei, thanking them for saving the town where his father was a city official.

The moving tribute ended with a fly over by vintage World War II era aircraft in a missing man formation.

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The audience received a treat when Bob Hope and his wife, Dolores, were ushered on stage. He was dressed in a loud Aloha shirt with purple, red and yellow flowers.

"I hope you like this little thing," he said pointing to his shirt. "You should see the underwear, it's on fire."

Gov. Cayetano presented the performer with a collection of WWII collector's coins. while Lt. Gov. Mazie Hirono placed a lei around his neck and kissed him on both cheeks.

Hope, 92, proved that he could still deliver one-liners. When the master of ceremonies, retired 1st Sgt. Ronald E.

Bright, handed him another microphone. he quipped, "Does this one go to the same place."

Mrs. Hope gave the crowd an additional treat when she sang, "The more I see you."

The show honored wartime workers with WWII vignettes acted out by local personalities.

Radio personality Frank B. Shaner played the part of a Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard Worker, spoke in heavy local pidgin and gave the audience a historic overview of what it was like to work shipyard after the Dec. 7th bombing. Keoki Kerr, a reporter with KITV-Channel 4. portrayed a National Guard Veteran; Patricia Lei Murray, a former Miss Hawaii, played the part of a Women's Air Raid Defense Service member (WARD); Ben Tamashiro, who is famous for his role as "Harry" in Bank of Hawaii commercials, recounted his personal experiences as a Nisei soldier in the 100th Battalion, Karen Meyer, a local thespian, acted-out experiences common to many USO workers during the war years.

The evening concluded with a chickenskin (goose-pimple) rendition of "Let There Be Peace on Earth" lead by Ms. Murray and joined by the Hawaii Guard and guest choral groups. The audience also joined in song to complete the musical salute.

# President Clinton joins F V-J Day Pacific-style cele

By Capt. Curtis H. Matsushige and Sgt. Frank Cho **Joint Services** Review held at Wheeler Army **Airfield** 

Commander in Chief William J. Clinton inspected a formation of more that 7,000 soldiers,

PLAQUE DEDICA-TION -- Maj. Gen. Edward V. Richardson, state adjutant general, places a wreath on the plaque dedicated in honor of fallen National Guard soldiers who died in

various wars.

sailors, airmen and Marines during the Joint Services Review held at Wheeler Army Airfield, Sept. 1. This event kicked off the celebrations and ceremonies commemorating the 50th anniversary of V-J day, the end of World War II.

The service members represented the U.S. military presence in Hawaii and the Pacific Theater.

Honored guests were Gov. Benjamin J. Cayetano; Secretary of Defense William Perry; Gen. John M. Shalikashvili, Joint Chiefs of Staff chair; Adm. Richard A. Macke, commander in chief of U.S. forces in the Pacific; Lt. Gen. Edward Baca, chief of the National Guard Bureau; Maj. Gen. Edward V. Richardson, state adjutant general, along with adjutants general from 26 different states (who's units served in the South Pacific During WWII) and

numerous Medal of Honor recipients.

A special guest on the platform with the President was Bob Hope, affectionately known as Mr. US0.

About 15,000 veterans and spectators were entertained by the U.S. Coast Guard precision drill team and the Army's Golden Knights.

The official pass-in-review ceremony featured the president, accompanied by Adm. Macke, inspecting the troops in formation.

Staff Sgt.Delmar F. Galicinao

NAVAJO CODE TALKERS--Lt. Gen. Edward Baca chats with two members of the famed U.S. Marine Corps unit. The code talkers were in town participating in

events.

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WWII 50th Anniversary



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Guard director; Brig. Gen. Paul A. Weaver Jr., Air National Guard deputy director, 26 state adjutants general, escort staff and veterans.

The National Memorial Service started after eighty-two wreaths were layed at the steps of Punchbowl, Sept. 2. Wreath laying was followed by remarks by Jesse Brown, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs; Gen. Shalikashvili; retired Gen. Louis H. Wilson, 26th Commandant of the Marine Corps; and the President's keynote address.

Missing-man formations were flown by Hawaii Air National Guard F-15s at both the NGAUS dedication, Sept.1, and the Punchbowl service, Sept. 2.

Parade salutes WWII Veterans

World War II veterans from around the country gathered here Saturday, Sept. 2, to

march through Honolulu, 50 years to the day after the end of the war.

The one hour delay under the sunny Hawaiian skies didn't appear to discourage the veterans nor the eagerly awaiting thousands of parade viewers.

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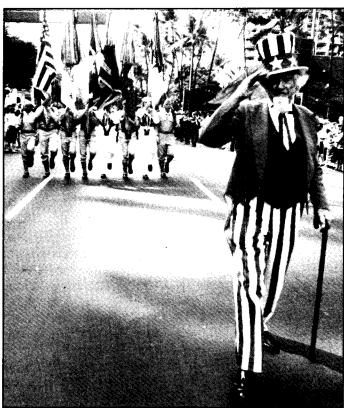
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When Nosaka was wounded in Italy, he was sent to a hospital in North Africa.

"In this hospital they had one ward for black soldiers and another for white soldiers," Nosaka explained. "They didn't know which one to put me in since I am neither black nor white."

The doctors huddled together and decided he should go into the ward with the white soldiers. Like most other things, Nosaka took it in stride.

"I have no ill feelings against anyone," Nosaka said. "I was just happy to make it home alive."

Later, a stirring rendition of "Hail to the Chief' by the Hawaii Army National Guard's 111th Band and the firing by a Hawaii Army National Guard 1st Battalion, 487th Field Artillery 105mm howitzer, signaled the starting of the parade at 3:25 p.m. Former American Samoa governor and former member Hawaii Guard Peter T. Coleman pulled the gun's lanyard.

For the next two hours, soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines marched or rode down Kalakaua Avenue to the beat of drum cadences and a cheering U.S. flag waving crowd. The mood was punctuated by the impressive roar of military aircraft overhead.

The largest veterans contingents included the 100th Battalion, Filipino veterans, and the 25th Infantry Division veterans.

Comedian Bob Hope, who rode in a vintage Jaguar convertible, also received loud and thunderous applause from the crowd as he passed by. Towards the end of the route an enthusiastic crowd surrounded his car to shake his hand. Maxene Andrews of the famous Andrews Sisters singing group and Hawaii's 442nd veteran Senator Daniel K. Inouye, also parade grand marshalls, were greeted with thunderous applause as they passed through Waikiki's crowded streets.

Three trolleys filled with Japanese-American veterans of the war received a standing ovation from President Clinton as they passed his reviewing stand on the corners of Kalakaua Avenue and Ala Moana Boulevard.

The 118 unit parade ended at Kapiolani Park.



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#### **Department of Veterans Affairs**

I was a Merchant Marine during World War II. Am I eligible to receive medical care at a Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) hospital?

Those Merchant Marine seamen whose World War II service qualifies them for veterans' benefits may apply for medical care at a VA medical center. They must present a discharge certificate, and federal form DD 214 when applying. VA regional offices can provide information on obtaining a discharge certificate.

#### My address has changed. How should I notify the Veterans Administration?

You should notify the VA in writing, in person or by telephone (1-800-827-1000) of any change in address as soon as possible to avoid interruption or delay in receipt of benefit checks and important correspondence from VA regarding your claim.

#### Do I have to pay interest on a loan on my life insurance policy? If so, at what rate?

Yes, you have to pay interest on these loans. The interest rate on policy loans can change from year to year. It currently is at 5 percent, where it will remain until at least Sept. 30, 1995.

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

### Vet news

#### VA offering flu shots

In preparation of flu season, the Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic will be offering flu shots.

Veterans can be vaccinated at VA facilities on Oahu, Kauai and Maui on Nov. 4, between 8 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Shots will be offered on the Big Island Nov. 7-8, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Primary Care Clinic.

### Vietnam veteran volunteers needed for scientific study

Vietnam combat veterans are needed to participate in a study assessing symptoms of post-traumatic stress.

The study is being conducted by the Pacific Center for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder of the Department of Veterans Affairs, located in the First Hawaiian Tower, 1132 Bishop Street (3rd floor, suite 307). Dr. Edward Kubany is the principal investigator of the study.

Participants must be Vietnam in-country veterans with at least minimal combat exposure, belong to one of the following ethnic groups: Caucasian, Filipino, Japanese or Native Hawaiian.

Veterans will be paid for participating.

For more information, call Nona Kay, Julie Owens, or Aaron Kaplan at 566-1650. You may also leave an answering machine message for Dr. Kubany at 735-0896.

Maui veterans should contact the local Office of Veterans Services at 243-5590, for information about how to participate in the study.

# Pamphlet available on claims appeal process

The Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) has published a pamphlet which outlines the process for appealing decisions on benefits claims.

"In keeping with our goal to provide the very best customer services possible, we have developed this much needed and easy-to-understand guide to the VA appeals process," said DVA Secretary Jesse Brown.

The 40-page brochure, entitled "Understanding the Appeal Process," answers some of the most commonly asked ques-

tions and lists what veterans should and should not do when filing an appeal. Legal citations are provided for lawyers and others who want to read governing law and regulations. Appellants in nearly 90 percent of appeals to the Board of Veterans Appeals (BVA) are represented by veterans service organizations.

The pamphlet is available at all VA regional offices and medical facilities and at BVA. Veterans can call the regional office nearest them at 1-800-827-1000 or BVA at (202) 565-5436. Those filing new appeals will receive a copy when their cases are placed on the BVA docket.

## VA Medical center provides added option

Veterans Affairs medical centers for the first time may be eligible to provide health care to Department of Defense beneficiaries under an agreement recently signed by Kenneth W. Kizer, the VA under secretary for health, and Stephen C. Joseph, DOD assistant secretary of defense for health affairs, according to VA officials.

The agreement means VA medical Centers can be reimbursed for health care provided to civilian health and medical program of the uniformed services beneficiaries under DOD's Tricare program. Tricare is expected to be fully implemented nationwide by May 1997.

"This agreement gives Champus beneficiaries another option for their healthcare needs and is also symbolic of an evolving and enriching relationship between VA and DOD. We will continue to strengthen existing sharing agreements and explore new ways to work together to expand resource-sharing, research, joint planning and other programs to improve care to both departments' beneficiaries."

The agreement makes VA Medical Centers eligible to apply through DOD's managed care support contractors to become tricare providers. Beneficiaries can continue to use military treatment facilities and private-sector providers, or those who prefer care from a VA Medical Center can choose a Tricare-approved VA provider. The cost to beneficiaries will be the same as for a private-sector provider. This new healthcare initiative will be phased in over the next two years, VA officials said.



When the Korean War Veterans Memorial was dedicated in Washington, D.C., July 25-27, a number of Korean War Veterans from Hawaii made the long trip East to witness the event.

Among them was Alfred "Freddy" Los Banos who represented Hawaii at the memorial's dedication ceremony July 27, 1995.

Los Banos was appointed to represent Hawaii by Gov. Benjamin J. Cayetano who stated, "I'm pleased to have Mr. Los Banos representing Hawaii--and especially, our state's Korean War veterans--at this historic event."

"During the Korean War, Mr. Los Banos himself made a tremendous sac-

rifice for the freedom we all enjoy." Los Banos, a U.S. Army veteran, lost both legs two weeks after arriving in Korea.

During the ceremony, Los Banos led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

He is a member of President Clinton's American Battle Monuments Commission.

Also attending the dedication were members of the Hawaii Chapter, 45th Division Association. The Hawaii contingency included Korean War veterans and spouses from Oahu, Maui, Kauai and the Big Island.

Louis Baldovi, a former member of the governor's Advisory Board on Veterans Services, recently described what he saw when visiting the memorial and viewing the 19 statues that are part of it:

"They were bigger than life, about 7 feet high. The early morning casts a gloom over the formation. The men look tired and fatigue, but still alert. It seems as though they have climbed one hill too many. Several of the faces were turned to the left and right and one up to the sky. The 19 men represented men from all branches of service and all ethnic groups. To the left of the formation is a wide berm with the names of 21 countries that participated in the Korean War."

The memorial also includes a wall with photographs of individuals fought etched in a highly polished granite wall.

# Groundbreaking held for VA nursing home facility

By Deborah M.S. Murray

A forceful wind gust blew through the old motor pool facility near Tripler Army Medical Center, just as a Hawaiian-style blessing was being offered.

This eerie phenomenon did not go unnoticed by spectators who commented that it was as if the spirits concurred. Whatever the case, an entourage of politicians, military officials, veterans and concerned citizens turned out to witness the groundbreaking ceremony for the Veterans

Administration Center for the Aging, July 17.

When completed, the center will include a 45-bed nursing home section, an adult day health care unit, 15-bed psycho-geriatric section and hospital-based home care. Construction is expected to begin this year with a tentative completion date of May 1997.

"The veterans of Hawaii have waited a very long time for this day," said Barry Raff. director of the Veterans Administration Medical and Regional Office Center.

The center will be a joint venture between the VA. the Department of Defense (specifically Tripler Army Medical Center), and the University of Hawaii.

"We are prepared to collaborate in any way possible." said Dr. Satoru Izutsu, associate dean of the University of Hawaii's John A. Burns School of Medicine.

U.S. Senator Daniel K. Akaka recognized those individuals who made the event possible

"Today, I am pleased to

say that the project is well on the way," he said emphasizing that the facility when completed will provide Hawaii veterans for a wide range of medical services, plus, longranged care.

"This is not the final phase, there is a hospital we must complete," Senator Inouye said when declaring that the Hawaii delegation will see the project through.

The ceremony ended with the ceremonial groundbreaking by program participants.

### calendar/notices

#### September 28 - October 2

The USS New Jersey Vets Inc. (BB62) (World War II/Korea/Vietnam) (COMSH-91) is having its reunion in Norfolk, Virginia, at the Airport Hilton. For additional information contact, Edwin Fogelson at (904) 788-1459 or J. C. Martin at (804) 599-6628.

#### October 15-17

The USS Euryale (AS 22) (WW II) is having its 7th reunion in Reno, Nevada. For more information, contact Dick Millington at (916) 589-0789.

#### October 9

Discoverers' Day (Hawaii), federal holiday.

#### October 17-19

The 1995 Hawaii Symposium on Healing Alternatives, Hawaiian Regent Hotel, Honolulu, Hawaii. Sponsored by the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical & Regional Office Center, Pacific Center for PTSD, Regional Medical Education Center - Long Beach. Cost \$375.00. For additional information, call (808)566-1791.

#### October 20

Military retiree golf tournament -- Leilehua Army golf course, 11:30 check in, 12:30 start. For more information, call 449-9896.

#### November 5-11

National Women Veterans Recognition Week.

#### November 10

Veterans Day observed, state and federal holiday.

#### November 11

#### VETERANS DAY PROGRAMS

- Massing of the Colors, Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl, 10 a.m., sponsored by Disabled American Veterans. Theme: World War II Lessons Learned.
- State of Hawaii Department of Defense, Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery, 1 p.m., hosted by Gov. Benjamin J. Cayetano.

#### November 23

Thanksgiving Day, state and federal holiday.

If you have a story idea or want to list an event for veterans in the *Hawaii Veteran*, please forward the information to the State Department of Defense Public Affairs Office, 734-8527 (fax), or call 732-1711. The submission deadline for the Winter '95 (Dec. 15) issue is Nov. 30.



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