

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 2491
A BILL RELATING TO THE VIETNAM WAR COMMEMORATION

PRESENTATION TO
THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS, MILITARY, & INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS,
& CULTURE AND THE ARTS

BY
MAJOR GENERAL ARTHUR J. LOGAN
ADJUTANT GENERAL
AND DIRECTOR OF THE HAWAII EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY
February 8, 2016

Chair Ito, Vice Chair Tokioka, and Members of the House Committee on Veterans, Military, & International Affairs, & Culture and the Arts:

I am Major General Arthur J. Logan, State Adjutant General and the Director of the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency. I am testifying in **SUPPORT** of House Bill 2491.

This measure appropriates funds for the planning of programs and ceremonies commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War. The celebration will be a multi-year running with events occurring through 2025.

Many Vietnam-era veterans were drafted into military service and served honorably. Thousands were wounded and many made the ultimate sacrifice. When they returned from their service, they were greeted by a divided nation that did not celebrate their return from the war. This 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War will be a closure for these forgotten veterans. It will be a fitting way to recognize their service to America.

Thank you for allowing me to testify in **SUPPORT** of House Bill 2491.

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
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COMMEMORATION

PRESENTATION TO THE
COMMITTEE ON VETERANS, MILITARY, & INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, & CULTURE
AND THE ARTS

BY

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

February 8, 2016

Good morning Chair Ito, Vice-Chair Tokioka, and members of the Committee:

I'm Ron Han, Director of the State Office of Veterans Services. I appreciate this opportunity to provide testimony in support of House Bill 2491 as long as its implementation does not impact or replace the priorities set forth in the Executive Budget.

This bill requests that an appropriation of funds out of general revenues of the State of Hawaii to the State Department of Defense for the planning of programs, ceremonies, parades, and other activities to honor our Vietnam-era Veterans for the purpose of commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War during fiscal years 2016-2017.

Many Vietnam-era Veterans who were drafted came home to angry protestors, confronted with signs humiliating them at airports and harbors, and treated with incredible disrespect because they fulfilled their compulsory duties as citizens of this great country. Because of their resilience and pride in overcoming this travesty, the military members and Veterans of the Gulf War today did not have to endure this type of disgrace and shame. This current generation stood on the shoulders of the Vietnam-era Veterans who paved the way and brought back dignity and respect to those who defend our freedoms and liberties. This small token of our thanks and appreciation is long overdue.

Thank you for this opportunity to offer my comments.

VIA E-MAIL

HOUSE COMMITTEES ON VETERANS MILITARY AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, AND FINANCE:

Representative Ken Ito, Chair; James Tokioka, Vice Chair of the Committee on Veterans, Military, and International Affairs; and Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair; Scott Nishimoto Vice Chair of the Committee on Finance.

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 2491; RELATING TO THE VIETNAM WAR COMMEMORATION

Hearing Date: Monday, February 08, 2016
Time: 09:00 AM
Place: Conference Room 312
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
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Chair Ito and Vice Chair Tokioka, Chair Luke and Vice Chair Nishimoto, and members of the House Committee on Veterans, Military, and International Affairs and the House Committee on Finance.

I am James Kuroiwa, a Director on the Board of Directors of the Go For Broke Association that is located at P.O. Box 88234, Honolulu, HI 96830-88234, a 501 (c) 19 not for profit Veterans Association.

We are testifying in strong support of House Bill 2491 and its intent to fund the 50th Anniversary in Hawaii of the Vietnam War.

The 100th Battalion, 442nd Infantry USAR (United State Army Reserve) was mobilized on May 13, 1968 at Ft. DeRussy for the first time since the unit was reactivated in 1947 as a reserve component of the U.S. Army. The mobilization occurred during the Vietnam War, to provide individual replacements. Also, to become a strategic reserve unit in Hawaii, as a battalion of the Hawaii National Guard 29th Infantry Brigade. The mobilization included 28 officers, 2 warrant officers and 472 enlisted men assigned to the battalion. Reservists mobilized from the state of Ohio and recent graduates from the Hawaii National Guard's OCS filled the available slots in the Battalion. The 100th Battalion, 442nd Infantry USAR, after much discussion at the Brigade and higher level, was allowed to continue wearing the storied "Torch of Liberty" shoulder patch.

The battalion reported to Quad D at Schofield Barracks and organized to begin training. The training included tactical operations from the squad, platoon, company, and battalion level at Schofield and the Kahuku training areas. We were preparing for a possible combat tour. Discussions at the Brigade and higher level should the Brigade or Battalions be called for

combat duty as a unit, or as individual replacements to units already in Country. The latter concept prevailed.

The battalion was decimated when 17 officers, 2 warrant officers and 168 enlisted men were levied for duty in Vietnam, leaving Hawaii on different dates beginning early 1969. The men upon arriving in Vietnam were assigned to various units throughout the country including the 1st Cav Division, 82nd Airborne Division, 101st Airborne Division, 173rd Airborne Brigade (Separate), 25th Infantry Division, Americal Division, 1st Infantry Division, 4th Infantry Division, 5th Infantry Division, 9th Infantry Division, and 23rd Infantry Division. A few of officers and men from the 100th Battalion, 442nd Infantry USAR were assigned to MACV (Military Assistance Command, Vietnam).

Some of the men from the 100th Battalion, 442nd Infantry USAR, levied for Vietnam, were serving their second combat tour. A few served during the Korean War and others served earlier tours in Vietnam. These multiple tour and war combat veterans are the special men of the 100th Battalion, 442nd Infantry USAR.

Nine men from the 100th Battalion, 442nd Infantry USAR gave the ultimate sacrifice serving in Vietnam. The men levied for Vietnam received orders in October to be returned to Hawaii and Schofield Barracks by November 28, 1969. The Battalion was released from active duty on December 12, 1969. The 100th Battalion, 442nd Infantry after a successful active duty training and combat in Vietnam reverted to reserve status at Ft. DeRussy.

Nine men of the 100th BN/442d INF USAR were killed in action. Seven of the men are buried at the Punchbowl National Memorial Cemetery, one at the Mililani Memorial Cemetery, and one at the Hilo Memorial Cemetery. On the 2nd Saturday on December of each year, a contingent of the 100th BN/442d INF USAR continue to remember and honor the men who gave their life in Vietnam.

Sincerely,

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Stanley Y. Fernandez Sr.	Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States	Support	No

Comments: In support of HB2491, Relating to Vietnam War Commemoration. As a Vietnam veteran, who served three tours, whenever I returned there were no official greetings. After a while, as a veteran, I kind of felt like our efforts was in vain and not appreciated. This commemoration, hopefully will nullify that adverse public opinion and finally recognize the heroic efforts of all Vietnam Veterans.

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Chamber of Commerce HAWAII
The Voice of Business

**Testimony to the House Committee on Veterans, Military, &
International Affairs, & Culture and the Arts
Monday, February 8, 2015 at 9:00 A.M.
Conference Room 312, State Capitol**

RE: HOUSE BILL 2491 RELATING TO VIETNAM WAR COMMEMORATION

Chair Ito, Vice Chair Tokioka, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Kamakana Kaimulua, and I am the Vice President of Military Affairs at The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii (The Chamber). I am here to state that The Chamber **supports** HB 2491, which appropriates funds for the commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War.

In 2012, a presidential proclamation established that the Vietnam War Commemoration would extend from Memorial Day 2012 through Veterans Day 2025. While the Hawaii 50th Anniversary of Vietnam Commemorative Committee has done an incredible amount of work on behalf of the State in trying to create opportunities to recognize and honor Vietnam veterans and their families through programs, ceremonies, and activities.

Although this commemorative committee was established in 2014, it has faced numerous challenges in developing programs, ceremonies, and activities linked to the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War due to a lack of funding. This legislation will go far in helping recognize the sacrifices of those who served in Vietnam.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Monday, February 08, 2016
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**The Kauai Veterans
Council supports
HB2491 Relating to
the Vietnam War
Commemoration. We
ask that you support
this bill. And ask for
your colleagues
Support. Thank you
very much.**

Edward Kawamura

Commander, Kauai Veterans Council

A G E N D A

<u>HB 1807</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO MILITARY SERVICE. Authorizes reserve and national guard members to receive paid military leave while on inactive-duty training.	VMI, LAB, FIN
<u>HB 2467</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO THE STATE MICROBE. Establishes and designates <i>Flavobacterium akiainvivens</i> as the official microbe of the State.	VMI, JUD
<u>HB 2489</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE. Appropriates funds for the establishment of a veterans services counselor IV position within the Office of Veterans' Services to assist all veterans, with a primary focus on female veterans.	VMI, LAB, FIN
<u>HB 2490</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO VETERANS. Exempts selected disabled veterans from all motor vehicle taxes.	VMI, TRN, FIN
<u>HB 2491</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO VIETNAM WAR COMMEMORATION. Appropriates funds for programs, ceremonies, and activities commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War.	VMI, FIN
<u>HB 2492</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII. Makes appropriations for the department of theater and dance at the University of Hawaii at Manoa.	VMI, HED, FIN
<u>HB 2618</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO WORKS OF ART SPECIAL FUND. Requires 50% of the funds in the works of art special fund to be used for art education at DOE schools effective 7/1/17. Requires the auditor to audit the value of the art objects purchased by the works of art special fund. Appropriates funds.	VMI, EDN, FIN
<u>HB 2741</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO MILITARY IN THE ARTS. Appropriates moneys for the state foundation on culture and the arts to establish an arts in the military program.	VMI, FIN
<u>HB 2755</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO INCIDENT RESPONSE. Requires the cybersecurity, economic, education, and infrastructure security coordinator to develop and maintain an incident response plan to cyber-attacks for each executive department in the State.	VMI, FIN
<u>HCR 11</u> <u>Status</u>	URGING THE GOVERNOR TO ESTABLISH A COMMISSION REGARDING THE EARLY SETTLERS OF AFRICAN ANCESTRY AND THEIR HAWAIIAN AFRICAN DESCENDANTS.	VMI, FIN

[HCR 23 / HR 5 / Status](#) URGING CONGRESS TO AMEND FEDERAL LAW TO ALLOW FUNDS FOR THE BURIAL OF QUALIFIED FILIPINO-AMERICAN VETERANS IN NATIONAL AND STATE VETERANS CEMETERIES TO COVER THE COSTS OF TRANSPORTING THE REMAINS OF FILIPINO-AMERICAN VETERANS OF WORLD WAR II TO THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR FUNERAL AND BURIAL SERVICES IN THE PHILIPPINES. VMI, FIN

[HCR 26 Status](#) REQUESTING THE HAWAII SISTER-STATE COMMITTEE TO EVALUATE AND DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE INITIATION OF A SISTER-STATE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE STATE OF GOA IN THE COUNTRY OF INDIA AND FORWARD ITS RECOMMENDATION TO THE LEGISLATURE, PURSUANT TO SECTION 229-3, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES, FOR FURTHER ACTION. VMI, FIN

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mike Golojuch	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support the appropriation of funds for programs, ceremonies, and activities commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War.

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Chelsea Fernandez	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michael A Lilly	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As a member of the State Advisory Board on Veterans Services which voted to support this bill, I am submitting my own personal testimony as a veteran (Vietnam Combat Vet with 30-years service) in support.

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House Committee on Veterans, Military, International Affairs, & Culture and the Arts (VMI)

February 2016

Testimony of Rene Berthiaume in **Support** of HB2491

Aloha Chair Cachola and members of the Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to testify in SUPPORT of HB2491

My name is Rene Berthiaume and I am a member of the State of Hawaii 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War Commemoration Committee and also Chair of its legislative committee. The 50th Anniversary Committee is a result of President Obama's issuance of a proclamation as well as a similar proclamation by Governor Abercrombie. As Veterans of the war we were asked to serve on this Committee in order to organize, plan, develop and carry out a commemoration program that gives thanks and honors our Vietnam Veterans and their families. Though we are all volunteers, we are tasked with carrying out these objectives. Since these proclamations came with no real resources in terms of funding these activities, it also fell to us to request government assistance and support as well as from private sector businesses, individuals, veterans groups, etc. in order to complete our mission. These committees are active in on 50 states and also will include participation of our allies during that war i.e. South Korea, Thailand, Australia, etc. However, Hawaii has emerged as a main focal point for these efforts due to our very high visibility and the role played during Vietnam time. This high visibility will have a positive effect on us as a state and a boost to our local economy.

Again, I strongly Support this bill and look forward to its passage. I will be happy to answer any questions you might have.

Mahalo,

Rene Berthiaume

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Dylan Armstrong	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bob Bretschneider	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Being a Vietnam Vet I support this bill. We only did what our country asked us to do and we got blamed for the war - we were only the warriors not the politicians who started this.

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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 564, RELATING TO VIETNAM WAR
COMMEMORATION

PRESENTATION TO THE
COMMITTEE ON VETERANS, MILITARY & INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS &
CULTURE AND THE ARTS

BY Donald S. Fuitani_
Date of Hearing: Monday, February 8, 2016

Thank you Representative Ito, Chair and Representative Tokioka, Vice-Chair of the committee for this opportunity to **express my support for HB2491**. This measure appropriates funds for the programs, ceremonies and activities commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War and Hawaii's veterans who served both in-country and during the Era.

This measure will afford Hawaii to honor all military members, their families, and other government and non-government organizations that supported our effort during the Vietnam War. These individuals were not given an appropriate "Welcome home" and as this is the 50th Anniversary of the War, it is fitting to recognize these individuals and their families while they are still able to receive the recognition.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of this bill.

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Howard Kitaoka	Individual	Support	No

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BY Stanley Y. Koga

Date of Hearing: Monday, February 8, 2016

Thank Chair Representative Ito (for whom I once had the privilege to serve as an intern) and Representative Tokioka, Vice Chair of the committee for this opportunity to **strongly support HB2491**. This measure appropriates funds for the programs, ceremonies and activities commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War and Hawaii's veterans who served both in country and within the Era.

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As a Vietnam Veteran, I recall removing my ribbons from my dress greens while waiting for my flight back home to Hawaii in San Francisco International, whereby I would not draw the disdainful attention and comments from people in the terminal. Having been separated at Fort Lewis and taking a commercial flight home from SEATAC via San Francisco made the wait a very long one to return home. Today, I can say that I am proud to say that I am a Vietnam Vet

who served. I was one of many members of the National Guard & Reservists activated in May 1968 who served in Vietnam.

I thank the committee for allowing me this opportunity to testify in strong support of this bill.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Edwin Lesperance	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Vietnam Veterans have been overlooked and marginalized for over 50 years. Most of us will not be here to see the results of this legislation. Don't desert us again.

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Shirley E. Mason	Individual	Support	No

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BY Carswell J. Ross, Jr. CMSgt. USAF (Ret.)

Date of Hearing: Monday, February 8, 2016

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BY MAJ Dale E. Wilson, Ph.D., USA (Ret.)

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BY Rona F. Adams

Date of Hearing: Monday, February 8, 2016

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I am a decorated Vietnam Veteran that served 2 tours as a Captain in the US Army Nurse in the height of the war. I am a 1968 TET Offensive survivor. I also am a member of the 50th Anniversary Committee. When I was asked to be on this committee, my first thought was "HA!!! Too little, too Late" but then I thought about it and said "OK, Better Late than Never".....

I want to tell you that WAR is HELL.... Anyone that has been in a combat zone will agree with me. And I hope you or your family members never have to be in that situation. Those young men and women that were in that hell zone and came home alive had another hell to face once they got home. They were spit on, called baby killers, and other horrendous things. I was fortunate like some other young women coming home, even though we came home in uniform, most people didn't think we were coming back from Vietnam and didn't treat us so horribly bad when we landed at our home airport.

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PLEASE, let us say THANK YOU and WELCOME HOME in 2017

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BY Marcia J. Brinkley

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My husband and I are both Vietnam-era veterans and he is also an Iraq veteran. We strongly support every effort our country makes toward honoring our fallen heroes of Vietnam and their families, as well as the service members and their families who served in Vietnam or elsewhere in the world during the Vietnam era.

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Comments: I am Maj Gen (ret) Darryll Wong and a Vietnam Veteran. The United States is honoring those who have served in Vietnam which is very appropriate at this time. I would like to voice my strong support for HB2491. Funding is needed to help organize a long in coming celebration and recognition for ll those who have serve during the Vietnam War. Mahalo, Darryll

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