

**STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**TESTIMONY
RELATING TO THE CONFIRMATION OF
GM 89 - HERBE RT C. LUM
TO THE ADVISORY BOARD ON VETERANS SERVICES**

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL
AND MILITARY AFFAIRS**

OCTOBER 29, 2007

BY

OFFICE OF VETERANS SERVICES

Good afternoon, Chair Lorraine Inouye, Vice Chair Shan Tsutsui and members of the Committee.

I am Mark Moses, Director of the Office of Veterans Services (OVS). OVS supports confirmation of Herbert C. Lum to be appointed to the Advisory Board on Veterans Services.

Colonel Lum is a Korean War Veteran who served as a combat intelligence soldier with the 7th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, U.S. Marine Corps. He took part in the Inchon landing and the Recapture of Seoul, the Chosin Reservoir operation in North Korea and other actions in Central Korea. Colonel Lum was awarded the Combat Action award, Korean Service Medals with five (5) stars, three (3) Presidential Unit Citations and several other Korean, United Nations and U.S. awards.

After his years in military service he returned to school and completed his Bachelor's degree at the University of Southern California and his Masters of Arts Degree at Central Michigan University and continued on to receive his certification as a public accountant. He became an auditor with the Federal

government and rose to management position. His management activities included working with allied countries and resolution of foreign issues.

As a veteran and retiree, Colonel Lum is involved with the Veterans League of Hawaii Island, which is very actively involved in the expansion and beautification of the West Hawaii Veterans Cemetery. He is also a member of the Disabled American Veterans, the Korean War Veterans Association and the Chosin Few Aloha Chapter. Colonel Lum is not only supported by my office, but also by the many veterans organization from both the East and West sides of the Big Island.

He has attended two of the Board's meetings and has been active in representing the West Hawaii veterans on the Big Island.

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

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ADVISORY BOARD ON VETERANS SERVICES

Good afternoon, Chair Lorraine Inouye, Vice Chair Shan Tsutsui and members of the Committee:

1. Our Board would like to express our strong support for Herbert Lum to be confirmed for a position on the Advisory Board on Veterans' Services. Mr. Lum has joined our board as the new West Hawaii representative and really hit the ground running. In his several months on the board, Mr. Lum has made an excellent addition to the Board. He has worked hard on issues of benefit to Veterans, especially the potential water shortage for the West Hawaii Veteran's Cemetery north of Kona.
2. Thank you for considering our testimony in support of Mr. Lum.

Sincerely,

Anne V. Stevens, Chair
Legislative Committee
Hawaii State Advisory Board
on Veterans' Services