

# **GM645**

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Civil Defense  
Advisory Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, RAYMOND JARDINE  
JR., for a term to expire 6-30-2014.

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**From:** David E.K. Cooper [dcooper@thehanagroup.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 16, 2011 8:31 AM  
**To:** PGM Testimony  
**Cc:** Ray Jardine  
**Subject:** Personal Testimony in Support of Ray Jardine  
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I am pleased to attach my testimony in support of Ray Jardine's nomination to the Civil Defense Advisory Council.

I understand his confirmation hearing will be held Tuesday, April 19; I wish to have my testimony read by a member of the Senate Committee as I will be unable to attend to read the testimony myself.

Dave Cooper

April 16, 2011

Office of The Honorable Will Espero  
Chair, Senate Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations and Military Affairs  
The Senate, State Capitol  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator Espero,

I am pleased to provide my personal testimony in support of Ray Jardine's nomination to the Civil Defense Advisory Council.

Ray's impressive resume clearly points to his wide experience, skills and knowledge in the important mission of civil defense.

I wish to speak to his character and readiness to serve our citizens of Hawaii as a member of the Civil Defense Advisory Council.

Over the many years that I have worked alongside and observed Ray Jardine fulfill many different requirements among many challenging situations, three character values rise to the front: integrity, self discipline and teamwork.

As the recent past President, Native Hawaiian Organization Association, a business entity dedicated to advancing the business interests of more than 15 Native Hawaiian Organizations, Ray reached out to several national business organizations in building a framework of professional relationships; his personal presence and passion to strengthen the bridge between doing well in business and thus able to do good for our communities impressed all with whom he came in contact; I met such a national leader at a breakfast hosted by Ray in Washington, DC, and the praise for Ray's integrity and trustworthiness filled the room.

Hard work, sacrifice and duty can only come from a personal sense of self discipline; Ray deeply believes in being all he can be, and his resume testifies to his incredible accomplishments at every level of responsibility; what I admire in Ray is his intense drive to learn more and do more, but he never fails to reach back to lend a helping hand to many, many others who need a lift to get to the next level of accountability.

As a professional soldier, Ray understands teamwork; but in the world of competitive business, he takes teamwork to another level of competence; no longer is one supported by a structured philosophy of teamwork that is special to the military; rather, in the business community one has to respect and be sensitive to the views of others, and then have the strength to build a team when 49% disagree on an issue critical to one's business; Ray has that quality of strength.

In my view, Ray Jardine would be the perfect soldier-citizen-businessman to join the Civil Defense Advisory Committee.

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**From:** Vaughn Vasconcellos [vaughn@akimeka.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 18, 2011 7:42 AM  
**To:** PGM Testimony  
**Subject:** Nomination re: Colonel (Ret) Raymond Jardine, Jr.

Dear Sir/Ma'am –

My name is Vaughn Garner Akimeka Vasconcellos, CEO of Akimeka, LLC (a subsidiary of VSE Corporation).

I am submitting this email in support of Raymond Jardine's nomination to the State's Civil Defense Advisory Board.

Mr. Jardine is a consummate professional – from a distinguished military career culminating as a Colonel of Infantry with the 29<sup>th</sup> Separate Infantry Brigade to President & CEO of Native Hawaiian Veterans (NHV), LLC. He is known for taking care of his soldiers and his employees – in 2010 his company was recognized as one of the best new businesses in the State of Hawai'i, and in 2011 a survey of his employees highlighted NHV LLC as "One-of-the-Best-Companies-To-Work" in Hawai'i Business Magazine.

His in-depth knowledge of our State's National Guard and Reserve Components' capabilities make him the ideal candidate for serving on the Defense Advisory Board. He maintains excellent rapport with our Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, and Coast Guard active duty leadership provides the bridge between our "Citizen Soldiers" and our "Active Component" forces.

Hawai'i will be well-served having Ray as one of the seven individuals serving on its State's Civil Defense Advisory Board.

Please contact me directly if you require further information – my mobile number is 808.754.4401 and my email is [Vaughn@akimeka.com](mailto:Vaughn@akimeka.com).

Respectfully submitted,

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**From:** Edward Cruickshank [edward.cruickshank@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 18, 2011 5:32 PM  
**To:** PGM Testimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in support of Raymond Jardine:

Senator Will Espero,

I'm sorry that my testimony is a bit late, but I am totally in support of Raymond Jardine being on the Civil Defense Advisory Board. As you well know by his resume that he retired from the Hawaii Army National Guard with a distinguished military record. Not only does he bring a wealth of knowledge in on the military side, but being the President and CEO of Native Hawaiian Veterans, he is a leader, and mover in our civilian community as well.

I have know Raymond jardine(Col Retired) for well over 38 years, and he has always handled pressure **very well**, and without a doubt especially in stressful times, be a great aid and supported to Mr Ed Teixeira, Deputy Director Civil Defense.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 4783299.

Sincerely yours,

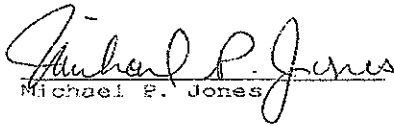
Edward R Cruickshank(COL Retired)

16 April, 2011

Mr. Jardine in my opinion would be perfect as a member of the State's Civil Defense Advisory Council . His experience as a Fire Fighter, an Officer in the Hawaii National Guard and CEO of Native Hawaiian Veterans LLC provide him with an extensive knowledge base in the First Responders World. I have known Mr. Jardine for over 10 years and have always found him to be a person of Integrity and passion in everything he does.

Mr. Jardine's attention to detail and organizational skills can only add to the performance of this Council. As the retired Fire Chief of the Federal Fire Dept. I have had many opportunities to work with him during emergencies and have always found his performance to be exemplary. He was very instrumental in helping the State of Hawaii recover from both Hurricane's Ewa and Iniki.

I definitely endorse his nomination to the Civil Defense Advisory Council.



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April 18, 2011

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RE: Testimony in Support of the Nomination of Dr. Raymond Jardine, Jr. to the Civil Defense Advisory Council

Dear Chair Espero,

I am Mr. Puni Akana, Chief Operating Officer of Native Hawaiian Veterans, LLC which is the Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business that Dr. Raymond Jardine, Jr. started in 2004 and is the President and Chief Executive Officer. I am testifying in support of his nomination to the Civil Defense Advisory Council.

I have known Dr. Jardine for 36 years, not only with serving together in the Hawaii Army National Guard, but as a friend. I can attest to his character, integrity, trustworthiness, energetic and enthusiastic work habits, and creative problem-solver capabilities.

Dr. Raymond Jardine, Jr. is a retired Colonel from the Hawaii Army National Guard with an impressive work history, education and accomplishments. He currently serves on several local and national committees all of which he practices the Hawaiian value of "Kina'ole" (doing the right thing, the right way, to the right person, for the right reason, the first time).

I wholeheartedly support his nomination to the Civil Defense Advisory Council as he will be a productive asset.

Respectfully,

Puni Akana  
Chief Operating Officer

April 16, 2011

To: The Honorable Will Espero  
Chair, Senate Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations and Military Affairs

The Honorable Michelle Kidani  
Vice Chair

From: Raymond Jardine Jr.

Subject: Nomination to the Civil Defense Advisory Council

Mr. Chairman and distinguished members of the Committee, my name is Raymond Jardine Jr. and I have been nominated by the Governor of the State of Hawaii to be on the Civil Defense Advisory Council.

It is my honor and privilege to even be considered for this position and, if appointed, will once again serve the State of Hawaii in the area of Homeland Security.

Unfortunately while you are deliberating my appointment I will be in Washington DC and will not be present during this Senate Hearing on my appointment. Therefore, I will need to address Chairman Espero questions in the testimony.

Before I address the Chairman's questions I would like to take a moment of your time to give you a short background of my accomplishments and abilities. I have sent all members of the committee and the Senate membership my resume and military biography to provide you my background, abilities and accomplishments relative to this appointment.

I have served nearly 33 years in the military in positions of increased responsibilities with my highest achievement taking the 29<sup>th</sup> Enhanced Separate Infantry Brigade (Light) from the worst Combat Brigade in the National Guard to #1 Combat Brigade in Readiness in the Nation in just over 3 years. This has never been done in the history of the National Guard nor since duplicated.

Over my many years in the military I have been awarded Company Commander of the Year, Outstanding Officer of the Year in 1998 and 2001. I was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal in 2003 for my leadership in numerous emergency recovery/relief efforts, such as, Hurricane Iniki, Operations Kokua (flooding on the Leeward Coast) and as the Ground Forces Component Command immediately after the events of 9/11.

Upon my retirement from the military, I served as the Senior Emergency Manager Specialist responsible for the implementation of the Integrated Emergency Management Plan (IEMP) for the Postal Service in Hawaii and Guam.

In 2005, I started my company, Native Hawaiian Veterans, LLC, which focused on services with the federal government in the area of Homeland Security, Counter Terrorism, Chemical-Biological-Radiological-Nuclear-High Yield Explosives (CBRNE), Unexplosive Ordinance Remediation (UXO) and Emergency Management. We were contracted to rewrite the



Emergency Plans for Command Navy Regions Hawaii (CNRH) in 2005 and have provided our services and solutions in 19 states and 20 countries thus far.

Therefore, I feel my extensive background and accomplishment in Emergency Management and Homeland Security makes me a sound candidate for this appointment.

Let me now address Senator Espero questions:

1. Why do you wish to be a member of the Civil Defense Advisory Council?

I have extensive background in Homeland Security, Emergency Management, Disaster Preparedness-Planning-Recovery experience that would provide the State of Hawaii a member on the Advisory Council with clear abilities, lessons learned and decision making skills.

2. How do you perceive the role and responsibilities of a member of the Civil Defense Advisory Council?

My role is as a member of a team focused on a common goal to advise, assist, consult and sit in an advisory capacity to the Governor and Director of Civil Defense on matters pertaining to Civil Defense.

3. Given your understanding of the role and responsibilities of a member of the Civil Defense Advisory Council, why do you believe that you are qualified for the position? Please include a brief statement of your skills, expertise, or knowledge that would aid in your decision-making ability as a member of the Civil Defense Advisory Council.

My resume and military bio speaks directly to this question, therefore, all I will add is that I have been hand selected, in the past, by three Adjutants Generals, Gen Lum, Gen Richardson and Gen Correa and the former Director of the Army National Guard and former Deputy Director of FEMA (Gen D'Araujo) to be In-Charge of critical missions that needed someone with the experience, critical thinking, leadership skill, and abilities to deal with exceptional situations. It is those assignments that have given me the skill sets to be a value added member of the Advisory Council.

4. What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?

Upon completion of my term of service I would like it be known that the Governor and the Adjutant General of the State of Hawaii felt I made a significant contribution and impact to the readiness state of Hawaii and that my advice and consult was instrumental to the health, safety, welfare, and economic stability of the people of Hawaii.

Mr. Chairman and distinguished members of the Committee, I thank you for your commitment and dedication to service and the well being of our State.

Respectfully,

Raymond Jardine Jr.