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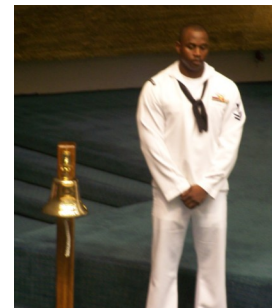
## 2011 Hawaii Medal of Honor Recipients

Army Specialist Toby R. Olsen  
Marine Lance Cpl Timothy J. Poole, Jr.  
Marine Lance Cpl Noah M. Pier  
Army Pvt 1st Class Raymond N. Pacleb  
Marine Lance Cpl Curtis M. Swenson  
Marine Pvt 1st Class Jake W. Suter  
Marine Cpl Joe L. Wrightsman  
Army 1st Lt Michael L. Runyan  
Army Sgt Jamal M. Rhett  
Army Staff Sgt Philip C. Jenkins  
Army Pvt 1st Class James F. McClamrock  
Marine 1st Lt Scott J. Fleming  
Army Sgt Aracely Gonzalez O'Malley  
Army Sgt David J. Luff, Jr.  
Marine Sgt Matthew T. Abbate  
Army Cpl Sean M. Collins

In 2005, Hawaii became the first state to honor those servicemen and women who lost their lives in the defense of democracy and freedom in volatile regions around the globe. Other



states have since followed our example. Each year the Legislature awards the Medal of Honor to express our gratitude to the loved ones of these members of the military.



(Clockwise from top. Standing for the 21-gun salute outside in the Rotunda. The flags. The bell tolled for each serviceman. Standing in honor of a fallen soldier. The families of the medal recipients. Commanding officers of the military branches. Senator Espero and Representative Henry Aquino presenting the certificate of appreciation to one of the families.)



## **AROUND THE CAPITOL**

*Besides considering bills for new laws, the State Capitol is also the site of events to educate legislators and the public or commend members of our community.*

## **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

With approximately six weeks left in this Legislative session, the main question is how to balance the budget. The tragedy in Japan is expected to negatively affect tourism, and events in the Middle East may also negatively affect us. Expect a combination of spending cuts and revenue generation bills as the State faces the latest challenge.

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