



## ***THE WALL THAT HEALS – HAWAII COUNTY***

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### ***The Wall That Heals Will Visit Hilo from January 22 to January 28, 2024***

*Hilo, Hawaii* – The planning committee for The Wall That Heals-Hawaii County is pleased to announce the display dates for *The Wall That Heals (TWTH)* in Hilo, Hawaii.

*TWTH* is a three-quarter scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. Established and managed by the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund (VVMF), *TWTH*, and the accompanying *Mobile Education Center*, spreads the healing legacy of The Wall and educates about the impact of the Vietnam War.

The traveling exhibit honors the more than three million Americans who served in the U.S. Armed Forces in the Vietnam War, and it bears the names of the 58,281 men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in Vietnam.

The mobile exhibit will begin its journey in Hilo on January 22, 2024, with a motorcycle escort composed of Vietnam Veterans and other riders. The escort will encircle the city of Hilo, ending at Russell Carroll Mo'ohau County Park.

The 140 numbered panels of *TWTH* will be assembled by volunteers during the morning of January 23, 2024. Individuals and groups who wish to honor friends and family members whose names appear on *TWTH* are invited to escort one or more panels from the trailer to the assembly site.

When assembly has been completed, the display will be available for public viewing around the clock until January 28, 2024, at 2:00 pm. Assistance will be available for those who wish to find a particular individual's name on *TWTH*. Optional educational tours led by Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund staff will be available for groups.

Ceremonies will be held at the opening and closing of the exhibit, as well as on Saturday, January 27, 2024.

The arrival of *TWTH* in Hawaii County represents a significant historical event honoring the memory of those who served in the Vietnam War. Michael Doolittle, Hawaii County Committee Chairman, emphasizes, "This event is not just a display; it's a testament to our nation's history. [*TWTH*] provides an opportunity for us to reflect on the sacrifices made by our veterans and to pay our respects to those who never returned. It's a somber reminder of the enduring impact of the Vietnam War on our country and the individuals who served."

Hawai'i County Mayor Mitch Roth extends a warm welcome to visitors from across the state and around the country to join us for this significant event. "Hawai'i County is fully committed to supporting [*TWTH*], and we're excited to welcome visitors near and far to pay tribute to our Vietnam Veterans. This is a powerful way to recognize the contributions and sacrifices of our veterans, and we are honored to be a part of it. We encourage all residents, as well as those traveling to our county, to join us in paying tribute to these brave individuals who have dedicated their lives to our nation's service."

The County's unwavering support underscores the significance of *TWTH* as a historical and educational event, demonstrating the collective respect and gratitude for those who served their country during the Vietnam War.

Following its time in Hilo, *TWTH* will be on display on the Island of Maui from February 8, 2024, to February 13, 2024, at 2:00 pm.

Event details, sponsorship, volunteer opportunities, educational tours and more information can be found at: <https://www.thewallthatheals-hawaiiicounty.org>.

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