

House District 60  
Senate District 60

THE TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE  
APPLICATION FOR GRANTS AND SUBSIDIES  
CHAPTER 42F, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES

Log No:

For Legislature's Use Only

Type of Grant or Subsidy Request:

GRANT REQUEST – OPERATING

GRANT REQUEST – CAPITAL

SUBSIDY REQUEST

"Grant" means an award of state funds by the legislature, by an appropriation to a specified recipient, to support the activities of the recipient and permit the community to benefit from those activities.

"Subsidy" means an award of state funds by the legislature, by an appropriation to a recipient specified in the appropriation, to reduce the costs incurred by the organization or individual in providing a service available to some or all members of the public.

"Recipient" means any organization or person receiving a grant or subsidy.

STATE DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY RELATED TO THIS REQUEST (LEAVE BLANK IF UNKNOWN):

STATE PROGRAM I.D. NO. (LEAVE BLANK IF UNKNOWN):

1. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

Legal Name of Requesting Organization or Individual:  
Veterans of Foreign Wars - Hawaii

Dbn:

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3. TYPE OF BUSINESS ENTITY:

- NON PROFIT CORPORATION  
 FOR PROFIT CORPORATION  
 LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY  
 SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP/INDIVIDUAL

6. DESCRIPTIVE TITLE OF APPLICANT'S REQUEST:

CAPITAL FUNDS REQUEST FOR THE PLANS AND DESIGN OF THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS – HAWAII FACILITY NEAR KEEHI LAGOON

4. FEDERAL TAX ID #:

5. STATE TAX ID #:

7. AMOUNT OF STATE FUNDS REQUESTED:

FISCAL YEAR 2015: \$ 400,000

8. STATUS OF SERVICE DESCRIBED IN THIS REQUEST:

- NEW SERVICE (PRESENTLY DOES NOT EXIST)  
 EXISTING SERVICE (PRESENTLY IN OPERATION)

SPECIFY THE AMOUNT BY SOURCES OF FUNDS AVAILABLE AT THE TIME OF THIS REQUEST:

STATE \$

FEDERAL \$

COUNTY \$

PRIVATE/OTHER \$1,200,000

TYPE NAME & TITLE OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE:

Norbert K. Enos Adj-Gen  
NAME & TITLE

1/31/14  
DATE SIGNED

## Veterans of Foreign Wars-Hawaii

### I. Background and Summary

1. The applicant is the Veterans of Foreign Wars-Hawaii. The group is comprised of veterans from the various conflicts throughout US history, including WWII, Korean, and Vietnam.
2. The vision is to create a facility where these veterans can gather, collect and show various artifacts, and educate the public about the conflicts and what the veterans stood for.
3. The public purpose is to have a facility where future generations may come to learn about the various wars and what the veterans from Hawaii sacrificed to serve their country.
4. The vision of the Veterans of Foreign Wars-Hawaii is to enter into a lease with the State for a site similar to the Disabled American Veterans facility near Keehi Lagoon. The facility will be a holding facility for preservation of important documents, artifacts, and other materials that will be used to educate the public about not only the sacrifices made by these veterans but educate the public on the importance of peace, loyalty to the country, and citizenship.

### II. Service Summary and Outcomes

The Veterans of Foreign Wars-Hawaii is requesting moneys for the planning and design of a facility that will have a multi-functional rooms, courtyard, administrative office space, and storage/display rooms.

The entire building will be for the purpose of educating the public and allowing all veterans to gather and teach the next generation about the wars they fought.

Depending on where the facility will be located, the primary focus of the plan is to have a minimum of a 5,000 square foot multi-functional room with an adjacent commercial kitchen. The room will allow the veterans to

host various events and serve as classroom space. The multi-functional room will also be available to the general public to host events in the evening when the veterans are not meeting, holding informational gatherings, and educational seminars.

Parking will also be part of the plans and design, including plans and design for a roadway/entrance to the facility.





## BUDGET JUSTIFICATION - EQUIPMENT AND MOTOR VEHICLES

Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Period: July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015

DESCRIPTION EQUIPMENT	NO. OF ITEMS	COST PER ITEM	TOTAL COST	TOTAL BUDGETED
			\$ -	
			\$ -	
			\$ -	
			\$ -	
			\$ -	
<b>TOTAL:</b>				
<b>JUSTIFICATION/COMMENTS:</b>				

DESCRIPTION OF MOTOR VEHICLE	NO. OF VEHICLES	COST PER VEHICLE	TOTAL COST	TOTAL BUDGETED
			\$ -	
			\$ -	
			\$ -	
			\$ -	
			\$ -	
<b>TOTAL:</b>				
<b>JUSTIFICATION/COMMENTS:</b>				

## BUDGET JUSTIFICATION CAPITAL PROJECT DETAILS

Applicant: Veterans of Foreign Wars Hawaii

Period: July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015

FUNDING AMOUNT REQUESTED						
TOTAL PROJECT COST	ALL SOURCES OF FUNDS RECEIVED IN PRIOR YEARS		STATE FUNDS REQUESTED	OF FUNDS REQUESTED	FUNDING REQUIRED IN SUCCEEDING YEARS	
	FY: 2012-2013	FY: 2013-2014	FY:2014-2015	FY:2014-2015	FY:2015-2016	FY:2016-2017
PLANS			100000			
LAND ACQUISITION						
DESIGN			300000			
CONSTRUCTION						5000000
EQUIPMENT						
<b>TOTAL:</b>			<b>400,000</b>			<b>5,000,000</b>
<b>JUSTIFICATION/COMMENTS:</b>						

**DECLARATION STATEMENT OF  
APPLICANTS FOR GRANTS AND SUBSIDIES PURSUANT TO  
CHAPTER 42F, HAWAII REVISIED STATUTES**

The undersigned authorized representative of the applicant certifies the following:

- 1) The applicant meets and will comply with all of the following standards for the award of grants and subsidies pursuant to Section 42F-103, Hawaii Revised Statutes:
  - a) Is licensed or accredited, in accordance with federal, state, or county statutes, rules, or ordinances, to conduct the activities or provide the services for which a grant or subsidy is awarded;
  - b) Complies with all applicable federal and state laws prohibiting discrimination against any person on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, creed, sex, age, sexual orientation, or disability;
  - c) Agrees not to use state funds for entertainment or lobbying activities; and
  - d) Allows the state agency to which funds for the grant or subsidy were appropriated for expenditure, legislative committees and their staff, and the auditor full access to their records, reports, files, and other related documents and information for purposes of monitoring, measuring the effectiveness, and ensuring the proper expenditure of the grant or subsidy.
- 2) The applicant meets the following requirements pursuant to Section 42F-103, Hawaii Revised Statutes:
  - a) Is incorporated under the laws of the State; and
  - b) Has bylaws or policies that describe the manner in which the activities or services for which a grant or subsidy is awarded shall be conducted or provided.
- 3) If the applicant is a non-profit organization, it meets the following requirements pursuant to Section 42F-103, Hawaii Revised Statutes:
  - a) Is determined and designated to be a non-profit organization by the Internal Revenue Service; and
  - b) Has a governing board whose members have no material conflict of interest and serve without compensation.

Pursuant to Section 42F-103, Hawaii Revised Statutes, for grants or subsidies used for the acquisition of land, when the organization discontinues the activities or services on the land acquired for which the grant or subsidy was awarded and disposes of the land in fee simple or by lease, the organization shall negotiate with the expending agency for a lump sum or installment repayment to the State of the amount of the grant or subsidy used for the acquisition of the land.

Further, the undersigned authorized representative certifies that this statement is true and correct to the best of the applicant's knowledge.

Veterans of Foreign Wars Hawaii

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(Signature)  (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

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(Typed Name) Norbert K. Enos (Title) Adj/AM

# Veterans of Foreign Wars

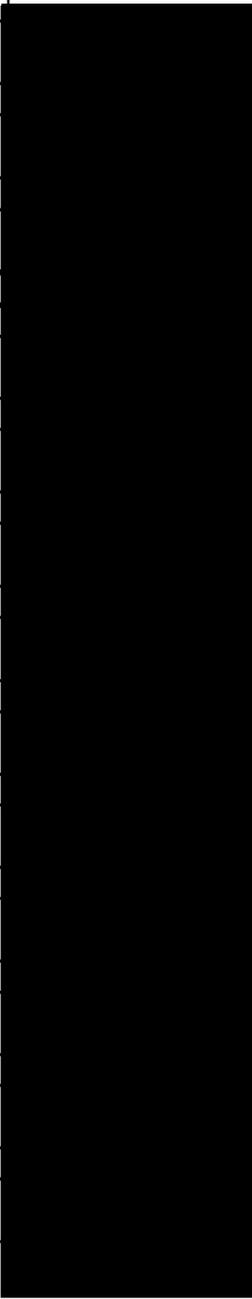
## Department Roster for *Hawaii*

2013-2014

Fax Number	Telephone Number	E-Mail	Department Member at Large	Date Changed		
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**Department Roster for**  
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Public Relations Chairman

David Sakai

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Randy Grant

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Randy Grant

Homeless Veterans Chairman

Joseph Ancheta

Hospital Chairman

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Life Membership Chairman

George Barlett

# Veterans of Foreign Wars

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**2013-2014**

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# Veterans of Foreign Wars

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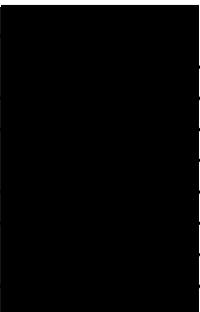
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VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES

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February 3, 2014

**Subject: VFW Hawaii Application for Grants & Subsidies  
Business Plan Application**

**To: The 27<sup>th</sup> Legislature**

**A VFW business plan is not available at this time and we ask for an exception to have a plan submitted at a later date.**

**We are a Fraternal Organization chartered by the United States Congress.**

**Our business is strictly Veterans of all Wars, that includes all Military service, Active/Reserve components, their families and giving back to the communities.**

**Attached are letters of information of what we do here in the State of Hawaii even with out a Facility.**

**Having our own facility like we did have at one time we will be able to serve more here on Oahu.**

**The Department of Hawaii has long played an important role in the accomplishment of the Veterans of Foreign Wars mission. Our commitment and dedication to maintaining the goals of the VFW are an incredible example of support here. The contributions the VFW and Ladies Auxiliary, 5,000 members have made to the community and nation express the determinedness and commitment we have.**

**We appreciate your consideration and support for our request.**

**Sincerely,**



**Norbert K. Enos, ADJ-QM  
National Council Member  
VFW State Adjutant/Quartermaster**

## **ABOUT US**

The VFW traces its roots back to 1899 when veterans of the Spanish-American War (1898) and the Philippine Insurrection (1899-1902) founded local organizations to secure rights and benefits for their service: Many arrived home wounded or sick. There was no medical care or veterans' pension for them, and they were left to care for themselves.

In their misery, some of these veterans banded together and formed organizations with what would become known as the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. After chapters were formed in Ohio, Colorado and Pennsylvania, the movement quickly gained momentum. By 1915, membership grew to 5,000; by 1936, membership was almost 200,000.

Since then, the VFW's voice had been instrumental in establishing the Veterans Administration, creating a GI bill for the 20th century, the development of the national cemetery system and the fight for compensation for Vietnam vets exposed to Agent Orange and for veterans diagnosed with Gulf War Syndrome. In 2008, VFW won a long-fought victory with the passing of a GI Bill for the 21st Century, giving expanded educational benefits to America's active-duty service members, and members of the Guard and Reserves, fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The VFW also has fought for improving VA medical centers services for women veterans.

Besides helping fund the creation of the Vietnam, Korean War, World War II and Women in Military Service memorials, the VFW in 2005 became the first veterans' organization to contribute to building the new Disabled Veterans for Life Memorial, which opened in November 2010.

Annually, the nearly 2 million members of the VFW and its Auxiliaries contribute more than 8.6 million hours of volunteerism in the community, including participation in Make A Difference Day and National Volunteer Week.

From providing over \$3 million in college scholarships and savings bonds to students every year, to encouraging elevation of the Department of Veterans Affairs to the president's cabinet, the VFW is there.

# **WE KNOW WHAT'S IMPORTANT**

**OUR MISSION:** To foster camaraderie among United States veterans of overseas conflicts. To serve our veterans, the military, and our communities. To advocate on behalf of all veterans.

**OUR VISION:** Ensure that veterans are respected for their service, always receive their earned entitlements, and are recognized for the sacrifices they and their loved ones have made on behalf of this great country.

## **OUR CORE VALUES:**

**Always put the interests of our members first  
Treat donors as partners in our cause**

**Promote patriotism**

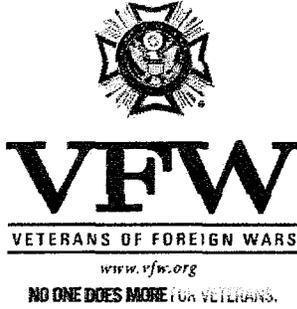
**Honor military service**

**Ensure the care of veterans and their families**

**Serve our communities**

**Promote a positive image of the VFW**

**Respect the diversity of veteran opinions**



# VFW Service to Veterans

*From lobbying Congress and monitoring the Department of Veterans Affairs to assisting veterans filing claims, VFW remains a dedicated advocate for America's veterans.*

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## **National Veterans Service (NVS)**

Located in Washington, D.C., VFW's NVS office assists veterans and their dependents in acquiring their entitled VA services. Annually, NVS budgets more than \$1.4 million for VFW Departments (states) to assist veterans in filing claims.

### **• Department Service Officers (DSOs)**

A VFW DSO is located in every VA Regional Office. Each acts as a liaison between VA and individual veterans to help them get government entitlements.

### **• Tactical Assessment Center (TAC)**

VFW's TAC operates a 24-hour, toll-free hotline for veterans with questions or concerns about VA health care and benefits.

### **• Health Screenings**

VFW hosts health screenings at its national convention and other conferences. Eye exams, cholesterol checks, respiratory function testing, blood pressure screening and blood glucose testing are just some of the screenings offered. Many lives have been saved thanks to these screenings.

### **• Benefits Delivery at Discharge (BDD)**

Introduced in 2001, VFW's BDD provides claims assistance to separating armed forces personnel at designated military installations throughout the country. Education and relocation services also are available.

## **National Legislative Service**

This office represents VFW on various issues before Congress, including testifying at committee hearings and interacting with congressional members.

### **• Action Corps**

This grassroots lobbying effort has 20,000 volunteers who write, call and visit lawmakers to discuss issues related to veterans. Also, Action Corps publishes *Washington Weekly*, an online newsletter relating to current legislation.

## **National Security and Foreign Affairs**

The welfare of active-duty personnel is of prime concern to VFW, which is why troop deployments are monitored.

### **• POW/MIA**

VFW national officers visit Pacific, Asian and European countries to meet with host-country officials to stress the importance of conducting MIA investigation and recovery operations, as well as gaining access to documents and archival research facilities.

## **Employment Services**

VFW is a strong supporter of veterans' preference in government positions. The Washington Office monitors veteran-specific employment legislation.

### **• VetJobs.com**

VFW is the major sponsor of this online service, which allows veterans and their spouses to post resumes and search available jobs.



# VFW Programs & Projects

Since its founding, VFW has been a staple in the community. Troop support, youth activities, volunteering and scholarship programs are a few of the ways VFW shines in the many communities and cities where Posts are located.

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## Scholarship Programs

### • *Voice of Democracy*

This audio-essay competition annually awards more than \$1.9 million in scholarships to students in grades 9-12. First-place winner receives \$30,000 scholarship.

### • *Patriot's Pen*

More than \$500,000 is awarded annually to students in grades 6-8 in this essay contest. First-place winner receives \$5,000 U.S. Savings Bond.

### • *Scout of the Year*

Three scholarships are awarded annually to outstanding scouts. First place receives \$5,000, second place receives \$3,000 and third place receives \$1,000.

## Educational Outreach

### • *Echoes From the Wall*

VFW partnered with the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund to distribute a curriculum, Echoes From the Wall, to 25,000 public and private high schools and donated \$50,000 to the project.

### • *Educational Brochures*

VFW produces and distributes a flag brochure and poster as well as background material for Memorial Day and Veterans Day.

### • *Veterans in the Classroom*

November is officially known as VFW Veterans in the Classroom Month. Members demonstrate flag etiquette and share their wartime experiences with America's youth.

## Youth Activities

Locally, VFW Posts sponsor various youth sporting programs such as baseball and ice hockey. In addition many VFW Posts sponsor Boy and Girl Scout troops, Junior Olympics, bike safety, JROTC units, drill teams, color guards, and a variety of other programs to build good citizenship and exemplary character in America's youth

## Community Volunteerism

Each year, VFW members volunteer more than 8.6 million hours of service to various community endeavors.

### • *Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service*

VFW was a charter member in 1946. On average, more than 5,000 VFW volunteers donate 1 million hours of service annually at VA medical facilities.

### • *March of Dimes*

VFW Posts raise an average of \$100,000 annually for March of Dimes (MOD).

## Troop Support

### • *Military Assistance Program (MAP)*

The link between the VFW and the military community has provided over 1,800 grants to VFW Departments and Posts for morale-boosting events since 2005, hosting more than 1.6 million military members and their families at these events.

### • *Adopt-a-Unit*

More than 1,900 units and ships have been adopted through VFW Posts since 2007. VFW National Headquarters adopted the USS Cole in 2002.

### • *Care Packages*

Posts across the country show their support of America's military by collecting and distributing much-needed personal items for troops.

### • *VFW Operation Uplink™*

Introduced in 1996, this program connects active-duty personnel and hospitalized veterans with family members through free phone time and VFW "Free Call Days." Since its inception, *Operation Uplink* has provided millions of free connections, currently averaging over 40,000 per month.

### • *VFW Unmet Needs*

This program administers emergency financial grants to military families to help cover basic expenses like mortgage payments, childcare, food and more. Since 2004, more than 3,200 grants have been issued totaling more than \$4.5 million.