

★ Hawaii Society Sons of the American Revolution ★

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Joint 2007 Annual SAR/DAR Luncheon a Success!

This year the Joint 2007 Annual Luncheon with the Hawaii DAR brought a crowd of 100 guests and friends to Hale Ikena at Nagorski Golf Course, Fort Shafter, Oahu on March 10, 2007.

This year's featured speaker was National Historian Ray Emory of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association. Emory served on the USS Honolulu on the day of the attack on December 7, 1941.

The Star Bulletin reported on December 18, 2005 that Emory helped solve a mystery by identifying a navy sailor missing in action. "Seaman 2nd Class Warren P. Hickok of Kalamazoo, Mich., was the third missing Pearl Harbor serviceman identified by Emory and confirmed by forensic experts. He also serves as an honorary chair of the Hawaii Advisory Council of the Pearl Harbor Memorial Fund.

Hawaii Society President Lou Torraca presented the Hawaii Fire Commendation Award to Firefighter II Jamal Segawa, the Honolulu Fire department nominee. The Fire Commendation

Award is a National SAR award presented annually by the Hawaii Society to an outstanding firefighter nominated by Hawaii fire departments. Segawa is currently stationed at the Kapolei Fire Department.



Bill Settle, who has served with distinction as the Hawaii Society Secretary for almost ten years, was honored with the Hawaii Society Patriot Award. The medal, which features the likeness of Compatriot Douglas MacArthur, honors outstanding service to the Hawaii Society.

"Armed and ready," Elbridge "EW" Smith was honored with the Silvery Good Citizenship Award. This is one of the highest ranked and most prestigious awards of the National Sons of the American Revolution. An attorney by profession, Compatriot Elbridge Smith was given this award for his commitment to community service.



Hawaii Society members honored for meritorious service included Compatriots Cameron Wahineokai, Jeffrey Bingham Mead and Jack Miller with Hawaii Society President Lou Torraca. Not pictured: Alan McCullough and Elwin Spray.

Honor the Flag

The flying of the U.S. flag is a basic tenant of the American character. One of our ongoing projects has been to encourage the display of the flag. The Hawaii Society honors the Hawaii State Department of Transportation (DOT). Barry Fukunaga, DOT Director, has maintained the flying of the flag at the portal of the tunnel on the H3 Freeway. Not every public building or site in Hawaii has a flag. The Hawaii SAR salutes the DOT for its continuing efforts to display the American flag. You are invited to submit nominations and photos for a certificate from the Hawaii SAR. Flag Day is June 14.

Our Mission

The mission of the Hawaii Society of the Sons of the American Revolution is to preserve and perpetuate the memory of those men and women whose service and sacrifice during the American Revolution secured independence for the American people and established the United States of America; to unite and promote fellowship among their descendants; inspire them and their communities with a more profound reverence for the principles of the representative government; to encourage historical research and the dissemination of knowledge about the American Revolution; maintain and expand the institutions of American freedom; promote the purposes expressed in the Declaration of Independence and the preamble of the Constitution; and to foster patriotism.

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From the President's Desk

This year marks the 250th birthday of the Marquis de Lafayette. His birthday falls on September 6.

Daniel Weiss, the President of Lafayette College in Easton, Pennsylvania wrote, *"It is the College's good fortune to be associated with an individual who was so deeply dedicated to freedom and liberty. Lafayette believed fully in the ideal of true liberty because he understood it as "the fruition of the enactment of the rights of man." His life was a superb example of global citizenship and service.*

Throughout the 2007-08 academic year the College will celebrate the 250th birthday of the Marquis de Lafayette with special events that remind us of how applicable, especially in a global sense, the connection between a free society and an educated citizenry is today."



Lafayette served the American cause admirably as a general and diplomat, embracing the cause of liberty and freedom without compensation. He permanently renounced the title 'Marquis' before the French National Assembly in June, 1790. In 2002 he was only one of six individuals to be posthumously awarded American citizenship.

One of his famous quotes put the founding of the United States of America in special context. "Humanity has won its battle. Liberty now has a country."

On behalf of the Hawaii Society we salute Lafayette and urge others to do the same.

Patriotically yours,

Lou Torraca,
USAF Col., Retired
Hawaii State Society President

Hawaii SAR Board Meetings 2007

Mark your calendars! The Board of Directors of the Hawaii Society will meet on the following dates in 2007: February 2; April 13; June 1; August 3; October 5 and December 7.

Unless specified differently, all are luncheon meetings at Old Spaghetti Factory at Ward Warehouse in Honolulu. Members, prospective members and guests are welcomed!

HawaiiSar.Org

The Hawaii Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (HISSAR) is on the Internet. Our address is www.hawaiisar.org and it provides visitors with ready-access to information about the Hawaii Society, joining our ranks, getting involved, and educational resources about the American Revolution and the War of Independence.

Washington's Hospitality The Sandwich Islands Gazette and Journal of Commerce, Honolulu September 3, 1836

Even the heavy charge of the whole American forces during the revolution, did not cause Washington to forget his home and his poor neighbours. The following extract speaks volumes in his praise, as a man. His heart was ever "open to melting charity."

Extract of a letter to Lund Washington, Mount Vernon, (1775)

"Let the hospitality of the house, with respect to the poor, be kept up. Let no one go away hungry. If any of this kind of people should be in want of corn, supply their necessities, provided it does not encourage them in idleness; and I have no objection to your giving my money in charity, to the amount of forty or fifty pounds a year, when you think it well bestowed.

What I mean by having no objection, is that it is my desire that it should be done. You are to consider, that neither myself nor wife are now in the way to these good offices. In all other respects, I recommend it to you, and have no doubt of your observing the greatest economy & frugality; as I suppose you know that I do not get a farthing for my services here, more than my expenses. It becomes necessary, therefore, for me to be saving at home."

"Don't Forget the Ladies"

And you can rest assured that we have not! Those famous words were uttered in 1787 by Abigail Adams to her husband, John Adams, as he and others set off to create the American Constitution.

Our Hawaii State Society web site features a section of the Online Library dedicated to the vital role women played in the American Revolution and the formation of the United States of America. Go to www.hawaiisar.org and click "Special Features" or Online Library. This educational feature of our library is sponsored by our web site, Heather Wimberly of Green Rose Design. Thank you, Heather!

Calendar of Events

Consult the Hawaii Society web site by logging on to the Internet at www.hawaiisar.org/

Board Meeting: Hawaii Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Friday, April 13, 2007 at 11:30am

The board meets every other month at the Old Spaghetti Factory at Ward Warehouse in Honolulu. Members and prospective members are welcomed to attend.

Patriots Day: "The shot heard 'round the world'" Monday, April 16, 2007

It marks the beginning of the American Revolution skirmishes between American Minutemen from Concord and Lexington and British forces following Paul Revere's famous Midnight Ride.

Hawaii Chamber of Commerce 22nd Annual Military Recognition Luncheon

Thursday, May 24, 2007 at 11:00am to 1:30pm, Hilton Hawaiian Village Beach Resort and Spa, Waikiki.

This annual event is part of the Chamber's Military Recognition Month. The Hawaii Sons

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of the American Revolution will be among many organizations and individuals welcoming home our troops and thanking them for their many sacrifices for our freedoms.

Memorial Day

Monday, May 28, 2007

Observed nationwide and by Americans overseas on the last Monday of May each year, Memorial Day is set aside to pay respects and remembrance to America's war dead.

Board Meeting: Hawaii Society of the Sons of the American Revolution

Friday, June 1, 2007 at 11:30am

The board meets every other month at the Old Spaghetti Factory at Ward Warehouse in Honolulu. Members and prospective members are welcomed to attend.

Flag Day

Thursday, June 14, 2007

Across the United States of America and by Americans abroad, the American flag is especially honored this day.

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