

GM 577

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Advisory Board on Veterans' Services, Gubernatorial Nominee, WILBERT PEREIRA, for a term to expire 6-30-2015

From: Wilbert Pereira [wpereira1@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2012 10:55 PM
To: PGM Testimony
Subject: Fwd: KAUAI REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE STATE ADVISORY BOARD ON VETERANS SERVICES.

TESTIMONY
OF
WILBERT W PEREIRA
SENATE COMMITTEE
ON
PUBLIC SAFETY, GOVERNMENT
OPERATIONS, AND MILITARY
AFFAIRS
ON

G.M.577
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND
CONFIRMATION TO THE ADVISORY BOARD
ON VETERANS SERVICES, NOMINEE WILBERT W
PEREIRA, FOR THE TERM TO EXPIRE
6/30/2015

CHAIR ESPERO AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE,
THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO
SUBMIT TESTIMONY.

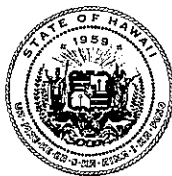
I TRULY CONSIDER IT TO BE AN HONOR AND A
PRIVILEGE TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE KAUAI
REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE STATE ADVISORY BOARD
ON VETERANS SERVICES.

I WANT TO THANK ALL THE VETERAN ORGANIZATION
COMMANDERS, THE KAUAI SENATORS, AND EVERYONE
THAT SUBMITTED LETTERS OF SUPPORT ON MY
BEHALF.

I WAS BORN AND RAISED ON KAUAI. I JOINED THE
HAWAII ARMY NATIONAL GUARD IN AUGUST OF 1963. I
WAS CALLED TO ACTIVE DUTY IN MAY OF 1968 DURING
THE VIETNAM WAR AND RETURNED HOME IN AUGUST
OF 1969. I WORKED FOR KAUAI ELECTRIC COMPANY
AND RETIRED AFTER 27 YEARS WITH THE COMPANY.
MY JOB EXPERIENCE WAS, LINEMAN, CONTRACT
ESTIMATOR WITH THE ENGINEERING DEPT. STOCK

WAREHOUSE ATTENDANT-ACCOUNTING DEPT.
AFTER I RETIRED I BECAME VERY MUCH INVOLVED IN
DIFFERENT VETERAN ORGANIZATIONS. THERE ARE
MANY CHALLENGES WITHIN THE VA. I KNOW WE CAN
NOT RESOLVE ALL OF THEM, BUT YOU HAVE MY
COMMITMENT THAT I WILL ALWAYS HAVE THE
VETERANS BEST INTEREST IN MIND AND IN MY HEART.
I WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE IN THE
COMMITTEE FOR THE HARD WORK THEY DO FOR THE
STATE OF HAWAII AND FOR GIVING ME THE
OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE ON THE BOARD AND
AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR CONSIDERING MY
NOMINATION. I WISH TO BE A MEMBER OF THE
VETERANS SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD BECAUSE I
WANT TO BE ABLE TO GIVE BACK TO THE COMMUNITY
AND THE VETERANS. THEY SHOULD HAVE THE BEST OF
EVERYTHING. I FEEL THAT I AM QUALIFIED FOR THE
POSITION BECAUSE I HOLD FOUR DIFFERENT
POSITIONS, IN FOUR DIFFERENT ORGANIZATIONS AND I
DEAL WITH THE VETERANS FIRST HAND.
ALSO HAVING KNOWLEDGE OF ANY PROBLEMS WITHIN
THE ORGANIZATIONS WILL AID ME IN HAVING THEM
SOLVED SOONER. AS A ADVISOR ON THE BOARD ON
VETERANS SERVICES I HOPE TO ACCOMPLISH
VETERANS ISSUES, LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS AND
PROGRAM OPERATIONS ALSO SERVE AS AN
INFORMATION BRIDGE BETWEEN THE BOARD AND
KAUAI'S LOCAL VETERANS. I DO NOT FORESEE ANY
POSSIBLE CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS. IF I SEE ANY
CONFLICT OF INTEREST I WOULD HAVE IT TAKEN CARE
OF AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

MY VOLUNTARY ACTIVITIES.
KAUAI VETERANS COUNCIL.
KAUAI VETERANS CENTER MGT. COMMITTEE.
KAUAI VETERANS CEMETERY COMMITTEE MEMBER.
KAUAI VIETNAM ERA VETERANS ASSOCIATION SEC/TREASURER.



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF HAWAII
STATE CAPITOL
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

January 23, 2012

The Honorable Will Espero
Chair of the Senate Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations and Military
Affairs
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 231
Honolulu, HI 96813

TO THE HONORABLE WILL ESPERO, AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

The purpose of this letter is to offer my strong support of Gubernatorial Nominee Wilbert Pereira to sit as the Kauai Representative for the State Advisory Board on Veterans Services for a four year term.

As you are well aware, those we ask to serve on our community and state boards have a thankless responsibility. They must hold high standards of integrity, be impartial and remain open-minded. Wilbert embodies these attributes and over the fifteen years that I have known him, he has always been very active in the Veterans community as well as a supporter of many Veterans service providers, nonprofits and charitable organizations.

His background from his various different volunteer activities with the Kauai Veterans Council as a member of their Management Committee and also their Museum Committee as well as his dedication as a member of the Kauai Veterans Cemetery Committee and his work as the secretary/treasurer for the Kauai Vietnam Era Veterans Association would also be a great addition and extremely helpful in future planning and development meetings. His experience as a Veteran and working with Veterans for over eighteen years will only add to the knowledge he can bring to the table as a sitting member.

Wilbert, is a man of honor and credibility and I highly recommend him for the State Advisory Board on Veterans Services. Thank you for your consideration of his nomination.

Sincerely,

James Kunane Tokioka
State Representative, District 15

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF HAWAII
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January 30, 2012

Honorable Senator Will Espero
Hawaii State Capitol Room 231
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Espero:

It is my pleasure and honor to recommend for confirmation Wilbert Pereira to serve as a member of the State Advisory Board on Veteran's Services. It is my understanding that the Advisory Board members advises the State Department Office of Veteran Services (OVS) on veteran's issues, legislative proposals, program operations and as key liaisons to communicate and link Hawaii's local veterans to OVS.

I have known Mr. Pereira for most of my life as our next door neighbor and admired his diligent work with the many organizations that he serves on for the benefit of veterans on Kauai. As a Vietnam veteran and former Hawaii Army National Guardsman, he has contributed many hours as a member of the very successful Kauai Veterans Council and its lead committees such as management of the Veterans Center, Cemetery and special projects for the Vietnam Era Veterans Association.

Mr. Pereira is always willing to go out of his way to assist his fellow veterans and their families to secure the necessary rights, benefits and services that they are entitled to. I believe he will serve well and be a responsive and dedicated member of the Advisory Board on Veteran's Services.

Mahalo for allowing me the opportunity to provide my recommendation and please feel free to contact me at any time.

Sincerely yours,

Derek S. K. Kawakami
State Representative

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY
RELATING TO THE CONFIRMATION OF
WILBERT PERREIRA
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 Mr. Wilbert Perreira, a gubernatorial nominee to the Advisory Board on Veterans' Services.

Mr. Perreira served in the Hawaii Army National Guard from August 1963 to May 1968 and was called to active duty in May 1968 to August 1969. He worked for Kauai Electric in various positions and retired with twenty-seven years service.

As a Vietnam Era Veteran, Mr. Perreira is a voluntary member of several veteran organizations such as the Kauai Veterans Council, Kauai Veterans Cemetery Committee, and the Kauai Vietnam Era Veterans Association.

As an exceptional volunteer coupled with his experience in assisting veterans, Mr. Perreira is a tremendous asset, therefore, I respectfully request, in this written testimony, for your favorable consideration and his confirmation to the Advisory Board on Veterans' Services.

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY
Submitting for consideration and confirmation
To the Advisory Board on Veterans Services,
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WILBERT PEREIRA for a term to expire
6-30-2015

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 Wilbert Pereira to be appointed to the Advisory Board on Veterans Services for a term to expire June 30, 2015.

Wilbert Pereira is a Vietnam Era Veteran and served in the Hawaii Army National Guard. He worked at Kauai Electric in several different departments and retired 27 years later.

Wilbert is very active with a number of veterans groups on Kauai. He is a member of the Kauai Veterans Council serving on the Kauai Veterans Center management committee; the Kauai Veterans Cemetery Committee overseeing the logistics of veteran's burial; and lastly serving on the Kauai Vietnam Era Veterans Association as the secretary and treasurer since 1999.

Because of his compassion for his fellow veterans, Wilbert will continue to serve his Nation, State, and Community.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to testify in support of Wilbert Pereira's confirmation and consideration.

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January 31, 2012

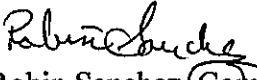
Senator Will Espero
State Advisory Board on Veterans Services
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 228
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator Espero,

I am writing this reference on behalf of Wilbert Pereira who has been nominated to serve on the State Advisory Board on Veterans Services as the Kauai representative. I have known Wilbert for ten years while serving with him on the Kauai Veterans Council (KVC), KVC Management Committee, and KVC Museum Committee. His decisions, support, and commitment for recommended projects were professional and for the benefit of all veterans. He also serves on the Kauai Veterans Cemetery and the Kauai Veterans Day parade committees. As the commander of the Vietnam Era Veterans Association, Wilbert has proven to be an excellent leader and decision maker.

In conclusion, I would highly recommend Wilbert Pereira to you without reservation. I believe he would be a tremendous asset to the State Advisory Board on Veterans Services. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 808-639-7472 or by email at robsanchez@hawaii.rr.com.

Sincerely,


Robin Sanchez, Commander
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February 14, 2012

The Honorable Will Espero, Chair
The Honorable Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations, and
Military Affairs

RE: Testimony in Support of Confirmation of Wilbert Perreira, Nominee
For Advisory Board, Office of Veterans Services (Kauai Member)

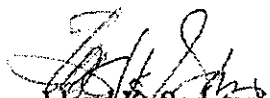
Aloha Senator Espero and members of the committee:

It is with great pride and honor that I submit this letter in support of Mr. Perreira as a nominee for the Advisory Board, Office of Veterans Services (OVS). Working with him on various projects that affect our veterans statewide for the last six months and having him actively participate in the board meeting discussions as the interim board member has given me the opportunity to observe and communicate with him. His active involvement with the Kauai veteran organizations and his experience working with veterans are essential to the continued success of OVS.

After my term expires on June 30, 2012, no other nominee or current board member will have served during the Vietnam Era. Wilbert is a Vietnam veteran who served honorably and will represent us diligently.

As past and current chairman of the Advisory Board, I highly recommend that Wilbert Perreira be confirmed as the Kauai board member. Your consideration and vote to confirm Mr. Perreira's nomination will be an enhancement to the Advisory Board, Office of Veterans Services.

Respectfully submitted,


Lloyd K. Sodetani
President



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February 3, 2012

Sen. Will Espero
Hawaii State Capitol Room 228
Honolulu HI 96813

RE: Wilbert Pereira

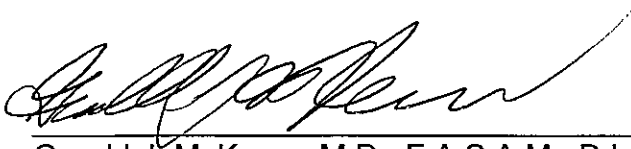
Dear Sen. Weill Espero:

I have known Wilbert Pereira for the past several years. He has been extremely active in veterans organizations, working tirelessly on behalf of our veterans.

I think that he would make an excellent choice for a position on the Board of Veterans Affairs. He is unusually dedicated in his pursuit of improving the benefits for Kauai's veterans.

I am sure that he will bring the same dedication and attention to detail as a member of the Board of Veterans Affairs.

Sincerely,



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January 30, 2012

Senator Will Espero
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RE : Support of confirmation for Wilbert Pereira to appointment on Office of Veterans Services Advisory Board

Dear Senator Espero:

This letter is written in support of Mr. Wilbert Pereira's confirmation to be appointed to the Office of Veterans Services advisory board as the Kauai veteran representative. Mr. Pereira has been an active member with the Kauai Veterans Council and has served in various roles in support of services to the veterans of Kauai. I was privileged to have him volunteer and assist me with the first annual VA Homeless Outreach Campaign Kickoff in October 2011 that carries out Secretary of the VA, Eric Shinseki's, goal of ending homelessness among veterans. He is very dedicated to helping improve & advocate for services to the Kauai veterans, and communicates effectively with necessary parties to address the issues.

Mr. Pereira has also been actively involved with the following memberships :

- 1) Kauai Veterans Council Member 2001 to Present
- 2) Kauai Veterans Council Management Committee Member 2006 to Present.
- 3) Kauai Veterans Cemetery Committee Member 2008 to Present.
- 4) Kauai Vietnam Era Veterans Association Secretary & Treasurer 1999 to Present
- 5) Kauai Veterans Council Museum Committee Member 2009 to Present.

Please support his appointment to OVS advisory boards as the Kauai representative. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (808)246-2621.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Charlene Burgess, LSW, QCSW".

Charlene Burgess, LSW, QCSW
Social Worker/Team Leader

KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION, INC.
KAUAI CHAPTER
January 27, 2012

Senator Will Espero, Chairman
Senate Committee on Public Affairs, Government Safety,
Government Operations and Military Affairs
Hawaii State Legislature
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 231
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Subject: State Advisory Board on Veterans Services

Dear Senator Espero:

I recommend that Mr. Wilbert Pereira be appointed to serve on the State Advisory Board on Veterans Services.

Mr. Pereira has served faithfully and diligently as an officer of the Kauai Vietnam Era Veterans Association since 1999.

I have had the pleasure of serving with Mr. Pereira on the Kauai Veterans Council which represents 13 veteran organizations on the island of Kauai and am impressed with his capabilities. He also continually serves as a member on several of the Kauai Veterans Council's major action committees.

Mr. Pereira has been much involved in our veterans' affairs, is a great asset to our veterans organizations and is truly a veteran serving our local veterans.

I hope that you will favorably consider Mr. Wilbert Pereira for appointment as our Kauai Representative to the State Advisory Board of Veterans Services.

Sincerely,



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SENATOR WILL ESPERO
HAWAII STATE CAPITAL RM 231
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

ALOHA, SENATOR

EVERY INSTITUTION IS JUDGED BY ITS ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE. THE VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS HAS BEEN MOST FORTUNATE IN ITS OFFICERS, WILBERT PEREIRA HAS BEEN A LOYAL VETERAN OF THE VERY BEST AND HIGH CHARACTER. HE IS ABLE, A MAN OF COURAGE, AND LOYALTY TO HIS COMRADES AND ORGANIZATION. HE HAS SUCESSFULLY LED THE VETERANS' ORGANIZATION TO MANY FUNCTIONS FOR THE PAST YEARS. A TIRELESS WORKER AND AN INSPIRING LEADER; HE HAS ALWAYS BEEN IN THE TOP RANK OF THOSE WHO HAVE GUIDED US IN PERFORMANCE OF OUR PLANNINGS AND TASKS OF HELPING THE VETS. HIS COLLEAGUES AND CO-WORKERS HAVE TURNED TO HIM AGAIN AND AGAIN FOR ADVICE, FOR COOPERATION, FOR "SACRIFICE BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY" AND HAS NEVER FAILED THEM. LEGWORK AND BRAINWORK, OR JUST PLAIN HARD WORK IN ALL OF THESE HE HAS SET THE EXAMPLE FOR OTHERS. IT IS BECAUSE OF WILBERT GOOD QUALITIES, HE HAS THE AFFECTION AND RESPECT OF ALL WHO KNOW HIM, THAT I AM PRIVILEGED TO HAVE KNOWN HIM. THE VETERANS RESPECT HIS HUMANE ATTITUDE AND DEEP UNDERSTANDING OF OUR PROBLEMS. I HAVE CONFIDENTS IN HIS ABILITIES TO WORK WELL WITH VETERANS' AFFAIRS.

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**MILITARY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE VETERANS
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February 19, 2012**

**Senator Will Espero,
Chairman Public Safety, Government Operations & Military Affairs Committee,
Senatorial District 20
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 231,
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813**

Re: Mr. Wilbert Pereira nominee for the OVS Advisory Board.

Honorable Will Espero:

As the president of the Military Intelligence Veterans of Kauai I would like to request that: Mr. Pereira, a long time member of the Kauai Veterans Council Management Committee, be placed on the OVS Advisory Board.

Mr. Pereira has been elected to a position (KVC Management Committee) which requires not only dedication to the Veterans of Kauai but also the actual maintenance if the building and property as well as the fiduciary well being of the KVC (Kauai Veterans Council) headquarters including rental of the facility for civic and veterans events.

The by-laws of the KVC state that "The Purpose of the Management Committee is to maintain the Kauai Veterans Center as a living and active memorial to the Veterans and their families. The committee shall carry out goals and objectives to ensure that Veterans and their families and other organizations have access to the facility based on rules approved by the Council Directorate. All elected members of this Committee must be eligible veterans of the member organization"

To fulfill these responsibilities Mr. Pereira is most well qualified., indeed highly qualified. He is a Vietnam War veteran a member of the Hawaii Army National Guard who retired after 27 years of employment by the Kauai Electric Cooperative as a Lineman and the Contract Estimator with the Engineering Department and member of the Accounting Department.

Mr. Pereira is highly respected by the Council and works tirelessly for the well being of all Veterans on the Island of Kauai. Indeed, I can think of no one individual Veteran on the island of Kauai ,or for that matter in the State of Hawaii, who would be better suited or qualified to serve on the OVS Committee than Mr. Wilbert Pereira.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Quentin C. Belles". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Quentin C. Belles

**President of the Military Intelligence Veterans of Kauai
and 18 years as Member of the Kauai Veterans Council**



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February 21, 2012

Senator Will Espero

Chairman Public Safety, Government Operations & Military Affairs Committee,
Senatorial District 20
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 231
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Mr. Wilbert Pereira nominee for the OVS Advisory Board

Honorable Will Espero:

As the Commandant of the Marine Corps League's Kauai Detachment # 938, I would like to request: Mr. Wilbert Pereira, a long time member of the Kauai Veterans Council Management Committee, that he would be placed on the OVS Advisory Board.

Mr. Pereira has been deeply involved with the Kauai Veterans Center's Management Committee in handling the ongoing maintenance and administrative duties regarding the operations of the facility. His dedication and efforts are visible and evident amongst his fellow Veterans. Despite the shortage in volunteerism and participation in the daily operations, Mr. Pereira carries on ensuring matters are dealt with and issued are resolved. Mr. Pereira echoes the mission of the Kauai Veterans Council's "The Purpose of the Management Committee is to maintain the Kauai Veterans Center as a living and active memorial to the Veterans and their families."

I strongly support Mr. Pereira's nomination for the OVS Advisory Board position, as he is currently an active member of several Veterans' Organizations here on Kauai with Honorable dispositions. Mr. Pereira's background as a Viet Nam War Veteran, service with the Hawaii Army National Guard, and retiring after 27 years of faithful service with the Kauai Electric Cooperative as Lineman, Contract Estimator, and experiences in the Engineering and Accounting Departments.

Mr. Pereira is well known amongst his peers here on Kauai and we believe he will continue to serve his country and his fellow Veterans as a member of the OVS Advisory Board. I have no doubt Mr. Pereira is capable of the position if given the opportunity and we members of the Marine Corps League's Kauai Detachment # 938 support him 100 %.

Sincerely,

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January 24, 2012

Will Espero, State Senator
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 231
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: Wilbert Pereira

Dear Senator Espero:

I submit this letter in support of Mr. Pereira nomination for the Advisory Board on Veterans' Services. I have known Mr. Pereira for many years as a neighbor, a fellow veteran and as a former Scoutmaster. He will do an excellent job on behalf of the veterans and I urge that his nomination be confirmed.

Please feel free to contact me if you desire additional information.

Yours very truly,


CALVIN K. MURASHIGE

Milton M. Oshiro

Senator Will Espero
Chairman Public safety, Government Operations, and Military Affairs Committee
Senatorial District 20
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 231
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Vice-Chair Senator Michelle Kidani
Senatorial District 17
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 228
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senators,

I am writing to you as a personal friend and co member with various Veterans Organizations of Mr. Wilbert Pereira who is subject to confirmation of his appointment to the advisory board on Veterans Services.

I served 4 years as a traditional Guardsman and then did 20 years of Active duty, retired, and I am now working for MPSC a contractor providing Military Family Assistance here on Kauai. Approximately 2 years ago I started getting actively involved in the Veterans sector where I met Mr. Pereira. I now serve with Mr. Pereira on several of the organizations it has given me the opportunity to closely work with Mr. Pereira on many of the events, and meetings. He has shown me to be a person with good character, morals, and work ethics. He has on many occasions step-up to the plate to chair and take on projects. He has the knowledge, the "Can Do" attitude and communication skills to see projects thru.

Mr. Pereira has vested many years in the Veterans organizations and I believe he knows the wants, needs and direction of other Veterans. I feel that the Department and the State would truly benefit from an appointment of Mr. Pereira to this position.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Milton M. Oshiro". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "M" and "O".

Milton M. Oshiro

Michael Golojuch, Lt Col, USAF (Ret)
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Kapolei, Hawaii 96707-1340

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 – GM577

RE: Testimony in Support of Wilbert Pereira for appointment to the Advisory Board
on Veterans' Services

I have had the opportunity to work with Wilbert Pereira on the Veterans' Services
Advisory Board on several occasions. He is an advocate for veterans and has monitored
various veteran related projects on Kauai. He is an asset that needs to be retained on this
board.

I urge the committee to vote to confirm Wilbert Pereira. Thank you for this opportunity to
submit testimony on his behalf.

Sincerely,

Mike Golojuch, Lt Col, USAF (Ret)

February 20, 2012

Senator Will Espero
Chairman Public Safety, Government Operations & Military Affairs Committee
Senatorial District 20
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 231
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: Wilbert Pereira's Nomination to OVS Advisory Board.

Honorable Will Espero,

I served in the United States Army for over 30 years retiring as a Command Sergeant Major on September 30, 1985. When on active duty and during my last nine years, I served as the senior enlisted soldier of three separate battalions, one of which had over 800 enlisted personnel. I do know soldiers. With this experience, it gave me the ability to recognize individuals with leadership abilities or those whom I feel we can rely on.

After retiring from the active Army over 31 years ago, I have been actively involved with veteran organizations serving in leadership positions on many occasions. I am a life member of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Disabled American Veterans. I also am a member of the Kauai Veterans and the Vietnam Era Veterans organizations.

I have known Wilbert for many years and do recognize him as an individual who fully commits and can be relied to assume responsibilities of duties assigned. He would not only fulfill those duties, but he would do them well.

During the past few years, Wilbert has been representing the Vietnam Era Veterans in the monthly meeting of the Kauai Veterans Council. The council consists of the 13 veteran organizations on Kauai. Thus, he is fully aware of veteran issues or of veteran projects/activities on our island.

I strongly support his nomination and request that Wilbert Pereira be selected as the member representing our island on the OVS Advisory Board.

Juan Rabasa
Command Sergeant Major
United States Army, Retired

Mr. Will Espero - Chairman
PGM
Public Safety
Government Operations & Military Affairs

Subject: Advisory Board on Veteran's Services

Dear Mr. Espero:

I am much honored to write a reference letter for my friend and neighbor Wilbert Pereira, whom I have known for over 30 years. I first met Wilbert when we worked together at Kauai Electric and then got to know him even better when we moved in two doors away from his home.

Wilbert is very goal oriented and has a positive attitude that helps him to accomplish whatever task he is assigned or sets for himself. He will definitely go the extra mile to make the task that he is assigned be perfectly completed in the best manner he knows how.

Wilbert has been very active in the Kauai Veterans Council as a member since 2001, KVC Management Committee member since 2006, KVC Cemetery Committee member since 2008, Kauai Vietnam Era Veterans Association Secretary / Treasurer since 1999 and a KVC Museum committee member since 2009. This shows just how dedicated he is to this cause, and also the time and efforts he is willing to dedicate to all the Veteran's efforts.

Above all this, the thing that I admire most of Wilbert is his perseverance in achieving his goals and how meticulously he will dedicate himself to making sure that it is done right. Wilbert is also a great neighbor and human being by showing everyone around the neighborhood just how caring and helpful he can be to assist them in any matters that he can contribute his efforts to.

I would sincerely ask that you consider Wilbert Pereira to be Kauai Representative on the State Advisory Board on Veterans Services, where I know that he will serve and represent all Veterans the very best that he possibly can.

If you need to know more about Wilbert Pereira, please do not hesitate to contact me during the evenings at my residence at 808-245-6150.

Sincerely,



Glen Takenouchi

From: Jan Rudinoff [rudinoff@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2012 4:48 PM
To: PGM Testimony
Cc: Jan Rudinoff
Subject: Mr. Wilbert Pereira Kauai Representative State Advisory Board on Veterans Services

Dear Mr. Espero:

I write in support of Mr. Wilbert Pereira being the Kauai Representative on the State Advisory Board on Veterans Services. He has been active in Veterans affairs on Kauai since the year 2001.

I know of his commitment on behalf of us veterans. While I have been less active on a formal basis in veterans affairs during the late 1980's and early 90's I was the Vietnam Veteran's Counselor on our Island of Kauai.

Mr. Pereira is an excellent choice to serve at the state level communicating the needs of Kauai Veterans and with others strengthening the veterans voice in our state.

Sincerely,

The Rev. Jan C. Rudinoff

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 16, 2012 9:14 PM
To: PGM Testimony
Cc: keith.ribbentrop@gmail.com
Subject: Testimony for GM577 on 2/23/2012 2:00:00 PM

Testimony for PGM 2/23/2012 2:00:00 PM GM577

Conference room: 224
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Keith T. Ribbentrop
Organization: Individual
E-mail: keith.ribbentrop@gmail.com
Submitted on: 2/16/2012

Comments:
Well respected member of the Kauai Veterans Community

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Sunday, February 19, 2012 10:00 AM
To: PGM Testimony
Cc: kfe@aloha.net
Subject: Testimony for GM577 on 2/23/2012 2:00:00 PM

Testimony for PGM 2/23/2012 2:00:00 PM GM577

Conference room: 224
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Edward Kawamura
Organization: Individual
E-mail: kfe@aloha.net
Submitted on: 2/19/2012

Comments:

I am in support of Wilbert Pereira to the Office of Veteran's Services Advisory Board. I served as a member of the board for two terms. Mr. Pereira is actively participating in the Kauai Veterans Council events and sincerely promotes "Veteran Helping Veterans". I ask that you favorably support his nomination to the OVS Advisory Board for Kauai. Thank you very much. s/Edward Kawamura, "Veteran Helping Veterans";

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Sunday, February 19, 2012 10:10 AM
To: PGM Testimony
Cc: elliott_tony9@hotmail.com
Subject: Testimony for GM577 on 2/23/2012 2:00:00 PM

Testimony for PGM 2/23/2012 2:00:00 PM GM577

Conference room: 224
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Tony Elliott
Organization: Individual
E-mail: elliott_tony9@hotmail.com
Submitted on: 2/19/2012

Comments:

My name is Tony Elliott and I am a retired US Marine Corps veteran. I have known Mr. Wilbert W. Pereira for the past eight (8) years during which he has been an active advocate for veterans benefits and services while serving in various elected positions within multiple veterans organizations here on Kauai. Based on my first-hand knowledge of Mr. Pereira's sincerity and his utmost dedication to his duties, I enthusiastically support Mr. Pereira's appointment as the Kauai member of the State's Veterans Advisory Board.