

LLOYD K. SODETANI

February 11, 2008

The Honorable Lorraine R. Inouye  
Chair, Senate Committee on Intergovernmental  
and Military Affairs  
State Capitol  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Nomination to the Advisory Board on Veterans' Services

Dear Senator Inouye:

Enclosed herewith is a copy of my resume together with a list of references. The following response is provided to your list of questions:

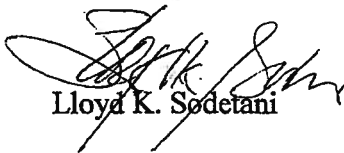
- (2) (a) I am a current member (Maui County) of the Advisory Board. I would like to accomplish certain objectives before my tenure is completed on the Board, which is further elaborated in (d), below.
- (b) Although the By-laws provide that the Board only serves in an advisory capacity to the administration, it has always been my personal obligation and an implied role to be an advocate for all veterans.
- (c) My resume reflects my past accomplishments in the military, my involvement in my community, and my strong advocacy for veteran concerns. My successes in life are attributed to my military experience and my ability to accomplish my goals by effectively communicating and coordinating with people in business and in government.
- (d) It has been my personal goal to have the Veterans Affairs office, the Veterans Affairs clinic and the State Office of Veterans Service in a centralized location on Maui. Currently, the three offices are in three different locations about two to three miles apart from each other. This places a burden on our veterans, in many cases, an extreme burden for transportation, parking and to complete the application process for rightful benefits. If it cannot be completed within the next four years, I can at least establish the foundation to accomplish this. An ideal site for this would be the previous location of the National Guard armory in Kahului. I have discussed this matter with the Adjutant General's office to

determine its feasibility and the possibility of having the armory returned to the State Department of Defense. Ideally, if this can be done, it may also be possible to move other State agencies into the same location (i. e. Department of Human Services agencies; Aid to the Aged and Aid to the Disabled) who can service our veterans and the general public in need of such services. The center could also serve as a veterans' home (20 to 30 bed), similar to the Okutsu Veterans Home in Hilo, since the clinic will be in the same location.

- (e) I am dedicated to the veterans, I care about fairness, and I believe in service to my community. Only time will tell.
- (f) Although I have successfully acquired reconsideration and approval of benefits that were initially denied by VA to several veterans and dependents, my two most gratifying accomplishments were obtaining the trolley and other means of transportation for the 442<sup>nd</sup> Vets and spouses to ride in the parade that were honoring our returning soldiers from Iraq. The day before the parade, the Advisory Board was informed that the 442<sup>nd</sup> Vets were to ride in a bus in the parade, and that the spouses would need to find their own way to Kapiolani Park for the festivities. I was lead to believe that the 442<sup>nd</sup> Vets would not participate in the parade under these circumstances. I immediately contacted the Maui Manager of Roberts Hawaii for assistance. He was able to coordinate the use of the trolley and a bus for the spouses in time for the parade. I also arranged to provide for the cost, if there were any. August of 2007, the Board was informed by one of its members that the Veterans homes in Kalaeloa needed re-painting. One of the three buildings had been re-painted which made the other two unsightly. Through my contacts on Oahu, I was able to have paint and other supplies donated to complete the painting of the remaining two buildings.
- (g) No. Explain any possible conflicts to the rest of the Board and abstain from voting.

If you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

  
Lloyd K. Sodehani

**RESUME OF LLOYD**

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**Education:** Public Schools – primary through high school, graduated 1963; Maunaolu Community College graduated 1965 AA Degree; Washburn University of Topeka graduated 1968 BA (Psychology); University of Hawaii MBA (Real Estate) 1972-74 (inc.); University of Hawaii Graduate Realtor Institute (GRI) completed 1975; Realtors National Marketing Institute, Certified Real Estate Broker Manager (CRB) completed 1986.

**Military Education:** Basic Training and Advance Individual Training 1968; Engineer Officer Candidate School completed February 1969; Basic Officer Specialty Course (Electronic Warfare & Cryptology) completed July 1969; Infantry Officers Advance Course completed June 1977; NBC Defense Course completed August 1981; Infantry Battalion Pre-Command Course completed May 1985; Command and General Staff College completed (with honors) 1985; Joint Air/Ground Operations Course 1994.

**Practical Experience:** Maui Realty Co., Inc. March – June 1972; Hawaii Real Estate License (Salesman) June 1972; Title Guaranty Escrow Services, Inc. (Escrow Officer) June-July 1972; Security Title Corporation (Title Examiner) September 1972-March 1974; Research Coordinator & Assistant to President March-August 1974; Hawaii Real Estate License (Broker) November 1973; Condominium Consultant to Real Estate Commission, State of Hawaii August 1972 to present;  
Real Estate Appraiser September 1974 to December 1993;  
Maui Realty Co., Inc., Broker September 1974 to present;  
Principal Broker 1996 to 2006  
President/Treasurer, Board of Directors 1997-present;  
Real Estate Consultant & Developer;  
Court appointed Commissioner/Receiver for Foreclosures;  
Real Estate expert witness for Circuit Court; Regulated Industries Complaints Office; Arbitrations;  
Real Estate Continuing Education Courses – Instructor.

**Professional Organizations:**

National Association of Realtors – Member  
Hawaii Association of Realtors – Member, Legislative Committee & RPAC Committee  
Maui Board of Realtors – Member, RPAC Chairman  
National Association of Real Estate Appraisers – former Member (CREA)  
Certified Real Estate Brokers Council – former Member (CRB)  
Realtors Association of Maui – member, Legislative Committee

**Other Community Service and Professional Activities:**

Bank USA, n.a. – former Member & Chairman, Board of Directors  
Maui Chamber of Commerce – member, former Board member  
Maui County Council, Boy Scouts of America, former Executive Board Member, former Vice Chairman, National Eagle Scout Association, former Council Vice President, former Explorer Post Advisor  
Association of Apartment Owners – past President  
Wailuku Hongwanji Mission – former Auditor, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Annual Bazaar Chairman, O-Bon Chairman

**Other Community Service & Professional Activities: (continued)**

Maui Toastmasters Club 910 – former member, Past President & Educational Vice President  
Exchange Club of Maui – former Charter Member, Charter President;  
Past Area Governor; Co-sponsor of Exchange Club of West Maui  
Maui County Charter Commission – (1975-1976) Member;  
Civil Defense, Emergency Resources Management Agency - Member  
Economic Stabilization Division (property damage assessment) 1980-82  
Natural Disaster Claims Commission – (1982-83); Member/Appraiser  
Maui County Charter Revision Committee – (1979-80) Chairman  
Maui Country Club, Member, Board of Directors; Treasurer (1996-97); Vice President  
(1997-99), President 1999-2002)  
Kiwanis Club of Kahului – former Membership Chairman  
Mayor's Ad Hoc Committee on Small Arms Range (Ukumehame) 1984-88; Vice Chairman  
Pukalani Community Association – former Parliamentarian  
White House Conference on Small Business (1995) Delegate  
Wailuku Main Street Association – Board member  
J. Walter Cameron Center – Board member; Chairman, Fundraising Committee (1997-2006)  
Japan-America /Society of Hawaii – Life Member  
Iao Intermediate School Golf Team – Head Coach  
1999 VETERAN SMALL BUSINESS ADVOCATE, STATE OF HAWAII & REGION 1X  
Chairman, Mayor's Wailuku Revitalization Task Force – 2001-2002  
State Board of Massage Therapy – 2001 to 2004  
Maui Helio Endowment Fund, President 2003 to present (a Charity for Maui Catholic Schools)  
Maui Regional Chair, Employer Support of the Guard & Reserve – 1999 to 2004  
Member, Board of Massage Therapy, 2002-2004  
Member, State Advisory Board , Office of Veterans Services – appointed July 1, 2004  
Area Coordinator, Operation About Face (sponsored by Hawaii Army National Guard)  
Chairman, Hawaii National Guard Volunteer Support Organization

**Military Service (Reserve Component Status):**

Battalion S4, 411<sup>th</sup> Engr Bn, USAR – March-June 1972  
Commander, HHC, 411<sup>th</sup> Engr Bn, USAR – June 1972-April 1973  
Transferred to IRR –April 1973 – February 1976  
Battalion S1, 1<sup>st</sup> Bn, 299<sup>th</sup> Inf. HARNG – March 1976 – August 1979  
Ass't G2., STARC, HARNG – Sept. 1979 – March 1982  
S3, 1<sup>st</sup> Bn, 299<sup>th</sup> Inf. HARNG – March – October 1982  
Ass't G2, STARC, HARNG – Nov. 1982-Nov. 1984  
LNO, 1<sup>st</sup> Bn, 299<sup>th</sup> Inf. HARNG – Dec. 1984 – Aug. 1985  
Commander, 1<sup>st</sup> Bn, 299<sup>th</sup> Inf. HARNG, August 1985-January 1989  
S5, 29<sup>th</sup> Inf. Bde (Sept), HARNG, Feb. 1989 – July 1991  
USAR Control Group – July 1991 – Oct. 1991; Personnel Officer  
USPACOM (USCINCPAC) Oct. 1991 – Sept. 1992; Commander 711<sup>th</sup>  
IMA Det. Sept. 1992 – March 1999  
Special Project Officer to CINC -50 year commemoration of World War II; Jan– Sept. 1995;  
Hawaii Military Land Use Master Plan – January 1996 to March 1999. Rank – Colonel  
(retired March 1, 1999).

**Military Service (Active Component Status):**

Enlisted – Basic Training and Advanced Individual Training – 1968  
Commissioned Second Lieutenant – February 1969, Military Intelligence Branch  
Assigned USASA Field Station, Chitose – March 1969 to October 1969  
USASA Communication Unit, Japan – October 1969 to February 1972

**Military Service (Active Component Status: (continued))**

**Assignments:**

**Assistant Adjutant – August to October 1969**  
**Logistics Officer – October 1969 to March 1970**  
**Executive Officer/Adjutant – March 1970 to July 1971**  
**Troop Commander – July 1971 to February 1972**  
**Honorable Discharge – February 1972**

**Awards and Decorations:**

**Legion of Merit**  
**Meritorious Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster**  
**Army Commendation Medal**  
**National Guard Commendation Medal**  
**Hawaii National Guard Service Medal**  
**National Defense Service Ribbon**  
**Army Reserve Component Ribbon**  
**USA Oversea Training Ribbon (7)**  
**Army Service Ribbon**  
**Armed Forces Reserve Ribbon (6)**  
**Army Oversea Service Ribbon**  
**Joint Service Unit Citation**

**List of References:**

**MG Robert G. F. Lee, Adjutant General, State of Hawaii**

**BG Gary M. Ishikawa, Deputy Adjutant General, State of Hawaii**

**MG (ret) Edward L. Correa, Jr., former Adjutant General, State of Hawaii**

**BG (ret) Clarence M. Agena, former Deputy Adjutant General, State of Hawaii**

**BG Glen Sakagawa, former Brigade Commander, 29<sup>th</sup> INF BDE**

**MG (ret) Alexis T. Lum, former Adjutant General, State of Hawaii**

**GEN (ret) James T. Hill, former CINCSOUTHCOM, former 25<sup>th</sup> INF CG**

**1LT Vernon Inouye, formerly a member of HQ, USASAPAC, Helemano**

STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY  
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION & CONFIRMATION OF  
GM 400 – LLOYD K. SODETANI

TO THE ADVISORY BOARD ON VETERANS SERVICES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL  
AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

FEBRUARY 27, 2008

BY

OFFICE OF VETERANS SERVICES

Good afternoon, Chair Lorraine Inouye, Vice Chair Shan Tsutsui and members of the Committee.

I am Mark Moses, Director of the Office of Veterans Services (OVS). OVS supports the consideration and confirmation of Lloyd K. Sodetani's reappointment to the Advisory Board on Veterans Services.

As a member of the Advisory Board, Mr. Sodetani has been extremely active with the veterans on the county of Maui. While working as a veteran advocate on Maui; he identifies the issues that is affecting these veterans and suggests alternative approaches to OVS to help ensure veterans receive their much-needed benefits. Mr. Sodetani has also taken the initiative to help begin planning for the Maui Veterans to obtain a Maui Veterans Center.

His thorough understanding of current veterans issues manifests itself in discussions to promote veterans' rights and entitlements to enhance the quality of life for his peers. I am certain with his outgoing personality, education, military

background and experience, has equipped him well to serve as a member of the Advisory Board on Veterans Services.

Thank you for allowing me to provide testimony.