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County of Hawai`i
VETERANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
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NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE Wednesday May 27 2026
TIME 10:00 a.m
LOCATIONS GILBERT KAHELE RECREATION AREA – DINING HALL
44-5400 Daniel K Inouye Highway
Waimea, HI 96743

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This meeting will be held with committee members being physically present at the meeting location site. Members of the public may attend this meeting in-person at the meeting location site.

Oral Testimony The public may provide oral testimony at the meeting in-person. Pursuant to HRS Section 92-3, interested persons who want to provide oral testimony may do so either at the time the committee takes public statements on items at the beginning of the agenda or at the time the specific agenda item is called.

Submitting Written Testimony The committee encourages the public to submit thoughts, comments, and input via written testimony. To ensure timely delivery to committee members prior to the meeting, written testimony must be submitted before 12:00 noon on the business day prior to the meeting by (1) email to cohparcs@hawaiicounty.gov, (2) facsimile to (808) 961-8411, or (3) mail to the Department of Parks and Recreation at office at 101 Pauahi Street, Suite 6, Hilo, Hawai`i 96720. All written testimony, regardless of time of receipt, will be part of the permanent record.

AGENDA

- 1 **CALL TO ORDER**
 - a (Check for Quorum – 7 Members Needed)
- 2 **STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON AGENDA ITEMS**
- 3 **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**
 - a February 25 2026
- 4 **OLD BUSINESS**
 - a Update by Chair Doolittle on information for veteran homelessness and veteran suicide in Hawai'i County
 - b Continued discussion on future meeting location
- 5 **NEW BUSINESS**
 - a Brief introduction of committee members
 - b Review of committee's purpose statement and discussion of the committee's goals
 - c Training on the Parliamentary Procedure Sunshine law and Ethics by Assistant Corporation Counsel J Yoshimoto
 - d Presentation by A Gaspar on the AARP Foundation Tax Aide program
 - e Presentation by J Sze on Veteran's survey data collected
 - f J Sze discussion on possible veteran discount/free admission at the Pana'ewa Rainforest Zoo and Gardens
- 6 **REPORT ON CEMETERIES – STATE VETERANS ADVISORY BOARD**
 - a Hawai'i Island – Department of Defense Office of Veterans Services East Hawai'i Representative – Kelcie Figueira
 - b Cemetery Audit Update – Parks & Recreation Director Deputy Director or authorized designee
- 7 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- 8 **NEXT MEETING – August 26 2026**
- 9 **ADJOURNMENT**

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