

★ Hawaii Society Sons of the American Revolution ★

NOVEMBER 2016

Hawaii Patriot

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

President's Message

Aloha Compatriots,

I look forward to serving as President of HISSAR, and enjoying the comradery of my compatriots.



I joined HISSAR in January, of this year, and have enjoyed getting to know our membership. We belong to a great organization, with significant historical roots, in this country. I think it would only serve to make our organization stronger, to reach out to our youth and engage in conversations about our founding fathers and their sacrifice to become an independent and free nation of individuals. I also welcome ideas to get HISSAR involved in more charitable and community activities across the state.

Dave Stevens
President, HISSAR

Welcome New Compatriots 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:

1. Mr. Tim Apicella
2. Mr. Michael Perry
3. Mr. Carlton C. Spain

Applications pending:

1. Dr. Clyde Sauget
2. Matt LoPresti, Ph.D.

Reminder: Annual Membership Dues

Annual payment of national & Hawaii dues are now due. Please send, by December 1, 2016, to:

Elbridge W. Smith, HISSAR Treasurer
745 Fort St., Ste. 311, Honolulu 96813

Regular annual dues are now \$55 (National raised their dues by \$5). Life Members (and Dual Members) pay only State Dues of \$20. All checks payable to "Hawaii SAR" please, and need to be paid by December 1.

It is also important to note your address/telephone changes (if any) and, since we all try to do at least some of our communication by electronic means, include a current E-mail contact point.

HISSAR Election Results 2016:

David Stevens *President*
Arthur Tulak *Vice-President*
Elbridge W Smith *Treasurer and Registrar*
Elwin Spray, *Trustee*
Chris Tourtellot, *Alternate Trustee*
Ray Woodstock *Director*
Jack Miller *Director*
Alan McCullough *Director*
Secretary— *Vacant*

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Past President Farewell Remarks

Compatriot Chris Tourtellot.

" It has been my greatest honor to have served as President for the past couple of years. Over the past several years, thanks to the purchase of a few Colonial uniforms, we have been more visual to the public during the several events we participate in (JROTC Awards, Veterans Day, Memorial Day, July 4th Parade...) and I'm hoping with your continued participation, it will bring more interest in our organization and more applications to join.

I cannot say thank you enough to those that supported me and our organization, to the board of directors and trustee's that worked hard behind the scene to keep things flowing smoothly, sometimes wearing more than one hat.

As I move to the mainland I will continue to do my best to share the Aloha spirit with our fellow SAR members here. Aloha !!!



Arthur M. & Berdena King Eagle Scout Scholarship



Open to all Aloha Council Eagle Scouts who are currently registered in an active unit and have not reached their 19th birthday during the year of application. (The application year is the calendar year, 01 Jan. to 31 Dec.) The year that Eagle was awarded is not restricted. College plans do not need to be completed in order to receive the cash scholarship. Three cash scholarship awards are given: As the National First Place winner - \$8,000.00; Runner-up - \$4,000.00; 2nd runner-up - \$2,000.00. You may apply more than one year if you meet the age requirements but no more than \$8,000.00 total may be granted to any one Eagle Scout. Application form on line at <http://www.sar.org/youth/eagle.html>.

The Hawaii Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (HISSAR) offers a \$500 scholarship to the selected Eagle Scout applicant from Hawaii and his application will be forwarded to the National SAR Eagle Scout Scholarship competition. The deadline for the Hawaii applicants is December 31, 2016.

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HISSAR Supports ROTC and JROTC Awards Ceremonies 2016

By 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 makes these presentations in coordination with the Hawaii Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR, and this year was the best level of communication and cooperation between the two societies. Approaching the annual ceremonies in full coordination with the DAR was a rewarding experience that benefitted both organizations. When presenters from both organization were present Compatriots strengthened the ties between these two great organizations. When only one organization was present, the presenter would cover both organizations, ensuring that the medals were presented by descendants of revolutionary-era patriots.

This combined effort saw a total of 7 SAR presenters and 14 DAR presenters covering 100% of the schools on Oahu and representing our Allied societies and helping these young Cadets to honor and remember the sacrifices made during the War of Independence.



Photo 1: Elbridge Z Smith presents the SAR Bronze Medal to Cadet Andre Wang at Punahou High School on May 4,



Photo 3: Compatriots David Stevens (L) and Chris Tourtelaoet (in Colonial uniform) present the DAR Medals to Cadets Kenneth Carroll and June Varella, May 5, 2016



Photos 4 & 5: Compatriot Arthur Tulak presents the SAR Bronze Medal to Cadet Christopher Danielson at Campbell High School, May 4, 2016. Ms. Keiko Hassler presents the DAR medal at Wai-pahu, April 28, 2016

HISSAR Supports ROTC and JROTC Awards Ceremonies 2016 (continued from p. 3)



Photo 6: Donna Nielson presents the SAR medal to Cadet Joshua Canoy, Roosevelt High School Army JROTC., April 23



Photo 7: Donna Nielson presents the SAR medal to Cadet Kean Raganit, at Kaimuki High School Army JROTC, April 28.



Photo 8: Pauline Wagnon presents the SAR medal to Cadet Dae Cheol Kim, at McKinley High School Army JROTC, May 5.



Photo 10: Compatriot Arthur Tulak presents the SAR Medals to Cadets at Waipahu High School Army JROTC, April 28, 2016



Photo 9 Compatriots David Stevens (L) and Chris Tourtelloet present the SAR Medals to Cadets Julie Le and John Sequig, May 5, 2016

Revolutionary War Patriot Captain Samuel Johnson (1757 – 1834), NC Militia By LTC Joe Edwin Harris, Jr, USA (Ret) SAR #149157

By the fall of 1780, Samuel Johnson was a 23-year-old Wilkes County backwoods farmer. With little formal education he depended greatly upon a keen sense of out door know how rather than upon his unusual ability to read and write. These fiercely independent backwoods people had been little threatened by the northern war of the American Revolution, now five years old. Not yet married, Samuel Johnson was eager to volunteer for militia duty when the call for able-bodied men was made. Enlisting in Captain Benjamin Cleveland's Company of North Carolina Volunteers as a private in 1776, Sam Johnson was eventually promoted and awarded an officer's commission.

After many years of fighting to a stalemate in the northern colonies, England had changed military strategies and moved an army under the command of British General Charles Cornwallis into South Carolina. Within weeks Cornwallis' troops had overrun the entire colony. It was this southern invasion that aroused the inhabitants of Virginia (also included West Virginia and Kentucky), North Carolina (included Tennessee), South Carolina, and Georgia to gather a volunteer army to stop and eliminate the British threat in the south. Now four years later Colonel Benjamin Cleveland's crude minuteman unit, consisting mainly of about 400 Scot-Irish descendants was again mustered for service. 23-year-old Captain Samuel Johnson from Wilkes County was one of those minuteman volunteers. Cleveland's little brigade marched to an area called Quaker Meadows near where modern day Morganton, NC is located. Joining another force of over-mountain men hailing from valleys west of the Alleghenies, the combined strength of frontiersmen assembled reached approximately 1,600 patriots.

For several days in steady rain this militia group followed one of General Cornwallis' Loyalist Regiments numbering about 1,100 men until trapping it atop the crest of Kings Mountain, South Carolina. On October 7, 1780, about 3 o'clock in the after noon in a misty rain, this volunteer militia of over-mountain men formed in a horseshoe around the base of the mountain behind their mounted leaders. As they began to close the noose of the encirclement, Loyalist pickets began to skirmish. At that moment, a coordinated assault was launched. From the crest in their defensive positions the Loyalist rained down volley after volley of fire, but the densely wooded sides of the mountain provided the attackers with cover. As the militia clawed their way near the summit of Kings Mountain, the Loyalists now facing possible destruction charged from their positions with fixed bayonets. It was reported by witnesses of the battle that – Samuel Johnson, "rushed his men forward into the most dangerous and exposed position." Amidst the chaos Captain Samuel Johnson sustained a bullet wound through his abdomen. There were, also, a number of bullet holes in the skirts of his coat. Wounded in action, Captain Johnson continued to issue directions and shout encouragement to his men without regard to his own safety. Another eyewitness reported that Captain Johnson's immediate reactions upon enemy contact resulted in the successful accomplishment of his mission but not before 5 of his neighbors were killed in action. While the combat lasted approximately an hour, to one of the attackers, the mountain appeared, "volcanic; there flashed along its summit, and around its base, and up its sides, one long sulphurous blaze." The violent description of the attack to secure the summit of Kings Mountain could be summed up as a complete victory for the volunteer militia. This combined force of over-mountain men volunteers had slain 225 Loyalists, wounded 163, and taken 716 prisoners, with a loss to themselves of 28 killed and 62 wounded.

Revolutionary War Patriot Captain Samuel Johnson (1757 – 1834), NC Militia (continued from p. 5)

During Samuel Johnson's lifetime, he repeatedly said that the gun-shot wound to his body would have been fatal had it not been that for three days before the battle he had not eaten. Constantly on the move as they tracked the Loyalists to Kings Mountain, they did not stop and eat or rest. They consumed tack and water on the move. This deprivation resulted in the empty condition of his bowels and was therefore attributed to his escape from death and helped in a speedy recovery.

Samuel Johnson was married to Mary Hamon in Wilkes County on June 25, 1782. Soon after their marriage they settled on the headwaters of the Roaring River in what is now Traphill, Wilkes County, NC. They lived out their lives there and are buried on the old home place, in what is now called the Old Newt Johnson Cemetery. Samuel Johnson was 77 years old at his death. The Johnson's produced nine children. The youngest, Rachel Walker Johnson, is my great-great-great Grandmother.

Various affidavits and testimonies on file in the Revolutionary War Pension files state, "Captain Johnson was known as a brave man, and most effective officer and soldier during the Revolutionary War. He was highly esteemed by the citizens of the country and entitled to distinguished consideration for his service."

Honor Your Revolutionary Ancestor via the Registry of the American Soldier By Compatriot Arthur N. Tulak



The Army Museum and the Army Historical Foundation have initiated a wonderful program for honoring your military ancestors, known as "The Registry of the American Soldier." This program provides a unique opportunity to recognize and honor Soldiers who are currently serving, and those who have served, in the U.S. Army, Army Reserve, or Army National Guard. The Registry will be prominently displayed at The National Museum of the United States Army.

Any Soldier who has ever worn the Army uniform throughout our nation's history and has received an honorable discharge or general discharge under honorable conditions is eligible to have a special registry page on the Museum website. Every registry entry will include a Soldier's name, rank, hometown and service history. Registrants may also share their stories through anecdotes, memories and photographs, as provided by the submitter.

There are three separate Registries. The **Registry of the American Soldier** is for anyone who has served (or is still serving) in the U.S. Army, Army Reserve or Army National Guard from 1775 to the present is eligible – anyone who has served wearing the U.S. Army uniform. **The Registry of the Army Community** is for anyone that worked for or supported the Army as a civilian. And **The Registry of Animals in Service to the Army** is for any animal that has served the Army or its Soldiers in some supportive role.

The results of your genealogical sleuthing can be presented in a compact narrative, or a longer story. For Compatriots of the SAR, this is a great way to share the history and contributions of your ancestors with relatives. See the following page for a short example of how your ancestor's record (continued on next page)

might appear. When the rank of the honoree has an insignia, it will be featured. When no photo is available, the RAMS logo of the Revolutionary, Civil War and Modern Soldier is used in its place.

To enroll yourself, or to honor your ancestor, a friend or family member, please log on to www.usarmyregistry.org



U.S. ARMY
The Registry of the American Soldier

Enos Campbell

BRANCH OF SERVICE
Militia (Revolutionary War)

RANK
Private

HOMETOWN
Trenton, NJ

HONORED BY
COL Ret. Arthur Tulak, 4th Great Grandson

Service Activity

Enos Campbell, a Scotsman, enlisted in New Jersey, and served in COL Israel Shreve's 2nd Regiment of the New Jersey Militia. Enos served for six years until the British army left the American shores. For his service he received a military pension. After the war he moved to Pennsylvania and from there to Ohio, thence to Sangamon County in 1835, where he died on 2 Jun 1838.

STORIES of SERVICE and SACRIFICE

THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY REGISTRY OF THE AMERICAN SOLDIER

Hawaii Society, Sons of the American Revolution Flag Committee.

By Arthur Tulak, Vice President HISSAR

The Hawaii Society is re-activating its Flag Committee. The mission of the Flag Committee is to encourage the proper display of the American Flag, by recognizing businesses, individuals, and organizations that properly display the flag in an exemplary manner. This recognition is accomplished by the presentation of a NSSAR Flag Certificate.

The regulation we have for presenting flag certificate is simply that ***"A certificate may be presented to individuals and organizations that properly display the U. S. Flag."***

State societies who run an exemplary Flag Committee program are recognized with the Furlong Award. Hawaii has received the Furlong Award 3 times in the past - 1997, 1999 and 2007. It is time to regain that winning streak. As the chairman of this committee, I ask you to keep an eagle eye out for any business, individual, or organization who displays the flag in an exemplary manner, and nominate them for a certificate.



HISSAR Supports Hawaii's 2016 Memorial Day Ceremonies

By Arthur Tulak,

Vice President HISSAR

The Hawaii Society supported the 67th Mayor's annual Memorial Day ceremony at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific on the morning of 30 May, and the Governor's Ceremony at the Hawai'i State Veterans' Cemetery that afternoon.

President Chris Tourtellot and Vice President Arthur Tulak accompanied Lynda Hylander, Regent, Aloha Chapter NSDAR, at the Punchbowl.



Photo 1: from left to right, President Chris Tourtellot, Lynda Hylander, and Arthur Tulak, National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, May 30, 2016

President Tourtellot, David Stephens, and Elbridge Smith continued the mission at the Governor's ceremony in Kaneohe in the afternoon.



Photo 2: from left to right, Registrar Elbridge Smith, Incoming President David Stephens, and President Chris Tourtellot, at the Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery, May 30, 2016



HISSAR Attends the NSSAR Annual Congress 8 July – 13 July 2016, Historic downtown Boston

By Elwin Spray, HISSAR Trustee

The National Society's annual Congress includes general business issues, including election of officers for the coming year, committee meetings, discussions of the direction of the organization, and honors/remembrance/social activities.

Outgoing Hawaii Society State President Chris Tourtellot wore his Revolutionary War uniform and assisted in the memorial service and the official ceremonies, with all state flags and many versions of the National Flag carried at functions throughout the week.

The memorial service was across Copley Square from the Congress meeting hotel, so a procession of a hundred or so Revolutionary War uniformed men -- and many others in suits -- walked through one of Boston's tourist centers on a Sunday afternoon. More social and historical aspects of the Boston area were explored, including: duck boat harbor tours, bus tours to Concord, Lexington and the President Adams' homesteads and the New England Genealogical and Historical Society library -- which included research opportunities and displays. (One display includes the bullet that took the life of Revolutionary hero Dr. Joseph Warren - one of the brightest stars of the Revolution, who was killed at Bunker Hill.)

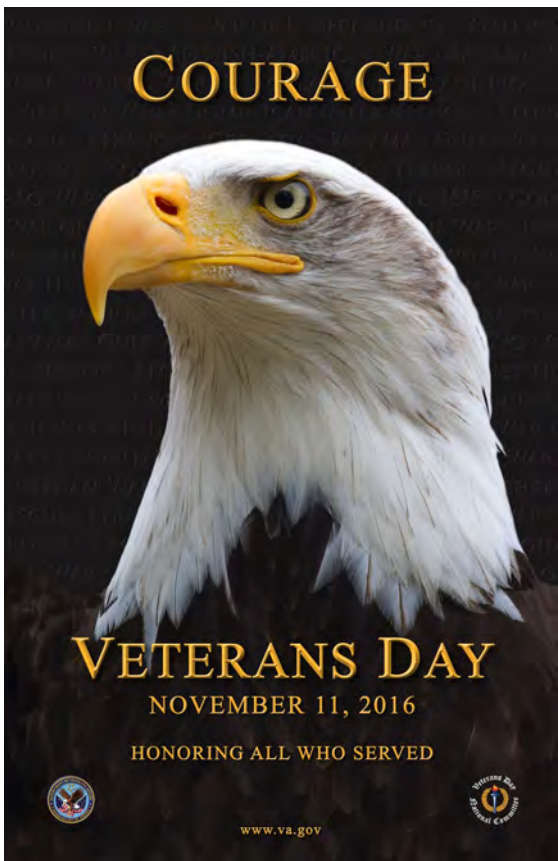
National officers elected included President General Michael Tomme, Vice President General Jim Faulkinbury (for Western District - California, Hawaii and Nevada), and Secretary General Larry Guzy, all of whom were sworn in at the concluding Wednesday evening dinner. Elected for Hawaii (2016 to 2017) are former Hawaii Society Presidents Elwin Spray (as Trustee) and Chris Tourtellot (as Assistant Trustee).



Photo 1: Former Hawaii Society Presidents Chris Tourtellot (left) and Elwin Spray (right) flank former Vice President General Stephen Renouf (center, from California)



Photo: Past President Chris Tourtellot at the National Society Annual Congress



Veterans Day 2016

Volunteers are needed to represent the HISSAR at the Veterans Day ceremonies on 11 NOV 2016:

- 0900 hrs — Oahu Veterans Center ceremony at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl).
- 1100 hrs—at the World War I Memorial Natatorium. Organizations are invited to present a lei.
- 1300 hrs—at the Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery in Kaneohe. Organizations are invited to participate in the parade of flags and present a lei.

Contact President Stephens if you can represent the HISSAR at these important events.

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REMINDER:

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