

★ Hawaii Society Sons of the American Revolution ★

SUMMER-AUTUMN 2024

Hawaii Patriot



President's Message

Aloha Compatriots,

The Hawaii Society continues its mission of service to our community, and to sharing our devotion to remembering the sacrifices of our Patriot Ancestors. Over the last 12 months, the HI Society has supported Cadet Awards, participated in commemoration events, and conducted its Annual General Meeting, where we recognized members for their service. Members travelled to attend events on the mainland, to include the Convening of States and Territories and the 134th Congress. This issue of the Hawaii Patriot will cover those events, and also the work we are doing to support the Hawaii -quincentennial (250th) Commission under the leadership of Compatriot Peter Young. Of note, we are now commemorating the Two Hundred Fiftieth Anniversary of the First Continental Congress, held September 5 to October 26, 1774. To get our 250th activities in Hawaii started, we are focusing on outreach to civic, patriotic, Veteran, academic, and professional organizations to help plan, coordinate, and conduct commemoration events. Reaching out to potential organizations willing to be commemoration partners is a task that any of our members can do.

We are an organization of volunteers, and can only move as far and as fast as the numbers of volunteers stepping forward. We need volunteers to attend the major military commemorations throughout the year, present medals to cadets at the end of every school year in April/May. There are many SAR community and youth-oriented programs we could undertake, but only with more volunteering!!

Arthur Tulak
Libertas et Patria!

Honoring Veterans via the USS Stark Memorial Program

The USS Stark Memorial program, established in 1988, encourages State Societies "to memorialize those brave men and women who continue to stand at the forefront to preserve the freedoms our patriotic ancestors fought so long and hard to achieve." The program is managed by the NSSAR Veterans Committee. The program also encourages State Societies and their chapters to work alongside local Veterans organizations. Many of the Veterans who survived the aerial attacks launched by the Imperial Japanese Navy on December 7, 1941 have elected to be buried in the National Military Cemetery of the Pacific (a.k.a. 'the Punchbowl'). We have been notified by the NSSAR Veterans Committee of two Veterans whose remains are bound for Hawaii for burial.

The first is U.S. Navy Fireman First Class Edward D. Johnson, 24, of Hurdsfield, North Dakota, assigned to the USS Oklahoma, who was killed on December 7, 1941 at Pearl Harbor, and finally accounted for in September of 2020. Petty Officer Johnson is scheduled to be buried at the Punchbowl on October 25, 2024. NF1 Johnson was among the unidentified KIA buried in one of the 46 plots set aside for the unknown dead. The second is U.S. Navy Chief Carpenter's Mate Tedd M. Furr, 39, of Selma, Alabama, who was killed on December 7, 1941 at Pearl Harbor, and finally accounted for in November of 2020. Chief Furr is scheduled to be buried at the Punchbowl on April 2, 2025. If you can support either of these events, please contact Compatriots Arthur Tulak or Dan Curtis

HISSAR Supports ROTC and JROTC Awards Ceremonies 2024



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

The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) awards the ROTC Medal to foster the principle of the “citizen-soldier,” exemplified by the Minutemen of Revolutionary War days. There are two Awards, Silver for Sr. ROTC, and Bronze for Jr. ROTC.

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

- **Dan Curtis** –Waipahu, Kahuku, McKinley, Roosevelt
- **Matt LoPresti** at Mililani, Nanakuli and Waianae.
- **Arthur Tulak** at AieaHigh School AFJROTC, and Campbell HS NJROTC
- **Juanita Allen** of the Hawaii NSDAR at Farrington H.S. Army JROTC

We are also very grateful for the Active-Duty, Reservists, and Retired military personnel who volunteered to assist us with these important presentations:

- **COL, Ret. Michael Anastasia** at St. Louis Army JROTC
- **LTC Bryan Lee**, H CIV PACOM PCJ8, Punahou Army JROTC
- **LT Christopher Box**, United States Navy— Kalaheo, NJROTC and Kailua AFJROTC
- **LT Joshua Butenhoff**, Naval Special Warfare—Radford High School NJROTC
- **LT Michael C. Canavati**, VJ2 Executive Assistant, U.S. Indo-Pacific Command at Kapolei Marine Corps JROTC
- **LT Lanelle E. Hawthorne**, USN, CSOJTF-L at Waimea H.S. Army JROTC
- **SMSGt, USAF Kari J. Otto**, Superintendent, Nuclear Operations Branch, HQ USINDOPACOM/J364 at Moanalua AFJROTC
- **COL, Tracy Lanier, USA, Ret.**, Pres. AUSA HI Chapter at University of Hawaii Sr. ROTC on May 3rd at Ford Island Aviation Museum.
- **COL, Tom Farrell, USA, Ret.** at Hilo High School—Army JROTC



LTC Ret. Dan Curtis presents the Bronze JROTC Medal to CDT Ethan Stamps at Waipahu H.S. 12 APR 2024.



LTC Ret. Dan Curtis presents the Bronze JROTC Medal to CDT Yu at Kahuku H.S. 17 APR 2024.



COL Ret. Arthur Tulak presents the Bronze JROTC Medal to CDT Yu Kyle De Mancia at Aiea H.S. 19 APR 2024.



Ms. Juanita Allen presents to Cadet Soriano at Farrington HS JROTC. ON 3 May.

Annual General Membership Meeting— April 23, 2024

By President Arthur Tulak

The Hawaii Society conducted its annual general membership meeting at the 604 Ale House at Schofield Barracks, formerly the Nehlani Club. Approximately 13 people attended the meeting. Among the business items the AGM passed a bylaw change to the State Society constitution to provide dissolution procedures if the State Society should need to dissolve. The results of the election of the 2024 Slate of officers was confirmed, with all presently serving officers remaining in their positions for another term. VPG for the Western Region, and HISSAR Trustee, Col Ret. Rob Moore installed the 2024 Officer slate. VPG Moore recognized HISSAR officers for exceptional performance. In his remarks, VPG Moore challenged the membership to bring in one additional member and to wear the SAR logo memorabilia in order to help advertise the SAR. VPG Moore also updated the membership as to the State's 250th effort and stated that Hawaii was to first State in the Western District to have a state-wide commission.

I was very pleased to present the Lydia Darragh medal to several ladies of the Hawaii State Society of the SAR. The medal's namesake was in British-occupied Philadelphia in 1777 but was able to provide service to the Revolution behind enemy lines. In December, 1777m the British held a secret meeting in her home planning to attack General Washington's forces in White Marsh. Darragh eavesdropped on this planning and was determined to get word of the attack to Washington. By gaining a pass as a homemaker needing flour from the mill, Darragh walked past British soldiers to smuggle a message to Boudinot who got it to Washington. Thanks to her efforts, Washington's troops were prepared, the battle was a standoff, and the British returned to Philadelphia. This medal were presented to: Ms. Ivy M. Spray. Ms. Jennifer Accardi, Ms. Elizabeth Bisson, Ms. Julia Lopresti, and Ms. Liz Curtis.



Top President Tulak presenting the Lydia Darragh Medal to Ms. Julia Lopresti.

Above : President Tulak presenting the Lydia Darragh Medal to Ms. Lis Curtis.

Far Left: The SAR Lydia Darragh Medal.
Left: Portrait of Lydia Darragh





Status Report from the Hawaii 250th Commission.

By Arthur Tulak, 250th Committee Chairman

The Hawaii 250th Commission has stood up, and is operational. Governor Green signed Executive Order 2023-04 on December 15, 2023, approving the establishment of the State's 250th Commission, and listing members of the Hawaii SAR and Hawaii DAR as members along with several others in City, County and State government ex-officio. This Commission is conducting at least two meetings per month led by our Chairman, Peter Young, and Vice Chairman Rob Moore, with

yours truly serving as Treasurer and Chairman of the HI 250th Military Committee. The Commission has established committees for work on specific lines of effort and Compatriots of the HI SAR are encouraged to volunteer. The HI 250th Commission has a memorandum of agreement with the American Veterans (AMVETS) Dept. of Hawaii and its 501 c. 3. AMVETS Service Foundation to manage our funds in an account. This agreement has led to the approval of \$10,000 being sent as the "seed money" to fully, or partially fund grass-roots events from Hawaii 250th Commemoration Partners. Commemoration partners include civic, patriotic, genealogical, history, Veteran, and professional organizations in Hawaii who agree to plan and carry out 250th Commemoration events/ programs, donate funds or services-in-kind, or provide officers to serve on the Commission or its committees. The current commemoration partners of the Hawaii 250th Commission include Hawaii Society SAR, Hawaii DAR, AMVETS Dept. of Hawaii, and the Hawaii Elks Lodge. I urge all HI SAR Compatriots to reach out to other organizations to encourage them to also become official Hawaii 250th Commemoration Partners.

Rob Moore and I attended the Convening of States and Territories conference 9-11 July in Washington D.C. This event was pivotal for States and Territories still getting organized to learn from those States already actively carrying out commemoration events and activities. While we are still in the formative stages, we are not alone, and among the many states who also have only recently started. Alabama plans to kick off its commemoration campaign April 18, 2025. Arizona, whose 250th Commission was still forming, had planned its first meeting for 22 July. Alaska and California had just appointed their representatives shortly before the Convening of the States and Territories. Iowa plans its first meeting in Sep 2024. Nevada will have its membership confirmed by the Governor in Sep 2024. New Mexico is still in the process of establishing a commission. We and the other "new" state 250th Commissions can learn a lot from other States who stood up their commissions in 2021/22/23. Among the many take-aways from this conference were: 1) Several state commissions had their Office of Tourism as members to connect 250th events to tourism and use the tourism industry to spread the word on 250th events, and; 2) Just about any event that already takes place in a community can be conducted as a 250th event, (e.g. 250th Swim Meet, 5k or 10k Run, community service event, etc.). We also learned which Federal and volunteer organizations we should attempt to partner with, including the State Archives, the National Parks Service, and the U.S. Customs and Immigration Service. The agenda for this event is posted at: <https://america250.org/state-territory-convening-general/>

In addition to the many informative presentations, the event also focused on team-building to allow participants to make connections and exchange ideas. The first of these was a reception and dinner at the Great Hall of the Thomas Jefferson Building of the Library of Congress. The featured speakers included: Ms. Rosie Rios, Chair, America250, Dr. Colleen Shogan, Archivist of the United States, Dr. Mirelle Luecke, Bicentennial expert and Supervisory Curator at the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library and Museum. This was followed the next day by a second reception and dinner at the Flag Hall of the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History. The featured speakers included: Dr. Anthea M. Hartig, Elizabeth MacMillan Director of the National Museum of American History, and Ms. Judy Woodruff, senior correspondent and the former anchor and managing editor of the PBS NewsHour. Each day included presentations by the State Commissions, and Hawaii presented on the final day.



Reception and dinner at the Great Hall of the Thomas Jefferson Building of the Library of Congress on July 9, 2024. **Photo Left:** Ms. Rosie Rios welcomes the delegates from the State and Territory 250th Commissions. **Photo Right:** From left to right: HISSAR Pres. Arthur Tulak, Alaska 250th delegate Ms. Dorene Lorenz, Commissioner, Alaska Historical Commission. HISSAR Trustee Rob Moore.



Reception and dinner at the Flag Hall of the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History on July 10, 2024. **Photo above:** Commissioner Ms. Rosie Rios speaks to delegates. **Photo Right:** Plenary sessions at the Pavilion of the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center. Rob Moore briefs the assembled delegates on Hawaii's plans for the semi-quincentennial on the final day of the convention on 11 July 2024.

134th SAR NATIONAL CONGRESS

The annual meeting of the National Society of the SAR, known as the SAR Congress, was held in Lancaster Pennsylvania 10-16 July, at the Lancaster Marriott. Hawaii was represented by current and former members to include past Hawaii state president Chris Tourtellot, who received the national award of Gold Roger Sherman medal. Compatriot Tourtellot is the current Massachusetts Society SAR Color Guard Commander and led the color guard in December's Boston Tea Party parade.

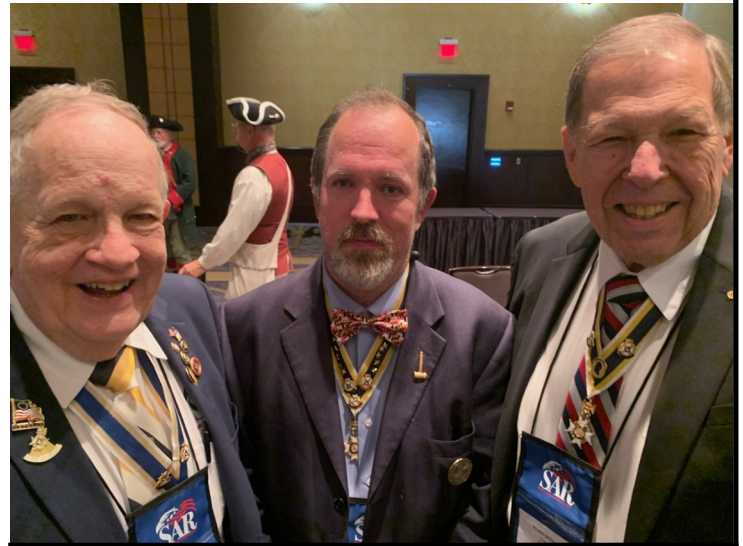
Also receiving recognition was past HISSAR President and Current VPG for the Western Region, Rob Moore, for service as Vice President General. HISSAR Trustee Elwin Spray received the Gold Henry Knox Medal from President General John Dodd in recognition of contributions and achievement for representing the SAR at the Scouting Jamboree over the past year. Ms. Ivy Spray was awarded the Martha Washington Medal from President General Dodd in recognition of her support to the Boston Tea Party event in the previous year.

Another connection to Hawaii is Ed Kopsick, who carried the Hawaii flag for the memorial service. Ed is the President of the Continental Congress Chapter York, Pennsylvania, and an alumnus of the Leilehua Class of 1976.

The Hawaii Society was recognized with the Howard F. Horne Jr. Award, presented to the society with the largest percentage increase of George Washington Fellows based on percentage of total membership. The award is a certificate and a streamer, the former is shown on the following page.



Past HISSAR President Chris Tourtellot received the Gold Roger Sherman medal for service on the Boston Color Guard.



Hawaii's delegation to the 134th Congress, Trustee Rob Moore, Secretary Chris Smithson, and Trustee Elwin Spray



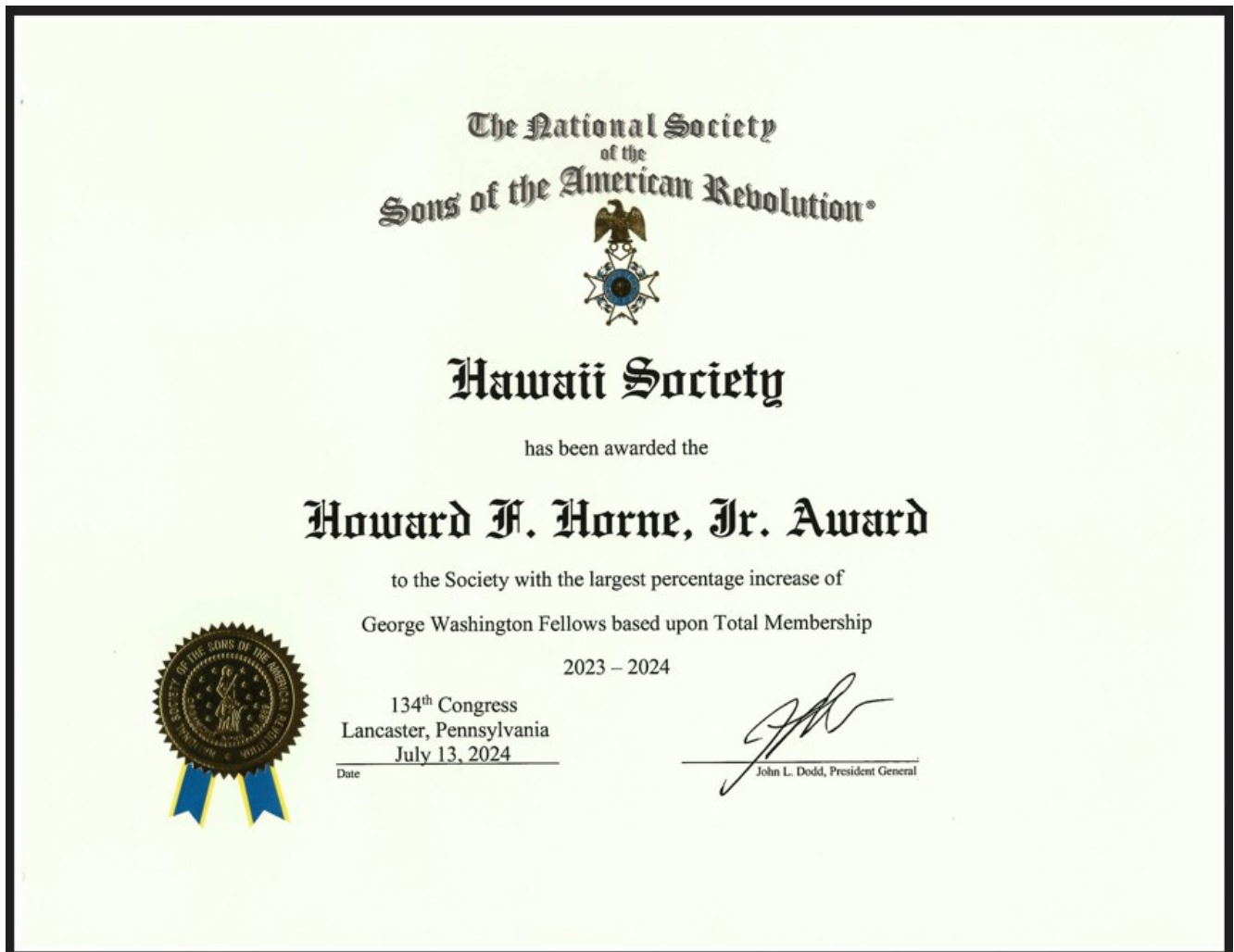
Ed Kopsick, color bearer who marched in with the Hawaii State Flag.



Photo Above: Past HISSAR President Rob Moore presents the Lydia Darragh Medal to Ms. Marcy Moore at the Congress.



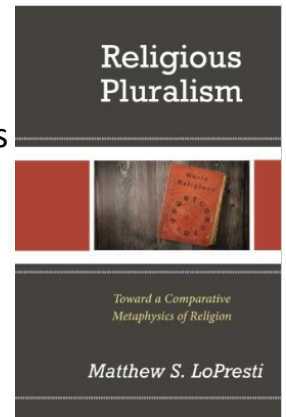
Photo Above: Delegates gather at the Historic Rock Ford Mansion-in Lancaster PA. The home of Revolution War General Edward Hand, his family as well as enslaved and freed servants. General Edward Hand was adjutant General to George Washington.



Hawaii Society Member News

Compatriot **Matt LoPresti** published a book titled “Religious Pluralism: Towards a Comparative Metaphysics of Religion.” The book is available on-line for ordering in-print or digital form at [Roman and Littlefield publishing](https://www.romanandlittlefield.com/).

Share *your* good news with fellow compatriots in the next issue!



Recruiting and Retention. Steve Hinson, Chairman of the Patriots Records Committee published a few tips on Retention in the recent Council of State Presidents Magazine. Among them was this observation: One of the biggest problems we face in membership is retention. We are all familiar with the new member we call the “paper hanger” who stays around long enough to get his certificate and never attends a meeting. We also know that the longer we can keep a member the more apt he is to become involved in one or more NSSAR programs. When a new member arrives, we often do not think about cultivating his interest in finding more patriot ancestors and pursuing supplemental applications. New members learning about the PRS Website and how it can assist them in perusing other family patriots could be part of the answer to the retention problem.

Hawaii DAR Merci Box Cars Project

The Merci Box Car restoration project was launched by Jane Mann State Regent. The Merci Train restoration work is still ongoing, and significant progress has been achieved. Laura Ingenluyff, State Vice Regent of the Hawai'i, NSDAR is assisting the Project Manager, Jeff Livingston, in the restoration of this box car. The photos in this article are from February 2024. Laura's husband has been doing a lion's share of the work with great results. The Hawaii NSDAR invites members of the Hawaii SAR to join in the restoration of this historical box car. 2024 marks the 75th anniversary of the Merci Train box cars which were gifted from France to the United States in 1949, one box car each to the 49 states and the territory of Hawaii. The rededication of the Hawaii Merci Train box car is set for 2 FEB 2025 so time is running out! See the “before and after photos below.



NSSAR Veterans Recognition Committee.

The SAR Veterans Recognition Committee provides recognition to SAR veterans by awarding the SAR Certificates of Patriotism. It ensures that the work of the committee not only has a legacy dimension, but is also visionary and administratively sound so that the incumbent SAR President General can expand the Veterans Corps to include service to country during periods of peace, war, and/or armed conflict. The committee publishes the *SAR Veterans Bugle* for this community.

The SAR Veterans Recognition Committee can also now recognize the military service of now deceased SAR members. The candidate must be either a deceased SAR member or a deceased serviceman who became an SAR member through the Memorial Application process. As with NSSAR Memorial Membership, the deceased member must be no more than one generation from the current generation.

Any HISSAR Veteran who has not received recognition from NSSAR for their military service, please send Rob Moore a copy of your redacted (no SSN or DOD ID No., a.k.a serial number) DD Form 214 (or other discharge paperwork) and the following personal information: Full Name, address and 4-digit ZIP code, phone number, email, SAR Member number. Rob will send into NSSAR the application. It takes about 2 months to process. NSSAR awards two medals for Veterans, one for military service, and the other for service in declared combat operations. NSSAR Compatriots may receive both, but may only wear one at a time.

Members may also go to the NSSAR Veteran Recognition Page to joint the NSSAR Veterans Reserve Corps <https://www.sar.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Veterans-Multi-Corps-Recognition-Form-03-2020-1.pdf>

The NSSAR has 8 Eight Veterans Corps

1. Spanish – American War Veterans Corps
2. World War I Veterans Corps
3. World War II Veterans Corps
4. Korean Service Veterans Corps
5. Vietnam War Veterans Corps
6. Special Ops Veterans Corps
7. Southwest Asia (Middle East/Afghanistan) Veterans Corps
8. Military Service Veterans Corps



Above Left: Military Service Medal. Above Right. War Service Medal.

New Form of Dues Payment Coming to NSSAR

Club Express a multi-service platform for communications to membership. This includes the ability to generate emails, text messaging, surveys and Ad Hoc Forms for members to complete.

The program has a monthly hosting fee, based on the number of members. It also provides unlimited pages, documents and photos storage. The system supports web logs ('blogs'), a documents library for members (or the general public).

The system also provides financial management tools, and permits State Societies and Chapters to remit funds directly to any account, accept credit card payments, or PayPal payments over the supported organization's website. The software is designed to support cell-phone communications and includes a group chat function.

Upcoming Events

- 7 OCT — 23rd Anniversary of Operation Enduring Freedom (2001)
- 7 OCT— First anniversary of Hamas—Israel War (2023)
- 10 OCT— Anniversary of the first battle of the Revolution— Battle of Point Pleasant, Point Pleasant, WV, (1774).
- 10 OCT— SAR EB meeting at noon, via Zoom
- 12 OCT—National SAR 250th Commemoration Of the First Continental Congress
- 13 OCT — Birthday of the U.S. Navy (est. 1775)
- 25 OCT— Burial of U.S. Navy Fireman First Class Edward D. Johnson, at the NMCP.
- 26 OCT— National Day of the Deployed <https://nationaldaycalendar.com/national-day-of-the-deployed-october-26/>
- 27 OCT — Navy Day
- 9 NOV—35th Anniversary of the Fall of Berlin Wall (1989)
- 10 NOV — Birthday, United States Marine Corps (est. 1755)
- 11 NOV — 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
- 7 DEC — Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor.
- 13 DEC—National Guard Birthday (est. 1636)
- 16 DEC— 80th anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge which began on this day in 1944
- 20 DEC—Founding of the U.S. Space Force (2019)



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250th Committee Chairman: Peter Young

Cadet Awards Chairman: Arthur Tulak

Veterans Committee Chairman: Vacant

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Col. USAF, (Ret.) Rob Moore

Elwin Spray