

GM 28

**Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the
Advisory Board on Veterans' Services, Gubernatorial
Nominee, HAROLD BUGADO, for a term to
expire 6-30-2015.**



The Senate

STATE CAPITOL
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

July 29, 2013

The Honorable Neil Abercrombie
Governor of the State of Hawai'i
Executive Chambers
415 S. Beretania St.
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Governor Abercrombie,

It is with great pleasure that I provide this letter of recommendation on behalf of Mr. Harold Bugado for your consideration as a member on the Advisory Board of Veterans' Services.

I have had the privilege of knowing Mr. Bugado both professionally and personally for well over fifty years. Diligence, sacrifice, and service are just a few innate characteristics which I feel qualifies Mr. Bugado for this particular task. As a former captain in the United States Air Force he was awarded the "Air Medal" for flying over 100 B-52 combat missions in Vietnam.

Hawai'i Island has greatly benefitted from Mr. Bugado's dedication and strong work ethics. He was employed for thirty six years by the County of Hawai'i, Department of Parks and Recreation, Elderly Activities Division. Twenty of those years were served as the Division's Operations Director. He has also served on countless boards, committees, and clubs. Mr. Bugado is the embodiment of our veterans and all that America stands for.

I believe that Mr. Bugado will prove to be an invaluable asset to your Advisory Board on Veterans' Services.

Should you have any questions regarding my support, please feel free to contact me.

Hau'oli Ka Mana'o,

Gilbert Kahele
Hawai'i State Senator
District 1, Hilo

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR MESSAGE (GM) 28
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO
THE ADVISORY BOARD ON VETERANS' SERVICES, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE,
HAROLD BUGADO FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2017

PRESENTATION TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL
AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

BY

MAJOR GENERAL DARRYLL D. M. WONG
ADJUTANT GENERAL
October 29, 2013

Chair Espero, Vice Chair Baker, and Members of the Committee:

I am Major General Darryll D. M. Wong, State Department of Defense. I am providing written testimony **in support** of GM 28, which considers and confirms Mr. Harold Bugado to the Advisory Board on Veterans' Services.

Mr. Bugado is a 36 year County of Hawaii employee who retired as the operations director of the Parks and Recreation Department, Elderly Activities Division. During his 20 years as the operations manager, he was directly responsible for six major programs that impacted seniors on the island. One program, the Coordinated Service Program provided much needed services to over 10,000 seniors and others with disabilities. In addition to these programs, he managed the 32 senior centers in Hawaii County.

Mr. Bugado is decorated combat veteran who flew over 100 B-52 bomber missions during the Vietnam War. He is long time member of the Disabled American Veterans who served in many positions over the years. He is the current Commander of Hilo's Chapter 6.

Mr. Bugado's resume is an extensive list of community activities including service on public and private boards and committees, membership in several community organizations and coaching sports at several levels.

Mr. Harold Bugado has a proven track record of leadership and public service. He will be a valuable asset to the Advisory Board on Veterans' Services as the East Hawaii representative.

We urge your committee to recommend Senate confirmation on the appointment of Mr. Harold Bugado to a term as a member of the Advisory Board on Veterans' Services.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony **in support** of this consideration.

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY

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To the Advisory Board on Veterans Services,
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HAROLD BUGADO for a term to expire
6-30-2017

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

October 28, 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 GM 28 confirmation of Harold Bugado to be appointed to the Advisory Board on Veterans Services for a term to expire June 30, 2017.

Harold Bugado served with distinction in the U.S. Air Force and attained the rank of Captain. He was awarded the "Air Medal" for flying 100 B-52 combat missions in Vietnam.

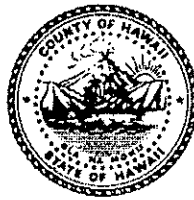
After the military, he was employed with the County of Hawaii, Parks and Recreation Division, Elderly Activities for 36 years. As the Director, he headed six major Senior Programs throughout the Hawaii County and received numerous accolades for his leadership and stellar work in the community.

As an active Veteran in his community, he is currently the Commander with the Disabled American Veterans, Chapter 6, in Hilo, Hawaii.

It's no secret why his work with Veterans and their families is a lifelong passion and one he continues to fulfill every day.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of Harold Bugado's confirmation and subsequent appointment.

William P. Kenoi
Mayor



Walter K.M. Lau
Managing Director

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Deputy Managing Director

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October 24, 2013

Senator Will Espero, Chair
Senator Rosalyn Baker, Vice Chair
Public Safety, Intergovernmental and
Military Affairs Committee
Hawai'i State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senators Espero and Baker:

I am writing to express my support for the nomination of Harold Bugado to the State Advisory Board on Veterans' Services.

I have known Mr. Bugado through his affiliation with the County of Hawai'i, Parks and Recreation Elderly Activities Division, and the numerous community and sports organizations with which he has volunteered his services in leadership roles. He has over 43 years of government service and has helped thousands of seniors and veterans over the years.

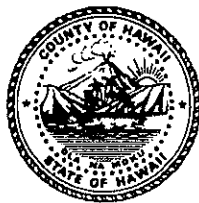
I support Mr. Bugado's nomination for the East Hawai'i position based on his knowledge, experience, leadership, positive attitude, and willingness to serve our community and veterans.

Thank you for this opportunity to express my support of Mr. Harold Bugado. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Aloha,

Billy Kenoi
MAYOR

DENNIS "FRESH" ONISHI
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October 22, 2013

Senator Will Espero, Chair and Members
of the Public Safety, Intergovernmental
and Military Affairs Committee
Hawai'i State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street, Room 231
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Re: Consideration and Confirmation of Harold Bugado to the State Advisory Board
on Veterans' Services

Dear Senator Espero,

I am writing in support of Mr. Harold Bugado's confirmation to the Advisory Board on Veterans' Services. I have known Mr. Bugado through his affiliation with the County of Hawai'i, Department of Parks and Recreation, Elderly Activities Division (EAD) and numerous community/sports organizations for which he has volunteered, especially in leadership positions. While working under Mr. Bugado during his time as EAD Operations Director, I have seen the result of his excellent leadership skills. Through his leadership, Mr. Bugado was instrumental in getting five sections in the EAD to work together for the first time. Mr. Bugado has more than 43 years of government service and he has helped hundreds of seniors and veterans over the years.

I strongly support Mr. Bugado's confirmation to this position based on his knowledge, experience, team concept, leadership, positive attitude and willingness to serve our community and veterans.

The State will be well served by his confirmation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dennis Onishi".

Dennis "Fresh" Onishi

P.O. Box 1170
Kamuela, HI 96743
October 24, 2013

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

Subject: PSM Testimony GM-28

Dear Chairman Espero and members of the committee:

This testimony is submitted in support of confirmation to the Advisory Board on Veterans Services, Gubernatorial nominee Harold Bugato, for a term to expire June 30, 2017.

Mr. Bugado is an Air Force combat airman having served seven years on active duty. As a veteran he has served in several key positions with the Disabled American Veterans Chapter in Hilo. His active duty experience and as a veteran working with other veterans makes him knowledgeable of veterans issues and aspirations. His experience as a veteran is supplemented by a career in operations and management of special needs for seniors and the disabled. He also volunteers with schools, church, scouting and other charitable activities.

As a sitting member of the Veterans Advisory Board, I am familiar with the duties and responsibilities of the position. I believe that Mr. Bugado is empathetic and has a keen understanding of veterans issues. He would be an invaluable board member providing policy suggestions and recommendations. Therefore I strongly recommend his confirmation to the Board.

Sincerely,



Herbert C. Lum
Veterans Advisory Board Member

Senator Will Espero
Chairman
Public Safety, Government Operations,
And Military Affairs Committee
Senatorial District 20
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 231
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Senator Rosalyn Baker
Vice-Chair
Senatorial District 6
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 230
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senators Espero and Baker:

We are writing to you as fellow comrades of Harold Bugado who is subject to confirmation of his appointment by Governor Abercrombie to the State Advisory Board on Veterans' Services. We have known Mr. Bugado for his affiliation with the Disabled American Veterans, Hilo Chapter No. 6, and support his nomination for the East Hawaii position on the Board. He has over 43 years of government services and has helped hundreds of seniors and veterans over the years.

We feel that the Department and the State would truly benefit from an appointment of Harold Bugado to this position.

Very truly yours,

Disabled American Veterans, Hilo Chapter # 6 :

Clement Chang
Eugen Feyjagata
Carl D. Willett
Terrence W. Ko
Clifford M. Henshaw
J. W. Wines
Joseph Carvalho

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Senator Rosalyn Baker
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Senatorial District 6
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 230
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senators Espero and Baker:

We are writing to you as a personal friend and co-worker of Harold Bugado who is subject to confirmation of his appointment by Governor Abercrombie to the State Advisory Board on Veterans' Services. We have known Mr. Bugado for his affiliation with the County of Hawaii, Elderly Activities, and support his nomination for the East Hawaii position on the Board. He has over 43 years of government services and has helped hundreds of seniors and veterans over the years.

We strongly support Mr. Bugado's confirmation to this position based on his knowledge, experience and leadership, his caring, positive attitude and willingness to service our community and veterans.

Sincerely,

Lucelle J. Hoobers
Mary M. Okinishi Nobuko Oshiro
Alice Oie Yoshiko Shitaya
Ezra Matuoka Fusayo Murayama
Lena Tritter Fumiko Takahashi
Carol Oishi
Kay Fukuda
Renee Hogg
Carol Dennis
Patricia Legge
Kay Watanabe
Shelley Negroni
Elaine Kai
Sue Linn
Logan Tamihira
Vivian Hester

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A. Amos
Queen Sugiyama

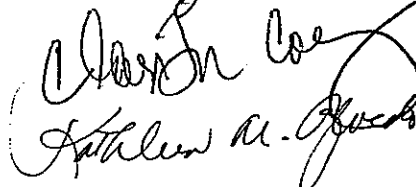
Janie Klingenberg

Bernadette Canda

Mark W. White



Brian Zimmerman



Bertha Mashiyama



Debbie M. Shimabukuro
Lee Han

This letter is to recommend Mr. Harold Bugado for the Governor's State Veteran's Advisory Board as a board member representing east Hawai'i.

Mr. Bugado was my supervisor and mentor until his retirement in June 2011 for 10 years and prior to, I worked in partnership with EAD as support of the Hilo Adult Day Center where I was the director for 21 years. Collectively I have known him for 31 years professionally. He is the person responsible for the success of this division. You will find no elderly program in the state that can compare to the spectrum of programs, services and activities that we offer thanks to his years of progression to meet the growing needs of our growing aged population.

You will find no one better who has a commitment to the veterans and all that America stands for. A veteran himself, he is a stellar leader who prides himself in keeping order, follows protocol and uses strategic planning to ensure that any job done is second to none! His decision making and follow through is flawless, is always fair and for the greater good. Currently, he assists with the Disabled Veterans who meet at the Kamana Senior Center on a monthly basis. It brings him great pride and honor to serve these individuals who have given so much for the freedom that we all enjoy as Americans.

In conclusion, he is committed to the veterans, it's his life passion and he is a model veteran that we can all be proud to know. I highly recommend him and he will be a great asset to your advisory board.

Should you have further questions of if I may be of assistance, please feel free to contact me at (808) 961-8708 or e-mail rokamura@co.hawaii.hi.us

With warm regards,

Roann S. Okamura, EAD Operations Director

To: Honorable Neil Abercrombie
Governor, State of Hawaii

Subject: Recommendation for the Appointment to the Governor's State Veterans Advisory Board from East Hawaii of Mr. Harold Bugado whose address is 116 West Kawaihine Street, Hilo, HI 96720.

Dear Governor:

I respectfully recommend the appointment of Mr. Harold Bugado to the subject advisory board. I strongly believe the following factors contribute reasonably to his appointment:

Mr. Bugado, a disabled Vietnam War veteran distinguished himself as a B-52 bomber radar navigator with an enviable record of accomplishments of over 100 combat missions and recipient of the Air Medal.

He is presently serving as the Commander of Disabled American Veterans, Hilo Chapter 6 attesting to his active role in caring for veteran needs.

Mr. Bugado served more than 20 years as the Director of Elderly Activities Division of the Department of Parks and Recreation of this county, serving many former veterans.

He also served on the Board of Directors of the Hawaii County Economic Opportunity Council (HCEOC) serving disadvantaged people of Hawaii County, many of them elderly veterans of World War II, Korean conflict, and the Vietnam War, and served as the Chairman of the Board of HCEOC prior to his retirement.

For the factors mentioned, I unhesitatingly recommend Mr. Harold Bugado to serve on the State Veterans Advisory Board.

Respectfully,

George Yokoyama

From: clifton tsuji <cliftsuji@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, October 25, 2013 10:32 AM
To: PSMTestimony
Subject: GM28 Tuesday, October 29, 2013 9:30 a.m

Senator Will Espero, Chair
Public Safety, Intergovernmental
and Military Affairs Committee
Senatorial District 20
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 231
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Senator Rosalyn Baker, Vice-Chair
Senatorial District 6
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 230
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: GM28 Tuesday, October 29, 2013 9:30 a.m.

Dear Senators Espero and Baker:

Thank you for this opportunity to share my support for Harold Bugado's nomination the State Advisory Board on Veterans' Services. Mr. Bugado has been a friend since our days at Hilo High School, over 50 years ago. We are also in the same Kumiai/neighborhood in Hilo. Over the decades, I have known him socially and professionally; he has an outstanding record of over 43 years of service and contributions as an employee/Director with the County of Hawaii, Parks and Recreation Elderly Activities Division. Also, Harold supports numerous community/sports organizations through volunteer work, and holds several leadership positions among these entities.

Presently, Mr. Bugado is the Commander for the Disabled American Veterans, Hilo Chapter #6, and is a former USAF captain in which he was awarded the "Air Medal" for flying over 100 B-52 combat missions in Vietnam. He has helped hundreds of seniors and veterans over the years.

Mr. Bugado has the knowledge, dedication, experience and proven leadership for this position, and he will take the responsibility with due respect. He will surely be an asset to the other Board members and the Veterans they are tasked to serve. Thank you again for allowing me to state my strong support of his nomination.

Sincerely yours,

Clift Tsuji

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, October 28, 2013 10:54 AM
To: PSMTestimony
Cc: cpark@papaolalokahi.org
Subject: *Submitted testimony for GM28 on Oct 29, 2013 09:30AM (Written Only)*

GM28

Submitted on: 10/28/2013

Testimony for on Oct 29, 2013 09:30AM in Conference Room 224

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testifying in Person
William C S Park	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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TESTIMONY
OF
HAROLD BUGADO
To the
SENATE COMMITTEE
On
PUBLIC SAFETY, GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to serve on the State Advisory Board on Veterans' Services for a four-year term.

Chair Espero and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to humbly request your confirmation for me to serve on the State Advisory Board on Veterans' Services.

I want to thank Governor Neil Abercrombie for nominating me. I truly consider this an honor and privilege to be considered to be a member of the Advisory Board on Veterans' Services.

I would also like to express my appreciation and thanks to everyone supporting my confirmation.

I offer my services to assist the Office of Veterans' Services, Veterans and Governor Abercrombie's administration with my knowledge/experience of 43 years in government services, including over 6 years on active duty serving during the Vietnam War (completing over 100 combat missions) and over 36 years with the County of Hawaii Elderly Activities Division including 20 years as Director of the Elderly Activities Division (EAD). During this time, I worked closely with the Hawaii County State Veterans Counselor and the County's EAD staff to perform Information and Referral/Outreach Services and provide the assistance for seniors/veterans to receive the essential services they needed, especially at times of economic hardship and uncertainty that we experienced in our communities.

I would like to be able to offer my voice, experience and knowledge in behalf of our veterans to ensure that services/benefits are accessible to veterans and provided in an effective and efficient manner, and to ensure that veteran service/benefits are maintained in order that all veterans that qualify and need the services/benefits are linked with the appropriate agencies/organizations that can best meet their needs.

As the current Commander for the Disabled American Veterans, Hilo Chapter 6, I find myself becoming more involved with our members and other veterans with their questions and concerns. I can be their voice on the Veterans' Advisory Board. Throughout my government services, I have advocated teamwork, trust, fairness and respect and as we face the many challenges, you have my commitment that I will always have the veteran's best interest in mind.

My family is also committed to serving in the military. My son is Col. Harold D. Bugado and is currently the Mission Support Group Commander at Travis AFB, California. My granddaughter is a Cadet 4th Class at the Air Force Academy.

I have enclosed my resume' for your review and letters of support.

In closing, I would like to thank this Committee for the hard work you do for the State of Hawaii, for giving me the opportunity to present my testimony, and for considering my nomination. Again, thank you to everyone who submitted testimony on my behalf.

The Senate's confirmation would be greatly appreciated.

Mahalo!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Harold Bugado". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

October 25, 2013

Honorable Will Espero
Chair, Senate Committee on Public Safety,
Intergovernmental and Military Affairs
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 231
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Chairman Espero:

RE: Nomination to the Advisory Board on Veterans' Services

Following is in response to your letter of October 23, 2013, requesting information to assist the Senate with its confirmation process.

A written statement that addresses the following questions:

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

I would like to be able to offer my voice, experience, and knowledge in behalf of our veterans to ensure that services/benefits are accessible to veterans, provided in an effective and efficient manner, and to ensure that veteran services/benefits are maintained in order that all veterans who qualify and need the services/benefits are linked with the appropriate agencies/organizations that can best meet their needs. Also, to assist the Office of Veterans' Services, its Director and the Governor's administration on veterans' issues, legislative proposals and program operations.

- 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?

I have 43 years in government services, including over 6 years on active duty serving as an officer during the Vietnam War and over 36 years with the County of Hawaii, Elderly Activities (EAD), including 20 years as the Director of the Division. During this time, I worked closely with the Hawaii County State Veterans Counselor and the County's EAD staff to reach out and provide assistance for seniors/veterans in order that they receive the benefits/services they required. I have also served over the years on numerous boards, committees, and clubs, many in leadership positions.

Currently, I am the Commander of the Disabled American Veterans Hilo Chapter #6 and assist members by providing information/referral and assistance services. I am also meeting with other veteran organizations on a monthly basis to share information and to support each other. We discuss initiatives/concerns/issues dealing with our veterans. Given my past and current experiences, I am able to present my view/insights on the

various issues, concerns and programs that will come before the board. My commitment is that I will always have the veteran's best interest in mind.

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

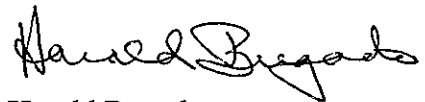
I hope to bring to the Board my commitment to teamwork, reliability, accountability, trust, fairness and respect for our veterans and to assist in ensuring that veterans needed benefits/services are provided in an effective and efficient manner. Communication among veteran organizations and veterans is paramount as well as ensuring that the public is informed of the availability of veterans' programs, issues and concerns. I will, to the best of my ability, act responsibly, concisely, in timely manner on any action to be considered by the Board and abide by the policies, rules and regulations established for the Board and Department.

4) Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interest 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 see any possible conflicts.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Harold Bugado