

★ Hawaii Society Sons of the American Revolution ★

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Hawaii Patriot

NEWSLETTER

President's Message



Aloha Compatriots,

As you will read in the pages of this newsletter, we are making a difference in the community, with our involvement with Cadet Awards, Eagle Scout Scholarships, Commemoration and Memorial events, and our Flag Committee.

There are so many opportunities for us to honor our Revolutionary ancestors by demonstrating the patriotism through acts of service, that they showed in fighting for our independence.

I encourage you to plan for next year's Cadet Awards, and upcoming Commemorations connected with the 50th Vietnam War Commemoration and the Hawaii WWI Centennial, the annual Memorial Day and Veterans Day events, and others that are listed on the last page.

I call on all Compatriots to play their part in recruiting new members. Our most effective recruitment tool is being active in the Community, and demonstrating that our Society is pursuing its mission on the right of this page.

Mahalo to our Volunteers who attended the many events listed in these pages, and to our DAR counterparts for a successful annual cadet awards program and Joint luncheon.

Dave Stevens
President, HISSAR

Message from the Registrar By Elbridge Smith, HISSAR Registrar

We welcome these recent new members and pending applicants/transfers to the Hawaii Society Sons of the American Revolution. We look forward to their active participation in HISSAR and know they will be proud to be a part of our patriotic activities nationally and here in Hawaii.

New Members:

Col, USAF, Ret. Robert Moore
Stephen Richard Morgan,
State Rep. Matt LoPresti, Ph.D.

Applications processing:
David P. Montague,
Jerry D. Omo, Jr.,

Mission Statement:

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.

Hawaii Society SAR and Hawaii State DAR Annual Joint Luncheon By Compatriot Arthur Tulak

Members of the HISSAR attended the annual joint luncheon, Saturday, March 11, 2017, at the Honolulu Country Club. HISSAR President David Stevens delivered his remarks acknowledging the important partnership between the HISSAR and the HI DAR.

The Keynote Speaker was Ms. Ann Turner Dillon, President General, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution

Compatriot Jack Miller and his wife Corina, presented a \$500.00 scholarship check to Eagle Scout Christopher Unruh, who read aloud his winning essay entitled **“Founding Fathers Fight Continues”**.

Eagle Scout Unruh submitted the winning essay in the HISSAR Scholarship contest, and is now entered in the national SAR scholarship contest known as the SAR Arthur M. and Berdena King Eagle Scout Scholarship. Eagle Scout Unruh is now in the running for one of three cash scholarship awards:

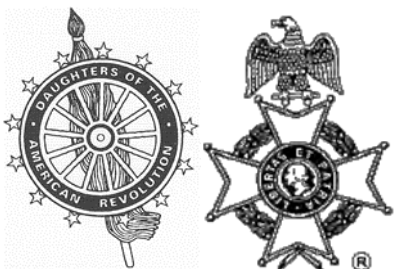
- National First Place winner - \$8,000.00;
- Runner-up - \$4,000.00;
- 2nd runner-up - \$2,000.00.



Proud parents, Bill & Lorrie Ann Unruh and their son Eagle Scout Chris Unruhe Receiving the prize check from Jack Miller, accompanied at the lectern by Carita Miller and HISSAR President David Stevens.



HISSAR Compatriots from L-R: Registrar Elbridge Smith; Vice President Arthur Tulak; Past Secretary Jack Miller; President David Stevens; Dr. Michael Smith; Mr. Bill Dillon, and; Eagle Scout Christopher Unruh



Winning Eagle Scout Essay “ Founding Fathers fight continues”

By Eagle Scout scholarship winner: Christopher Unruh

America is an amazing country with a rich history. Our country was founded on the belief that all people were created equal. Our forefathers wanted to create a country where everyone can live in a world where no one is oppressed and everyone has a chance to live happy together. In 1776 the world was plagued by racial oppression, religious violence, and monarchies that destroyed their own people. The American Revolutionaries who fought for our country were fighting to bring us together not segregate us. They were fighting to give everyone a chance to practice any religion they want They even were fighting to create a republic under God that would treat everyone fairly with respect and dignity. The world isn't the same as it once was. While we are still fighting for the equality of the world, we aren't fighting on the same battlefields. We are no longer fighting a corrupt monarchy, we are now fighting against racist groups which are spreading fear and discrimination against the American people. We are now the new American Revolutionaries. We need to fight for our country, we need to save our country like our forefathers did.



In the Declaration of Independence, it states that "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness" (1995, USHistory.org). When this was written, they were trying to fight for the freedom of the colonists. Now we aren't just fighting for the citizens of America, we are fighting for the citizens, immigrants, and everyone on this planet As the declaration states, everyone has a set of undeniable rights, everyone needs to remember that we all have these rights and we must fight for them. If we don't defend our rights like the founding fathers did than we will lose them.

Our founding fathers were the super heroes of 1776. They fought for the people of America, they fought to protect their rights. We need the modern founding fathers. We need to find people who are standing up for the rights, of not only themselves but others. That's what I believe Boy Scouts is. In Boy Scouts I was taught to keep an open mind. I was taught to be open to other cultures, to other people. I was taught that we must always respect the rights of other people. I believe that the new founding fathers are The Boy Scouts of America. Like the Boy Scouts of America, the founding fathers fought to protect and respect the rights of others. The Boy Scouts of America are fighting hard to protect the rights of everyone and that is why I love being a part of Boy Scouts of America That is why I worked hard to become an Eagle Scout. I wanted to work hard and respect the rights of the American People and I wanted to become a better person by doing so. I wanted to become like the founding fathers. I want to defend the undeniable rights of the American people.

Hawaii Society, Sons of the American Revolution Flag Committee.

By Arthur Tulak, Vice President HISSAR



The Hawaii Society presented the NSSAR Flag Certificates to the Oahu Veterans Center on March 25, 2017. The Oahu Veterans Center has made tremendous efforts to ensure the proper display of the American Flag. The recent story starts with the three main flagpoles in the front of the facility. In 2015, the truck and pulley for the main flagpole was damaged, and needed to be replaced. After a lot of searching, a company on the mainland was found that could send a new truck, and decorative top. Ms. Jenny Chanko, then the Executive Director, ordered the supplies.

Ms. Chanko then company that had a spider lift tall enough to reach the top of the tallest flagpole, and was able to span the brick pavers that are laid out in front of the flagpoles. A landscaping company that fit this description was found and hired to replace the truck and decorative globe at the top of the pole, and re-thread the halyards. This process from start to finish took about 6 months.

In the beginning of 2016, Ms. Chanko applied for a grant from Boutiki. Boutiki is a gift shop primarily staffed and operated by volunteers. Volunteers and staff are comprised of spouses from all branches of military services and of all ranks. The grant request asked for funds to purchase flags for main halls. Being a veteran center, Ms. Chanko believed it was important to ensure that every hall had a full set of flags (Federal, State, and POW) to display. Boutiki granted the funds, and the OVC purchased us two full sets of flags (flags, poles, bases, and tops) to display in the newly constructed Mauka Hall.

About six months after these flags were purchased SAR Flag Chairman, COL Ret. Arthur Tulak approached the OVC with the proposal to build flag stands built to display the Veteran Service Organization flags that were sitting in our storage area. The OVC partnered with Farrington High School JROTC and the Wood Shop class to build the stands. Mr. Ronald Wright, a member of the Oahu Veteran Center's Board of Directors, provided the funds to purchase the materials, the total cost was about \$500. The Farrington High School Shop Instructor, Navy Vietnam Veteran Bob Miller, led the construction and fabrication of four mobile flag stands, which were dedicated in May 2016. These flag stands are now proudly displaying the organizational flags of the member Veteran organizations at the OVC hall, at all times.

Towards the end of 2016 Ms. Chanko petitioned the OVC Board of Directors to purchase one full set of Military Service flags to display in a hall, the set was expensive and we could not afford to purchase multiple sets. Mr. Ronald Wright again donated funds for this purchase, and the OVC now proudly displays the Military Service flags in Mauka Hall as well.



Photo : Compatriot Tulak presents the Flag Certificate to Ms. Claire Levinson, newly installed Executive Director of the Oahu Veterans Center.

Hawaii Society SAR supports the Hawaii World War One Centennial Commemoration.

The Hawaii Society, Sons of the American Revolution supported the Opening Ceremony of the Hawaii State WWI Centennial Commemoration on April 2, 2017 at the Aloha Tower. Compatriots Elbridge Smith and Arthur Tulak represented the HISSAR. Major General Arthur "Joe" Logan, the Hawaii Adjutant General, was the keynote speaker. The ceremony included the reading of proclamation from the Governor of Hawaii declaring April 2, 2017 as Hawaii WWI Centennial Remembrance Day. Col, USAF, Ret. Ed Hawkins, representing the Mayor of Honolulu, read the Mayoral proclamation which announced Hawaii WWI Centennial Commemoration Week. Entertainment was provided by the Royal Hawaiian Band, the Emmalani Serenaders, and hula dancers from the Ka Hale I o Kahala Halau Hula. The Gordon Biersch restaurant hosted the ceremony at no cost to the State.

The ceremony was very naval in character, and included a follow-on ceremony to F-Bouy with participants ferried by the USCG Cutter AHI, Honolulu Harbor Pilot Boat AHUA POINT, and the WIND WARRIOR Catamaran from the Hawaii Kai Boat Club organized by the Aloha Chapter DAR.

The venue provided the perfect venue for remembering the six Merchant Mariners from Hawaii who perished at sea on April 1, 1917, off the coast of France while delivering supplies to the Allies. These men, and most of the crew aboard the armed Merchant Ship SS Aztec, died when the ship was sunk by a submarine of the Imperial German Navy. The ceremony also paid tribute to Hawaii's Naval Militia, first authorized April 23, 1915, and federalized to serve with the Navy in the Atlantic following the Declaration of War. To read these stories, visit the Hawaii WWI Centennial home page at [www.www.WorldWar1Centennial.org/HI](http://www.WorldWar1Centennial.org/HI)

You can watch the entire ceremony via online video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kM5N8KMdXe0>



Photo 1: MG Arthur "Joe" Logan, Adjutant General of Hawaii, was the keynote speaker,



Photo 2: Registrar Elbridge Smith listens to the speakers at the Aloha Tower



Photo 3: Senior officers in attendance L-R, MG Joe Logan TAG HI; RDML John Fuller COMNAVREGHI; Mrs. Fuller; Brig. Gen. Brett A. Wyrick Assistant Adjutant General-Air; Brig. Gen. Ryan T. Okahara Commander, Hawaii Air National Guard, and; BG Suzanne Vares-Lum PACOM J5MA.



Photo 4: Dancers from the Ka Hale I o Kahala Halau Hula performed several dances as guests arrived and during the ceremony. The dancers also danced to **Aloha Oi** as guests boarded the Cutter AHI and boats to sail out to F Buoy for the remembrance ceremony.



Photo 5: Compatriot Arthur Tulak briefing guests at the end of the ceremony on boarding procedures for the



Photo 6: Campbell High School Navy JROTC provided the color guard. The unit received a certificate of appreciation signed by MG Joe Logan.



Photos 7 & 8: Participants conduct the remembrance ceremony at F Buoy for the fallen Merchant Mariners of the SS Aztec. On the left, MG Logan, RDML Fuller, and other VIPs aboard the catamaran WIND WARRIOR, on the right, Elbridge Smith and other guests, aboard the USCG Cutter AHI, captained by USCG MCPO Jennings.

Hawaii Society SAR presents Good Citizenship Medal to Ms. Catherine Miloni, Aloha Chapter DAR

The Hawaii Society, Sons of the American Revolution, attended the Aloha Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution April 22nd meeting, which was a celebration of the 120th birthday of the Aloha chapter. The event began at 0930 hrs, with social time and was followed by the Chapter meeting, which gave way to the NSDAR's first official WWI Centennial Commemoration Event. The Hawaii WWI Centennial Task Force provided Ms. Anita Manning, lead historian and Chair of the Research Committee to give a presentation on the role of women in Hawaii during WWI.

On this occasion Compatriots Rob Moore, Arthur Tulak and Jack Miller attended to show their support. During the official meeting, Compatriot Tulak presented Ms. Catherine Miloni with a certificate signed by MG Logan, in gratitude for her hard work in planning the opening ceremony held on April 2nd, and Compatriot Miller presented the Good Citizenship Medal for the same.



HISSAR Compatriots Jack Miller and Arthur Tulak presenting Aloha DAR Chapter member Ms. Catherine Miloni the SAR Good Citizenship Medal on April 22, 2017, for her contributions to the Hawaii State World War One Centennial Commemoration.



HISSAR Supports ROTC and JROTC Awards Ceremonies 2017

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

The Hawaii Society once again supported the annual ceremonies held in April and May to mark the end of the school year, and to honor excellence in the Corps of Cadets. Compatriots volunteered to make the presentations across the State to award the Silver ROTC Medal and the Bronze JROTC medal for the 26 High School JROTC programs and 2 Senior ROTC programs at the University of Hawaii.

The HISSAR had new Compatriots presenting this year, who jumped in with vigor to accomplish the mission of telling these young people that we are proud of the discipline and maturity they display as Cadets. The Cadets selected to receive the SAR Bronze and Silver medals are in charge of their own lives and are driven to succeed.

SAR members covered 14 of the 20 schools on Oahu, and partnered with the National Sojourners Spirit of '76 members and the Hawaii DAR to cover the remainder of schools on Oahu, Maui, Kauai, and Hawaii.

Mahalo to our volunteer presenters, and to Ms. Barbara Smith, Ms. Laura Ingenluyff, Ms. Myrtis Mohica, Ms. Pauline Wagnon & Ms. Donna Neilson of the Aloha Chapter of the DAR, and to CAPT Ret. Roy Ota, Mr. Marty Alexander and Mr. Oscar Tuano of the National Sojourners for their support.



Photo 1: Elbridge Z Smith presents the SAR Bronze Medal to Punahou CDT Maries Oberlin along with LTC Bob Takao



Photo 3: Compatriot Rob Moore Cadet Blaze Rodrigues-Donner at Waianae High School Army JROTC, May 11th.



Photo 4: Compatriot Mike Smith Waipahu High School Army JROTC, 4 May 2017

HISSAR Supports ROTC and JROTC



Photo 6: COL Tulak at Campbell High School NJROTC May 17th with Cadet Petty Officer 2nd Class Gabriel Juan.



Photo 7: Compatriot Elbridge Smith at Kailua AFJROTC presents the bronze medal to CDT Sami Mamea, May 5, 2017



Photo 8: Dr. Smith w Cadet Captain Samuel Hunt at St Louis High School Army JROTC, April 25, 2017.



Photo 9 Compatriot Colonel Rob Moore - CDT Hunter Delima, at Nanakuli High School Army JROTC on May 12th.



Photo 10: Compatriot Arthur Tulak presents the SAR Medals to Cadet Captain Kobee Ledward at Leilehua High School Army



Revolutionary War Patriot Private John McElnay By Col, USAF, Ret. Robert Patrick Moore

My Patriot Ancestor, great, great, great, great Grandfather, John McElnay (also spelled McNay) was born on July 11, 1752, in York, Pennsylvania to his father, John, age 39 and his mother, Mary, age 22.

PVT John McElnay served in the American Revolution in Captain Philip Albright's Company (Lt William McPherson's unit) of the First Regiment of Riflemen, commanded by Colonel Samuel Miles.

While under Lt McPherson's command in August 1776, Private John McElnay marched to New York and took ferries to Long Island for battle in which they were defeated. Troops scattered to the swamp and he climbed a bushy tree Tuesday through Thursday and then tried to escape and got caught. While prisoner, they took his money and rifle and put him on a man-of-war in leg irons.

Treated badly for 14 weeks and he was then transferred to a French Church and saw Lt McPherson, also a prisoner. John McElnay was released in Feb 1777 and returned home. He married Hannah Brown on May 20, 1778, in his hometown. They had ten children in 17 years. He died on November 21, 1841, in Adams, Pennsylvania, having lived a long life of 89 years, and was buried in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.



Photo: Patriot McElnay's headstone and NSSAR marker.



Photo: NSDAR Marker listing Patriots buried in the Lower Marsh Creek Presbyterian Church Cemetery lists John McElnay.

Hawaii SAR Participates in State 50th Vietnam War Commemoration

By Compatriot Arthur Tulak

The Hawaii State 50th Vietnam War Planning Committee organized a series of events that ran from May 23rd to May 29th, and were a great success in Welcoming Home our Vietnam Veterans and expressing the Thanks of a grateful nation, and the people of Hawaii.

Compatriot Arthur Tulak served on the committee and assisted with diplomatic outreach starting in 2016 to America’s Vietnam War Allies to invite their Veterans Affairs counterparts and consular corps to attend. Companion Tulak also assisted with the preparation of formal requests for DoD support to events.

Allied participation included Vietnam Veterans from Australia and New Zealand who came to Hawaii to celebrate alongside other Veterans. Veterans of the War from the armed forces of the Republic of Vietnam, our Ally in the War, also attended and represented all the people who resisted the aggression of Communist north Vietnam. Diplomatic representatives from our Vietnam War Allies included the Consulate Generals from New Zealand, the Philippines, the Republic of Korea, and the Director General of the Taiwan Economic Cooperation Office, of the Republic of China. These diplomats attended the May 23rd reception at the Hale Koa, the Banquet Dinner on May 25th at the Pacific Aviation Museum, and Memorial Day at the Punchbowl.



BG Stephen L.A. Michael, Deputy Commanding General for Operations, 25th Infantry Division, was the Active-Duty Flag speaker. The 50th Vietnam War Commemoration Flag is visible in the background.



HISSAR and HI DAR members at the banquet gala at the Pacific Aviation Museum. Compatriot Arthur Tulak and DAR Haleakala Chapter President Ms. Susan Nealy with CDR USN Ret. Jim Hickerson POW 1967-1973. Tony Orlando is on stage and can be seen on the screen in the background performing.

Hawaii SAR in 50th Celebrations (continued)

The first event on May 23rd saw many Australian and New Zealand Vietnam Veterans in attendance, thanks to the efforts of CPT (former) Rona Adams, a 50th Vietnam Commemoration Planning Committee member and President of the Vietnam Veterans of America Hawaii Chapter 858. New Zealand Deputy Consulate General greeted the Kiwis Vietnam Veterans in attendance. BG Stephen L.A. Michael, Deputy Commanding General for Operations, 25th Infantry Division, was the Active-Duty Flag speaker. The Master of Ceremonies for the reception was COL Ret. Edward Cruickshank, a Vietnam Veteran, member of the 50th Planning Committee, and President of the Oahu Veterans Council.

The premier social event associated with the 8 days of commemoration was the Banquet Dinner on Ford Island, which was SOLD OUT by the end of April. Nearly 300 Vietnam vets attended the dinner. Upon arrival, guests were greeted by Cadets from Punahou JROTC who welcomed each Veteran with a six-man saber arch. The Master of Ceremonies was NBC journalist David Price who ran the evening program to recreate and honor the legacy of Bob Hope, who entertained U.S. troops wherever they were stationed around the world. Entertainment was provided by Tony Orlando, and Ann Margaret, both of whom had participated in the USO shows in Vietnam supporting the troops along with Bob Hope. The key note speaker was MG Ret. Patrick Henry Brady, Medal of Honor recipient and Vietnam Veteran. MG Brady gave an inspirational speech that honored the sacrifice of the Vietnam Veterans, highlighted their contributions as members of their communities, as citizens, and focused on the future, and the next generation.

Compatriot Arthur Tulak joined Ms. Kathy Johnson, the State Regent of the Daughters of the American Revolution and Ms. Susan Nealy, President of the Haleakala DAR Chapter on the island of Maui. At this table were seated CAPT ROC Navy, Alex Sung and his Officers assigned to the ROC Military Liaison element stationed in Honolulu. CAPT Sung and his team were the official representative of our Vietnam War Ally, the Republic of China on Taiwan for this event. Also at this table was

After the dinner, MG James T. Jackson, Director, of the United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration, met with DAR and SAR members, thanking them for their contributions to the commemoration.



View from behind our table looking at the stage as Master of Ceremonies David Price began the formal program. On the left of the photo seated is Compatriot Tulak. <http://www.hawaii.newsnow.com/story/35523389/vietnam-war-veterans-honored-at-pacific-aviation-museum-banquet>

Companion News Compatriot Elwin Spray

Compatriot Elwin Spray, HISSAR Trustee, linked up with NSSAR National Secretary General Larry Guzy at a recent SAR dinner on the mainland. Secretary General Guzy is running as a candidate for SAR President General at the annual Congress this July in Knoxville.

Elwin will be representing the HISSAR at the 127th Congress, that will run July 7- 13 at the Holiday Inn, Knoxville.



Elwin Spray and National Secretary General Larry Guzy May 18, 2017.

Passing of Compatriot Frank Embree

Captain Frank Graham Embree USNR Ret

Compatriots Arthur Tulak and Jack Miller paid respects on behalf of the entire HISSAR to Compatriot Frank Graham Embree, who passed away on November 29th, 2016. The services were held January 6, 2017, at Saint Andrews Episcopal Cathedral in Honolulu, and his body was interred at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at 1500 hrs on the same day.

Compatriot Embree is Survived by his Wife Caitilin J.H. Embree, who is very active in the DAR and was the point of contact for coordinating coverage of medal presenters at the annual Cadet awards ceremonies for several years. Also surviving, his Daughter Josephine R. Harris (Dirk); his Grandchildren Draven G.W. Harris Wren J.A. Harris; his Son John H. Embree (Kari), and; his Sister Kathryn C. Benson (Joe).



Compatriots Arthur Tulak and Jack Miller represented the HISSAR to pay respects.

Compatriot Embree had a distinguished military career. As a LTJG, he served in the Executive Dept of the Naval Academy. In 1989, CAPT Embree served in Hawaii in the USNR, and was honored along with other reservists by Hawaii Bank Corporation in a half-page spread in the May 18, 1989 *Hawaii Marine* Newspaper. Compatriot Embree joined the HISSAR November 10, 2008, and was assigned his state SAR number, #411.

The Military Officers Association of America published his obituary in their December issue of *Nā Leo O Nā Koa*. The Naval Intelligence Professionals association posted a short memorial on their website on May 1, 2017.

Rest in Peace Compatriot Embree

Hawaii Society Celebrates 122 years on Anniversary of Founding at Executive Committee Meeting

The Hawaii an Society of the SAR celebrated the 122d anniversary of its founding at the June 17 meeting at Monterey Cannery Restaurant as the Executive Committee assembled to attend the business matters of the Society. The Hawaiian Society was organized on June 17, 1895, just six years after the NSSAR was organized on 30 April 1889. In 1890, the NSSAR consisted of 2,500 members in 28 Societies.

The Hawaiian Society Sons of the American Revolution was organized June 17, 1895 with eighteen members whose Revolutionary War ancestors represented patriots in eight states. In 1895 the population of Hawaii was about 154,000.

The first constitution used by the Society was based upon that of the Massachusetts Society. The first elected officers were as follows:

President Peter Cushman Jones
Vice President Albert Francis Judd
Secretary John Effinger
Registrar William DeWitt Alexander

Treasurer William Joseph Forbes
Board of Managers :
Rev. Douglas Putnam Birnie
John Walter Jones

The 1896-7 Year Book stated that "The Hawaiian Society of the Sons of the American Revolution enjoys the distinction of being the first society of the kind formed in a foreign land (the Republic of Hawaii) It is one of many proofs that Hawaii forms the advanced post of American civilization in the Pacific Ocean."

The HISSAR Executive Committee meeting opened with a celebratory sounding of a conch horn by Compatriot Jack Miller.

Among the key decisions made at this EXCOM was that the HISSAR will join the Hawaii World War I Centennial Commemoration effort as an Official Commemoration Partner organization, and will do the same for the 50th Vietnam War Commemoration effort. The EXCOM also re-committed to the HISSAR's core programs of:

- Cadet Awards Ceremonies
- Eagle Scout Essay Contest
- Memorials and Commemorations
- Flag Committee outreach

Compatriots of the HISSAR are invited to volunteer for these programs and carry our mission of service in the local community.



Compatriot Jack Miller "Sets the tone" of the meeting at the Monterey Cannery Restaurant, June 17, 2017.

History of the Hawaiian Society — Compatriot Albert Francis Judd in Boston Court 1863

By Anita Manning, Research Chair, Hawaii WWI Centennial Task Force

Albert Francis Judd, Compatriot of the Hawaiian Society, Sons of the American Revolution, transferred into the HISSAR, Republic of Hawaii June 17, 1895 from the District of Columbia society, where he had been admitted on July 5, 1894. His patriot ancestor is Samuel Williams, born in CT, and served as a Lieutenant in Company 10 under Captain Abel Spicer, in the Sixth Regiment of Continentals from May 1st 1775 to December 18, 1775. He was later given a commission as a second Lieutenant in COL Hookers Regiment April 5 50 May 3 1777. Colonel Daniel Hitchcock's Brigade.

A Missionary son Albert Francis Judd, and whaleman Keaupuni or “Joe Maui” helped Boston U.S. District Attorney Richard Henry Dana, Jr., convict slavers. Judd was at Yale, then Harvard Law School in 1860s. While in school, Judd followed America’s Civil War, attended pivotal events like a Frederick Douglas speech and Jan. 1, 1863, Emancipation Proclamation reading at Tremont Temple Baptist Church, Boston.

Dana interrupted his Harvard Law School education going to sea 1834-1836. In his adventures, *Two Years Before the Mast*, is expressed respect for Hawaiians often “called by any names which the captains or crews may choose to give them....But by whatever names they might be called, they were the most interesting, intelligent, and kind hearted people that I ever fell in with.” He necessarily learned some Hawaiian and “sailor English.”

Hawaiian sailors knew their career carried physical risks. An unexpected 19th century risk was participation in the slave trade. U.S. law prohibited vessels from slave transport, but as cover a vessel would fit out as a whaler and sign on unsuspecting crew. June 1860, Keaupuni signed on the whaling vessel *Tahmaroo*. July 3, ship’s owner Jabez S. Hathaway as captain, they left New Bedford but anchored off shore as more crew boarded, hiding from public record. The voyage took a few whales, but then headed for western Africa with John C. Cook as captain and \$3000 gold to buy slaves. The crew, powerless to protest, had no way to leave the ship. Keaupuni had to lead the crew rowing Captain Cook to a no-deal meeting with French slavers. Frustrated, *Tahmaroo* ported at Azores off Portugal considering next steps. Keaupuni slipped away. *Tahmaroo* never obtained slaves and Dec. 1861, Hathaway sold *Tahmaroo* (slaving evidence) discharging crew (scattering witnesses). Jan. 10, 1862, Captain Hathaway returned to Boston as a passenger on the *Azor*.

Keaupuni came to Boston, and Aug. 1862, was detained as a material witness for 472 days. To attorney Dana, “Joe Maui” was a witness sailor Dana could question in a language the defense could not understand. To A. F. Judd, Keaupuni was a fellow countryman in need of assistance. Harvard graduate Dana already knew Harvard student Judd when Dana determined to use Keaupuni’s testimony to hold accountable would-be slavers Captains Hathaway and Cook, and Zeno Kelley, who outfitted the *Tahmaroo*. Dana’s threat of Judd translating Keaupuni’s testimony led to June 4, 1863, John C. Cook pled guilty to “being employed upon a vessel engaged in the slave trade” as law student Albert F. Judd watched in Judge N. Clifford’s court.

Dana’s use of Keaupuni’s testimony and Judd’s translation against Zeno Kelley was stagecraft meets legal positioning. Almost-lawyer Judd got experience “learning the applications of rules of evidence as well as refreshing my knowledge of Hawaiian . . .” Keaupuni got to talk in complete, cogent Hawaiian translated into intelligent sounding English.

Oct. 22, 1863, before Judge Clifford, English speaking witnesses established *Tahmaroo's* fitting out. With Keaupuni on the stand Dana offered Judd as interpreter. Defense attorney Blake tried to disqualify Judd, but Clifford refused. Dana began questioning Keaupuni in sailor-Hawaiian. Judd wrote only he could detect some of Dana's questions were 'leading the witness.' Attorney Blake couldn't understand questions or answers and demanded Judd's interpreting. Oct. 22 and 23, Judd stood all day translating Dana's questions, defense cross-examination, and Keaupuni's answers, exhausted at days end. Defense approach to Judd changed, making "enquiries about the Islands with the evident design of keeping on terms with me." Judd was in court Oct. 28 for Blake and Dana closing arguments. The jury found Kelley guilty and his lawyers immediately filed to overturn the verdict. Nov. 12, 1863, Blake and Dana argued 5 hours before Judge Clifford, law student Judd in the gallery. Clifford found for the prosecution and next day sentenced Kelley to \$1000 fine and 4 years in prison. Judd approved, "Such be the fate of all those who... assist in the diabolical traffic of men!"

Judd and Keaupuni developed a relationship. Judd visited Keaupuni in jail taking Hawaiian language newspapers. Keaupuni's testimony helped convict Kelley, but others schemers were free. Keaupuni feared retribution, wanted to leave Boston and America, return to Hawai'i quickly as a steamer passenger. Judd talked to U.S. Marshalls about release twice and Nov. 17, 1863, Keaupuni was finally free. Judd saw him to a boarding house. Enjoying freedom, later Keaupuni paid Judd a social visit.

Keaupuni's long detention provided safety, no-cost food / housing, and \$472 (about \$8300 today) or \$1 a day as a voucher not cash. Experienced voyager Keaupuni, was determined not to be "taken." Judd acted as banker - parsimoniously settled Keaupuni's debts, examined each bill, refused a debtor who tried to increase a \$19.47 bill to \$40, and bought a New York-San Francisco steamer ticket. Judd remembered the Austins were returning to Hawai'i. James Walker Austin, Keaupuni, and Judd planned in Hawaiian. In steerage, Keaupuni needed cash security; Austin would secure the cash and 'hire' Keaupuni as 'servant', getting him no-cost San Francisco-Honolulu passage, and pay him \$25 as proof. Keaupuni used \$25 to pay Judd for services, making him Judd's first client. Although "loath to receive it," Judd wrote home "Joe seemed delighted to be able to pay me . . ." To help, Judd wrote his father recommending Keaupuni for work: "He is an honest, faithful and intelligent man." The admiration was mutual. The Austins and Keaupuni arrived in Honolulu Jan. 8, 1864. G. P. Judd wrote his son: Keaupuni ". . . has been to the house and made your mother a long visit. He is full of your praise."

Dec. 12, 1863, Judd received payment as translator, \$39.75 (about \$700). He prepared for return to Hawai'i, buying gifts for family, packing books and belongings. Apr. 4, 1864, he boarded the same steamer that carried Austins and Keaupuni to San Francisco, and home with family May 31. His legal service started in Boston and ended as Hawaii Supreme Court Justice.

Richard Henry Dana, *Two Years Before the Mast* (New York: Random House, 1964), chap. 19.

W.S. Howard, *American Slavers & Federal Law, 1837-62*, Appnd. A & B (Berkeley: U of Calif. P, 1963), 213-5.

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A. F. Judd to G. P. Judd, Oct. 25, 1863, Judd Collection, BPBM.

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50th Vietnam Veteran Recognition Program

As part of the 50th Vietnam War Commemoration, the U.S. 50th Vietnam War Commemoration is canvassing the nation to present the official 50th Vietnam War lapel pin to Vietnam War Veterans.

The purpose of the lapel pin is to recognize, thank, and honor United States military veterans who served during the Vietnam War. This tradition goes back to WWI, when service members were issued a Bronze Star lapel pin that was entered on their service records. Upon honorable discharge from service, soldiers received a bronze "victory button", recognizing their participation in the "Great War." Personnel who were wounded in action were awarded a silver lapel button. The five pointed star, prominently displaying the "U.S." insignia, symbolized victory, honor, and glory. Surrounding the star is a wreath of laurel leaves. As an evergreen plant, laurel has long been a symbol of victory over death, eternity and life everlasting. So recognizable was this design that the American Legion, chartered by Congress in



Veterans honoring Veterans. Army Veterans and Compatriots Arthur Tulak and David Stephens pin the DoD Vietnam War lapel pin on Compatriot, CAPT, USN, Ret. Jack Miller US Navy, in recognition for his service in the Vietnam War.

1919 as a patriotic veterans organization, incorporated it into its own emblem, still used today.



All living U.S. Vietnam Veterans who served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces at any time during the period of November 1, 1955 to May 15, 1975, regardless of location, are eligible to receive one 50th Vietnam lapel pin.

The 50th Vietnam War lapel pin is presented by officials from the U.S. 50th Vietnam War Commemoration and their authorized 50th Commemorative Partner organiza-

tions. The lapel pins must be **"presented in a dignified manner"** to each Vietnam Veteran in events held in their communities by Commemorative Partners. Presenters are directed to convey the "nation's thanks for their service and sacrifice."

The HISSAR will partner with 50th Vietnam War Commemorative Partner organizations to support this important program.



Upcoming Events

- **24 June — 66th Anniversary of the Korean War:** Korean War Veterans Assn, 1000 hrs, NMCP
 - **4 July— Independence Day.** USAG HI 4th of July Spectacular – Weyand Field—Open to the public.
 - **4 July—Parade in Kailua**
 - **1 August — Air Force Day**
 - **4 August — Coast Guard Day** (USCG Birthday)
 - **14 August— National Navajo Code Talkers Day, VJ Day**
 - **16 August — National Airborne Day;** recognizes a (1940) platoon of army soldiers who first volunteered to parachute from aircraft behind enemy lines during combat.
 - **19 August — Na Koa Wounded Warrior Regatta,** Waikiki Beach, Fort DeRussy, 0800-1530
 - **29 August — Marine Corps Reserve Birthday**
 - **September 11— Patriot Day** By a joint resolution approved December 18, 2001 (Public Law 107-89), the Congress has designated September 11 of each year as "Patriot Day" . . . in honor of those who perished in the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.
 - **15 September— POW/MIA Recognition Day.**
 - **17 September — Constitution Day.** This holiday memorializes the date that the Constitution was signed in 1787
 - **24 September— Gold Star Mothers Day**
 - **11 November—Veterans' Day** observances at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at 0900, and at the State Veterans Cemetery at Kaneohe at 1300 hrs.
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