

# ★ Hawaii Society Sons of the American Revolution ★

**SUMMER 2007**

**QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER**



## **A Special Salute to JROTC**

Your Hawaii Society has a long history of support and commitment to Hawaii's Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC). This year a record number of awards were given to these special young people.



The Hawaii Society gave awards to cadets from the following schools: Konawaena High School (Army); Leilehua High School (Army); William McKinley High School (Army); Moanalua High School (Air Force); Nanakuli High School (Army); Punahou School (Army); Arthur W. Radford High School (Navy); Theodore Roosevelt High School (Army); Saint Louis School (Army); Waiakea High School (Navy);

Waianae High School (Army); Waimea High School (Army); Waipahu High School (Army) and the University of Hawaii (Army and Air Force).

We offer our thanks to Compatriot Cameron Wahineokai for his hard work each year in signing up Hawaii SAR members to attend these events, as well as maintain contacts with JROTC officers and schools throughout the State of Hawaii. If you are ever invited to attend a JROTC event please go!

## **Thank You, DonorsTrust!**

We are pleased to inform our members that a check for \$10,000 was received in early July from Donors Trust of Alexandria, Virginia.

According to its web site, DonorsTrust was established as a 501C3 *"to ensure the intent of donors who are dedicated to the ideals of limited government, personal responsibility, and free enterprise. As such, DonorsTrust provides an innovative charitable vehicle for donors who wish to safeguard their charitable intent to fund organizations that undergird America's founding principles."* DonorsTrust does not disclose the name of its client contributors.

*"The Trust is working to help alleviate, through education, research, and private initiative, society's most pervasive and radical needs, including those relating to social welfare, health, the environment, economics, governance, foreign relations, and arts and culture; and to encourage philanthropy and individual giving and responsibility, as opposed to governmental involvement, as an answer to society's needs."*

We are honored that DonorsTrust would choose to support the mission of the Hawaii Society.

## Let Freedom Ring! Hawaii Celebrates July 4

July 4 began with a stirring and solemn ringing of bells at the Arizona Memorial Center at Pearl Harbor. The bell was rung by Everett Hyland, former Radioman Third Class, US Navy, and William S. Cope, an Air Corps B-17 Pilot and veteran of Hickam Field on December 7, 1941.



Americans and visitors across Hawaii celebrated July 4 with patriotic enthusiasm and customary aloha. On July 3 fireworks decorated the skies above the historic Aloha Tower in Honolulu. Kailua held its annual July 4 parade on Oahu's Windward coast, and Schofield Barracks held a 4th of July Spectacular. An organ recital featuring patriotic tunes was performed at St. Andrew's Episcopal Cathedral. Central Union Church held its annual Independence Day Picnic. In the evening a Fourth of July Fireworks Display with entertainment was celebrated by crowds at Ala Moana Beach Park near Waikiki and elsewhere around the 50<sup>th</sup> State.

Beginning in 2008 the Hawaii SAR will be working directly with the National Parks Service and the Arizona Memorial Association on this memorable event at the USS Arizona at Pearl Harbor.

*"At sunrise the bright stars and broad stripes of America were run up to the head of the lofty flagstaff, accompanied with a national sunrise salute mingled with loud hurrahs for the 'Fourth of July and the Ulupalakua Plantation, which were re-echoed by every man, woman and child within the precincts of Ulupalakua."* Pacific Commercial Advertiser, Honolulu: July 14, 1866.



### 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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### 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. Come join us!



## Presidential Memorial Certificates

A Presidential Memorial Certificate (PMC) is an engraved paper certificate, signed by the current President to honor the memory of honorably-discharged deceased veterans.

This program was initiated in March 1962 by President John F. Kennedy and has been continued by all subsequent Presidents. Statutory authority for the program is Section 112, Title 38, of the United States Code. The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) administers the PMC program by preparing the certificates that bear the current President's signature expressing the country's grateful recognition of the veteran's service in the United States Armed Forces.

Eligible recipients include the next of kin and loved ones of honorably discharged deceased veterans. More than one certificate may be provided. Eligible recipients, or someone acting on their behalf, may apply for a PMC in person at any VA regional office or by U.S. mail or toll-free fax. Requests cannot be sent via email.

Please be sure to enclose a copy of the veteran's discharge and death certificate to verify eligibility. They cannot process any request without proof of honorable military service. Submit copies only; they will not return original documents.

If you would like to apply for a Presidential Memorial Certificate, or if you requested one more than eight (8) weeks ago and have not received it yet complete the application and submit it to them. Please go to [www.cem.va.gov/pmc.asp/](http://www.cem.va.gov/pmc.asp/)

## The American's Goodly Heritage

*"It is our privilege to hail from a land and country second to none on the globe. The course of events is such that during the coming century America is to wield a vast and potent influence throughout the world. She is to be a power among the nations. This fact is now patent to the world. American ideas, American institutions, American improvements, American commerce, and American missions are gaining access among all the nations of the earth. With increasing wealth, influence, territory, and all those elements contributing to the formation of a great and powerful nation, there is accompanied a momentous responsibility. The United States of North America have come forward to occupy their proud position among the nations at an eventful periods in the world's history. The true and loyal American regards the "goodly heritage" which as been bequeathed to him as a patrimony which must not be squandered or wasted, but one to be enriched and improved, to be handed down unimpaired to the generations which are to follow."*

Rev. Samuel C. Damon, Seaman's Chaplain.  
 'The American's Goodly Heritage: A Thanksgiving Discourse. Fort Street Church, Honolulu: November 19, 1866.

## HawaiiSar.Org

The Hawaii Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (HISSAR) is on the Internet. Our address is [www.hawaiisar.org](http://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.

## Calendar of Events

Consult the Hawaii Society web site by logging on to the Internet at [www.hawaiiisar.org/](http://www.hawaiiisar.org/)

### **Fireworks and Entertainment: Aloha Tower**

*Tuesday, July 3, 2007 evening.*

Come enjoy the fireworks as Americans gather at Aloha Tower at Honolulu Harbor.

### **Independence Day July 4, 2007.**

Check your newspapers and our web site for information on celebrations and commemorations.

### **Kailua 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade**

*Wednesday, July 4, 2007*

This annual parade on the Windward coast of Oahu is one of the most attended.

### **Ala Moana Beach Park Fireworks**

Starting at 8:30 p.m. the skies over Ala Moana Park near Waikiki will be lit with fireworks as Americans and visitors from abroad gather to celebrate American independence.

## Summer 2007

### **Let Freedom Ring!**

*Wednesday, July 4, 2007*

All over the Hawaiian Islands churches and residents will ring in American independence with a special commemoration at the USS Arizona at Pearl Harbor.

### **117<sup>th</sup> Congress: Williamsburg, Virginia**

Located near Jamestown and Historic Williamsburg, the National Society will be holding its annual meeting July 6-11.

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

*Friday, August 3, 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.

## God Bless America!

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