

**VETERANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

02/11/08

Purpose: To advise the County on matters pertaining to the operation, management and maintenance of veterans cemeteries and other related veterans issues.

Authority: Section 15-61, Hawaii County Code, as amended, in conjunction with Hawaii Revised Statutes, Section 363-5.

Appointment: Mayor with Council approval. Normal five year staggered terms.

Full Membership: Sixteen members.

Ex-Officio Members: Hawaii Island Veterans Affairs Advisor, Director of Parks and Recreation.

Specific Representation: Must have one representative from each of the following organizations: American Legion, Big Island National Guard Retirees Association, Big Island Retired Military Association, Club 100, Disabled American Veterans, 442<sup>nd</sup> Veterans Association, Hilo Interpreters Club, Hawaii Island Women Veterans Association, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Veterans of the Vietnam War, Hawaii Island Veterans Memorial, Inc., Military Order of the Purple Heart.

Requirements: No specific requirement.

Meetings: Normally, one per month. Meetings usually held at Council Room, Hilo and Videoconference held at Kona Mayor's Office.

Financial Disclosure: Not required.

Reappointment: Members shall be eligible to succeed themselves for an additional term, provided that no member shall serve on the committee for more than two consecutive terms.

Qualities: Respected by the community and by veterans as being community-minded and oriented. Able to focus on community and veteran needs as a whole without catering to special or self-interest.

Current Members:

	<u>CD</u>
Gilbert P. Sampaia, 12/31/07, (BI Ret)	2
Edward A. K. Lee, 12/31/10 (NG Ret)	2
Carol Brulee-Wilson, 12/31/12 (DAV)	6
George T. Mukai, 12/31/11, (442 <sup>nd</sup> )	3
George Yamamoto, 12/31/06, (Hilo Interp.)	4
Wendall E. K. Kekumu, 12/31/10, (VFW)	5
Don D. Bennett, 12/31/07, (HIVM, Inc.)	5
Richard L. Stevens, 12/31/10, (MOPH)	7
Robert Welter, 12/31/10, (VKW – Independent)	6
Richard L. Highley, 12/31/08, (Independent)	6
Antonio T. Gaspar, 12/31/08, (ALK)	7
Minoru Hanato, 12/31/11, (Independent)	7
Norman S. Stahl, 12/31/12, (Camp Tarawa Det. #1255)	3
John R. Young, 12/31/11, (VFW)	5
Delbert Nishimoto, 12/31/11, (442 <sup>nd</sup> )	2

Secretary/Contact Person: Nathalie Santos  
961-8311

Attorney Assigned: Renee Schoen

***\*The information on this sheet is condensed. For full information see appropriate Sections of the County Charter, County Code and/or Hawaii Revised Statutes.***