



# Governor's E-Newsletter

## November 8-14, 2003



Aloha and Welcome from the Governor's Office in Hawai`i!

It is with pleasure that we send you this e-newsletter.

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### **Major Headlines**

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Governor Lingle addresses Kaho`olawe transfer ceremony observers from the Coronation Pavilion on the Iolani Palace grounds. The Palace is pictured in the background. Rear Admiral Barry McCullough, commander U.S. Navy Region Hawai`i (left), Admiral Walter Doran, commander U.S. Navy Pacific Fleet, and former governor John Waihee III are pictured seated.

### **Kaho`olawe Island Returned to State of Hawai`i**

After 62 years of federal control, the island of Kaho`olawe was returned to the people of Hawai`i from the U.S. Navy. This marks the first time in history that Kaho`olawe is under state jurisdiction. The turnover is an intermediate step until a Native Hawaiian entity is formed to take over stewardship of the island. Meanwhile, the Kaho`olawe Island Reserve Commission will continue managing access to the island and restoring the island's environmental and cultural resources. Governor Lingle signed a Memorandum of Agreement with the Navy to determine procedures for handling newly found ordnance.

[Read more in the Honolulu Star-Bulletin.](#)



Governor Lingle thanks veterans for their service to the nation at the Hawai`i State Veterans Cemetery in Kaneohe, O`ahu. Photo courtesy of Derek Inoshita.

**Governor Lingle and Lt. Governor Aiona Honor Veterans**

Governor Lingle honored the nation's servicemen and servicewomen at the Governor's Veterans Day Ceremony at the Hawai`i State Veterans Cemetery (pictured above). The theme of this year's event, "Freedom is not Free," focused on the 50th anniversary of the Korean War Armistice. Lt. Governor Aiona addressed veterans and their families at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (picture below), and participated in a Veterans Day Parade on the island of Kaua`i. [Read more in the Honolulu Star-Bulletin.](#)



Lt. Governor Aiona spoke at the Veterans Day ceremony at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Punchbowl, O`ahu. Photo courtesy of Derek Inoshita.

**Hawai`i Pays Tribute to General Eric Shinseki**

Governor Lingle and Adjutant General Robert Lee joined the state's military and community leaders in honoring General Eric K. Shinseki, who recently retired as the U.S. Army Chief of Staff. Governor Lingle praised the Kaua`i native for his commitment to ensuring the preparedness of our nation's military, as well as for his ongoing contributions to the local community. At Gen. Shinseki's request, proceeds from the tribute dinner benefited the Public Schools Foundation of Hawai`i.



Governor Lingle joined Lt. Gen. Wallace C. Gregson, commander of the U.S. Marine Corps Forces Pacific at the Marine Corps Birthday Ball. Photo courtesy Cpl. Tiffany Mansfield.

### **U.S. Marine Corps Celebrates 228th Birthday**

To celebrate the 228th anniversary of the founding of the U.S. Marine Corps, Governor Lingle joined the Marine Corps Forces, Pacific, at its officers' birthday ball. The Governor emphasized Hawai`i's proud relationship with Marine Forces Pacific - home of the largest field command in the Marines. A highlight of the birthday gala was the *Ceremony of the Bells*, in which Marines in period costume conveyed the history of the Corps.



Mayor Maryanne Kusaka, CARE committee member, speaks to Kaua`i residents interested in education reform at Chiefess Kamakahalei Middle School.

**Governor's Education Reform Committee Begins Community Meetings**

Citizens Achieving Reform in Education (CARE), an advisory committee formed by Governor Lingle, launched a series of 10 community meetings this week to solicit feedback, questions and ideas from residents about how to improve our public schools. The first two meetings were held in Lihue on Kaua`i and Wai`anae on O`ahu. Using information gathered at these sessions, CARE will prepare a proposal for the Governor on how best to reform the structure of Hawai`i's centralized education system. See *Key Upcoming Events* below for a list of CARE meetings.



Governor Lingle addressed over 300 members of the Healthcare Association of Hawai`i on the administration's priorities for the 2004 legislative session.

### **Governor Lingle Addresses Health Care for Hawai`i Residents**

Governor Lingle gave a preview of her 2004 legislative initiatives for improving healthcare at the Healthcare Association of Hawai`i annual meeting. In less than one year in office she has helped thousands of residents obtain free medications through the Hawai`i Prescription Care program, signed legislation supporting treatment of mental health conditions, battled the epidemic of "ice" and other harmful drugs, as well as worked to increase health insurance coverage. Her plans for 2004 include offering tax credits to people who provide home care for family members with disabilities.



Hawai`i's Michelle Wie answers questions from the media about her sponsor's exemption to play in the 2004 Sony Open in Hawai`i PGA TOUR golf tournament at Wai`alae Country Club. She is pictured with Governor Lingle, Lt. Governor Aiona and her parents Bo and BJ Wie.

**Governor Lingle Announces Michelle Wie Will Play in Sony Open**

Governor Lingle announced that a special sponsor's exemption has been granted to allow our Hawai`i's own golf prodigy, Michelle Wie, to participate this January in the 2004 Sony Open PGA TOUR golf tournament in Hawai`i. Sony Corporation granted the exemption at the personal request of Governor Lingle, who believes residents are interested in seeing Wie play in one of the most prestigious PGA TOUR tournaments in her home state. The Sony Open in Hawai`i is a Friends of Hawai`i Charities event, with charity partner The Harry & Jeanette Weinberg Foundation. The first full-field tournament of the 2004 PGA TOUR season, the Sony Open will be held from January 11 to 18 at the Wai`alae Country Club Golf Course. [Read more in the Honolulu Advertiser.](#)



Maori leaders visit the Capitol. From left to right, Paul Morgan, deputy chairman of the Federation of Maori Authorities; Temuera Hall, managing director of Lake Taupo Funds; James Maniapoto, tribal elder and leader; Mawae Morton, Maori land trustee, Governor Lingle; Lt. Governor James R. "Duke" Aiona, Jr.; Amster Reedy, tribal elder and leader; Bob Awana, Governor Lingle's chief of staff; and Joseph Williams, chief judge.

### **Maori Leaders Visit Governor Lingle and Lt. Governor Aiona**

Governor Lingle and Lt. Governor Aiona met with Maori leaders from Aotearoa to discuss items such as tribal and economic development and the similarities between Maori and Native Hawaiian cultures. Issues of Maori sovereignty and federal recognition for Native Hawaiians were also explored.

**Quote of the Week:** "Hawaiian people are a forgiving people; they are an understanding people. It's clearly understood that the decisions that led to the bombing of Kaho`olawe made after World War II were made by people long ago who never set foot here," said Governor Lingle during the Kaho`olawe Transfer ceremony at `Iolani Palace. [Read more in the Honolulu Advertiser.](#)

### **Key Upcoming Events**

#### **CARE Community Meetings**

5:30-7:30 p.m.

The Citizens Achieving Reform in Education (CARE) committee is holding community meetings statewide to discuss the Governor's proposals for educational reform. A list of

those meetings are as follows:

**November 17** East Honolulu - Koko Head Elementary School, 189 Lunalilo Home Road, Honolulu

**November 18** Windward O`ahu - Enchanted Lake Elementary School, 770 Keolu Drive, Kailua

**November 19** Central O`ahu - Mililani Waena Elementary School, 95-502 Kipapa Drive, Mililani

**November 20** Honolulu - Washington Middle School, 1633 S. King Street, Honolulu

**November 24** Maui - Kahului, Wailuku Kahului School, 410 S. Hina Avenue, Kahului

**November 24** Maui - West Maui, Lahaina King Kamehameha III School, 611 Front Street, Lahaina

**November 25** Big Island - West Hawai`i Kealahou High School, 74-5000 Puohuluhuli Street, Kona

**November 25** Big Island - East Hawai`i University of Hawai`i Hilo, Campus Center Dining Room, 200 West Kawili Street, Hilo

### **Other Key Upcoming Events**

**November 15** Governor Lingle will be a celebrity reader for Read Aloud celebrating the opening of "The Cat in the Hat," Hawai`i State Library Edna Allyn Room, 10:30-11:00 a.m.

**November 15** Philippine Medical Association of Hawai`i 25th Anniversary, Hilton Hawaiian Village Coral Ballroom, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

**November 18** Waikiki Improvement Association annual meeting luncheon, Hilton Hawaiian Village Tapa II and III, 12:30-1:00 p.m.

**November 18** Presentation of Librarian of the Year Award, Hawai`i State Library, 6:25-7:00 p.m.

**November 19-21** Inaugural Asia-Pacific Homeland Security Summit & Exposition, Hilton Hawaiian Village Coral Ballroom. [www.scd.state.hi.us/summit](http://www.scd.state.hi.us/summit)

**November 21** Ehime sister-state relationship signing ceremony, Hilton Hawaiian Village, 3:00-3:30 p.m.