

GM 786

**Submitting for consideration and confirmation to
the Advisory Board on Veterans' Services,
Gubernatorial Nominee, PATRICIA WIELAND, for
a term to expire 6-30-2017.**

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY

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PRESENTATION TO THE

SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND
MILITARY AFFAIRS

BY

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

April 11, 2013

Chair Espero, Vice Chair Baker and Committee members:

I'm Ron Han, Director for the State Office of Veteran's Services (OVS). The OVS supports confirmation of Patricia Wieland to be appointed to the Advisory Board on Veterans Services for a term to expire June 30, 2017.

Pat has done a phenomenal job for four years as a member of this board that helps to work issues and programs that support Veterans and their families across the State.

As a result of her leadership, she was voted by board members to take on the Madame Chair duties for 2012-2013. Always thinking about others, she has taken on a directorship role of building a volunteer support network for the Veterans Benefits Administration, the Veterans Health Administration, and with the State Office of Veterans Services.

As the head of the VA Volunteer Services, Pat has, in just a few years, increased the VA volunteer support team from 20 volunteers to over 250 statewide. Every year she honors them with an annual appreciation lunch attended by volunteers and their federal and state employers. Without a doubt, this program has saved countless number of man hours and allowed technical staff members to devote their time in critical areas.

Pat has an affinity for working Women Veterans issues. As a fellow Veteran herself, she is constantly looking for ways to highlight Veterans issues affecting the 14,000 Women Veterans in Hawaii. She has groomed the Hawaii Military Women's Veterans Task Force with many ideas and continues to give as much as she can to this worthy endeavor.

Pat is an incredible leader who always places Veterans and their families first. I highly recommend your support for her nomination.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of Patricia Wieland's confirmation and consideration.

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Wednesday, April 03, 2013 2:19 PM
To: PSMTestimony
Cc: wilsonc@flex.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for GM786 on Apr 11, 2013 14:45PM
Attachments: Pat Weiland's Nomination Endorsement.doc

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Submitted on: 4/3/2013

Testimony for PSM on Apr 11, 2013 14:45PM in Conference Room 224

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Ms Carolle Brulee-Wilson | Office of Veterans Services | Support | No |

Comments: I overwhelmingly support this nomination.

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From: Ms. Carolle Brulee-Wilson, Office of Veterans Services Advisory Board Member

To: The Honorable Senator Will Espero, Chairman, of the Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs

Subj: ENDORSEMENT FOR THE NOMINATION OF MS. PATRICIA WIELAND TO THE STATE OF HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE OFFICE OF VETERANS SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

1. The purpose of this letter is to endorse Pat Wieland's nomination for the Office of Veterans Services Advisory Board. I've known Ms. Wieland for many years and can truly attest to her repeated dedication, leadership, organizational knowledge and constant commitment to Veterans.
2. Serving now as Chairwoman for the Department of Defense OVS Advisory Board, a long time member of the DAVA, and numerous Civic organizations, she has shown me she "stands out" a Veteran leader, one to be emulated, who stands behind our Director, consistently encourages the working achievements of myself and fellow board members on this board, and encourages us to be proactive, to look at different approaches for solutions that may work to the Veteran's issues we encounter. Most important Ms. Wieland emphasizes and encourages us to stay in touch with Veterans so we can communicate effectively their needs and concerns. The Office of Veterans Services cannot do without her.
3. Ms. Wieland's long tenure with the Department of Veterans Affairs Honolulu, her outstanding job performance, professionalism and working knowledge of Veterans issues has my firm endorsement for her nomination.

In Kindness,

Ms. Carolle Brulee-Wilson
Office of Veterans Services
East Hawaii Representative

Carswell J. Ross, Jr., Chief Master Sergeant USAF (Ret.)
94-1020 Puana Street
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SUPPORTIVE TESTIMONY
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AND
MILITARY AFFAIRS

Thursday, April 11, 2013, at 2:45 p.m.
Conference Room 224

February 26, 2013

Chair Espero, Vice Chair Baker and Committee members:

I am providing supportive testimony on behalf of Gubernatorial Nominee Patricia Wieland. I have worked with and know Patricia for many years. She is presently serving on the Advisory Board on Veterans Services and represents the views of veterans and particularly women veterans. She is a retired Navy veteran and volunteer coordinator employed by the Department of Veteran Affairs, Health Care Administration. She understands the concerns that many women veterans express while in and out of the military. Her knowledge of issues affecting women veterans and her understanding of the health care options available to women veterans will serve the board well as it struggles to develop services for this underserved veteran group.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support Patricia Wieland's confirmation and consideration.

April 10, 2013

Governor Neil Abercrombie
Hawaii State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: Ms. Patricia Wieland's nomination to the Veteran's Service Advisor Board

Governor Abercrombie,

I highly recommend Ms. Patricia Wieland as a member of the Veteran's Service Advisory Board. Ms. Wieland has significantly impacted my life in the short time I have known her. In my nearly twenty years as a veteran, wife of an active duty service member and clinical social worker, Pat's support to veterans, their families and the Hawaii community is unmatched. I have seen her work ethic and professionalism first-hand. Pat is a first class individual and always chooses services to others over self. She accomplishes her duties as the VAVA Program Manager, VA Pacific Islands Health Care System with tenacity, poise, and character, which has earned her respect of superiors, peers, and subordinates. She is committed and invested in the service to the people of Hawaii in numerous charities, volunteer organizations, and community organizations. Also, she is considered a pioneer and one of the most dedicated to our veteran population and has enlisted the support and services of others in this endeavor.

Pat's track record speaks for itself. Her experience, motivation, professionalism and charisma will make her highly successful in consecutive terms on the Veteran's Service Advisory Board. If you would like to speak further, please do not hesitate to call me at 757 768-3000.

Sincerely,

Machelle D. Terrell

P.O. Box 1170
Kamuela, HI 96743
April 5, 2013

The Honorable Will Espero
Chairman
Senate Committee on Public Safety, Government
Operations and Military Affairs
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813


Subject: PSM Testimony 04-11-13 GM 786

Dear Chairman Espero and members of the committee:

I submit this written testimony in support of consideration and confirmation to the Advisory Board on Veterans Services, Gubernatorial Nominee PATRICIA WIELAND for a term to expire 6-30-2017.

Ms Wieland is very dedicated to veteran causes and an assertive advocate on Veterans' issues. I have been a member of the Board and have known Ms Weiland for the last four years at which time she repeatedly demonstrated an ability to define problems and offering solutions. In the past year she ascended to the Chair and performed this function with great wisdom and understanding-a remarkable achievement for a first term. Her performance and personal rapport as a Board Member and Chair makes her an extremely creditable member of the Board for which I am most honored to recommend appointment for the stated term.

Respectfully,


Herbert C. Lum
Veterans Advisory Board
West Hawaii Island Member

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Submitted on: 4/3/2013

Testimony for PSM on Apr 11, 2013 14:45PM in Conference Room 224

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| Keith T. Ribbentrop | Individual | Support | No |

Comments: I have known Patricia Weiland for a long a time; as a veteran herself she understands our needs. Most importantly Pat is a strong advocate for Hawaii's veterans. I highly recommend her confirmation to the Veterans Advisory Board. Thank you for the opportunity to submit my comments.

From: Family S [kshio@earthlink.net]
Sent: Wednesday, April 10, 2013 8:27 PM
To: PSMTestimony
Subject: GM786 - Confirmation Hearing for Patricia Wieland

To: Civil Defense Advisory Council

I am submitting this statement on behalf of my friend and supervisor for the past two and a half years at the Spark M. Matsunaga VA Medical Center, Voluntary Services. Patricia is a woman who shows outstanding compassion for our veterans, giving not only her time and her personal resources, but also her love, which comes from a deep respect and knowledge of the sacrifice our veterans have made. A veteran herself, Patricia is involved in so many veteran organizations and she is always looking for ways to better circumstances for veterans. I've seen her give half of her sandwich to a hungry veteran. Everyone knows she keeps drinks and snacks in her office, and sometimes even clothing and toiletries for needy veterans. I've seen her walk elderly, lost gentlemen to their appointments, and guide disgruntled, confused veterans to an advocate. Once a week she shops for a homebound veteran on the north shore, which means not only delivering his groceries, but offering companionship to a lonely man, often returning home at 10:00pm. This is the wonderful selfless person I have been privileged to know. The Advisory Board on Veterans Services would greatly benefit from the presence and counsel of Patricia Wieland.

Much Aloha, Heidi Shiozaki

Senate Testimony Submitted: April 10, 2013

HEARING

Date: April 11, 2013

Time: 2:45 p.m.

Place: Conference Room 224

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

To: Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs

Senator Will Espero, Chair

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair

Organization: Individual

From: Ipolani M. Yee-Kaneshiro

Re: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Advisory Board on Veterans' Services, Gubernatorial Nominee, PATRICIA WIELAND, for a term to expire 6-30-2017.

In Support

Dear Chair Espero, Vice Chair Baker & Committee Members:

I support the confirmation of Patricia Wieland to the Advisory Board on Veterans' Services for the following reasons. Ms. Wieland is a fierce and tireless fighter for our Veterans. She gives of herself both professionally and personally to help the Veteran regardless of the time of day or need. Having served for many years in the Navy and worked sixteen plus years in her capacity as the Volunteer Service Manager, Department of Veterans Affairs, Spark M. Matsunaga Medical Center, Ms. Wieland has the experience and skills necessary to provide the support our Veterans not only need, but assuredly deserve.

Aloha and thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony to the Committee.

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BY

MS. PATRICIA A. WIELAND
CHAIR, ADVISORY BOARD ON VETERANS SERVICES
PROGRAM MANAGER, VA VOLUNTARY SERVICES
VETERAN

April 11, 2013

Chair Espero, Vice Chair Baker and Committee members:

It is with humility and respect that I submit my testimony to Hawaii's honored Senators regarding my nomination for a second term on Hawaii's Advisory Board on Veterans Services for a term to expire June 30, 2017.

I would like to begin by answering the questions in your letter dated April 4, 2013:

(1) *Why do you wish to be a member of the Advisory Board on Veterans Services?*

I believe my position on this crucial board as another platform to help serve our veterans more confidently and knowledgeably. The diverse background and experience of the members on this Board contribute immeasurably to the resource pool we all utilize to greater assist and address the needs of our veterans.

(2) *Given your understanding of the role and responsibilities of a member of the Advisory Board on Veterans Services, why do you believe that you are qualified for the position?*

Because I have had the honor of serving on the Advisory Board on Veterans Services for the past 4 years, I have insight as to where it has been and where it is heading. I have witnessed great accomplishments while serving on this Board and would like to continue to be part of the mission to help enhance the lives our veterans and their families by being vigilant and active in our community and government. My passion has always been to serve our veterans. I am a retired Navy Reservist and have worked for the Department of Veterans Affairs for 17 years. I also hold the office of Vice Commander, American Legion Post 1, and Commander, Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary Unit 3.

(3) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?

I hope to see the commencement of another long term care facility being built in Hawaii, as well as the expansion of the Maui State Veterans Cemetery. I know how much effort has gone into these endeavors by a lot of people on and off the Board. As Chair of the Advisory Board on Veterans Services, I have been bestowed a treasured trust by my peers and I continually strive to not disappoint them.

(4) Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interests that could arise during your service on the Advisory Board on Veterans Services? How would you overcome any possible conflicts of interest?

I do not foresee any possible conflicts of interests. During the 4 years I have already served, there have been no issues. If one should arise, I would certainly address it appropriately and honestly and would never wish to dishonor the Board or its member.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of my confirmation and consideration.

Patricia Wieland