



Proclamation

Throughout our nation's history, brave men and women have willingly answered the call of to protect our liberty. The actions of our servicemen and women have changed the course of history, touched lives and spread freedom and democracy to nations around the world. As we celebrate *Military Appreciation Month* this May, it is important to remember and honor those loyal soldiers wounded in the line of duty, who have endured hardships for all of our benefit.

To this end, the Silver Star Families of America (SSFOA) was formed to ensure we remember the sacrifices made by wounded soldiers and their families, as well as advocate for the quality care of our wounded veterans. SSFOA members accomplish this by designing, manufacturing and providing a Silver Star Banner and Flag for these soldiers, as well as care packages for their families

The tradition of the Silver Star for injured soldiers dates back to 1917, when people would sew over a blue star with silver thread to signify a wounded veteran. Since its establishment in 2005, SSFOA have freely given out more than 650 Silver Star Banners to wounded veterans of all wars. The sole mission of SSFOA is to ensure that every time someone sees a Silver Star Banner or Flag flying, the person will remember the blood sacrificed for our state and nation.

On May 1, communities throughout the nation will observe *Silver Star Day* in order to recognize and thank our wounded veterans. Like their fellow Americans, the people of Hawai'i are truly indebted to these soldiers and join in honoring their selflessness and sacrifice in service of our great nation.

THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE, Governor, and **I, JAMES R. "DUKE" AIONA, JR.**, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim **May 1, 2007**, as

SILVER STAR DAY

in Hawai'i, and strongly encourage our citizens to honor and thank the many men and women who have suffered injury while serving all of us in the armed forces.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this thirtieth day of April 2007.

Linda Lingle
Governor, State of Hawai'i

James R. "Duke" Aiona, Jr.
Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawai'i