

# ★ Hawaii Society Sons of the American Revolution ★

**SUMMER 2022**

**Hawaii Patriot**

**Winner of the Jennings Flathers Award for Best Newsletter 2020-2021**



## President's Message

Aloha Compatriots,

The experience of the transition to post-COVID working and social environments has been different for everyone based on their work and life situation. COVID remained a concern for many, and this influenced decisions on whether or not annual events, such as the Cadet Awards Ceremonies, patriotic commemorations, etc., would be held in-person. It also influenced decisions on the appropriate size of community attendance. As the pages of this issue of the *Hawaii Patriot* will show, we did manage to support important commemorations, cadet programs, Eagle Scout awards, to carry out community service, to convene together, and to plan for future activities. President Biden has declared on September 19th that the COVID pandemic is over, and so we should count on in-person events going forward. Over the last 2.5 years, we've moved many of our meetings to Zoom, and we can continue to employ that tool as a back-up, but it is time to meet together in-person, and to once again volunteer to represent our National Society here in Hawaii for commemorations, cadet programs, and Eagle Scout recognition. We are a volunteer organization, and it only works when people volunteer to help carry part of the load.

Our organization must be focused on carrying out the National Society's top priority program, which is the semi quincentennial. As you will read in this issue, we have made a good start on that, but we now need volunteers to give time to putting a State-wide program in-place, with our State Society providing leadership in establishing a committee that will plan and execute the 250th in Hawaii. Our recent experience with the WWI Centennial and the Vietnam War 50th show us what can be accomplished when we work together with other civic and patriotic organizations.

Our annual General Membership meeting at the Fort Shafter Hale Ikena Club was a very nice evening, and we were pleased to have the Hawaii DAR attending. We ran this meeting as more of a social event than a business meeting, and yet, we did formulate consensus on our approach to work with the Hawaii DAR on the 250th program. We recognized those who have made important contributions to establishing a State Committee, and on those projects we can do on our own, with, or without State leadership. We also recognized community exemplars for their service.

**A few words now about volunteering.** In the Revolutionary War, the number of "effectives," or those able to march and fight, was a professional estimate of the percentage of the force "fit for duty." During the Civil War, the Confederates used the term "effectives" to describe the subset of the number of soldiers present for duty (PFD), who could effectively march into battle, and this was typically about 93% of the "present for duty" count. If you are "fit for duty" then please volunteer to support when the call is issued. The well-known '80/20 principle' that says 80% of the work accomplished in an organization can be attributed to just 20% of the work force is also in play for volunteer organizations, except that since no one receives wages, the principle is a 90/10 proposition. A sincere Mahalo to those who did volunteer to present cadet awards, flag certificates, and Eagle Scout certificates, and also those who volunteered to officially attend commemorations. **John Smith** deserves great credit for covering all 3 major events this last Memorial Day, and representing our Society well. We are a volunteer organization and need members to volunteer to represent our State Society at major commemorations and other events. We have Veterans Day and Pearl Harbor Day coming up, which will present more opportunities in the remainder of this calendar year to volunteer. If we are to increase the number of "effectives," then recruiting is a task every member should take on. Our top priority for the next 10 months is to assist candidates with their applications, to bring them on as full compatriots, who can participate in our mission of service. Many 'mahalos' are due to our award-winning Registrar and Genealogist, **Chris Smithson**, who is doing just that.

**Libertas et Patria!**

*Arthur N. Tulak*



## Hawaii Society Prepares for the 250th Anniversary of USA.

By Arthur Tulak, 250th Committee Chairman

Hawaii Compatriot Rep. Matt LoPresti presented House and Senate concurrent resolutions to go to the Governor to approve the establishment of a State committee, commission, or Task Force to plan and carry out the States 250<sup>th</sup> activities. The concurrent House and Senate Resolutions (HR166 and SR205) proposed by Hawaii SAR Compatriot Rep. Matt LoPresti were both approved by their respective committees. These ask the Governor to appoint a 250th Commission, Committee, or Task Force to plan and carry out Hawaii's contributions to the national commemoration.

The Hawaii SAR mobilized to get testimony submitted from other civic organizations, as well as the Veterans Service Organizations. According to Col, Ret. Ron Han, Director of the Office of Veterans Services of the Hawaii State Department of Defense, the responsibility at the State level for oversight will most likely go to the for execution, as was the case for the 50th Vietnam War Commemoration, and the WWI Centennial Commemoration. The Hawaii State DoD is aware that the Hawaii SAR and DAR are going to be members of the volunteer organization the State will form if the Governor decides to act. The concurrent resolutions call on the Governor to establish a Committee for the Semi quincentennial Commemorations were approved in the House and Senate, and sent forward by the relevant committees.

Compatriots Arthur Tulak and Dan Curtis reached out to various organizations, and obtained support from the Capt. Gaylord Dillingham Chapter of the Military Order of the World Wars, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10276, National Sojourners Hawaii Chapter #9, all of whom submitted written testimony. In addition Arthur, Dan and Rob Moore each submitted their own testimony. In addition, Margaret Russo and Julene Ignacio, of the Hawaii DAR submitted written their testimony in support. A total of 9 testimonies for HR 166, and another 8 for SR 205 were enough to get these through to completion. The testimonies submitted represented a broad-based response, and this prompt action is remarkable, given that in each case, we had only 2 or 3 days to get testimony submitted.

As is reported in the following article on the General Membership meeting, the Hawaii SAR is very keen to support Hawaii DAR efforts to erect a memorial commemorating Patriot CAPT John Kendrick, which will be erected at Walker Park near the Aloha Tower.

A recent update is that Col Ron Han, the Director of the Office of Veterans Services of the Hawaii State DoD, reported on September 16, 2022, that the joint resolution is still being considered, and so we must continue to plan for how the Hawaii Society of the SAR will help to lead this commemoration for the State. Compatriot Elwin Spray reports that at the national SAR meeting the national federal Rev War Celebrations Commission is making grants to state commissions of \$10,000 each, which would certainly be enough to start a program and bring in other partners and resources.



## HISSAR Supports ROTC and JROTC Awards Ceremonies 2022



### By Compatriot Arthur Tulak, ROTC & JROTC Cadet Awards Chairman.

The Corona Virus pandemic of 2020 that originated in Communist China and spread throughout the globe resulted in the cancellation of all in-person awards ceremonies this year. This of course meant that HISSAR Compatriots did not have the satisfaction of meeting this year's deserving cadets, and expressing how proud we are of their accomplishments. However, the University of Hawaii, and a couple of High School units conducted virtual events. The majority of the JROTC units presented the medals during classes are now sending us reports with the names of the Cadets selected for the Bronze JROTC Medal. Below are the reports received for ROTC and JROTC.

**ROTC.** Compatriot Tulak attended the on-line Awards ceremony, jointly hosted by University of Hawaii Army and Air Force ROTC programs on May 5th. The Navy Cadets had their first awards ceremony as a dinner the previous day.

**JROTC.** Mahalo to Hawaii SAR Compatriots and DAR members who presented this year:

- Dan Curtis –Kahuku JROTC.
- Elbridge Smith –Punahou JROTC May 2nd. Also volunteered for Kailua AFJROTC, but the ceremony was cancelled.
- Bill Sorrells –UH Navy ROTC 29 April at the UH Manoa Ballroom, for the Navy detachment's formal banquet.
- Arthur Tulak – JROTC, Aiea AFJROTC on April 27th and Farrington High School on May 5th.
- Juanita Allen DAR –Nanakuli JROTC May 6th, and Waianae JROTC May 12th.

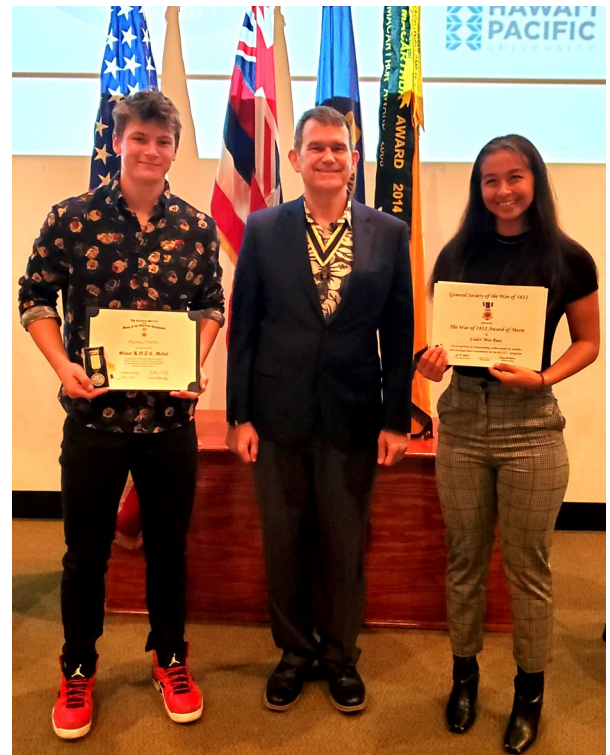
This year, the Hawaii Society was aided by volunteer presenters recruited by Compatriot Tulak from several military HQs. We had three Lieutenant Colonels and one Warrant Officer volunteer to present our certificates to JROTC cadets.

Mahalo to our Active Duty Volunteers:

- Lt Col Brion Piriyaarnjanakul, USAF, Kaiser AFJROTC
- WO1, S. Kai Bovaird, JIATF West, Waipahu JROTC and Campbell NJROTC
- Lt Col, Walt Priebe, U.S. Space Force, Dep. Director of Space Forces, Radford NJROTC
- Lt Col Christopher D. Parker, USAF Deputy Command Surgeon, SOCPAC. Roosevelt JROTC



Cadet Khervin Sales, SAR Bronze JROTC Medal  
Farrington High School May 11, 2022.



Cadet Mathre Fucella, Silver SAR ROTC medal and  
Cadet Maria Ruiz, 1812 Medal, May 5, 2022.

## Hawaii Society Annual General Membership Meeting— April 15, 2022

By President Arthur Tulak

The Hawaii Society conducted its annual general membership meeting at the Hale Ikena Club at Fort Shafter. We were honored to have Derek Brown, Western District Secretary, his wife Janet, and Ms. Christine Domhoff, the Vice Regent of the Hawaii DAR.

Special guests also included CSM, Ret. David Brasher, and his wife Micaela. CSM Brasher is the Non Commissioned Officer in charge of the Hawaii Multiple Schools Unit, which oversees all the JROTC programs in Hawaii, and serves as a Brigade level Headquarters, coordinating the engagement with Veterans, Civic, and patriotic organizations such as ours throughout the year.

Two applicants also attended, Theodore “Ted” Hart, and COL, Ret. William Sorrells. Ted served 5 years of active duty with the U.S. Coast Guard. Ted’s Patriot Ancestor is Archibald Perkins Senior who served in the North Carolina Regiment at saw duty at the battle of Guilford Courthouse. COL Sorrell’s Patriot Ancestor is Joseph P. Thompson, who furnished the Army in South Carolina with provisions such as corn, rye, flours, leather, as well as food for soldiers and horses.



**From left to right:** COL, Ret. William ‘Bill’ Sorrells, President Arthur Tulak, Western District Secretary Derek Brown, Janet Brown, Theodore ‘Ted’ Hart, Elbridge Smith, LTC Dan Curtis, Liz Curtis, Micaela Brasher, CSM Brasher. Not in photo is Christine Domhoff.

President Tulak gave a short presentation on Patriot Captain John Kendrick, his service in the Revolutionary War, and later as an explorer, whose life was taken by British naval gunfire in Honolulu Harbor. Margaret Russo, the Treasurer & America 250th Chair for the Hawaii State DAR Organization, has been working on erecting an NSDAR monument in honor of CAPT John Kendrick, to be placed near the old Honolulu Fort. The Hawaii Society of the SAR will work with Margaret to accomplish this. We will start by completing initial research if we can get a marker laid at Walker Park, on the perimeter of the fountain, across from the Aloha Tower, the site of the Old Honolulu Fort. Margaret was one of those who supported our call to action for testimony to be submitted to both the Hawaii State House and Senate in support of the Joint Resolution proposed by Compatriot LoPresti.

As is customary at our annual general membership meetings, many were recognized for their service to community. We were very pleased to recognize two exemplars, **CSM David Brasher** and **Margaret Russo**. CSM Brasher received the Good Citizenship Medal for his contributions at the state level for his leadership of approximately 3,000 cadets in the program annually. Over the course of the last few years in working the annual Cadet Awards Ceremonies, it is clear that CSM Brasher goes above and beyond to ensure his cadets are learning and preparing to be good citizens themselves. The NSSAR regulations explain that this medal is awarded in recognition of outstanding and unusual patriotic achievement and service, and adds “The medal is presented to persons of prominence in the areas of government (including military service), religion, education, business and other professions, and other fields of endeavor.”



President Tulak presented a Bronze 250th Medal to Margaret Russo, accepted by Christine Domhoff on her behalf. Also receiving the Bronze 250th Medal was our Vice President, Matt LoPresti, for his hard work as the Representative of Hawaii’s House District 41, as the Vice-Chair of the House Committee on Culture, Arts, & International Affairs and also as a member on the House Committee on Health, Human Services, & Homelessness, and the House Committee on the Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.



Western District Secretary Derek Brown presented President Tulak with the Silver Roger Sherman Medal, which is awarded to a compatriot in recognition of outstanding services rendered to a District or State. The recipient must have served as an active officer for a minimum of two years, as an active committee chairman for three years, or as an active member of a committee for four years. Arthur has served as the Chairman of the Cadet Awards program since joining the HISSAR in 2010.

WD Secretary Brown also presented the Hawaii Society with a streamer to affix to the State Society Flag for its contributions in helping to start the 250th program in the state.

This was a wonderful evening, and we plan to run a similar program again next year. All Compatriots are invited to suggest an appropriate venue .



## Hawaii Society of the SAR Honors Eagle Scouts

By Compatriot Arthur N. Tulak , Chairman Eagle Scout Committee

The Hawaii Society is a strong supporter of Scouting, and takes pleasure in recognizing Scouts who achieve the BSA Eagle Scout Rank. The Hawaii Society recognized with a certificate, several scouts this year. **Derrick Djou**, Troop 311, **Connor Jensik**, of Troop 24, **Katelynn Burchette** of Troop 664 and **Brady Jensik** of Troop 24.

**Eagle Scout Derrick Djou** of Troop 311 received his certificate at the court of honor April 24th at the Saint John Vianney church in Kailua. Derrick's Eagle project was Refurbishing a Mural, completed on August 29, 2021, and his Board of review was completed on November 18, 2021. Derrick Djou is the son of Troop 311 Scout Master Dennis Djou.

**Eagle Scout Connor Jensik** received his certificate at his Eagle Court of Honor on May 7th at the Chapel on Wheeler Army Airfield. Connor and his brother Brady are the sons of COL Michael C. Jensik and Amy Jensik. Colonel served as the Commander 8th Military Police Brigade and as Director of Emergency Services and is now retiring from the Army. Connor's Eagle Scout Service Project was a trail improvement project at the Wheeler Saddle Club on Wheeler Army Airfield, Wahiawa, HI. Wheeler Stables offers memberships to active duty, retirees, dependents and Gold Star families for their horses. It has a variety of equestrian services to include lodging (stalls/stables), and exercise areas/equipment (outdoor arena; round pen; plenty of jumps, barrels, and poles; various fields; two large turnout areas; and many miles of trails). The purpose of the project was to improve one of the popular trails used for recreational use for both horseback riders and hikers. Connor passed his Eagle Board on 31 JAN 2022



**Katelynn's** Eagle Scout Service Project, she refurbished and painted 13 – 4 squares and 5 hopscotches at Mililani Uka Elementary School in Mililani, HI. Her Court of Honor was held on August 6th at the Mililani Recreation Center. Compatriot and Society Vice President Matt Lo-Presti, presented our certificate. Katelynn is a founding member of Troop 664 for girls and is the first female to earn Eagle in the troop. Both of her older brothers earned Eagle Scout as well.



**Eagle Scout Brady Jensik of Troop 24 at Schofield Barracks.** Brady follows his older brother Connor who received his Eagle Scout on May 6th. Brady's Eagle Scout Project was the reconstruction of the entryway to the Keiki Clubhouse on Camp Palehua. He passed his Eagle Board on 6 June 2022. Brady received an SAR Eagle Scout certificate from Compatriot Tulak at a Troop Meeting held at the Scout Shack on Schofield Barracks on 22 August.



**Hawaii Society receives Gavel for future meetings.**

On September 9, during a turnover inventory of SAR awards and other supplies, Elbridge Smith gifted a treasured gavel to the Hawaii Society for use at our meetings. Elbridge has served for many years in a variety of positions, to include his current position as Treasurer, and previously as the Assistant Registrar, and Registrar. The gavel had been in his possession for many years, and will be put to use at all of our meetings. The gavel is a symbol of order and procedure, and also of the authority and right to act officially in the capacity of a presiding officer. We have been without one for many years, and we hope this gavel will be wielded by State Presidents for years to com. **Mahalo Elbridge!**



**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

As we approach the end of the year, please remember that annual Membership dues for regular members are \$50.00 for 2023 – \$30.00 for NSSAR and \$20.00 for the State Society. Life members pay only the State Society dues.

Please make checks payable to the Hawaii Society of the Sons of the American Revolution and mail to the organizational address on the

# Flag Committee Report, By Chairman Arthur Tulak

Since our last newsletter, the Hawaii Society has presented the SAR Flag certificates to 3 organizations. The first of these was the Hawaii Dept. American Legion, who received the award at the monthly meeting of Post 17 at the Oahu Vet Center on October 30, 2021

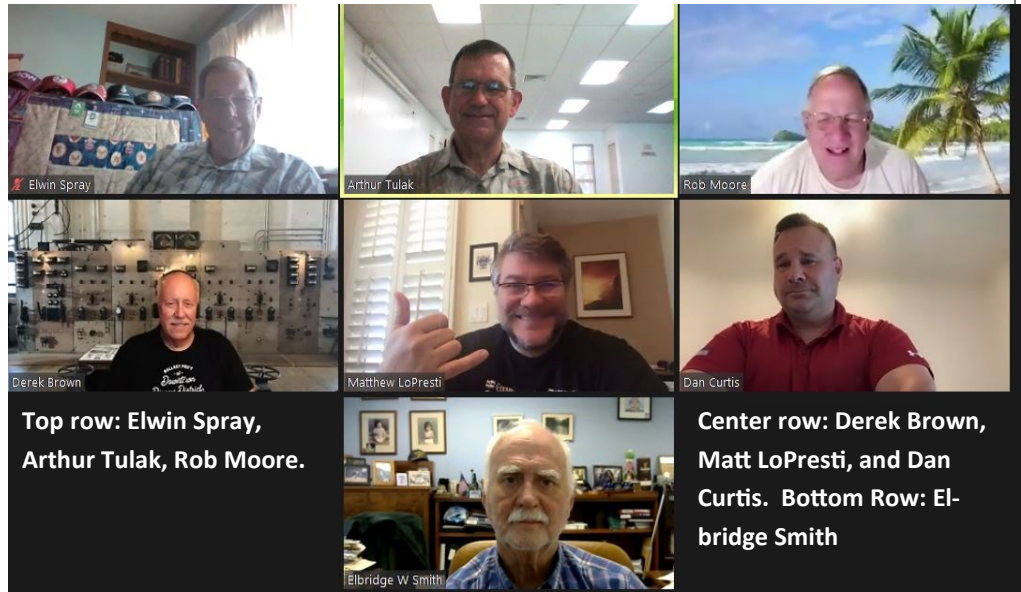
Troop 304 received their certificate, presented by Compatriots Curtis and Tulak on November 10, 2021, during their troop meeting at Aliamanu Military Reservation. Pending presentation



From left to right, Department Commander Fran Riddell, Compatriot Tulak, and American Legion Post 17 Commander "CR" Drumheller, October 30 at the Oahu Veterans Center.

## Hawaii Society Executive Board Meeting held August 5, 2022

The Executive Board met on August 5th via ZOOM, with President Tulak hosting the meeting from the Oahu Veterans Center. SAR Western District VPG Derek Brown attended from California, Rob Moore from Florida, and Elwin Spray from Ohio. Joining the ranks of the diaspora and attending from Washington State was Chaplain Dan Curtis who has relocated there following his retirement from the U.S. Army. Among the new ideas for membership was that proposed by Rob Moore to assign a "wingman" for all new Compatriots to ensure they are informed about our activities and have a go-to-person for any questions they might have. On this topic, Chris Smithson, or Registrar and Genealogist reported via e-mail that he is getting our new applicants through the process. Our most recent new Compatriot is Brett Ryan Oppegaard, who was approved on June 17, 2022. Chris is working on several others.



Top row: Elwin Spray, Arthur Tulak, Rob Moore.

Center row: Derek Brown, Matt LoPresti, and Dan Curtis. Bottom Row: Elbridge Smith

Also recognized for service was our current Chaplain and former Vice President, Dan Curtis. Dan received the Silver Roger Sherman Medal for his years of service to the State Society, organizing the nomination committees and several well-orchestrated events that enhanced our camaraderie together.







## Hawaii Society Welcomes New Compatriot

The Hawaii Society is pleased to welcome **Brett Oppegard** as a Compatriot. Brett was admitted to the National Society on June 17, 2022. In going through the work to assemble his application and join this volunteer organization, he honors the service and sacrifice of his Patriot Ancestor and 7th Great Grandfather, Henry Putnam Sr., ACN: 102259 and SAR Patriot #: P-274525. Brett was among the new Compatriots listed in the Summer *SAR Magazine* on p. 54.

Brett earned his PhD in Technical Communication and Rhetoric from Texas Tech University in 2011, and is currently an Associate Professor with the University of Hawaii at Manoa. Previous to this appointment, he served as an Assistant Professor at Washington State University. At UH, he is tenured with the School of Communications, College of Social Sciences.

Brett's Patriot Ancestor, Henry Putnam Sr., was born August 14, 1712 in Salem Massachusetts, and served as a Minuteman in the Danvers Company. He is said to have been at the capture of Louisburg in June 1745, while in command of a company there.<sup>1</sup> During the Revolutionary War, he served as a volunteer, being well past the fighting age in 1775. He fought in the "Battles of Lexington, and Concord," specifically the fighting on April 19, 1775, which raged over 16 miles along the Bay Road from Boston to Concord. Henry and was killed in action at Menotomy Engagement in Middlesex MA on that day.

1. "Henry Putnam (1712 - 1775)," WikiTree, <https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Putnam-845>

### Compatriot News. News about our fellow Hawaii SAR Compatriots.

Compatriot Dan Curtis retired as a Lieutenant Colonel after 27 years of service in the United States Army, and received the Army's Legion of Merit Medal, signed by GEN Charlie Flynn, Commanding General of U.S. Army Pacific. Dan has also moved to Washington State, while remaining an Officer and Compatriot in our Society. Dan began his military service as an enlisted soldier in the PA National Guard, and soon after an ROTC Cadet on a full 2.5 year scholarship at King's College, Wilkes-Parre, PA. He received his commission in the Infantry Branch on June 3, 1995, later transferring to the Quartermaster Corps, and as a Field Grad Officer, assigned the functional area specialty of Army Force Manager.



Dan spent a great deal of his Army career in the Indo-Pacific Command Area of Responsibility, with service in California, Hawaii, and Korea. He served in overseas contingency Operation IRAQI FREEDOM (March— September 2004).

Dan's Patriot Ancestor is his 4th Great Grandfather, Lieutenant John Dent, who served within Major Taylor's Company of the 9th Virginia Regiment. Dan has served our State Society as both State Vice President and Chaplain.

Dan's retirement ceremony on July 29, 2022 at Camp H.M. Smith, HQ, USINDOPACOM. From Left to Right, standing: Mr. Tracy Lear, Maj JC Pino, Mr. Lynn Mariano, Arthur Tulak, Dan Curtis, Col Tammy Low, Mr. Kenny Ruggles, Col, Ret. Terri Erdag, LCDR Tim Barnickel, and Maj John "Special" Powers. Front Row: COL LaPoint, Mr. Dennis Palalay, LTC Jim McKay, and Mr. Ben Pulsifer the J82 Director who officiated the presentation of Dan's Legion of Merit.

**Feeling left out? Share your news with your fellow Compatriots!!**

## Hawaii Society Participates in Memorial Day 2022

By Compatriot Arthur N. Tulak

Compatriot John G. Smith represented our Society at all three major events this Memorial Day. This is a challenging feat covering two days of action. Compatriot Smith presented a floral lei at the 34th Annual Memorial Day Observance held at the World War One Memorial and Natatorium on Sunday, May 29th. The event begins at 10 a.m., and is preceded by the American Legion Riders of Post 17, who arrive before the official start. This ceremony is not sponsored by the City or State, and is run a day ahead of those State and City administered ceremonies. This event is run in a collective manner with Veterans and Civic Organizations in cooperation with the Friends of the Natatorium.

The active and reserve military have provided great support to this event, as evidenced by LtGen Steven R. Rudder, commander, U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific, and Commanding General of the Fleet Marine Force, Pacific, serving as the keynote speaker. The U.S. Indo-Pacific Joint Service Color Guard provided the colors to begin the ceremony, which is held annually to honor Hawaii's fallen service members and pay special tribute to the nearly 10,000 Hawaiians who volunteered for service in the First World War.



John G. Smith with LtGen Rudder at Memorial Day ceremony at Waikiki 29 May 2022



**Photo left:** Firing detail and Bugler. **At right:** Compatriot Smith with Dennis Egge Uniformed Services Assn, "Woody" and CPT Rona Adams and unidentified member of Chapter 858 of the Vietnam Veterans Assn.

Compatriot Smith also volunteered to present a wreath at the 71st Mayor's Memorial Day Ceremony at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific on Memorial Day. The host, Honolulu Mayor Rick Blangiardi remarked:

*"With the tumultuous circumstances created by the pandemic and Russia's unprovoked attack on Ukraine, our appreciation for the sacrifices made by those who came before us demand commemoration now more than ever."*

This event is made more memorable by the extensive decoration of the graves with more than floral leis made by local volunteers at local parks in the days leading up to the ceremony. Again, the military leadership was there to pay its respects, with General Charles Flynn, Commanding General of U.S. Army Pacific serving as the senior military officer present, reinforced by MG, Ret. Suzanne Vares-Lum.



**Photo Left:** John T. Smith and Cadet at NMCP Memorial Day 30 May 2022. **At right:** Compatriot Smith and Mayor Blangiardi at NMCP Memorial Day 30 May 2022

Compatriot Smith, assisted by a JROTC Cadet honored our fallen Veterans by placing the Society’s wreath amongst those from other Civic and Veteran service organizations. In [the video of the entire ceremony](#), entitled “Memorial Day Ceremony Returns to Punchbowl” you can see the HISSAR presentation at the 59:10 mark.

The final event the Commandery supported was the Governor’s Memorial Day ceremony at Memorial Plaza in the State Veterans Cemetery in Kaneohe . This event is hosted by the Governor, and run by the Adjutant General. The 11th Army Band of the Hawaii Army National Guard provides the musical program. Veterans organizations conduct a parade of flags, followed by a presentation of floral lei. Compatriot Smith participated in the parade of flags and presentation of lei.

### Hawaii SAR Pau Hana at the Sunset Lanai

Hawaii SAR Trustee Elwin Spray visited Oahu prompting a Pau Hana get-together at the Sunset Lanai. Compatriots William Sorrells, Elbridge Smith, and Arthur Tulak welcomed Elwin at the Sunset Lanai, overlooking Pearl Harbor. Elwin presented an overdue certificate recognizing our State Society’s contributions to the “Partners in Patriotism” program.





By Compatriot Arthur Tulak

On September 16, 2022, I was pleased to represent the Hawaii Society in a very moving ceremony in honor of POW/MIA Recognition Day at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific. Mrs. Fern Sumpter Winbush, Principal Deputy Director of the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency provided opening remarks, and explained the great work of the agency in identifying MIA who have been recently recovered, and those who were buried as unknowns during WWII. The names of 136 service members were read aloud and printed in the program, showing the date they had been identified, during the period of September 13, 2021 and September 7, 2022.



**Photo above:** Organizations presenting wreaths lined up. This was a rather select group, including the major military commands, several consulate generals, and a few Veterans s civic organizations. **Source:** Star Advertiser.

DNA. Once his remains were identified, his descendants were notified and the body was reinterred in his home town in Wichita KS.

The Hawaii Society was seated among the VIPs, and wreath presenters in the first three rows.

The entire ceremony can be viewed at <https://www.facebook.com/dodpaa/videos/1258387404924958>

**Photo right:** Donovan Lazarus Commander of the Hawaii Dept. of American Veterans, Col, USMC Ret. Jason Seal Commander of the Captain Gaylord Dillingham Memorial Chapter of the Military Order of World Wars, Lt Col, Ret. Vic Bonfiglio Vietnam Veteran, and Compatriot Arthur Tulak representing the Hawaii Society.



The Guest Speaker was Ray Kapaun, whose Uncle, U.S. Army Captain, (Chaplain) Ray Kapaun, was lost in the Korean War. Chaplain Kapaun received the Medal of Honor, but his remains were not identified until recently. Emil was a Roman Catholic priest / Army chaplain who served in World War II in the Burma Theater. Chaplain Kapaun served in the 8th Cav Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division. On Oct 2, 1950, in heavy fighting, his unit was ordered to withdraw, but Chaplain Kapaun, stayed with the wounded. After his capture in Korea, he was imprisoned by in the Chinese-run prison camp, Camp #5. He died in captivity on May 23, 1951 from malnutrition Pyoktang, north Korea. Following the war, his remains were among the 1,868 returned to the United States by Communist north Korea. These unknowns were buried in the Punchbowl. On March 2, 2021, the DPAA positively identified his remains through

## Hawaii Society Report from the 132d National Congress

HISSAR Compatriots Rob Moore, Elwin Spray, Chris Tourtellot and Derek Brown attended the Congress where we received several awards for the 2020-2021 operational year:

the Hawaii Society received two Furlong Awards for our efforts to recognize organizations for consistently proper and reliable display of the American flag at their business or residence, and to organizations conducting dignified flag disposal ceremonies. We received the Officer's Streamer Award for attendance at trustee's meetings and Congresses. We also received the SAR 250th Streamer for our efforts to establish the State 250th Committee.



Our Registrar and Genealogist Chris Smithson received the Gold Liberty Medal (shown on left) for having sponsored more than 200 new compatriots. This is a National Medal which commemorates the restoration of the Statue of Liberty, is presented for recruiting new members to the SAR. Congratulations to Chris for this significant accomplishment!

Photos below, at left: Past President Elwin Spray and immediate Past President, Rob Moore. Elwin served as the Alternate National Trustee and Rob as the current National Trustee. Elwin's SAR sash denotes his service as the former national Vice President General.

At right below: Former Hawaii State President Chris Tourtellot, in color guard uniform, was honored in August by the Massachusetts SAR President Ed Hoak, in center in back, and is joined by former Hawaii state president Elwin Spray on right. Chris was honored as Massachusetts SAR color guard commander and presented an engraved neck medal (gorgot), worn below neck at front of uniform



### Next year's Congress will be in Orlando Florida!



## Upcoming Events

- **1 October**— Fall Leadership CoSP Meeting, 0800 hrs, HST, Zoom
- **7 October**— Operation Enduring Freedom began in 2001
- **13 October**— Birthday of the U.S. Navy, est. 1775
- **27 October** — Navy Day
- **10 November** — 241st Birthday, United States Marine Corps (est. 1755)
- **11 November** — Veterans' Day,
  - Wreath-laying at either the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl)
  - Presentation of wreath or lei at the WWI Honor Stone in Waikiki.
  - Parade of flags and presentation of lei at the State Veterans Cemetery in the afternoon.
- **2 December** — **Hawaii Society Executive Board Meeting** — Location and timing To Be Determined (TBD)
- **7 December** — **Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day**, 79th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor.



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