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CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2021!!!

Nānākuli High & Intermediate School for the 2nd year had a drive-thru graduation ceremony. This year parents of graduates reached out to Representative Eli to help organize a convoy for the seniors and their ohana on the day of the ceremony, on their way going up Nānākuli Avenue to the high school. Representative Eli, Senator Shimabukuro, Nanaikapono Protestant Church, St. Rita's Catholic Church, HPD officers, community volunteers and parents were able to come together and do something special for our graduates! Mahalo nui to everyone that came together to make this possible! Congratulations to the class of 2021 and your ohana!

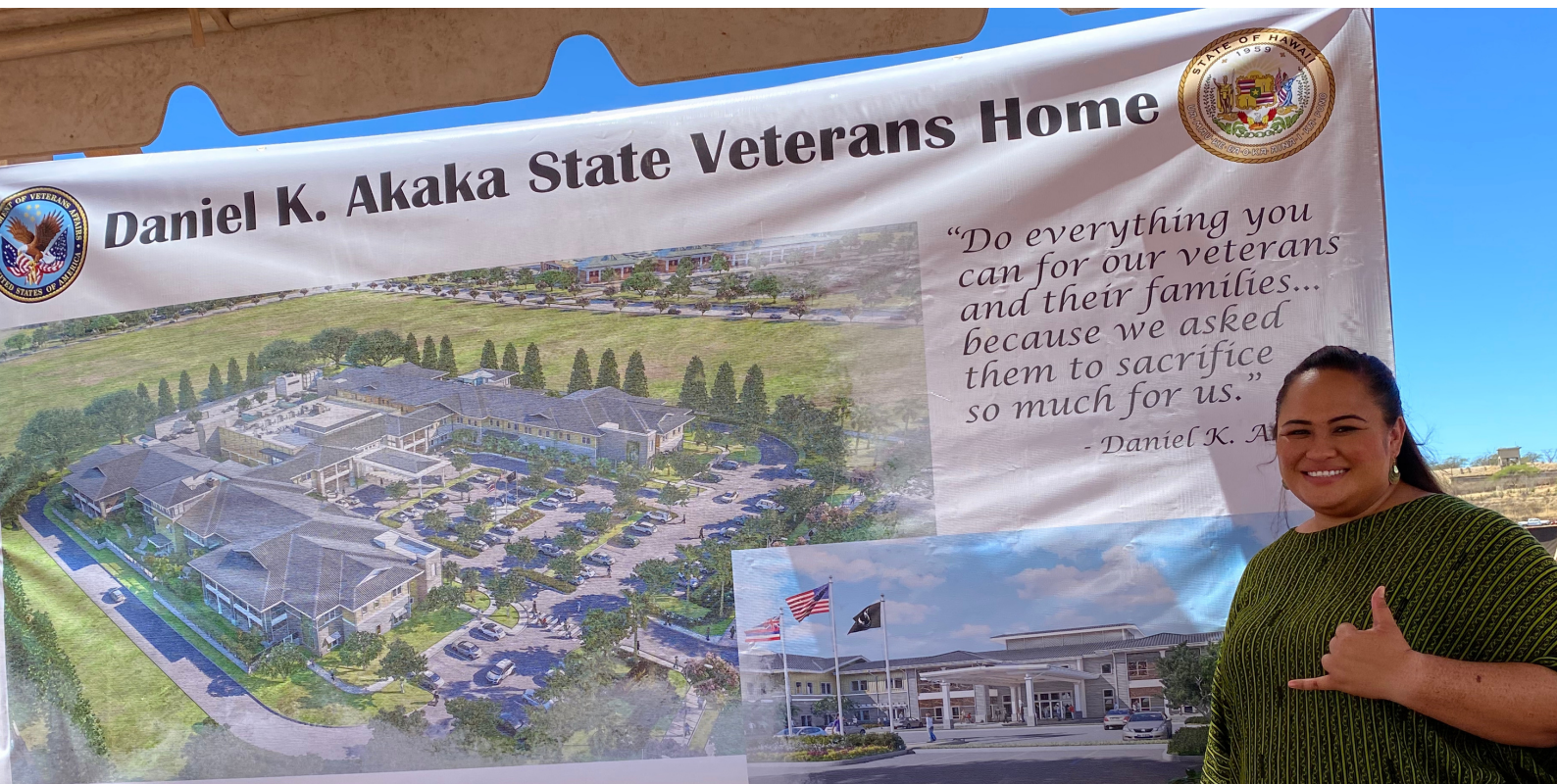


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BLESSING & GROUNDBREAKING OF THE DANIEL K. AKAKA STATE VETERANS HOME



Representative Eli attended the blessing & groundbreaking of the Daniel K. Akaka State Veterans Home in Kapolei. Approximately 85,000 veterans live on O'ahu, with about 118,000 in the state. This will be a 120-bed facility. This facility will offer skilled nursing and intermediate care facility beds to provide long-term care services plus geriatric mental health/dementia/Alzheimer's care, rehabilitation therapies, hospice, respite and adult day care. This facility will target both long-term and short-term veterans populations, eligible spouses and Gold Star parents and will be open to all veterans living in Hawaii.



FINANCE COMMITTEE SITE VISITS HAWAII STATE HOSPITAL & HAWAII INSTITUTE OF MARINE BIOLOGY



The Finance Committee members visited the new Hawaii State Hospital in Kane'ohe. The facility is the state's only psychiatric facility for forensic patients. For many years it had been overcrowded. This new Goddard Building facility will have a total of 144 beds for patients who are found to pose a risk to themselves and others. The state legislature approved 127 staff positions to operate and meet the needs of patients.



Finance committee members also visited Coconut Island of Marine Biology and meet with scientist, professors as well as students that had been working on the island through programs from when they were high school students. It was exciting to hear that students from the Wai'anae coast are able to participate in the valuable research taking place and also earn college credits while there. We learned about the coral saving work being done at the Hawaii Institute of Marine Biology. This work is critical and provides a good foundation of scientific knowledge.