

★ Hawaii Society Sons of the American Revolution ★

WINTER 2019/2020

Hawaii Patriot

President's Message



Aloha Compatriots,

It has been a great opportunity and experience for me to serve the Hawaii Society. Thank you for all of the support and work you all have put into the society over the last two years.

As I prepare to turn over the duties of State President to Compatriot Rob Moore I have done a little reflecting. I have seen the enthusiasm and participation in the Society grow. It appears that the average attendance at our meetings has almost doubled, we have had multiple attendees at the Joint SAR and DAR luncheon, and we are seeing more interest and members coming into the society. For the first time in recent history, we have had attendees at the last two National Congresses as well as an attendee at the last Western District Annual meeting. We also now have both the First- and Second-Vice President positions filled.

As we move forward into the new year I ask all of you to give just a little bit of your valuable time to the Society. A medal presentation, assistance to a prospective member, working on a committee, or assisting veterans on behalf of the SAR will make our Society better and an organization prospective members will want to join and be a part of.

Happy New Years.

LTC Straus Scantlin
President, HISSAR

Mahalo to our 2019 Chapter Officers for leading the Chapter through another year:

President: LTC Straus Scantlin
Vice-President: COL, Ret. Arthur Tulak
Secretary: Dr. Michael Smith
Treasurer: Elbridge W. Smith
Chaplain: CDR, USN, Ret. Jack Miller
Registrar: Col, USAF, Ret. Rob Moore
Director: Bill Settle
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Elections for the 2020 Officer slate, and appointment of Committee Chairmen was completed at the December 13, 2019 meeting. We will swear-in the new officer slate and chairmen at the first HISSAR meeting in 2020.

Mission: The Hawaii Society of the Sons of the American Revolution is a historical, educational, and patriotic non-profit United States 501 (c)3 corporation that seeks to maintain and extend:

- the institutions of American freedom
- an appreciation for true patriotism
- a respect for our national symbols
- the value of American citizenship
- the unifying concept of *e pluribus unum* that has created, from the people of many nations, one nation and one people.



President Scantlin report from the National Congress at Houston by Compatriot Straus Scantlin

Compatriot Rob Moore and Straus Scantlin attended the 2019 SAR National Congress in July, 2019. It was Compatriot Moore's first time attending and Compatriot Scantlin's second.

There are various committee meetings and contest finals in addition to the regular business meetings conducted at the Congress. Some of the events attended by our representatives included the Council of State Presidents, the award banquet, National Officer Induction Banquet, Western District breakfast and meeting. Other activities included a genealogy seminar, historical site tours, luncheons, recognition events, a memorial service, and First Time Attendee Orientation. The best part of the Congress is the chance to meet fellow Compatriots,

their families, and connect with our organization. The people, personalities, and stories you hear and share are the true treasure within the SAR. The interactions really drive home our core missions – an appreciation for true patriotism, a respect for our national symbols, the value of American citizenship, and the unifying concept of *e pluribus unum* that has created, from the people of many nations, one nation and one people. The 130th SAR National Congress will be in Richmond, Virginia, July 10-16, 2020, and the 131st SAR National Congress will be in Seattle, Washington, July, 2021. Although it is a significant amount of travel, I encourage all of you to attend one of these congresses if you can.



Photo: HISSAR President Straus Scantlin (center right) with other Veterans at the National Congress in Houston..



Partnering with the Daughters of the American Revolution:

Report from the annual Hawaii DAR and SAR Joint Luncheon, by Compatriot Straus Scantlin.

The HISSAR was again invited to join our sister organization on March 9, 2019 at the O'ahu Veterans Center for the annual Joint DAR and SAR luncheon. This year we provided the guest speaker. Ambassador Jane Hardy, the Australian Consulate-General to Hawaii accepted our invitation and spoke about 'Mateship.' Mateship is the term Australia gives to the close and special relationship they share with the United States. This relationship started during the Great War when U.S. Soldiers were working and training with Australian Soldiers. The Centennial of this relationship is the first U.S./Australian combined military operation took place on July 4, 1918 at the Battle of Le Hamel.

General Pershing ordered that U.S. troops would not fight under the command of foreign military. This order denied our Soldiers their first combat experience under command of the Australians. The U.S. Soldiers defied Pershing's order and vowed to fight wearing Australian uniforms. General Pershing retracted his order and allowed the U.S. Soldiers to fight in their uniforms with the Australians. The spirit and camaraderie exhibited by our Doughboys so impressed the Australians that the friendships and trust built in the trenches in Europe still carry forward to today.

After Ambassador Hardy's speech, the HISSAR presented Eagle Scout __ with his award. Additional activities at the luncheon included a raffle and many shared discussions about our ancestors.

As always, the DAR hosted us in fine fashion and I not only look forward to next year's event but also encourage all of you to go to represent HISSAR and enjoy the camaraderie of our shared vision with the DAR.



Report from SAR National Leadership and Trustee Meetings

by Trustee Elwin Spray

Compatriots nationally gather three times a year: once for the annual Congress of state society delegates and twice for a Leadership gathering of committees and trustees (and committees and trustees also meet at Congress). The September 2019 National Leadership Meeting starts with a gathering the evening before (Thursday) and the two full days of meeting, with program dinners on both Friday and Saturday evenings. The meetings are open to all Compatriots, so look at the website for the end of September and March dates for future meetings.

On Thursday evening, September 19, Compatriots, their ladies and guests, opened the Brown Hotel weekend gathering with a Candidates Forum session of presentations by many of the announced candidates for next year's General Officer election. The candidates includes: Davis Wright (for President General), Bruce Pickette (for Secretary General), John Dodd (for Treasurer General), Michael Elston (for Chancellor General), Douglas Collins (for Registrar General), Tony Vets (for Librarian General), Bob Fish (for Genealogist General), Bill Stone (for Historian General), and three candidates for Chaplain General – Lou Carlson, Dwight Elam, and Kenneth Roberts – and also several members of the SAR Foundation Board.



Photo: President General Jack Manning with Elwin Spray (October 26, 2019)

Many of the National Society's sixty committees met on Friday, September 20, with most following up their one-hour face-to-face meetings with email discussions before the Spring Leadership meetings. I serve on six committees, and regularly attend several others, and invite all to volunteer to be on a committee that you might have an interest in or might have a special skill. Some of the committees function well with phone and conference calls, while some really function face-to-face. Volunteer and get your feet wet.

The Medals and Awards Committee has general responsibility for all medals and awards (easy name) which means that any new or modification medals is reviewed here. In September, we considered:

Patriotic Graves Medal – Patriotic Records Committee chair Gary Green explained that the SAR Handbook had been updated to reflect the combining of several committees (Biography, Index, and Records) but that the recognition medal requirements need to be updated: a. for musket shooter credit and b. provide for one credit per event day, Color Guard Commander Jim Fosdick noted that there should be credit to 7 musketmen including one safety officer / commander. After M&A discussion, it seemed that further discussion needed to be held by the Patriotic Records Committee, with the decision to refer the discussion back to the PR committee.

Pennsylvania Society proposed a state historical medal honoring the Tiadaghton Elm Tree. The medal was approved.

Friends of the Library Committee proposed a series of medals (to be named after Benjamin Franklin). The series was approved.

The Texas Society submitted a design for a 125th Anniversary medal for state society members. The medal was approved.

The Westmoreland medal had been reviewed as it had been noted the forms describing the criteria had been changed without M&A authorization; the forms have been updated.

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The National Eagle Scout Committee (Arthur and Berdina King Eagle Scout Contest Committee) coordinates the awarding of (last year's amounts) \$48,000 in checks granted to national, state and chapter winners. The committee has proposed participating in the 2020 National Order of the Arrow Conference and in the 2021 National Scout Jamboree, where committee members (and other Compatriots) will man booths (both in colonial uniforms and Scout uniforms) to promote the SAR and the SAR Eagle contest. Compatriots are invited volunteer – the 2020 NOAC is a week in Michigan and the 2021 Jamboree is in West Virginia. The Spring meeting will include scoring of the state society Eagle winners in preparation for the Congress where the national winners will be presented.

The Americanism Committee discusses possible modifications to the rules for the several contests, including selection of the themes (working several years in advance), and tweaking the national computer scoresheet. Over the past several meetings serious efforts have resulted in the raising of funds for the brochure and poster contest winners, with continuing efforts being discussed, including fundraising recognition programs. A point made was that the rules provide for no identification to be on the front of the poster yet one poster needed to be disqualified – a state winner – which had a name on the front; a simple fix on the state level but which could not be adjusted by the national judges.

The Orations Committee coordinates the rules, procedures, fundraising and themes for our SAR contests. A large part of the meeting is discussion of best practices for gaining access to schools,

The Partners in Patriotism Committee encourages SAR chapters to work with and actually partner with veterans organizations, with emphasis on the planning of events rather than just execution. Ideal events would be the planning of events such as Memorial Day, 4th of July Parades, National Cemeteries or Wreaths Across America.

The Color Guard Committee coordinates the rules and color guard events, and is formed of each State Society's color guard commander. The officers of the committee produce the quarterly newsletter and develop the safety rules and procedures. The color guard newsletter is posted on the SAR website.

The Council of State Presidents is composed of current, immediate past, and anticipated state society presidents, as well as officers and former officers of the Council. An anticipated officer might be the “executive vice-president” or the first vice-president – an officer identified by the society as the “next” president. The Council discusses state-related issues and elects several members of the annual national nominating committee. As a former officer of the Council, I remain a member of the Council.

This describes a few of the committees, with Compatriots invited to attend the Leadership Meetings as you go through the Louisville area. Again there are social activities set for Friday and Saturday dinner, Saturday morning is the Trustee meeting.



Photo: Compatriot Elwin Spray (right) at a parade start at the Pt. Pleasant West Virginia 'Battle Days' memorializing the losses at this first event of the Revolution. October 5 2019

Hawaii Society SAR 2019 meetings and gatherings

The HISSAR held several meetings in 2019, returning to the Old Spaghetti restaurant in its new location at the Aloha Tower Market Place. The Old Spaghetti Factory had been the regular spot for years at the Ward Shopping Center until it closed in July 2017. The Aug 7th meeting held at the Aloha Tower reviewed our activities in the community. One idea is for Compatriots to volunteer to speak at other civic organizations, such as the 5 Rotary Clubs on Oahu. At the November 7th meeting focused on Society support to Veterans' Day events, discussion of goals for 2020, and establishing the election committee for the 2020 slate of officers.

At the December 13 meeting, the Officer slate was approved and elected by acclamation:

- President: Col Ret. Rob Moore
- 1st Vice President: COL Ret. Arthur Tulak
- 2nd Vice President: LTC Dan Curtis
- Treasurer: Elbridge Smith
- Registrar: Bill Speed
- Chaplain: Jack Miller

Committee Chairs and other appointments (appointed by the President from volunteers):

- Cadet Awards Program Chair: COL, Ret. Arthur Tulak
- Eagle Scout Committee: Jack Miller
- Flag Committee: LTC Dan Curtis
- Newsletter Editor: COL, Ret. Arthur Tulak
- Public Relations Committee: Matt LoPresti



Photo above: From left to right: Compatriot Mike Smith, Bill Speed, Arthur Tulak, Elbridge Smith, Straus Scantlin, Daniel Curtis, and Rob Moore at the November 7, 2019 meeting at the Aloha Tower.



Rob Moore Receives the NSSAR Military Service and Military Service Veteran Reserve Corps Certificates at the December 13, 2019 General Meeting at the Old Spaghetti Factory. See the Veterans Committee article in this newsletter for more information on these awards.

National Trustee and a National Alternate Trustee, and HISSAR Directors:

- Rob Moore
- Elwin Spray

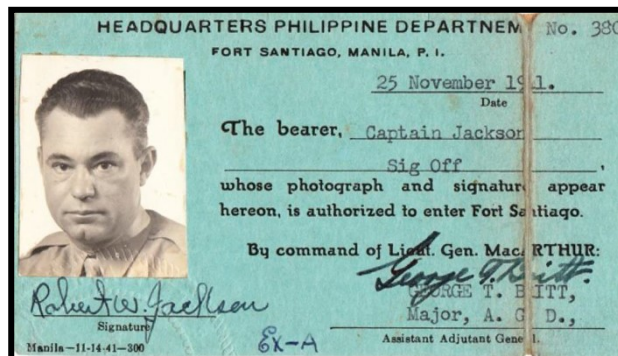
The following positions are still in need of a volunteer to step forward:

- Secretary
- Membership Committee Chairman
- Scholarship Committee Chairman

HISSAR Presentation at DAR lunch

The Aloha chapter of the Hawaii DAR invited Compatriot Straus Scantlin to talk about his Grandfather, Colonel (Retired) Robert W. Jackson at their November 16, 2019 meeting. Compatriot Scantlin was accompanied by his daughter, Addison, a CAR member. The presentation was well received with a question period at the end. The Daughters also looked through a book filled with photographs and documents from Colonel Jackson's life, military service, and family.

Colonel Jackson served as a Signal Officer during World War II. Robert W. Jackson entered into military service in 1928 as a reserve officer from the State of Texas.



On or about 5 September 1941, Captain Jackson was called to active duty from Texas to serve in the Philippine Islands. He received his identification card at Fort Santiago, Philippines on 25 November 1941, just 13 days before the Japanese attacked the Philippines. He served in General MacArthur's staff immediately before and during the siege of Bataan and Corregidor until 9 April 1942. Captain Jackson was promoted to Major in Jan 1942 after the initiation of hostilities by Japan.

In the 1950s, Robert wrote a personal narrative of the surrender of Bataan. According to his narrative, on 24 December 1941 then-Captain Jackson moved all the portable communications equipment that could be transported to the port and Corregidor. Christmas day was spent establishing communications between Bataan and Topside. 1 January 1942 saw Robert move forward with General MacArthur's advance echelon of staff as the staff Signal Officer. In January, Robert selected a new location for the command post at Kilometer 167. Kilometer 167 was the command post until the surrender of Bataan. All of the troops went on half rations in January and then to quarter rations in March. In April 1942, after General MacArthur left for Australia, the realization finally came that no help was available for relief. The Battling Bastards of Bataan were a "glorified delaying action" and a sacrifice. At midnight on 7 April 1942, Robert severed all communications with Corregidor at the same time all remaining artillery and aerial munitions were blown up.

He was originally reported missing but survived the Bataan Death March and became a Prisoner of War in Military Prison Camp of the Philippine Islands #3. He was one of 32 officers in the camp.

Communications from then-Major Jackson were limited to a single letter written after the fall of Manila, he lost all of his possessions, and a single short-wave radio broadcast received by Hensley Field through the Hawaiian Islands immediately before Corregidor fell. He was eventually transferred to Osaka Main Camp Chikko Osaka 34-135, Japan.



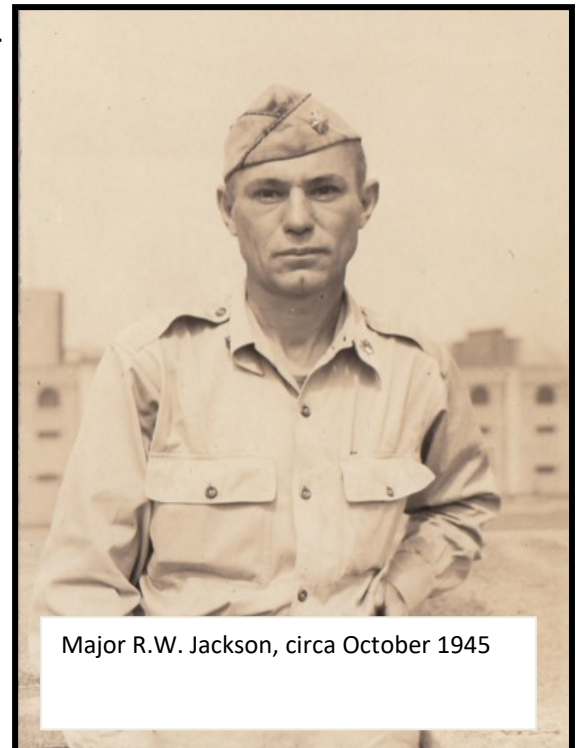
Robert made a Christmas radio recording that was heard by RM3/C Buford E. Robinson while aboard the merchant marine vessel S.S. James H. Kimball in the South Pacific. The Japanese Imperial Army broadcast the recording as propaganda.



On 11 September 1945, four years and six days after his call to active duty, Robert was returned to U.S. military control. During his internment, he was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel. Robert was finally transported back to the United States on the U.S.S. Admiral Hughes. He returned to Japan to serve as the Chief of Signal Supply for General MacArthur's headquarters.

Colonel Jackson retired in Dallas, Texas and raised his daughter, Marye Jane, while pursuing his hobbies of shortwave radios and electronics.

"A warm cottage room, a flickering open fire, a hot dough cake and other simple delicacies eaten in the company of real people, people who were living a normal family life, not a crowd of men who had been forced to live together by war; to a soldier who loved his own home, this was true happiness." – Robert W. Jackson, from a notebook kept while a POW



Major R.W. Jackson, circa October 1945





HISSAR Supports ROTC and JROTC Awards Ceremonies 2019

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

The HISSAR was active once again in 2019 supporting the Cadet Awards Ceremonies of the local Army and Air Force ROTC programs at University of Hawaii, and the 28 JROTC programs across the State. These ceremonies are held in April and May each year. Compatriots volunteered to support, often returning to schools they have supported in the past, where they can see the classmen advancing into leadership positions each year.

The HISSAR continues to work with the Hawaii Daughters of the American Revolution to ensure that a descendant of a Revolutionary Soldier makes the presentation of the NSDAR and NSSAR medals to deserving cadets. The National Sojourners, Spirit of 1776 members also volunteered to make NSSAR medal presentations in colonial uniform. HISSAR President, LTC Straus Scantlin made these presentations in his Army uniform, making the occasion even more significant to the Cadets being honored, as well as their family members present.

Special thanks this year to:

- Compatriots LTC Straus Scantlin, Elbridge Smith, E. Z. Smith, LTC Dan Curtis, and Col. Ret. Rob Moore.
- NSDAR members Catherine Bailey Miloni, Donna F Neilson, Diane Hom, Juanita Allen, and ;Caitilin Embree
- Mr. Oscar Tuano, National Sojourners.



Photo above: Elbridge Z. Smith at Punahou ARMY JROTC, with Senior Army Instructor LTC, Ret. Bob Takao & Cadet SSG Kekekolo



Photo 4: Rob Moore presents SAR Medal to Cadet Ryder Sorario at Waipahu HS





Photo 5: Compatriot Straus Scantlin presents the SAR medal to Cadet Villanueva at Radford High School, May 25, 2019.



Photo 6 Above: Waimea High School Cadet 1LT Wendell Batangan being presented the SAR award by MAJ, Ret. Aguilar



Photo 7 Left: LTC Scantlin presents SAR medals to Army Cadet Jordan Hayes and Air Force Cadet William Bijensky at University of Hawaii on April 30, 2019



Photo 8: Compatriot Rob Moore presents SAR Medal to Cadet Joshua Mott at Kapolei High School on May 1, 2019.



Photo 9 Above: Compatriot Rob Moore presents SAR Medal to Cadet Keane Saechong at Aiea High School 26 APR



Photo 10 Above: Compatriot Rob Moore presents SAR Medal to Cadet Caleb Joseph at Aiea High School 26 APR 2019

HISSAR Compatriots Support Memorial Day Observances

HISSAR Compatriots supported several events over the 2019 Memorial Day weekend. Compatriot Straus Scantlin was the invited speaker for the Hawaii Aloha Council of the Boy Scouts of American Good Turn Day at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific on 26 May, the Sunday before Memorial Day. The Scouts assemble to ceremoniously lay the floral lei at each Veteran's headstone the day before Memorial Day, continuing the tradition of the very first post-Civil War Decoration Day, which started the tradition of decorating the graves of the fallen with flowers. Our Hawaii Society has had a long partnership with the City's Punchbowl Memorial Day recognition, with Compatriot Elbridge Smith previously having represented us there. Having our State President Scantlin be the key speaker is a significant honor.

Compatriot Arthur Tulak attended the Governor's ceremony at the Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery on 27 May. The theme of this year's ceremony was "Honoring Those Who Answered the Call" and honored the Hawaii WWI Centennial Task Force for their efforts to honor and remember Hawaii's WWI Veterans, and the Filipino Veterans Recognition and Education Project (FilVetREP). FilVetRep was headed by Major General Antonio M. Taguba, US Army Retired and the Hawaii state-level committee, led by Anita Aloando-Acohido, for their long hard efforts to recognize the important contributions of Filipino Veterans of WWII who fought for the U.S. In his remarks, GOV Ige thanked the HI WWI Centennial Task Force for their efforts. The HISSAR was one of the first Civic Organizations to become an official Hawaii WWI Centennial Commemorative Partner, and Compatriots LoPresti and Tulak were awarded the WWI Centennial Medal for their efforts at separate ceremonies.



At Right: Compatriot Straus Scantlin addresses the Scouts before they march out across the cemetery to decorate the graves.



Hawaii Society, Sons of the American Revolution Flag Committee.

By Arthur Tulak, Vice President HISSAR

At the 7 November meeting, HISSAR Compatriots reviewed the nominations for Flag Award and selected the Hawaii Cement Company in Aiea, which displays the U.S. and State Flags proudly at the factory. The company ensures that the flags flown are in good condition, even though this work environment is dusty.

The NSSAR has launched a new award for flag committee activities in 2019—The new award, the U. S. Flag Retirement Award, is presented by the National Society for those state societies that have over one-half of their chapters present the U. S. Flag Retirement Certificate in a year.

HISSAR Compatriots Observe Veterans Day 2019

By Col. Ret Rob Moore

Compatriots attended and supported several Veterans Day events, starting with the combined City State observance at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at the Punchbowl crater at 0900 hrs. The City and State agreed to a combined ceremony, following last year's successful event at the WWI Memorial in Waikiki that marked the Centennial of the start of the Armistice. This year saw the centennial of the first annual commemoration of that important event. **Compatriots Dan Curtis and Arthur Tulak** attended this combined ceremony, which was hosted by the Oahu Veterans Council, with support from the Navy League and the State of Hawaii. The presentation of wreaths has been reserved for the political and military leadership, and Civic and Veterans organizations have been asked to present floral leis. Compatriot Curtis presented a floral lei on behalf of HISSAR. Many Veteran and civic organizations participated, as the State's annual afternoon observance at Kaneohe Veterans' Cemetery was cancelled. Cadets from the HI National Guard Youth Challenge Academy, Kahaku and Punahou JROTC Navy Sea Cadets, and Junior Marines supported.

Later that morning at 1100 hrs, **Compatriots Straus Scantlin and Rob Moore** attended the American Legion Post 17 and VFW Post 8616 co-hosted the 23rd annual Veterans Day ceremony outside the War Memorial Natatorium. This ceremony highlighted the legendary 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, when the Armistice took effect. The Natatorium is the state's official World War Memorial to more than 9,800 men and women from Hawaii who served in World War I, the so-called "War to End All Wars." Unfortunately, the Memorial was closed in 1979 when the condition of the Natatorium made it unsafe for public use. Currently, there are efforts by the City and County of Honolulu to repair the Natatorium. Everyone at this event was hopeful that the repairs will be soon and permanent.

The Master of Ceremonies was retired USN Master Chief Mo Radke who introduced USMC SgtMaj Charles Wells for the keynote address. SgtMaj Wells gave a very inspiring talk on patriotism. Afterwards, the John McCrae poem "In Flanders Fields" was read and memorial wreaths/flowers were laid on the Pohaku (Hawaiian for stone) in front of the War Memorial Natatorium. Retired USAF Colonel Rob Moore, the HISSAR State Registrar, presented the wreath from The Hawaii Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (HISSAR) at the Honor Stone that lists 102 names of Hawaiians who served, many of them in the ranks of Allied armies. Military organizations providing support for this year's event included the Navy's Pacific Fleet Band, the Celtic Kula Pipe Band of Hawaii, and a color guard from U.S. Army Pacific. Bruce Mayes from Vintage Aviation performed a ceremonial flyover in a vintage military propeller-driven aircraft in honor of the WWI Veterans for whom the memorial was constructed.



Photo 11: LTC Dan Curtis presents a lei on behalf of the Hawaii Society, Sons of the American Revolution at the Punchbowl.



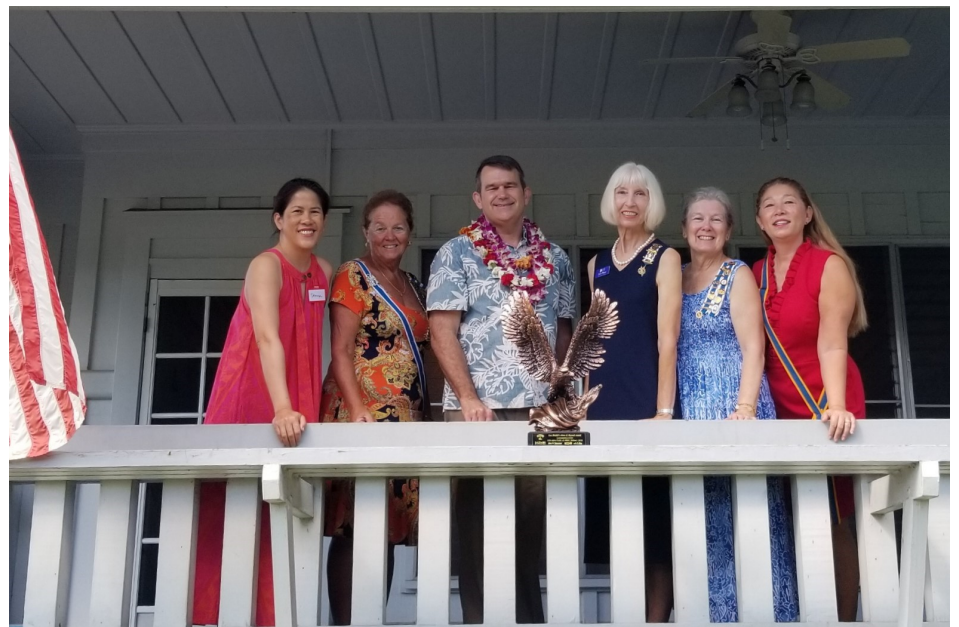
Photo 12: Compatriot Rob Moore lays the HISSAR Wreath at the Honor Stone facing the Arch of the World War I Memorial.

Compatriot News — covering stories and accomplishments of our Hawaii Compatriots.



Compatriot LTC Dan Curtis LTC Daniel Curtis, USA, is a recent SAR transfer from the Sons of Liberty Chapter (Los Angeles), California Society. LTC Curtis' great (4) grandfather and SAR ancestor is Lieutenant John Dent who served in the 9th Virginia Regiment. Daniel is a native of Scranton, Pennsylvania and arrived back to Hawai'i in June 2018 and after previously been stationed at Fort Shafter, 2009 -2015. Prior to earning his Regular Army commission through Army ROTC, Daniel was an enlisted infantryman in the Pennsylvania Army National Guard. LTC Curtis has over 24 years of combined Active Federal Service and currently serves as the Deputy, Programs & Capabilities Division, J82, United States Indo Pacific Command, located at Camp Smith, Hawai'i. Recently Dan had the honor to enlist his Stepdaughter, Claudia Curtis, into the US Air Force Reserves and attend her graduation from Basic Military Training (BMT) at Lackland AFB, San Antonio, TX this past summer. Airman First Class (A1C) Curtis continues their family's service to the Nation and is assigned to the 624th Regional Support Group located on Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam (JBPHH). A1C Curtis is also a graduate of Mililani High School (2013) and Walla Walla University (2017).

Compatriot Tulak was recognized by the Aloha Chapter NSDAR nominating him for the Alex Brody above and beyond award, and for the NSDAR Order of Merit medal for patriotic service. The awards were presented in recognition of his chairmanship of the Hawaii WWI Centennial Task Force from May 2015 to June 2019. The Aloha Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution hosted the [Alex Brody award presentation](#) on 23 FEB 2019, and the NSDAR Medal of Honor presentation on 25 May, both at the at the DAR House in Honolulu.



Above: Donna Ching of the Friends of the Natatorium, Kathy Johnson Aloha Chapter Registrar, Compatriot Tulak, Jane Mann, past Aloha Chapter Regent DAR, and Lynda Hylander Past Aloha Chapter Regent DAR., and Catherine Bailey-Miloni DAR.

Compatriot News — (Continued).

Compatriot Bill Speed NSSAR submitted the biography in December for his patriot ancestor Lt. James Speed (P-294753). James was last invoked for membership by an applicant in 1906 by HISSAR member #84 (NSSAR 14634) Edward Davis, Brigadier General, USA-Ret. NSSAR continues to invite members to check their online member portal and if their patriot ancestor's biography is missing or needs clarification, they urge members to submit using newer larger word count format to NSSAR Patriot Biographies Coordinator, Michael D. C. Merryman, M.A. at mmerryman193806@gmail.com Bill is a Navy Veteran and served over 25 years as both a Surface Warfare Officer and Engineering Duty Officer in the Pacific and European Theaters, along with assignments stateside.

Compatriot Matt LoPresti served in the Hawaii State House of Representatives, District 41 for two consecutive terms. He was Chair of the House Committee on Veterans, Military, & International Affairs and the Arts and was recognized by the Hawaii WWI Centennial Commemoration with one of the first Commemoration Medals established for supporters and volunteers. Matt is currently an Associate Professor of Philosophy and Humanities at Hawaii Pacific University. He has served as the Chairman for the Public Relations Committee, and as part of these duties established the [HISSAR Facebook page](#) Visit, and "Like" the HISSAR Facebook page and share postings.

Veterans Committee

SERVICE TO VETERANS MEDAL

The SAR Service to Veterans Medal may be awarded by an SAR chapter or a state-level society only to SAR members who have given long and exemplary service to veterans while serving as a representative of the National Society Sons of the American Revolution (SAR). The medal is awarded when a member has accrued 5,000 Stark Award points (these points can be a combination of time volunteered, clothing and/or money donated, or achievements in other areas based on the USS Stark Award Score Sheet). The Service to Veterans Medal will be awarded at the chapter (or society) level following the Chapter Veterans Committee Chairman's (or State-level Society Veterans Committee Chairman, as necessary) approval of the member's documentation. Each individual seeking to qualify for this award is responsible for recording his personal point accumulation and providing that documentation to the Chapter Veterans Committee Chairman (or State-level Society Veterans Committee Chairman) for verification. The cost of this award will be paid by the awarding entity. A Certificate of Accomplishment shall accompany the medal and each oak leaf cluster.

SAR Compatriots may receive this Service to Veterans Medal multiple times. A bronze oak leaf cluster will be awarded for each multiple of 3,000 Stark Award points earned after the first award. The presentation and wearing of oak leaf clusters shall follow SAR policy. After five bronze oak leaf clusters have been presented, a silver oak leaf cluster will be presented to replace the five previous clusters.

The Service to Veterans Medal is bronze, with a design on the obverse side of the medal showing one hand reaching down offering assistance to the second hand. Across the top of the medal are the words "Service to Veterans" and across the bottom are the words "National Society Sons of the American Revolution." The reverse of the medal is the inscription "Awarded for Voluntary Service" with the awardee's name and presentation date. The medal is suspended from a blue, white, and red (from left to right) vertically draped ribbon. The medal has an SAR precedence of "32."





Veterans Committee

SAR Veterans Reserve Corps Recognition Program

The SAR VRC recognizes SAR veterans by awarding **Certificates of Patriotism** in recognition for either their service in a War or conflict that merits a campaign medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, or the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal. In addition, the SAR VRC recognizes military service outside of these campaigns. The SAR Veterans Recognition Committee is funded by the George Washington Endowment Fund. This allows us to print Certificates for our SAR Veterans at no cost to the Member, Chapter, or State Society. Compatriots who are Veterans will find the application by first signing in to the NSSAR home page, and then looking under the “Members” tab at the top of the “Home” page, which reveals a pull-down menu. On this pull-down menu click on “SAR Committees” and then find the “Veterans Recognition Committee” at the bottom of the page. Under the VRC page Veteran Compatriots will find the latest Veterans Multi-Corps Recognition Form, which was recently updated. Compatriots will then complete the form to qualify for one , or more of the six Veterans Reserve Corps, which are:

- World War II Veterans Corps
- Korean Service Veterans Corps
- Vietnam War Veterans Corps
- Southwest Asia Veterans Corps
- Special Ops Veterans Corps
- Military Service Veterans Corps

Proof of service is accomplished by providing a DD Form 214 (redacted to exclude personally identifiable information (PII), namely the Social Security Number), and .pdf copies of campaign medal award certificates.

The first three Veterans Corps recognize Veterans from those declared conflicts. The Southwest Asia Veterans Corps includes the named operations of The Persian Gulf War, and subsequent Operations, Enduring Freedom, Southern Watch, Inherent Resolve, Iraqi Freedom, Nomad Shadow, New Dawn, Freedom's Sentinel, and Odyssey Lightning. The Special Ops Veterans Corps recognizes and provides Certificates of Patriotism for past, current and future named operations which are associated with less known campaign, service and/or expeditionary medals, such as Bosnia, Kosovo, and other operations. The Military Service Veterans Corps recognizes Veterans whose service did not include participation in operations for which a campaign medal was awarded. The certificates include the image of the campaign, expeditionary, or service medal awarded that qualifies for the Veterans Reserve Corps. Within all but the World War II Veterans Corps there are a varying number of Certificates of Patriotism depending on the Operation or Expedition in which the Veteran participated.

The Veterans Reserve Corps in 1996 by President General Bruce Baird Butler (2000-2001) when he was Historian General in 1996. The program provides historical documentation of Compatriot’s military service and all documents sent to NSSAR as part of the nomination become part of the official permanent record of our SAR Members. Past President Butler believed that this information would become an important adjunct to the Society’s record, especially for genealogical research. It was the Veterans Recognition Committee's decision at the Fall Leadership meeting of 9/19/2019 – 9/21/2019 that all Reserve and National Guard members with honorable service regardless of active duty time served are eligible for the Certificate of Patriotism.

If you have any questions, contact Vic McMurry at VetCorps@sar.org.

Upcoming Events

- **11 JAN — HISSAR meeting** 1 p.m. at Honey's 45-550 Kionaole Rd, Kaneohe HI 96744
- **29 MAR — Vietnam War Veterans Day.** Be ready to volunteer to support observance events for this new holiday, established by President Trump in 2017.
- **25 APR — ANZAC Day Memorial Service** at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, hosted by the Consulates of Australia and New Zealand, 1000 hrs. Uniform is Class B/Summer White/Blue Dress Delta/Blues. This holiday commemorates the Australia/New Zealand Army Corps, which fought at Gallipoli.
- **6 APR — Army Day.**
- **9 APR — National Former POW Recognition Day.**
- **APR TBD — JROTC Governor's Parade, Fort Shafter.** HISSAR compatriots can attend to show their support for the Cadets who conduct a Pass-in-Review for the Governor and the presiding General Officer. The ceremony also recognizes organizations, such as ours, who have provided support to the Cadets over the academic year.
- **Mid APR to early MAY— JROTC Cadet Awards Ceremonies.** Compatriots are asked to volunteer to present Medals for SAR and DAR.
- **18 MAY—Armed Forces Day.**
- **275 MAY—Memorial Day.** Ceremonies to be held at the Punchbowl, Hawaii War Memorial at Waikiki, and the Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery (HSVC). Volunteer to represent the HISSAR at one of these events. The State ceremony features the Parade of flags.
- **14 JUN Flag Day—** Develop your concept for the HISSAR to recognize this holiday as part of the Flag Committee activities.



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