

# **GM 628**

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to  
the Advisory Board on Veterans' Services,  
Gubernatorial Nominee: MICHAEL LILLY,  
for a term to expire 6-30-2019

STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 628  
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PRESENTATION TO THE  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL  
AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

BY  
BRIGADIER GENERAL ARTHUR J. LOGAN  
ADJUTANT GENERAL  
AND DIRECTOR OF THE HAWAII EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY  
April 16, 2015

Chair Espero, Vice Chair Baker, and Members of the Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs:

I am Brigadier General Arthur J. Logan, State Adjutant General and the Director of the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency (HI-EMA). I am providing written testimony in **SUPPORT** of Governor's Message 628, which considers and confirms Michael Lilly to the Advisory Board on Veterans' Services.

Michael Lilly is a decorated Vietnam combat veteran who served in the Navy. He retired as a captain (O-6) from the Naval Reserve after 30 years' service.

From 1981 through 1985, he served as the First Deputy and later the Attorney General of the State of Hawaii. Currently, he is an attorney in private practice.

Michael Lilly's extensive résumé reflects his volunteer service with many community organizations over the years. His volunteer work with two military associations is especially notable. He was a Founding Director of the USS Missouri Memorial Association. This organization spearheaded the relocation of the battleship to Pearl Harbor to serve as a memorial. He is a member and has served as the President of the Pearl Harbor Chapter of the Naval Reserve Association.

Michael Lilly will bring his extensive experience to the Advisory Board on Veterans' Services. His confirmation will benefit the Board and all the veterans in the State of Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in **SUPPORT** of Governor Message 628.

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MILITARY AFFAIRS

BY

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

APRIL 16, 2015

Chair Espero, Vice Chair Baker and Committee members:

I'm Ron Han, Director for the State Office of Veterans Services (OVS). The OVS strongly supports the GM 628 confirmation Michael Lilly to be appointed to the State Advisory Board on Veterans Services for a term to expire June 30, 2019.

Michael is a distinguished Vietnam War Combat Veteran who retired in the rank of Captain after 30 dedicated years of service in the United States Navy. He also served as the Attorney General and First Deputy Attorney General of Hawaii and was the Chairman of the Governor's Crime Committee in addition to being the President of the Hawaii Prosecuting Attorney's Association.

Founding Director of the USS Missouri Memorial Association, Michael has also been the President of the Navy League and the Director of the Friends of Pearl Harbor.

He has a life-long passion for helping Veterans and their families and is very deserved of this appointment to this prestigious advisory board.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Michael Lilly's confirmation and consideration.

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Chair, Committee on Public Safety,  
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Re: Nomination of Capt. Michael A. Lilly, USN (Ret) to the Advisory Board on Veterans' Services

Dear Senator Espero:

I am honored to have been nominated by Governor David Y. Ige to the Advisory Board on Veterans' Services. This letter contains my responses to the numbered questions in your questionnaire.

1. Why do I want to be a member of the Advisory Board?

The Advisory Board serves a significant public service by advising the Director of the Office of Veteran Services on veterans' issues, legislation and program operations. With my background as a combat veteran with 30 years' service (see ¶ 2), I believe I would bring a wealth of experience to the Advisory Board on issues of concern to veterans, their dependents and their survivors. I also know from personal experience after my veteran father (three wars) passed away, it can be difficult for survivors to understand or discover the benefits and services to which they may be entitled. As a former Hawai'i Attorney General with eight years' service in that office, I also bring to the Board a broad experience in Hawai'i government affairs.

2. Why do I believe I am qualified?

Here is a summary of my qualifications:

- Retired surface warfare Navy Captain with 30 years' service (3 years active, 27 reserve). Personal decorations include the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service and two Meritorious Service Medals.

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- Served two tours of combat duty in Vietnam and have mild disabilities from combat injuries.
- Past member of the Secretary of the Navy's Reserve Policy Board (4 years) and Retiree Council (3 years).
- Founding Director of the USS Missouri Memorial Association, Inc., which operates the USS *Missouri* (BB 63) as a memorial and tourist attraction in Pearl Harbor.
- Past President of the Navy League's Honolulu Council and Pacific Region
- Past President of the Naval Reserve Association's Pearl Harbor Chapter
- Published over 100 articles in various magazines on veterans' and military issues.

3. What do I hope to accomplish?

I am certain there are more services and benefits that the State can provide to our veterans and their families and survivors. But my main concern is to ensure that all such veterans and their families are made aware of the services and benefits available to them. To some extent, I believe there is a great deal of confusion in the community about veterans' issues. I would like to be a catalyst to provide outreach so that everyone understands what is available to them.

4. Do I have any conflicts of interest in being a member of the Advisory Board?

I have no conflicts and foresee none. I am currently an Ethics Commissioner with the City and County of Honolulu. Because I have been nominated to represent Honolulu, I believe my service on the Ethics Commission is complementary to service on the Advisory Board.

Sincerely,



Capt. Michael A. Lilly, USN (Ret)