



Governor's E-Newsletter

December 3-9, 2005



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

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

Quote of the Week

"Our Administration is committed to investing in road repairs such as these to preserve the integrity of our highways, relieve traffic congestion, and provide needed safety measures for our residents and visitors."

- Governor Lingle, discussing the Lingle-Aiona Administration's efforts to "Keep Hawai`i on the Move." This week, the Governor released \$11,884,500 in state funds for highway improvements statewide: \$7,907,000 for Haleakala Highway on Maui; \$3,400,000 for Hawai`i Belt Road on the Big Island; and \$577,500 for Kaunualii Highway and Nawiliwili Road on Kaua`i.

Thought of the Week

"The West Hawai`i regulations have resulted in more fish for everyone, including the tourist trade."

- Maui News editorial, "Lay net ban protects fish," thanking Governor Lingle, Peter Young, Chair of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, and Department officials for drafting a proposal to ban lay net fishing.



"Recently, I came across a

Governor Lingle Proposes Emergency Preparedness Initiatives



Governor Lingle announced a comprehensive package of legislative, budget and administrative initiatives to better prepare our state to deal with natural or man-made disasters. The package contains more than 20 initiatives designed to: **mitigate the hazards** that exist now so that the potential disasters are lessened; **enhance our preparedness** should a major disaster occur; and **accelerate our responsiveness and recovery when a disaster strikes our islands.** [full story](#) Click [here](#) to view the live news conference.

Governor Accepts "Tsunami-Ready" Award



Brigadier General (Ret.) David

website (AmberAlertNow.org) that indicated that Hawai`i implemented the 50th Statewide Amber Alert Plan on February 18, 2005. This e-mail is to thank you as Governor, as well as state officials and agencies who made this happen. Every second a child is missing adds to their danger and decreases their chances of coming back home safely. Thank you!"

- Rebecca Sargent, a social work student at Ferris State University in Traverse City, Michigan, thanking Governor Lingle for her work to enact the Amber Alert Plan in Hawai`i.

Upcoming Events

December 10, Governor Lingle will attend the annual Kama`aina Christmas celebration at the Honolulu Academy of Arts.

December 12-13, Governor Lingle will visit Midway Atoll as part of her Administration's efforts to establish the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands as a marine refuge. The Governor will be joined by Jim Connaughton, chair, White House Office of Environmental Quality Control and Lynn Scarlett, assistant secretary of policy, management and budget, U.S. Department of the Interior.

December 15, Governor Lingle will present the 2005 Librarian of the Year Award to Mary Ann Collignon.

Governor's Weekly Radio Show



Governor Lingle with an award, honoring Hawai`i as the first and only tsunami-ready state in the nation. To earn this prestigious distinction, all counties in Hawai`i established a 24-hour warning point; developed multiple ways to alert the public to severe weather and tsunami warnings; created a formal severe weather and tsunami hazard plan; conducted emergency exercises; and promoted public readiness through community education.

Johnson, Director of the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) National Weather Service presented

Governor Meets with Honolulu Board of Realtors



Governor Lingle attended the Honolulu Board of Realtors' Holiday General Membership Meeting and thanked members for their work to expand Hawai`i's strong real estate market and booming economy. In her remarks to members, the Governor noted that for the first time in 11 months, the state saw a 0.4% increase in single-family homes sales, and a 3.6% increase in condominium sales. She also discussed affordable housing as a top priority of her Administration in the upcoming legislative session. Governor Lingle will again seek affordable housing solutions, such as tax relief for lowest wage earners, and encourage collaboration between the state and private organizations.

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National Pearl Harbor

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O`ahu (KHVH AM 830)
Maui/Kona (KAOI 1110 AM)
Hilo (KPUA 670 AM)
Kaua`i (KONG 570 AM)

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Remembrance Day



Picture taken January 18 with Pearl Harbor survivors during Pearl Harbor Memorial Foundation Ceremony.

"The devastating attack at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941 forever changed the course of history for Hawai`i, the United States of America, and the world itself. Today, we honor the more than 2,400 men and

women who lost their lives at Pearl Harbor on that fateful day, while we remember with appreciation those who continue to serve our nation in the armed forces today. I am proud to serve as honorary chair of the Pearl Harbor Memorial Fund, which aims to maintain the Memorial for future generations and preserve the memories of what our country endured and how we ultimately prevailed. Every day visitors from around the world come to Pearl Harbor and the USS Arizona Memorial to honor the brave Americans who fought and died there, and understand the events that transgressed that day. I respectfully ask that you take a moment today to remember those who lost their lives during the attack on Pearl Harbor, honor those veterans who have served our great country, and keep our troops who continue to fight for freedom and democracy around the world in your thoughts and prayers."

Governor's Weekly Radio Address



"As the world focuses on Avian bird flu, my Administration has developed a plan to protect residents and visitors from a possible outbreak of Avian or other pandemic flu. I will include \$15 million in my executive budget to allow the



Department of Health to stockpile antiviral medications and develop an enhanced data management system to track patient response to treatment and manage the supply of medications. In addition, I will convene a bipartisan, multi-agency committee to coordinate emergency preparation strategies. Hawai`i residents can contribute to our state's preparedness by reviewing and commenting on the draft Pandemic Flu Preparedness and Response Plan. The plan is available at: www.hawaii.gov/health. I want to assure the people of Hawai`i that the state is focused on the necessary preparations for a possible pandemic, and we are committed to our responsibility of ensuring the health and safety of our residents and visitors."

"Dedicated to Hawai`i's Troops"



Photo courtesy of
Major General Lee

Major General Lee met with Major Tammy Duckworth after her workout on the treadmill, where she covered 1/3 of a mile in less than 15 minutes. Major Duckworth is currently undergoing rehabilitation at Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, D.C. Major General Lee reports, "the rehabilitation center at Walter Reed is a real upbeat place where injured soldiers help out each other."

We invite you to submit digital photos of your loved ones who are serving our country in the defense of freedom and liberty. Please e-mail your photos and a brief caption to governor.lingle@hawaii.gov.

Department of the Week- State Civil Defense



Members of the Hawai`i Emergency Preparedness Executive Committee were honored for their year-round contributions to emergency preparedness and homeland security by the State Adjutant General, Major General Robert Lee. More than thirty organizations from state, federal and county government and private industry participate in these bi-monthly meetings focused on homeland security.

In the News

[Nearly \\$12M for road improvements](#)
Pacific Business News, December 8, 2005

Interior official to tour Islands

Pearl Harbor speech, Arizona Memorial preservation top list

By Jim Todd/HONOLULU

U.S. Deputy Secretary of the Interior Tom Swartz will lead off a week in Hawaii on the top or island official at Pearl Harbor Day ceremonies on Wednesday at the Arizona Memorial, where she will give a speech and assure folks that the federal government is taking responsibility for the memorial.

Swartz arrives tomorrow night from Washington with a schedule that's

full -- and diverse -- through the night of Dec. 21.

She said the Bush administration is committed to the redevelopment of the

Arizona Memorial visitor center as well as "enhancing" the museum building itself -- all in partnership with other private and public groups.

The trip, made during the attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941, is a mark for more than 1.8 million. Its destination was studied this year by archeologists, who concluded that its main hall and framework are being degraded by the seawater, but more

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[Interior official to tour Islands](#)

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[Molokai irrigation funds released](#)

Pacific Business News, December 6, 2005



Hawai'i Guard unit wraps up Kuwait tour

The 487th scheduled to return home this week, Army says

The 487th Army Airborne Brigade, Hawaii Army National Guard, has completed a 10-day tour of Kuwait. The tour was the first of its kind for the unit and was a significant milestone in the unit's history. The tour was led by the unit's commander, Col. [Name], and included a visit to the Kuwaiti Air Force base. The unit was accompanied by a large contingent of Kuwaiti military personnel. The tour was a success and the unit is looking forward to returning home.

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