

20 DAVE NEKOMOTO: Hi, my name is Dave
21 Nekomoto, and thank you for having me today and allowing
22 me to speak. I'm speaking for PMRF. I represent
23 myself, although I have been an over 20-year employee of
24 the Niihau Ranch. I've been in touch with the Niihau
25 Ranch people very closely all through those years, and I
1 still am.

2 You're name is Lewis, right? And Vida. You
3 were both here when the Niihau people gave testimony
4 that they supported the early EISs that had to do with
5 missile defense. When a lot of people were claiming,
6 No, you can't, you know, screw the Hawaiians that way.

7 Well, they came out and they said, Hey, listen,
8 we can make our own decision, and they decided to
9 support the PMRF. And I can say unequivocally that they
10 still support you and the Robinsons, Keith and Bruce,
11 who I work for, they both support you also and so do I.

12 Wars today are won by technology. And one of
13 the big reasons for improving our technology is to
14 reduce the amount of casualties on our side. And I can
15 say that they've been very successful at doing that.

16 There's nobody here that's speaking for
17 hundreds of thousands of people that Saddam killed or
18 the hundreds of thousands of people that got killed in
19 Korea for just objecting to the government. That's the
20 kind of thing that causes the U.S. to get involved in
21 these wars. Nobody wants to go to war.

22 I spent my time in Vietnam, 426 combat missions
23 in Vietnam on an attack helicopter and on ships. My
24 ears ring today constantly because of the loud noises
25 that I was subjected to. But that's something I just
1 live with. The dues I have to pay. So I do support

2 you. I do respect all of your opinions. And we do have
3 those opinions because the guys were out there to fight
4 for this nation. Thank you very much. (Applause.)