

GM 576

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Advisory
Board on Veterans' Services, Gubernatorial Nominee,
CAROLLE BRULEE-WILSON, for a term to expire 6-30-2013

From: Carolle Brulee-Wilson [mailto:wilsonc@flex.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2012 9:57 AM
To: Sen. Will Espero
Subject: RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS FOR NOMINATION

Dear Honorable Senator Espero,

My fondest Aloha to you this day. The following written statements are submitted.

Question 1. Why do you wish to be a member of the Veterans' Services Advisory Board?

For the past several years, through membership and personal involvement with several Veteran Organizations, I've developed a strong desire to achieve solutions with the important Big Island Veteran Issues that effect our lives.

Question 2. Given your understanding of the role and responsibilities of a member of the Veterans Services Advisory Board, why do you believe, that you are qualified for that 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 Veterans Services, Advisory Board.

As I've stated previously, Executive qualifications, I'm without, however, I do have Administrative experience, a good command of the English language, I'm perceptive, as "I can see through the smoke", and somewhat "Headstrong".

Question 3. What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?

I want to see extensive opportunities, for identifying, and providing services for all Homeless Veterans here. I want to see the VA and the Vet Center start sharing information, that they collect on Veterans. A further look into new Veteran facilities, is a continuing challenge, A DAV Transportation Network Van for East Hawaii. Our Veterans require an Advocate for them who is committed to these concerns, and who will work to bring all involved together, to achieve a viable solution.

Question 4. Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interests that could arise during your service on the Veterans' Services Advisory Board?

Not to my knowledge.

How would you overcome any possible conflicts of interest?

Do what I'm told to do to resolve the issue. However, that's why I have several wonderful mentors. "I don't make a move without them."

Respectfully submitted,

Carolle Oma Brulee-Wilson

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY
RELATING TO THE CONFIRMATION OF
CAROLLEE BRULEE-WILSON
TO THE ADVISORY BOARD ON VETERANS' SERVICES

PRESENTATION TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS,
AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

BY

MAJOR GENERAL DARRYLL D. M. WONG
ADJUTANT GENERAL

February 23, 2012

Chair Espero, Vice Chair Kidani and Committee Members:

I am Major General Darryll D. M. Wong, State Adjutant General. I am testifying in strong support of Ms. Carollee Brulee-Wilson, a gubernatorial nominee to the Advisory Board on Veterans' Services.

Ms. Brulee-Wilson served in the Navy for almost ten years and was honorably discharged at her last duty station, Camp Smith, Hawaii. Her Naval career in administration started at Naval stations and facilities in Pensacola, Florida; Antigua, West Indies; Puerto Rico, and finally at U. S. Pacific Command (USPACOM) at Camp Smith. After her discharge, she remained with USPACOM for another five years as the Directives Control Manager and worked on the Admiral's staff as an administrative courier.

Ms. Brulee-Wilson currently resides on the Big Island and is an outstanding veterans' advocate. She is a member of several veterans' organizations and is the Vice Commander of the Puna Chapter, Disabled American Veterans.

As an exceptional volunteer coupled with her experience in assisting veterans, Ms. Brulee-Wilson will be a tremendous asset, therefore, I respectfully request, in this written testimony, your favorable consideration and her confirmation to the Advisory Board on Veterans' Services.

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PRESENTATION TO THE

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS,
AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

BY

MR. RONALD P. HAN
DIRECTOR OF OFFICE OF VETERANS SERVICES

February 23, 2012

Chair Espero and Committee members:

I am Ron Han, Director, for the Office Veteran's Services (OVS). The OVS supports confirmation of Carollee Brulee-Wilson to be appointed to the Advisory Board on Veterans Services for a term to expire June 30, 2013.

Carollee Brulee-Wilson served in the U.S. Navy for almost 10 years and was honorably discharged from her last duty assignment at Camp Smith, Hawaii. She remained at Camp Smith for another five years to include working on the USCINCPAC Admiral's staff. While serving in the military she received several medals and ribbons including the Meritorious Unit Commendation, National Defense Service Medal, Coast Guard Special Operations Service Ribbon with Star and a number of outstanding service medals.

Since living on the Big Island and widowed in 2006, Carollee has been an outstanding veterans advocate. She joined several veterans' organization and is active with the Hawaii County Veteran Advisory Committee, Veterans Advisory Council at Hawaii VA Regional Medical Center and lastly DAV Puna Chapter currently serving as Chapter Senior Vice Commander. In her service with the veterans' organizations, she has been active with coordinating the DAV Hawaii Convention on the Big Island and is currently active with homeless/displaced veterans with the VFW.

Her passion for veterans exemplifies the philosophy of continuing to serve her Nation, State, and Community.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to testify in support of Carolle Brulee-Wilson's confirmation and consideration.

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February 16, 2012

Senator Will Espero, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kadani, Vice-Chair
Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs
Hearing on February 23, 2012 at 2:00 PM – GM576

RE: Testimony in Support of Carolle Brulee-Wilson for appointment to the Advisory Board on Veterans' Services

I have had the opportunity to work with Carolle Brulee-Wilson on the Veterans' Services Advisory Board. She is a very strong advocate for veterans both on the Big Island and veterans in general. She is an asset that needs to be retained on this board.

She lets you know where she stands on issues and works for what is best for the veterans. She is also respectful of other's opinions even when they may disagree with her opinion.

I urge the committee to vote to confirm Carolle Brulee-Wilson. Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony on her behalf.

Sincerely,

Mike Golojuch, Lt Col, USAF (Ret)

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and Military Affairs
Senator Will Espero Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani Vice Chair
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Re: Consideration of the Advisory Board On Veteran's Services
Gubernatorial Nominee Carolle Brulee-Wilson

Dear Chair Members,

As the Secretary of the Big Island Veterans Day Parade Committee I would like to give testimony as to the abilities and dedication that Ms. Carrolle Brullee-Wilson has shown me for the last 6 years as a pivotal member of our committee. She has the drive and commitment that is needed to serve on the Advisory Board On Veteran's Services and her organizational skills are exemplary.

Carolle has been a founding member of our parade committee when we started our grass roots parade recognizing Veterans for Veterans Day, and she has been giving of her time since. We have grown to having over 700 participants and Carolle has been on the front lines to get the organizing done.

When it comes to any Veterans issues Carolle makes it her duty to get involved and inform any fellow Vet on important issues all year long. Once Ms Brullee-Wilson is engaged in an organization or project she gives 110% of her time, ability and knowledge. She is a good communicator and gives her complete attention and really listens and engages with the person she is conversing with. She is a very caring, compassionated, loyal and trust worthy person.

In closing I would recommend Carolle for this or any appointment regarding Veterans Affairs and know that she will be an asset.

Thank You,

Jan Trombley, Secretary
Hawaii Island Veterans Day Parade Committee

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Comments:

I have known Ms. Brulee-Wilson for more than seven years. During that time she has been a dedicated supporter of veterans and the issues concerning them, as well as a leader in DAV Puna Chapter 9 and the DAV Department of Hawaii. I can think of few in the veterans community who can be counted on to perform as well in the post for which she is nominated. I heartily endorse her!

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
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Comments:

I support the nomination of Carolle Burlee-Wilson's to the Advisory Board on Veterans' Services. She is a strong advocate of women's and homeless veterans' issues. I believe she has the passion and drive to do more for Hawaii's veteran community than merely connect dots - I believe that she will develop a leadership role and, in that role promote improvement to the overall quality of life for Hawaii's veterans.