



UNITED STATES SENATE  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

DANIEL K. INOUE  
HAWAII

June 18, 2011

Commander George Kelly  
VFW Post 3830  
P. O. Box 13  
Pahoa, Hawaii 96778

Dear Commander Kelly:

It is my pleasure to commend you on your outstanding service to the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 3830. You have successfully contributed to the overall mission of the VFW and their 73rd annual celebration. Congratulations on a job well done.

Your record of conduct, performance and devotion to duty has demonstrated the highest standard of the VFW's mission. I applaud you for your personal dedication to the "Vets Hauling Vets" van program, as well as the VA Community Based Outpatient Clinic's scheduling of appointments for veterans, and website improvements.

I wish you good luck and Godspeed.

Aloha,



DANIEL K. INOUE  
United States Senator



# *Proclamation*

*Presented to*

## **George Kelly**

**WHEREAS**, George Kelly, Commander of VFW Post 3830 at Pahoa, Hawai'i has been a true advocate for all veterans on the Big Island; and

**WHEREAS**, George Kelly, Commander of VFW Post 3830 served as Commander at the VFW from 2008 through 2011, and worked tirelessly to improve services and support for veterans; and

**WHEREAS**, George Kelly, Commander of VFW Post 3830 coordinated the "Vets Hauling Vets" service to provide transportation to veterans for medical appointments; worked with VA to obtain authorized services for veterans and helped them to get their claims expedited; retrofitted veterans homes for handicapped access; arranged burial details for veterans; coordinated improvements to the VFW facility in Pahoa; sponsored Civil Air Patrol (CAP) drill team and air rifle team; upgraded the Post Home and initiated plans for expanded facilities and services; and

**WHEREAS**, George Kelly, Commander of VFW Post 3830 made frequent visitations to veterans at the Yukio Okutsu Veterans Home and Hale Anuenue Restorative Care in Hilo; and

**WHEREAS**, George Kelly, Commander of VFW Post 3830 was instrumental in adopting Company C, 1st Battalion, 207<sup>th</sup> Regiment, HIARNG which is preparing for its second deployment in support of our freedom; and

**WHEREAS**, George Kelly, Commander of VFW Post 3830 is the leader of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) in his community and an active member of "Neighborhood Watch"; and

**WHEREAS**, George Kelly, Commander of VFW Post 3830 will be recognized on June 18, 2011 at the 73rd Annual Department of Hawai'i VFW State Convention;

**THEREFORE I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, BRIAN SCHATZ, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim June 18, 2011 as**

## **"GEORGE KELLY DAY"**

in Hawai'i ask the people of the Aloha State to join us as we recognize Commander Kelly for his outstanding contributions to veterans and our communities.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this third day of June, 2011.

**NEIL ABERCROMBIE**

Governor, State of Hawai'i

**BRIAN SCHATZ**

Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i



## *The House of Representatives*

hereby presents this certificate to

**COMMANDER GEORGE H. KELLY**

WHEREAS, the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) of the United States is a non-profit veterans organization with over 23,000 members in Hawaii, over 2,200,000 members in the United States and other areas around the world, and over 500,000 members in its Ladies Auxiliary; and

WHEREAS, the VFW, having been founded with the sole purpose of ensuring that those who've protected this country are protected in return, has worked vigorously to establish assistance programs, stand up for veterans rights in Washington, D.C., and elsewhere, and establish outreach efforts in communities across the nation; and

WHEREAS, in Hawaii, the VFW is actively involved on all the islands, providing transportation for veterans to medical appointments; addressing homelessness for veterans in east Hawaii; building housing retrofits for handicapped veterans; visiting veterans in hospitals and care homes; providing yard care, maintenance, and food programs for the elderly and the needy; helping with roadside cleanup, community recycling, youth gun safety education, and contributing to Special Olympics; and promoting cancer aid and research; and

WHEREAS, COMMANDER GEORGE H. KELLY, commander of Post 3830, VFW, in Pahoa, Hawaii, from 2008 to the present, has served as an inspirational leader for the members of Post 3830 and as the driving force for many of its activities and programs; and

WHEREAS, COMMANDER GEORGE H. KELLY has personally initiated the community service program at the post; helped to provide proper burial services for veterans; helped in sending Christmas packages to military personnel in Iraq; adopted Civil Air Patrol Lyman Squadron; and initiated a variety of other activities that has allowed VFW Post 3830 to thrive under his leadership; now, therefore,

The House of Representatives of the Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii hereby expresses its deepest gratitude to COMMANDER GEORGE H. KELLY for his commitment and sacrifice on behalf of all veterans, and extends to him its warmest aloha and best wishes for continued success in all future endeavors.

Calvin K.Y. Say, Speaker of the House

Sponsoring Representative  
Representative Faye P. Hanohano

Patricia Mau-Shimizu, House Chief Clerk

COUNTY OF HAWAII

# Proclamation

*WHEREAS, Commander George Kelly has been an inspiration to many during his term of office (2008-2011) and he has provided the impetus and the inspiration for upgrading and expanding the VFW Post 3830 to better serve the needs of the community; and*

*WHEREAS, Commander Kelly worked to get disabled veterans' homes retrofitted for handicapped access, a huge issue, as disabled vets could not be released from the hospital until their homes could accommodate their needs; and*

*WHEREAS, Commander Kelly coordinated the "Vets Hauling Vets" van transportation to drive disabled vets to medical appointments as many have no families and are too proud to ask friends for transportation; and*

*WHEREAS, Commander Kelly worked with the Veterans Administration (VA) to improve communications with the VA service office to expedite claims as the claims backlog has been horrendous and many vets would lose hope; and*

*WHEREAS, Commander Kelly worked with the VA Hilo Clinic to coordinate care for vets on the Big Island and greatly improved appointment scheduling; and*

*WHEREAS, Commander Kelly initiated the community service program at VFW Post 3830 providing aid to our veterans in need, visiting vets at the Veterans' Home, transporting vets, working on veterans memorials, providing proper burial services, providing wheelchairs and other medical equipment to vets in need, sending Christmas packages to military personnel in Iraq; adopting Civil Air Patrol Lyman Squadron and more; and*

*WHEREAS, VFW Post 3830 has adopted Company C, 1st Battalion, 207<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment based in Hilo, who are about to make their second ever deployment in support of America's freedom later this summer. This Air Assault Company consists of 43 soldiers from East Hawai'i...our brothers and sisters, nephews, friends; and*

*WHEREAS, All the while, Commander Kelly has been undergoing aggressive cancer treatments and facing adversity in his own life, he continues helping others, even going so far as to "set up office" in the chemotherapy clinic while he's receiving his medication so he can make good use of his time; and*

*WHEREAS, VFW Post 3830 has thrived under Commander Kelly, and he is appreciated, admired and respected by the VFW members and all the veterans in the community,*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BILLY KENOI, Mayor of the County of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim Saturday, June 18, 2011 as

**COMMANDER GEORGE KELLY DAY**

*in the County of Hawai'i and encourage all residents to recognize the inspirational leadership, significant contributions and lifelong commitment that Commander George Kelly has made to improving the quality of life for our veterans.*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused The Seal of the County of Hawai'i to be affixed. Done this 18<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2011, in Hilo, Hawai'i.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Billy Kenoi".

Billy Kenoi  
MAYOR

# Veterans of Foreign Wars



## *National Military Services Certificate of Recognition*

*Presented to*

*VFW Post 3830  
Lance Corporal Hayward Kimo  
Hamili Peleiholani Post*

*In recognition and sincere appreciation of your commitment to **VFW National Military Services** through **Operation Uplink**, **Unmet Needs**, and **MAP**, for support of the men and women serving on active military duty around the world, their families, as well as hospitalized veterans.*

*Your commitment to help support these programs has earned you special recognition for your efforts to assure that **National Military Services** continues to meet the needs of America's heroes.*

*In Witness Whereof, we have hereunto set our hands and the official seal of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.*



*Richard Eubank*

Commander-in-Chief

*Allen "Gunner" Kent*

Adjutant General

# Veterans of Foreign Wars



## National Recognition Award

2010 - 2011

Presented to

*VFW Post 3830*

*Outstanding Post Teacher Award Program Activities*

**In recognition and praise for the many outstanding contributions made to America through sponsorship and promotion of local community program activities.**



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*Richard Eubank*  
Commander-in-Chief

*Allen "Hanna" Kord*  
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*Outstanding Post Voice of Democracy Chairman  
Post #3830*

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# Office of Aging's SHINING EXAMPLES

Spotlight on seniors who continue to make a difference in our community



**George Kelly, PUNA**

This month we salute the herculean efforts of George Kelly, age 66 of Leilani Estates in Pahoa for his dedicated work in serving our Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) and the community. Kelly comes to us from Alaska and moved to the Big Island with his wife Marlyn some 6-7 years ago. The former Marine sergeant served his time in the Viet Nam War and later moved to Alaska to run a construction company and sales office.

Very recently, Kelly was honored by the VFW Pahoa Post 3830 for adopting the Civil Air Patrol and spearheading a move to establish an air rifle range at the Pahoa post. In tribute, the range was named in his honor. A plaque was presented to him by senior cadet 1st Lt. Sam Kimura and CAP Commander Ruth Statler.

Kelly is also widely known for his volunteer work in visiting and organizing activities to lift the spirits of his fellow servicemen/women at various long-term care centers at Hale Anuenu, Life Care Center of Hilo, Hilo Medical Center (ECD) and the Yuki Okutsu Veterans Center in Hilo.

What makes Kelly so remarkable is that he has been fighting a bout with cancer for the past several years and yet been able to play a leadership role in countless projects benefitting veterans, the less fortunate, and the general community. Here are just a FEW of them – being involved in transporting veterans to and from medical services, help homeless veterans obtain benefits, mail care packages to servicemen overseas, coordinating community breakfasts twice a month at the VFW facility in Puna, participating in the Veteran's Day Parade, helping provide scholarships for young students, cleaning the local veteran's cemeteries, donating wheelchairs and walkers to those in need and even assisting the abused women's shelter. He is also a member of the Puna Baptist Church where he volunteers whenever time permits.

In summary, we are proud and fortunate to have "shining stars" like George Kelly living among us in Big Island communities.



**Josephine Boteilho, KOHALA**

We're proud to showcase the achievements of Josephine Boteilho who was named as the Grand Marshal of the 2011 Honoka'a Western Week Parade. Boteilho who recently celebrated her 85th birthday is the matriarch of Boteilho Enterprises, who has operated cattle ranches, meat packing and one of the island's few remaining dairies in the Kūka'iau, Honoka'a and Kohala areas for the past 65-plus years. Her husband Edward Sr. who started the business passed away some 14 years ago.

We witnessed Josephine riding elegantly in a horse and carriage for the parade, full of smiles and followed by a float representing the family and dairy. Hundreds of parade onlookers gave her rousing cheers wherever she went, attesting to the well deserved respect the family has gained in promoting the economy, cultural lifestyles and history of paniolos on the Big Island and the many contributions the family has made in the community.

The senior Boteilhos raised seven children, all who helped with the families business. Edward Jr. is the current head of Boteilho Enterprises which operates a dairy of over 900 acres, and also a ranch totaling over 7,000 acres. Their 700 cows at Upolu Point are milked twice daily yielding a quality product. Josephine still visits the company daily and has her "say" in operations.

Today the family still contributes to and supports numerous local rodeo events, high school programs and other community activities. She's happy, her cows are happy and she just enjoys her 16 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren daily.

• GEORGE KELLY •  
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## All-American Post Commander

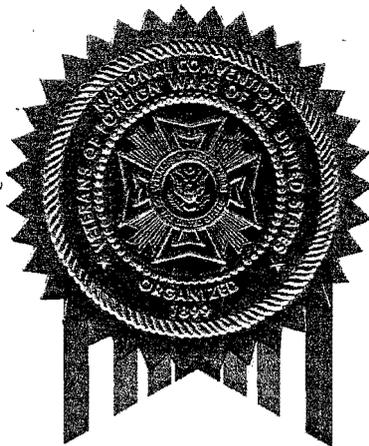
George H. Kelly

Post 3830

Hawaii



In recognition of competent leadership in all VFW endeavors, thus qualifying as a member of the 2010-2011 All-American Team of Post Commanders.



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*Richard L. Eubank*

Richard L. Eubank, Commander-in-Chief

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