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VETERANS SPEAK

Proud service veterans will speak at the Maui Beach Hotel, June 10th.



Keynote by Joshua Dawson ~ Served on active duty as an Infantry Radioman with the Army's 25th Infantry Division from 1998 to 2005. He was due to get out of the service in 2004 but was trapped by the Army's Stop loss/ Stop Movement policy and was deployed to Iraq from Jan 2004 to Jan 2005 ... to a war that he opposed from the beginning. Spending no more than three months at any one location, Joshua's unit conducted combat operations in Tuz Kurmatzu, Tall Affar, An Najaf (twice), Kirkuk, Sammara, and ended in Mousil. Joshua completed his entire military obligation and was honorably discharged in April of 2005. He now shares his experiences to aid in ending the unjust occupation of Iraq as well as the continued loss of American soldiers and Iraqi civilians. Joshua lives in Honolulu, Hawai'i and is the organizer for the Hawai'i Chapter of Iraq Veterans Against the War as well as Volunteer counselor with the **GI RIGHTS HOTLINE**.



Bill Stroud ~ Vietnam Combat Veteran who served as a Helicopter Crew Chief and Door Gunner from '67 to '69. Bill is a Founder of the Vietnam Veterans of Maui County, a 20-year old non-profit organization formed to focus on Veterans Issues. He currently serves as its President, is married and has a 9 year old son.



Kuuipo Lilikoi ~ 14 year Army Reservist who fought in Iraq March 2004 to March 2005. A graduate of Lahaina Luna High School, Kuuipo was born on Oahu, works in Kaanapali, and has three children.

Followed by a Q&A session.

All are welcome!

The event is sponsored by the Hawaii Foundation of Democratic Women.

Cost is \$15, including breakfast buffet.

Registration begins at 7:15; breakfast starts at 7:30, and the Vets speak at 8 am.

Space is limited. RSVP as soon as possible by calling 242-5036.

Mahalo!!

Photos are attached.

For additional insight and information, contact:

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