



A Record of Supporting our Veterans and Families

There are over 40,000 active duty military personnel, National Guard and reservists stationed in Hawaii. In addition, there are approximately 55,000 military family members. Military spending in Hawaii accounts for approximately 23 percent of our economy, second only to tourism's 30 percent. As a result of this large military presence, Hawaii has a significant relationship with those stationed on Oahu whether it's for three months or for three years or longer.

Created the Military Mayors' Committee

Mufi Hannemann recognizes the advantages of long-term relationships with the local military, as opposed to those on an ad hoc or crisis management basis. During his first year as mayor, Mufi Hannemann created the Mayor's Armed Forces Committee, which brings together the commanders of the military bases on Oahu. These military "mayors" share some of the challenges Honolulu faces. As City Council Chair, Mufi Hannemann also created the Military Affairs Working Group.

Started Mayor's Remembrance Walk

On the fifth anniversary of 9/11, Mufi Hannemann started the Mayor's Remembrance Walk, which honors people whose lives were lost or shattered in the 9/11 attacks, the armed forces and the first responders. The tradition continues this year as the City holds the 5th Annual Mayor's Remembrance Walk.

Dedicated State-of-the-Art Facility

On Veteran's Day 2005, Mufi Hannemann dedicated the new pool at the Patsy T. Mink Central Oahu Regional Park in honor of the men and women who answer the nation's call to duty so our youth can live and play in peace. This state-of-the-art facility is now called the Veterans Memorial Aquatic Center.

Created Partnership that Saved Waimea Falls

Mufi Hannemann was able to facilitate the partnership of the Army's Environmental Center and the Trust for Public Lands. This partnership allowed for the purchase of this pristine acreage on Oahu's North Shore and saved Waimea Falls from development for all time.

Helped to Save the Shipyard from Closure

In 2005, the U.S. Department of Defense was considering closing the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard. Mufi Hannemann travelled to Washington, D.C., to lobby federal officials. He was instrumental in preserving the shipyard, which employs more than 4,300 employees and contributes \$1 billion to Hawaii's economy every two years.

Continued the Memorial Day Ceremony

The Annual Mayor's Memorial Day Ceremony at the National Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl features speeches from our military and government leaders. Floral lei are placed on the over 48,000 graves of U.S. servicemen and women. Mufi Hannemann recognized that this important ceremony required the partnership of government, military and business leaders. Funding of approximately \$20,000 of private donations was raised for the 2010 ceremony.