

GM 578

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Advisory Board on Veterans' Services, Gubernatorial Nominee, ANN GREENLEE, for a term to expire 6-30-2016.

ANN MARIE GREENLEE
TESTIMONY GM578
NOMINATION TO VETERANS' SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

Senator Espero, Senator Kidani, Senator Baker, Senator Slom, Senator Ryan:

Thank you for the opportunity to present written testimony in reference to my nomination by Governor Abercrombie to become a member of the Veterans' Services Advisory Board. I appreciate your time and efforts in completing this selection, and I hope that you will determine me qualified to serve.

I desire to be a member of this advisory board because I want to support Hawaii's Veterans and help ensure our state has the best possible programs and resources for them. I am a veteran with over 30 years of service to my State and Nation in both the active Air Force and for the past 21 years the Hawaii Air National Guard. I am about to retire from the Hawaii National Guard. It has been my honor to serve. The military has supported me and my family in an outstanding manner. I am now in a position where I can support our Veterans.

I believe I am qualified for this position. I have a wide range of knowledge and experience in working with both volunteer and paid committees designing, implementing and managing programs. I have been a member of the Air National Guard Strategic Planning System committee charged with charting strategic direction for the nation's Air National Guard. I have also sat on the National Guard Diversity Executive Council working to improve diversity in both the Army and Air National Guards. In Hawaii I have had the honor to command at both the Group and Air Guard levels. I have worked with teams directing operations in a wide variety of areas from construction of facilities costing hundreds of millions of dollars to Hawaii Guard responses to natural disasters including floods, fires, earthquakes and tsunamis. In a volunteer role, I have served as the Executive Director and Vice Chairman of the Hawaii Committee for Employer Support to the Guard and Reserve (ESGR). ESGR's mission is to promote strong relationships between employers and their employees who also serve in the National Guard and the Reserve components of the military.

As a member of the Veterans' Services Advisory Board I hope to strengthen relationships between Veterans and the programs of the Veterans' Administration. I have a strong desire to increase employment opportunities for Hawaii's Veterans and benefits to Veteran owned businesses. Finally, I would like to assist in bringing a Veterans' Court to Hawaii and a Veterans' Home to Oahu.

I foresee no conflict of interest to my service on the Veterans' Services Advisory Board.

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Ann Marie Greenlee

Brig General Hawaii Air National Guard

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY
RELATING TO THE CONFIRMATION OF
ANN GREENLEE
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

Good Afternoon, 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. Ann Greenlee, a gubernatorial nominee to the Advisory Board on Veterans' Services.

I have known Ms. Greenlee for many years and can personally attest to her character, outstanding work ethic, selfless service, her sense of fairness and respect, and her integrity.

Ms. Ann Greenlee has a wealth of experience in the military serving in the Air Force and Air National Guard as a commissioned officer completing numerous command and staff assignments in an outstanding manner, culminating in her promotion to the rank of Brigadier General.

In a volunteer role, she has served as the Executive Director and Vice Chairman of the Hawaii Committee for Employer Support to the Guard and Reserve

(ESGR), which has a mission to promote strong relationships between employers and their employees who are members of the Guard or Reserve.

Currently, she serves as the Director of the Veterans Employment and Services Training for the U. S. Department of Labor in Hawaii and directs the administration of grant programs for Veteran employment initiatives.

As an exceptional leader in the military and the community, Ms. Greenlee, will be a tremendous asset; therefore, I respectfully request, in this written testimony, for your favorable consideration and her 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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ANN GREENLEE for a term to expire
6-30-2016

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 Ann Greenlee to be appointed to the Advisory Board on Veterans Services for a term to expire June 30, 2016

Ann Greenlee serves as the Director of the Veterans Employment and Services Training for the U.S. Department of Labor in Hawaii. She was appointed in 2011. As director she values our veteran's well being in preparing them for employment. Her department is in charge of numerous grants for veterans programs. Prior to that, she was promoted to Brigadier General and serves as the Assistant Adjutant General for the Hawaii Air National Guard. In this role, she is a principal senior military advisor to the Adjutant General on all Hawaii Air National Guard matters.

Ann comes from numerous positions of command with the Hawaii National Guard to include Mission Support Group Commander with an assigned strength of 600 military personnel; responsible for the direction, management and organization of the Hawaii Joint Force Headquarters Army and Air National Guard joint staff; Executive Officer that managed staff processes for 1,900 person Wing; and military personnel officer who served in various human

resource officer position in the active Air Force and with the Hawaii Air National Guard.

Brigadier General Ann Greenlee is a seasoned staff officer who is always finding ways to help veterans and their families. I am certain with her personality, background, education and experiences, she possesses the tools needed to serve in our veteran community.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to testify in support of Ann Greenlee confirmation and consideration.

TESTIMONY
ANN MARIE GREENLEE
VETERANS SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD GM 578
February 23, 2012

Senator Espero, Senator Kidani, Senator Baker, Senator Slom, and Senator Ryan:

Thank you for the opportunity to present written testimony in support of the appointment of Ms Ann M. Greenlee to the Veterans Services Advisory Board.

Ann Greenlee is a Brigadier General with the Hawaii Air National Guard and is soon to retire after some 30 years of military service. Moreover, she has volunteered hundreds of hours serving as the Executive Director and Vice Chairperson of the Hawaii Committee of the Employer Support to the Guard and Reserve (ESGR), a national organization dedicated to serving and protecting the rights of Reservists and Guardsmen. This active military and national guard experience has provided her with the knowledge of the benefits and opportunities available to Hawaii's 117,000 veterans.

During her career in the US Air Force and Hawaii Air National Guard, Ms Greenlee served in command and various staff positions. She also served as a member of the Veterans' Services Advisory Board and volunteered hundreds of hours to increase employment opportunities for veterans and promote business opportunities for veteran-owned businesses in Hawaii.

I have worked with Ann Greenlee in my capacity as the Vice President for Military Affairs at The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii for the past 12 years and can attest to her dedication in serving veterans and exceptional qualifications in military and veterans affairs.

I highly recommend approval of her nomination.



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SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

February 23, 2012

2:00 PM Hearing

State Capitol, conference Room 224

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF

Ann M. Greenlee

as a member of the Veterans' Services Advisory Board GM578

Chair Espero, Vice Chair Kidani, and members of the PGM committee:

My name is Alan Hayashi, testifying in support of BGen. Ann M. Greenlee (USAF Ret) to be a member of the Veterans' Services Advisory Board.

Ms Greenlee has been a member of the Air National Guard Strategic Planning System committee charged with charting strategic direction for the nation's Air National Guard. She has also been a member on the National Guard Diversity Executive Council working to improve diversity in both the Army and Air National Guards. In Hawaii she has commanded at both the Group and Air Guard levels. She has worked with teams directing operations in a wide variety of areas from construction of facilities costing hundreds of millions of dollars to Hawaii Guard responses to natural disasters including floods, fires, earthquakes and tsunamis.

In a volunteer role, Ann Greenlee has served as the Executive Director and Vice Chairman of the Hawaii Committee for Employer Support to the Guard and Reserve (ESGR). ESGR's mission is to promote strong relationships between employers and their employees who also serve in the National Guard and the Reserve components of the military.

With her extensive background in the military and now as the Executive Director for the Federal Department of Labor office in Hawaii, Ms Greenlee is highly qualified to sit on the Veterans' Services Advisory Board. I strongly support her nomination to this board.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

TESTIMONY GM578
IN SUPPORT OF ANN MARIE GREENLEE
NOMINATION TO VETERANS' SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

Senator Espero, Senator Kidani, Senator Baker, Senator Slom, Senator Ryan:

Thank you for the opportunity to present written testimony in reference to the nomination by Governor Abercrombie of Ann M. Greenlee, to become a member of the Veterans' Services Advisory Board. I appreciate your time and efforts in completing this selection, and I hope that this testimony will determine her qualification to serve.

My recommendation for Ann to be a member of this advisory board is because of her unwavering support Hawaii's Veterans and her desire to ensure our state has the best possible programs and resources for them. As a veteran with over 41 years of service to my State and Nation in the Hawaii Air National Guard, I have had the opportunity to work for and with Ann in various projects and military operations. Her focus and ability to pull resources from all of the supporting agencies resulted in success after success.

As the Director of the Joint Staff, Hawaii National Guard, Ann skillfully directed humanitarian relief and recovery efforts during natural disasters that affected the State of Hawaii. As the NCOIC of the Joint Operations Center, I witnessed her command presence in providing calm and precise direction which allowed for an efficient and safe operation.

I am now retired from the Hawaii Air National Guard and once again, have the opportunity to work with Ann as the Program Support Technician for the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR). With Ann serving as Vice Chairman of ESGR, she continues to promote strong relationships between employers and their employees who also serve in the National Guard and the Reserve components of the military. She has also taken the lead to establish our new employment initiative which will be known as, Hawaii Hires Heroes (H3). This initiative will bring together community leaders, businesses, government, educational and community organizations to encourage the employment of veterans', Guardsmen and Reservists.

Ann's appointment to the Veterans' Services Advisory Board will strengthen relationships between Veterans and the programs of the Veterans' Administration. I have no doubt that she will only add to success of the Veterans' Services Advisory Board.

(Signed)
SAMUEL K. P. WONG

TESTIMONY GM578
NOMINATION TO VETERANS' SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

Senator Espero, Senator Kidani, Senator Baker, Senator Slom, Senator Ryan:

Thank you for the opportunity to present written testimony on behalf of General Ann Marie Greenlee to become a member of the Veterans' Services Advisory Board. It is a sincere honor and hope that my impressions offered will facilitate your selection process.

During my tenure as a General Officer as well as, throughout my Army career, I've been fortunate to have worked with a number of extremely talented, skilled, and visionary individuals. Ann Greenlee has consistently demonstrated that she is indeed one of these extraordinary contributing members of the military community. She will definitely be a tremendous asset to Hawaii's veterans serving as a member of the Veterans' Services Advisory Board.

I was fortunate to have worked closely with Ann while I served as the chairman of the Hawaii State Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR). Her leadership and management skills demonstrated as its executive director contributed immensely to its successes. Her organizational skills and competent and prudent fiscal management in fulfilling operational obligations are excellent. These skills will serve well in fulfilling the goals of the advisory board – she will ensure that our veterans will be supported in a manner they so richly deserve.

Her past and current military and civilian positions provide a wealth of experiences that makes her an extremely valuable resource which must be challenged and used to better serve those who have served in uniform. She is an excellent communicator and detailed thinker whose talents must not be overlooked.

I feel a strong sense of personal pride to be a veteran and extremely delighted to have an individual such as Ann Marie Greenlee serve on a board that supports the brothers and sisters who have served in the uniforms of the United States military.

Calvin "Kelly" Lau
Major General, USA (Ret)
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February 22, 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 Ann M. Greenlee, Nominee
For Advisory Board, Office of Veterans Services (Oahu Member)

Aloha Senator Espero and members of the committee:

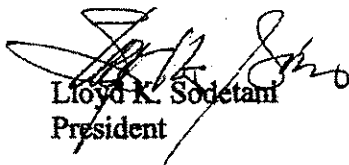
It is my privilege to submit this letter in support of Brig Gen Ann Greenlee as a nominee for the Advisory Board, Office of Veterans Services (OVS). Working with her on various activities that affect our veterans, guardsmen and reservists statewide for several years and having her actively participate in the board meeting discussions as the interim board member has given me the opportunity to observe and communicate with her. As the new Director, Department of Labor (VETS) and her experience working with veterans, she will be essential to the continued success of OVS.

As the outgoing Maui member, I can candidly state that our veterans deserve all the advantages that can be delivered to them. By virtue of Brig Gen Greenlee's position and experience, the OVS and veterans shall be the beneficiaries.

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

It should also be noted that the Advisory Board shall consist of four female members. With Ann's confirmation, this requirement will be accomplished, since one of the current female members' (second) term will expire on June 30, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,


Lloyd K. Sodeani
President



YOUR SATISFACTION IS OUR SUCCESS



Aloha Senator Espero, Senator Kidani, Senator Baker, Senator Slom, Senator Ryan,

I am submitting written testimony on behalf of Brig Gen Ann M. Greenlee regarding her nomination by Governor Abercrombie to become a member of the Veteran's Services Advisory Board.

I have worked closely with Gen Greenlee in her capacity as both the Assistant Adjutant General Air and Chief of Staff, JFHQ, Hawaii Air National Guard. Gen Greenlee is a team player and the experience she brings to the advisory board by virtue of her being a proud member of the military, a soon to be a retired veteran, and the Executive Director of Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) will serve our veterans well. She brings a wide variety of experience working at the local and national level to the table and is intimately familiar with issues that affect both active and retired military members. I believe Brig Gen Greenlee has the passion and the vision to strengthen current programs and develop new ones to support Hawaii's veterans.

Respectfully,

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TESTIMONY GM578
IN SUPPORT OF ANN MARIE GREENLEE
NOMINATION TO VETERANS' SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

Senator Espero, Senator Kidani, Senator Baker, Senator Slom, Senator Ryan:

It is with great pleasure to provide written testimony on behalf of Ann M. Greenlee regarding her nomination to serve on the Veterans' Services Advisory Board. I strongly believe that her genuine character and extensive experience in the military exemplifies the ideal board member.

Ann has shown sincere passion in assisting Veterans. Her current role as the Director of the U.S. Department of Labor-VETS directs the administration of grant programs for Veteran Employment initiatives, oversees the Transition Assistance Program on Active Duty bases, investigates complaints and enforces provisions of federal law. Her constant drive has led her to work on a Hawaii Hires Heroes (H3) initiative along with partners from other public and private sector organizations. Her vision for H3 is helping to pave the way for a very promising Veterans and Service Member employment initiative program.

The desire to provide assistance to Veterans and Service Members has led Ann to go a step further by becoming Vice Chair of the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Hawaii Committee. She helps to promote strong relationships between employers and their Reserve Component military employees through educational and award programs.

As a Program Support Specialist for the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, I have the privilege of working with Ann quite frequently. I have nothing but respect and admiration for her as a person and the great ideas she brings into motion. It is through her selfless nature, knowledge, and experience, and contributions that I truly believe Ann would be an asset to this Board.

(Signed)
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Comments:

I strongly support nomination of Ann Greenlee to the Advisory Board on Veterans' Services. Ann Greenlee is a demonstrated leader in her professional life as well as the veteran community. She brings a wealth of knowledge, skills and abilities to the Board. Her membership on the Board will greatly contribute to improve the quality of life of Hawaii's veterans.