

2010 MILITARY APPRECIATION PACKAGE HAWAII STATE LEGISLATURE

(Updated: May 10, 2010)

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The following pages list the bills and resolutions that have passed the Legislature during the 2010 legislative session.

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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.

VETERANS

HB2351 Relating to Veterans

[5/5/10 Act 78, Gov. Msg. No. 290]

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, Gov. Msg. No. 485]

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.

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

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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

HB2061 Relating to Children

[5/3/10 Transmitted to Governor]

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.

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, Gov. Msg. No. 301]

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

HB2383 Relating to Flags

[4/20/10 Act 40, Gov. Msg. No. 498]

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, Gov. Msg. No. 503]

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.

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.

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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 incremental addition, replacement and 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)

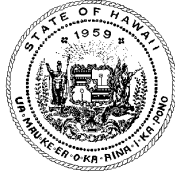
compliance, sprinkler system, additional installation of conduits, removal of overhead utility lines and other improvements.

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.

HMP-Kapalama Military Reservation Improvements, Honolulu Harbor, Oahu. Provides \$24,800,000 in FY2009-2010 and \$105,400,000 in FY2010-2011 for design and construction for the development of a new container terminal facility and other related improvements.

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.



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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.

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(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.

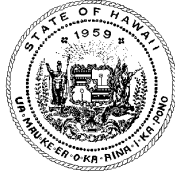
Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Infrastructure Improvements, Statewide. Provides \$900,000 in FY09-10 and

\$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
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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.

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(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.

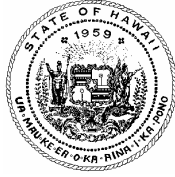
Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery, Oahu. Provides \$300,000 for design and construction for improvements to the Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery. Improvements may include, but may not be limited to, road repair, drainage repair, and slope repair above the columbarium.

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)

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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
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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)

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)

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)

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)

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

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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

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- 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)

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2005 MILITARY APPRECIATION PACKAGE (Cont.)
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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
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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.

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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)



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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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