



The Hawaii Patriot

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“Eternal Vigilance is the Price of Liberty”

ROTC/JROTC AWARDS ANNOUNCED FOR 2001

The Hawaii Society of the Sons of the American Revolution presented its annual awards to ROTC and JROTC cadets. The Society is grateful to the following compatriots for their help in presenting the awards: John M. Williams, Howard L. Hall, William H. Settle, Elbridge W. Smith, Raymond Woodstock, Robert A. Kilhau, Harold R. McKeen, and Louis A. Torraca. In a few cases, awards were presented by ladies of the Hawaii DAR; to them we extend our gratitude.

ROTC awards were extended to Army Cadet Jason Watts and Air Force Cadet Joseph Esaki, both of the University of Hawaii.

JROTC awards were given to the following cadets: Richard Pangilinan, Air Force, Aiea High; Raymar Tinaza, Army, Baldwin High; Lionel Edwards, Navy, Campbell High; Phillippe Galicinao, Marine Corp., Castle High; Pablo Sarmiento, Army, Farrington High; Eric Weinert, Army, Hilo High; Matthew Savage, Army, Kahuku High; Constance K. Decaires, Air Force, Kailua High; Andrew Yasui, Army, Kaimuki High; Christopher V. Trinh, Air Force, Kaiser High; Ryan C. Hodges, Navy, Kalaheo High; Nikolaikoa Ripp, Army, Kamehameha; Jason Skinner, Army, Kapaa High; Murray Erickson, Army, Kealakehe High; Jim Mederios, Army, Konawaena; Randall Walker, Army, Leilehua High; Sivapong Chiragul, Army, McKinley High; Eaggon Lee, Air Force, Moanalua High; Stacy K. Garcia, Army, Nanakuli; Eaton Kuh, Army, Punahou; Erich Dound, Navy, Radford High; Ryan Okuno, Army, Roosevelt High; Ronson P. Honeychurch, Army, St. Louis High; Justin Novack, Navy, Waiakea High; Robin Ligsay, Army, Waianae; Justin Muraoka, Army, Waimea High.



Hawaii SAR member Elbridge M. Smith places floral tribute at tomb of the Unknown Soldier of the American Revolution in Alexandria, VA April 20, 2001. Onlookers are DAR members with whom he and his wife traveled to Washington, D.C. for the DAR National Congress.

*"When you speak of God or his attributes, let it be seriously,
in reverence and honor, and obey your natural parents."*

Rules of Civility
George Washington

The Grave of Washington

by E.B.M., a passenger on board the Leland
The Friend, Honolulu: April, 1849

In the land of our homes, far away o'er the ocean,
Where liberty's banner waves proudly on high,
Whose name stirs the fount of the hearts deep emotion,
The bright flush of hope, or fond memory's sigh.
That land holds a spot, ever sacred in story,
Since he who now rests there—the good and the brave—
First planted that banner, still waving in glory,
While he sleeps securely—'tis Washington's grave.

Oh! fierce was the din of the battle, wild raging,
And darkly war's cloud on our loved country rose,
He scattered their bands, in stern conflict engaging,
And drove from her borders, her merciless foes,
When the first dawn of freedom was over her gleaming,
The might of his strength to her councils he gave,
'Till that sun rose in brightness, whose rays are now beaming,
In noon-tide's full splendor on Washington's grave.

Far away in the shades of Mount Vernon he sleepeth,
His labours are over, his victory won,
His spirit hath risen to God, who still keepeth
The life which He gave, and recalled as His own.
The angel of peace guards his slumbers so lowly,
Above him the laural and cypress boughs wave;
In the heart of each freeman, that spot is deemed holy—
The shrine of a nation is Washington's grave.

And we, while the billows around us are heaving,
Though far from our homes and loved country we stray,
Will raise our glad voices, in gratitude weaving,
A tribute of praise on this festival day.
The incense of love on the heart's altar burning,
Shall be kindled anew, in fond memory turning
From the deck of the 'Leland' to Washington's grave.

*"I find friendship to be like wine: raw when new,
ripened with age, the true old man's milk and
restorative cordial."*

Thomas Jefferson to Benjamin Rush, August 17, 1811



100 YEARS AGO (1902)

The Society met at the residence of HISSAR President William R. Castle. Speaker Major Davis of Camp McKinley spoke on the life of Washington, and Mr. Armstrong spoke on how the Scotch-Irish contributed to the success of Washington's armies.

75 YEARS AGO (1926)

The HISSAR & DAR Societies held a joint reception at the home of former Governor and current HISSAR President George Carter. Dr. Clarke spoke about events of the Revolutionary War.

50 YEARS AGO (1951)

The Advertiser reported that HISSAR, one of the largest and most influential patriotic societies in the Islands, had dwindled to a few elderly men and would like to have some younger eligibles share their responsibilities.



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Submissions pertaining to news and events to the HISSAR, its members, and other SAR societies elsewhere are welcomed. All must be submitted by fax or simple-text email format. All text is subject to editing by the newsletter editor.



From the Shoals of Time & History...

This year marks the 225th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Below is the text of a poem published in *The Friend*, Honolulu, in the July 1854 edition.



There's gloom upon the brows of Fate; her mantle, half unfurl'd,
Reveals the war-blade flashing o'er the mighty of the world.
But 'mid the deep'ning shadows-piercing through the cloud of war,
There gleams the calm and spreading light of an immortal star,
Whose dawn makes glad our hearts today, as in the days of yore,
It cheered the hearts of struggling men, upon our own loved shore.

Proud empires arm in trembling, to ward the threatening blow;
The royal flags of Christiandom are flutt'ring to and fro;
Yet 'mid the shock of nations, -howsoe'er the die be cast,
There's one fair flag that floats secure, above the coming blast.
It is our own brave banner, which, hallowed in their gore,
Was planted by our fathers on a blood-redeemed shore.

Wherever men may dwell in peace, where'er a ship may ride,
That banner is unfurled today, -a thing of joy and pride.
The Spirit of the glorious past comes smiling o'er the sea,
And sings her hymn of gladness at the hearthstone of the free.
The wand'rer's heart is home again, -he pauses to adore
The power that guards that distant home on Freedom's chosen shore.

And we, awhile though severed from the land that gave us birth,
May wear at heart its brightest gem 'neath every clime of earth;
And roam we to the east or west, or yet from pole to pole,
No clime can match the wealth enshrined within a freeman's soul.
God grant it be well guarded, and cherished evermore!
Till time shall give an equal boon to bless each other shore.

President's Column

Memorial Day, Pearl Harbor-The Movie, WW II Memorial, July 4th. These and other items in the news remind us of our own heritage and the sacrifices our ancestors made before, during, and long after the war we, as SAR compatriots celebrate by our membership in the society.

One of the many patriotic events we participate in and sponsor are the JROTC and ROTC annual awards as reported on by Compatriot John Williams elsewhere in this newsletter. It is an extraordinarily important program, in my opinion, because it involves many future leaders of our country. Thanks to our members who volunteered their time to participate in these ceremonies in April and May.

Compatriot Elbridge M. Smith and his wife, Edna, recently had the opportunity to visit an extremely interesting site, in Alexandria, VA, covered on page one of this newsletter.



John Adams, 2nd President of the United States

If you visit our web page:
<http://communities.msn.com/HawaiiSocietySonsoftheAmericanRevolution> you will find an interesting article, titled, *The Other Unknown Soldier*, listed on

the left side of the page. Click on it to see the entire article from an earlier issue of the *Stars and Stripes*.

By the way, on the subject of our web page, there has been some confusion on the notation, “members sign in” (or join.) Since this is a page that I constructed on the MSN Communities site, there is a provision for anyone viewing the page to ask to join the “community.” This is NOT required in order to browse the page and any of its links or other pages listed on the right and left of the main page, respectively. You will find several interesting links and, I hope, a number of interesting pages to look at and read, including copies of our newsletters. If any of you have anything (pictures are always welcome) you’d like to see included on our page, or any links you’d like to suggest, please send them to me at luigi@hawaii.rr.com so I can include them.

Finally, I’d like to once again ask each of you to consider joining our board or serving on a committee; neither one takes a great deal of time, but is personally rewarding and much appreciated by the membership of the Society. Also, keep in mind, we always need new members, so when you’re talking to someone who expresses an interest in who and what we are, pass the name along so we can get a prospective member package to him. Sons of SARs or DARs are particularly good prospects since their applications are relatively easy to complete.

The 111th Annual SAR Congress was held over the 4th of July weekend, in Louisville, KY and I’m looked forward to visiting the headquarters and the museum while I’m there. Compatriot Williams and I will have a report for you, in the next newsletter.

Aloha to all members and your families. We hope your 4th of July was safe and joyous. God Bless America.

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Louis A Torraca

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS: HISSAR 2001

The 2001 Officers of the Hawaii Society of the Sons of the American Revolution are as follows:

President	Lou Torraca
Vice-President	Bob Fraker
Secretary	Bill Settle
Treasurer	Elbridge W. Smith
Registrar	Ray Woodstock
Chaplain	Biff Yarbrough

The following individuals serve as directors:

Historian	Ray Woodstock
Newsletter Editor	Jeffrey Bingham Mead

The following are directors who also serve as committee chairman:

Executive, Ethics, and Nominating	Ray Woodstock John Williams Biff Yarbrough
ROTC/JROTC	John Williams
Knight Essay Contest	Elbridge W. Smith
Medals and Awards	Chip Higgins
Membership	John Williams
Eagle Scout Contest	Howard Andrus

The following director and committee chairman positions are vacant:

Publicity
Commemorative Events
Programs

Sincerity

"Use no hurtful deceit; think innocently and justly, and, if you speak, speak accordingly."

Benjamin Franklin,
Plan for Moral Perfection

WELCOME ABOARD!

New Member Profile

Please extend a heartfelt and patriotic aloha and welcome to **Jack L. Ferguson**. Jack resides in Kailua-Kona on the Big Island, and joined the SAR in 2000. His email address is madjack@gte.net. He was born in Richmond, Kansas on September 24, 1931, and grew up in Richmond as well as Fresno and Napa, California.

He is a graduate of LaSalle University with a JD. He served in the US Marine Corps. Jack was chosen as one of the Outstanding Young Men of America in 1966.

He's also served as a surrogate parent and advocate representative for special education students.

His hobbies, current interests, and community activities include serving as a former supervisor in Napa County, California, a former chief deputy attorney in Napa County, and former vice-chairman of the Napa Valley Board of Education. Jack is a member of the reapportionment committee for Hawaii County.

Jack is married to his wife, Madeline, and his sister, Seanna McGowen, is a DAR member. His children are Seanna, Robin, Valerie, Scott, and Grant.

His patriot ancestor is Peter Pence, Sr., of Pennsylvania.

Jack belongs to the Elks Lodge, the Masonic Lodge, the State Bar of California, the Navy League of the US, the Marine Corps Association, and the American Legion.

