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Senator Akaka thank you for coming home to Maui. As the youngest member of the West Maui Veterans club, of which you are listed as a member, and President of the Maui County Veterans Council, it has fallen to me to bring some issues to your kind attention.

Our members, once strong resourceful and independent men, the heroes of yesteryear, have now found that they have aged. This aging has robbed them of their strength and many of their abilities have been diminished. Now these men are stooped with age and need the great services that our Governments afford to these warriors of our history. The problem is that getting these services has been unnecessarily difficult due to the random locations of each service. It appears that this problem can be resolved by building a Veterans Campus on the 4 1/2 (four and a half) acres of land at Maui High School that has been offered to us by the state of Hawaii. Please give this possibility your soonest attention.

We now have no burial facilities in West Maui. The VERY generous Ka'anapali Land Company has offered us 15 (fifteen) acres of land for this purpose. May I urge you to assist in whatever way possible to ensure that we receive and properly utilize this great gift?

The Veterans Cemetery at Makawao is almost at full capacity. I understand that there is a proposal to expand it thru purchase of neighboring property. May I also urge you to help effect this transaction?

We, the Veterans of Maui County greatly appreciate, and wish to thank you for your many assistances to us.

If there is any way I can be of assistance to any Veteran endeavors please do not hesitate to ask.

Thank you again.