

3 April 2026

From: Colonel Jason Seal, USMC (Ret.)

To: Senator Carol Fukunaga, Chair
Senate Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs
Hawaii State Capitol
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Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Subj: RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS REGARDING NOMINATION TO THE ADVISORY BOARD ON VETERAN'S SERVICES

Ref: (a) Hawaii State Senate Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs letter of 27 March 2026

1. In response to reference (a), the following information is provided:

a. Q: Why do you wish to be a member of the Advisory Board on Veteran's Services?

A: To continue my service to fellow veterans within a state-level advisory capacity and to help shape policy and procedures that support Hawaii's veterans.

b. Q: How do you perceive the role and responsibilities of a member of the Advisory Board on Veteran's Services?

A: To act as an advisor to the Director of the Office of Veteran's Services on matters related to veterans, as per the guidelines contained within Article IV of the By-Laws of the Advisory Board on Veteran's Services.

c. Q: Given your understanding of the role and responsibilities of a member of the Advisory Board on Veteran's Services, why do you believe that you are qualified for the position? Please include a brief statement of your skills, expertise, or knowledge that would aid in your decision-making ability as a member of the Advisory Board on Veteran's Services.

A: With over 27 years of service as a Marine Corps Officer, including combat deployment, and as a disabled veteran, I bring firsthand insight into the challenges veterans face during service, transition, and beyond. My post-retirement leadership roles in veterans service organizations, experience as a Veterans Service Officer assisting veterans with VA disability claims, support for veterans impacted by the Maui Wildfires, and participation in a state-level veterans Task Force have equipped me with practical knowledge of entitlements, veterans service organization disaster response, as well as veterans-centric advocacy. It is my belief that my background and knowledge, along with these experiences, will enable me to make informed and balanced decisions to address Hawaii's veterans' needs.

d. Q: What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?

A: To perform my duty in whichever role I am assigned, contribute to the success of the Advisory Board, and help advise the Director on veterans programs, community priorities, and possible legislative needs in support of our state's approximately 120,000 veterans.

e. Q: Name three qualities that best describe you and that make you stand out. How would these qualities benefit the Advisory Board on Veteran's Services?

A: The three qualities would be dedication to the public good, reliability, and perseverance. These three qualities would benefit the Advisory Board through my consistent commitment to attending meetings, thorough preparation, and steadfast advocacy for veterans' issues even in challenging circumstances.

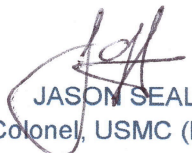
f. Q: Name one previous experience that would make you stand out. How would this benefit the Advisory Board on Veteran's Services?

A: My experience as the Executive Assistant to Dr. John Henry Felix in his capacity as the co-chair of the VA Pacific Islands Health Care System's Veterans Community Task Force. This experience in an inter-agency Task Force provides me the background and understanding of leveraging the expertise of federal, state, and private entities in support of veterans' issues and needs.

g. Q: Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interest that could arise during your service on the Advisory Board on Veteran's Services? How would you overcome any possible conflicts of interest?

A: I do not foresee any possible conflicts of interest that could arise during my service on the Advisory Board on Veterans' Services. If a situation would arise, I would immediately disclose it to the Chair and recuse myself from any related discussions or decisions to maintain the integrity of the Board.

2. I appreciate the opportunity to respond and remain available for any additional information the Committee may require.


JASON SEAL
Colonel, USMC (Ret.)

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TESTIMONY ON GM 731

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
PUBLIC SAFETY AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

BY

JOHN P. ALAMODIN
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF VETERANS SERVICES

April 6, 2026

Aloha Chair Fukunaga, Vice-Chair Lee, and members of the committee:

I am John P. Alamodin, Director, Office of Veterans Services, State of Hawaii, Department of Defense.

The Office of Veterans Services (OVS) provides written testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of GM731.

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Advisory Board on Veteran's Services, Gubernatorial Nominee, COLONEL(RETIRED) JASON SEAL, for a term to expire 06-30-2030.

As Director of the Office of Veterans Services, I have known Colonel Seal since 2024 through his tremendous work as Member of the VA Pacific Islands Health Care System Veterans Community Task Force, Member of the Oahu Veterans Council, and Executive Assistant to Dr. John Henry Felix. I soon learned the significant expanse and depth of Colonel Seal's work in the Veterans community and Veterans Organizations. His distinguished 27 plus years of military service as a U.S. Marine Corps Officer included multiple overseas and combat tours and thusly has journeyed through many experiences and challenges that Veterans endured. In addition, Colonel Seal has subject matter expertise on the ways to navigate the complex systems within the

Department of Veterans Affairs and has been dedicated to serving Veterans since retiring from active duty service. As the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. Post 110 All American Commander and Department of Hawaii State, Commander Colonel Seal is a strong, steadfast voice, tireless advocate, and leader champion for Veterans.

Colonel Jason Seal will be a tremendous addition and an integral contributing member on the Governor's State Advisory Board for Veterans Services.

On behalf of Hawaii Veterans and their families we serve, the Office of Veterans Services conveys its appreciation to the Committee for the opportunity to testify in STRONG SUPPORT of GM 731.

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TESTIMONY ON GM 731
BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
PUBLIC SAFETY AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

BY

COLONEL JASON C. SEAL, USMC (RET.)
GUBENATORIAL NOMINEE FOR THE STATE ADVISORY BOARD
ON VETERAN'S SERVICES

April 6, 2026

Aloha Chair Fukanaga, Vice Chair Lee, and members of the committee:

I am Jason C. Seal and I am providing written testimony in SUPPORT of GM731. I respectfully request consideration and confirmation to the Advisory Board on Veteran's Services, for a term to expire 06-30-2030.

My previously submitted Biography provides personal background, professional experience, and service history. Retiring with over twenty-seven years as a Marine Corps Officer, to include a combat tour of duty, I have dedicated my post-military career to supporting several Veterans Service Organizations.

Of particular note, I have served as a VA-accredited Veterans Service Officer for the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), and in that role assisted veterans with the VA disability claims process and securing benefits they earned through their military service. Thereafter, I was appointed the VFW State of Hawaii Department Service Officer, where I led the state's five Veterans Service Officers located across the Hawaiian islands and American Samoa for over two years. Most recently, I have served as the VFW Department of Hawaii State Commander, overseeing twenty Posts situated throughout the islands and numbering approximately four thousand members.

Over the last three years, I have had the privilege of assisting veterans impacted by the 2023 Maui Fires in my roles as both a Veterans Service Officer and also the VFW State Commander. To date, the VFW has dispensed over \$400,000.00 to over one hundred and sixty veterans, while also providing essential VA disability claims assistance.

Lastly, I served as the Executive Assistant to Dr. John Henry Felix, Co-Chair of the VA Pacific Islands Health Care System's Veterans Community Task Force. In this role, I helped manage the monthly meeting agendas, authored the Task Force's Mission and Vision Statements, and supported the coordination of community resources assisting Veterans.

I am grateful for the opportunity to provide this written testimony and I would like to express my appreciation to the Committee for allowing me to testify in support of GM 731.

Respectfully,
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Letter of Support for Jason Seal
Governor's Advisory Board for Veteran's Service
GM 731
April 5, 2026

To the Honorable Senator Fukunaga and members of the Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs:

I am writing to state my support for the nomination of Jason Seal to serve on the Advisory Board for Veteran's Service. As a retired US Marine Corps officer and active member in many veteran service organizations, he brings a combination of **experience, integrity, and deep commitment to our veterans** that would be a tremendous asset to this board. He has consistently demonstrated sound judgment, thoughtful leadership, and an ability to consider diverse perspectives while keeping the public interest at the forefront.

I have personally observed Jason's commitment to veteran well-being by his support of veterans affected by the Maui Wildfires, as a Veterans Service Officer where he worked tirelessly to secure benefits for veterans, and through our participation on the Oahu Veterans Council and the VA Pacific Islands Health Care System Veterans Community Task Force. Our veterans would be well served by his voice, insight, and steady leadership.

I respectfully urge the committee to **confirm the nomination of Jason Seal**. I am confident he will serve with dedication, professionalism, and a genuine commitment to the veterans of Hawai'i.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

Aloha,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Janet Covington', is written over a large, stylized signature graphic.

Janet Covington
Clinic Supervisor
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Senator Carol Fukunaga, Chair
Senator Chris Lee, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs

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Testimony of Jame K. Schaedel

Monday, April 6, 2026

Support for Governor's Message No. 731 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Advisory Board on Veteran's Services, Gubernatorial Nominee, JASON SEAL, for a term to expire 06-30-2030.

Honorable Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in **strong support** for Governor's Message No. 731.

I offer this testimony as a private citizen, and not in my capacity as a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW).

I have had the privilege of working with Col. Jason Seal for over three years as a member of the VFW. Col. Seal currently leads the VFW in Hawai'i as our State Commander and previously served as our Department Service Officer, assisting hundreds of veterans with their VA claims over the years. I strongly believe that he has the experience, expertise and empathy to serve on the board.

Thank you for considering my testimony in **strong support** for Governor's Message No. 731. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Respectfully,

Jame K. Schaedel
Kapolei, Hawai'i