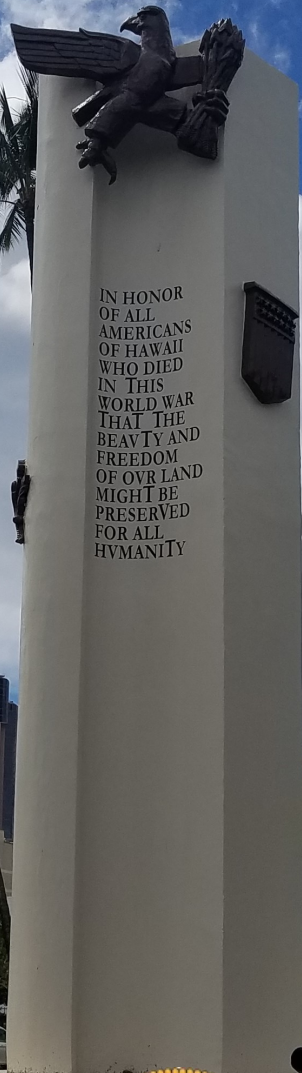


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Cover Photo: The Hawaii World War II Memorial in Downtown Honolulu

Photo by COL, Ret. Arthur Tulak, Editor, Commandery News

If you have patriotic photos you'd like to share, submit them for consideration for the cover of our next issue!

Commander's Comments.

*Aloha
Companions!*



Aloha Companions and Friends,

Our new slate of commandery officers has been voted on and approved. I ask for your active support to our leadership and for our programs.

As the end of the school year approaches in May/June two of our most active and visible programs will need significant support, the JROTC Cadet Essay Program and the JROTC Award Program. We need companions to review and grade essays and we need companions to serve as award presenters at the numerous JROTC award ceremonies. Please see the award ceremony schedule in this edition of the News. Please contact Companion Arthur Tulak to volunteer as an essay judge and please contact Companion Manny Manchester to volunteer to serve as an award presenter. Thank you for your continued fidelity to the MOFW Seven Purposes and for your service to veterans.

- Honor and perpetuate the names of brave and loyal men and women

- Keep in mind the memory of their martial deeds and the victories which they helped gain
- Strengthen the ties of fellowship among the Companions of the Order
- Foster the cultivation of military and naval science
- Bear true allegiance to the United States of America, based upon a paramount respect for and fidelity to the National Constitution and laws
- Aid in maintaining national honor, union and independence
- Foster and encourage the study of American History and particularly of American Military History, to the end that the memory of brave men and women may freely be enshrined and that we and our children may learn from the past to formulate sound policies for the present and future

"Deus et Libertas"

**COL, Ret. Chris Spear
Commander**



From the Secretary

Our current Officer Slate is nearing the end of their terms of office. I sent an email to everyone with the nominated officers. Electronic voting ceases 13 March 2020. The election establishes the Officers for the next 2-year term of office.

Annual dues were due by January 31st. Please send your \$35 dues to Commandery Secretary at our official address at the Oahu Veterans Center to maintain your active membership and to support Commandery efforts throughout the year.

For the good of the order, the Republic of Korea has increased their effort to recognize Veterans of the Korean War with a Peace Medal. The previous requirement to travel to the Republic of Korea to receive the medal is now gone. Information is at https://kwva.us/?page=info_peace_medal and the application form and Republic of Korea Consulate information is at http://www.kwva.org/pdfs/peace_medal_190723.pdf.



Chaplains Corner

By Dr. Fred Staedel, Th.D.

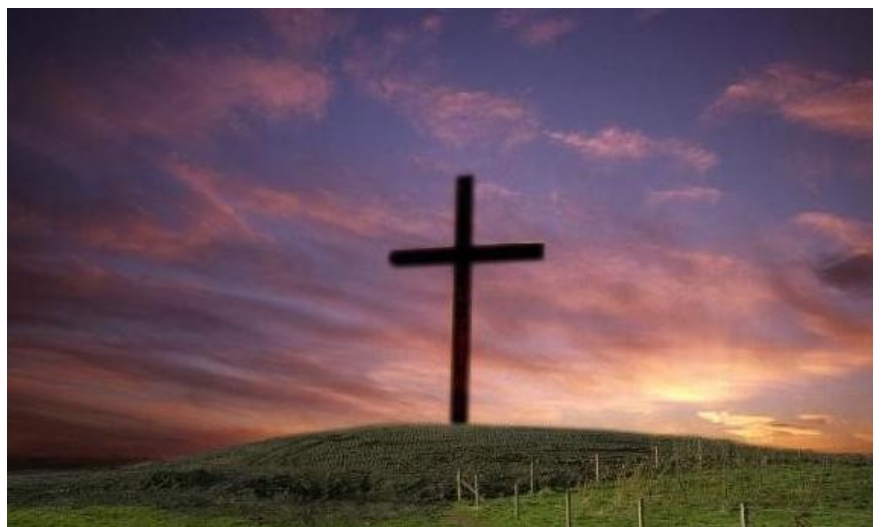
We are approaching Easter and it is an official holiday for many Christian based countries. This celebration inculcates both objects, be it ecclesiastical or the fun of hidden colored eggs! Whether one waits for the return of Jesus or the “Easter Bunny,” we all celebrate Easter in our own way and respect others for their beliefs.

But there are those who label Christians as “fools” for believing that the human Jewish prophet Yeshua, or Jesus, actually died on the cross and was resurrected in three days and then remained for another 40 days before his ascension. And these Biblical history critics point to the unlikely coincidence that Noah’s flood manifested in 40 days, and Jesus was tempted by Satan over 40 days, and Moses and his people wandered in the wilderness for 40 years. Such critics pontificate that isn’t it a bit much that the number “40,” as opposed to other numbers, plays such an important and repeating part in the long history of the Hebrew people in both Bible Testaments? And doesn’t this coincidence point to “made-up” Hebrew history thus yielding false theology? And aren’t there other Biblical exaggerations and contradictions housed in “Holy” Scripture? All this can become a natural human conclusion.

So are Christians fools for believing what is written in the Holy Bible? Are there parts of the Bible to believe in and parts not to believe in? The answer can be isolated in three ways: you can approach the Bible based on the literal interpretation of every word and verse, or believe in the metaphorical interpretation of a given verse, or one can use a spiritual interpretation of the Bible’s 56 or 57 human authors. Or there is an optional approach that can be adopted that is simply based on “faith” and what one chooses to believe in their life. So on Easter can we all at least celebrate that “Life is Spiritual?”

“It is Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; the word that I have spoken to you are spirit and are life.” (John 6:63)

Fred



Pearl Harbor Day Remembrance Ceremony at USMC Air Station Ewa Field by COL, RET Arthur Tulak

I had the honor of representing the Commandery, at the annual Pearl Harbor Day Remembrance held on 8 DEC 2019 at historic Marine Corps Air Station Ewa Field. The American Legion Hawaii Department and Uniformed Services Assn also supported this event. The Cadets of Kapolei Marine Corps JROTC and of the Junior Marines of Pyramid Rock Battalion performed ceremonial duties, with Pacific Air Forces providing the Honor Detail which performed the rifle salute.

This event is an important one, in that it reminds us of the sacrifice, bravery and valor of the Marines and Soldiers who fought back against the attacking naval air forces of the Japanese Imperial Navy on Dec 7, 1941. The lone survivor, Maj John A. Hughes, USMC, Ret., who is no longer able to make the trip, participated via live interactive video.

A group of patriots, historians and preservationists continues a valiant effort in the face of government bureaucracy and indifference to preserve this important war-time battlefield. The State Legislature considered allowing the historic site to be used as a race track in legislation (SCR 108) proposed last year! The Ewa Field Battlefield is listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2016. Although most of the buildings and structures associated with Ewa Field and MCAS, Ewa no longer exist, the area holds important historic resources which warrant consideration for preservation and protection.

The level of participation in this event varies, as event planners do not have the steady support of the City government to continue to hold these commemorations. The 2019 commemoration was approved only days before the event. The Hawaii Commandery supports this preservation effort that is an example of MOFW purpose #1, 2, and 7: Honor and perpetuate the names of brave and loyal men and women; Keep in mind the memory of their martial deeds and the victories which they helped gain, and; Foster and encourage the study of American History and particularly of American Military History. Learn more at <https://www.ewabattlefield.com/home>



Photo: Junior Marines carry the wreath to the base of the flagpole.



Photo: L-R: Cadre NCOIC and Cdr, Lt.Col John DiGiovanni; Assn. of the Uniformed Services AUS Hawaii Dennis Egge, and; COL Tulak with Young Marines and Cadre from the Pyramid Rock Bn at MCB Kaneohe.



Left: photo of Marines firing back at attacking aircraft of the Imperial Japanese Navy on 7 DEC 1941. **Right:** National Park Service Chief Historian Daniel Martinez provides the official address for the ceremony.



First Combined Christmas Brunch with the Hawaii Military Order of World Wars.

COL, RET Arthur Tulak

The Hawaii Commandery of the MOWW and the Hawaii Gaylord Dillingham Chapter of the Military Order of World Wars held their first combined Christmas Brunch at Monterey Canners Restaurant on December 14, 2019. Both organizations are for Officer Veterans

of America's Foreign Wars, and both accept hereditary applicants who can trace their descent from Officers who served in qualifying wars, campaigns, and conflicts. The event was a great success and both organizations are in favor of repeating this again for 2020. The MOWW was founded by Officers who served under General Pershing, Commanding General of the American Expeditionary Force in Europe. GEN Pershing waged a campaign of 47 days that won the War on the Western Front for the Allies.

The Hawaii Commandery of the MOWW and the Hawaii Gaylord Dillingham Chapter of the MOWW have been cooperating for years, presenting each others awards, sharing information and best practices, and working together on major Veterans projects such as the 50th Vietnam War Commemoration, the WWI Centennial Commemoration, and others. These are the only Military Orders in Hawaii set aside for Officers. Both share a mission to commemorate America's military history and heritage, promote the teaching of military, naval, and aerospace sciences, and to assist Veterans.

The brunch was a great success and both organizations agreed to plan a repeat for 2020, and to continue to work together in service to Hawaii's military, Veteran, and Cadet communities.



Above: Standing from L to R, MOWW Les Loo; MOWW Arthur Tulak; MOWW Manny Manchester, MOWW Jeff Tom; MOWW Russ Rebmann; MOWW Peter Hirai; MOWW Larry Dicks; MOWW Les Bise; MOWW Fred Staedel. Seated: MOWW Mei Ling Tom; MOWW Edna Loo; MOWW Brenna Dicks, and MOWW Becky Staedel (not in photo, but present is Mr. Paul Le'cuyer).



Above: Presiding Senior Officers were MOWW Sr. Vice Commander LTC, Ret. Manny Manchester and MOWWW Commander, LTC, Ret. Jeff Tom.

Hawaii Commandery Awards Civil Air Patrol Cadets



Veteran Companion, Dr. Fred Staedel, who is also a Lt.Col. in the Hawaii Civil Air Patrol, presented the MOWF Bronze Leadership medal and certificate to Cadet Lt. Col. Francisco Cornejo, C.A.P. on 7 January 2020, at the Headquarters of Civil Air Patrol Squadron #66 on Hickam AFB.

The Hawaii Commandery is proud of the CAP Cadets and the great work of the CAP leaders in sustaining this program that develops leadership, Character, Fitness, and an appreciation of the importance of aerospace power in its Cadets ages 12 through 18. Many of the CAP Cadets will go on to

serve in the Military, just like their JROTC counterparts. 8% of USAF Academy cadets are former CAP cadets. There are 10 Cadet Squadrons based on the Islands of Hawaii, Kauai, Maui, and Oahu. Like their JROTC counterparts, CAP Cadets participate in many public events, to include providing color guards and other support.



Companion Staedel presents the medal and certificate for Leadership Excellence to Cadet Cornejo. With Cadet Cornejo is his Mother 1stLt Christine Cornejo, C.A.P. Squadron Deputy Commander for Cadets.

Hawaii Junior Marines

At many of the commemoration events attended by Companions of the Hawaii Commandery, the Junior Marines of Hawaii are present, lending a hand to ensure the success of these events. The Pyramid Rock Bn has been a regular participant of the events at the World War One Memorial in Waikiki, the annual Pearl Harbor Day remembrances at Marine Corps Air Station Ewa Field, and more recently, the 2019 Veterans Day events sponsored by the Oahu Veterans Council.

The Cadets in the program learn general subjects such as history, customs and courtesies, close order drill, physical fitness, and military rank structure. After graduating from Young Marine Recruit Training, the Cadets have the opportunity to learn even more new skills, earn rank, wear the Young Marine uniform and work toward ribbon awards. Young Marines earn ribbons for achievement in areas such as leadership, community service, swimming, academic excellence, first aid and drug resistance education. The Pyramid Rock Bn was also counted as a Hawaii WWI Centennial Commemoration Partner Organization, and recognized as such by Companion, MG Joe Logan at the closing ceremonies held at Washington Place on June 28, 2019. See the latest good works of this unit on p. 3 covering the Annual Pearl Harbor Day Remembrance at MCAS Ewa Field.



Hawaii Commandery Awards Youth Challenge Cadets



The Hawaii Commandery recognized top-performing cadets from the Youth Challenge Academy Class 51. Companion Manchester attended this event, and Commandery Supporter LTC, Ret. Roger Rabiego presented the MOFW leadership and academic awards on 12 December at the Pearl City Cultural Center Auditorium. MOFW and MOWW are the only Veterans organizations presenting awards to these cadets at their class graduations.

LTC Rabiego reported

“It was a distinct pleasure to present the [MOFW] awards...Always inspirational to watch these young men and women develop into contributing, productive citizens, deserving of this recognition. YCA continues to set the standard and expectations for personal responsibility and excellence.”

The Hawaii Commandery supports the important work of the Youth Challenge Academy who are helping to get youngsters back on the path for success. YCA graduates receive an education and a new purpose in life:

- 78% of ChalleNGe graduates receive their high school equivalency diploma.
- 48% join the workforce.
- 19% continue their education.
- 6% join the military.

Congratulations to the graduates of Class 51!



Photos Former Veterans Affairs Advisor to the Mayor, Tommy Lee, Youth Challenge Director Ms. Sina Atanoa, Commander, Land Component Command, Hawaii National Guard, and Commandery Supporter, LTC Ret. Roger Rabiego presenting MOFW awards to the top YCA Cadets of Class 51.



Hawaii WWI Centennial Event at Hackfeld Gate

Final Event of the Hawaii Commemoration

Companions Tulak and Manchester continued the mission to recognize the volunteers of the Hawaii WWI Centennial Commemoration who planned and carried out events during the official WWI Centennial Commemoration period. The 45th, and last event of the Hawaii WWI Centennial Commemoration, conducted on February 16, 2020, was organized by Denis Salle, the Honorary Consul of Germany, and the German Benevolent Society of Honolulu. Honorary Consul Salle, served as a member of the HI WWI Centennial Task Force, and was the only member of the Hawaii Consular Corps to do so. The event was a commemoration of the German-American community in Hawaii, and a reflection on their experiences 100 years ago during the First World War.



The event focused on the last visible reminder of the German-American community in Hawaii, the Hackfeld Gate in Walker Park. The gate was the entry to the Hackfeld Co. formerly located on the grounds of the old Honolulu Fort established by the Russian-American Company, and later taken over by King Kamehameha I.¹ In the 1800s Germans immigrated to Hawaii to participate in the booming sugar and whaling industries in Hawaii, establishing several companies that were flourishing by the middle of the century. Mr. Heinrich Hackfeld founded the Hackfeld Company with his brother-in-law J.C. Pflueger in 1849. Mr. Hackfeld, born near Bremen Germany, got a seafarers' education and eventually was a Captain of his own ship, carrying imports from Germany to the Pacific, whose sailing routes included Hawaii.² Mr. Hackfeld reported to Germany the great opportunity for trade, and the company he founded was one of the Big Five companies in Hawaii, owning 60,000 acres of land, and was a dominant sugar company in Hawaii as well the founder of the Hackfeld Department Store.² Mr. Hackfeld got involved in "factoring" which involved assuming the risks of prices of commodities, as a middle man to facilitate trade.² The German community that followed the immigration in the late 1800s was greatly impacted by the War. The significant influence on the Hawaiian business and social communities has largely been forgotten. The main reason for this was the strong anti-German sentiment that followed America's entry into the First World War.²

At the start of the First World War, the Imperial German Navy's East Asia Naval Division of 6 Cruisers was operating out of the German Concession of Tsingtao (now Qingdao), and had sovereignty over the Carolines, Northern Marianas, and German Samoa. During the fighting from 1914-1917 while the U.S. was a neutral power, the German Navy fought several battles across the Pacific Theater, sinking a Russian Cruiser and French Destroyer. Japan entered the War on the side of the Allies, looking to conquer Germany's imperial territories in the Pacific. At the start of the War, Commanding Admiral Von Spee was aboard *SMS* (His Majesty's Ship) *Scharnhorst*, at Ponape in the Caroline Islands with the cruiser *Gneisenau* when he learned that World War I had begun. Admiral von Spee was soon joined by the light cruiser *SMS Nurnberg* which was returning from Honolulu, HI. Steaming north to Pagan in the Northern Marianas, and was further reinforced by the light cruiser *SMS Emden* and several supply ships. Underway and *en route* to the German base at Tsing Tao, the *SMS Geier* put into the neutral United States port at Honolulu, Hawaii, in October 1914. The Hawaii population was very civil and welcoming to these sailors who were essentially trapped in Honolulu Harbor as the Imperial Japanese Navy lay in waiting to sink them if they attempted to depart. The Japanese had essentially chased the Imperial German Navy ships from the Pacific, many of which took safe harbor at Honolulu, as the United States was a neutral power at that time.⁴

After the United States declared war on the Empire of Germany, the Hackfeld Company was seized in 1917 by the US government during WWI under the Alien Property Custodian laws. At the outset of WWI, the US government and many Americans viewed German-Americans being of "enemy ancestry." The Office of Alien Property Custodian was established during both the First and Second World Wars to serve as a custodian to property "that belonged to US enemies." The

office was created in 1917 by Executive Order 2729-A under the Trading with the Enemy Act 1917 (TWEA) in order to "assume control and dispose of enemy-owned property in the United States."³ Mr. Hackfeld's Company was taken over as a German asset and sold to American Factors Inc. in 1918, which later became Liberty House . These experiences of the German-American Community in Hawaii presaged the experiences of the Japanese-American community during WWII, except that German-Americans were not forced into camps, but did suffer the same government appropriation of personal and business properties and punitive levies.

Fast forward 100 years later, and the German-American community in Hawaii is a strongly patriotic, and its leading organization, the German Benevolent Society, sponsored or co-sponsored two official Hawaii WWI Centennial Commemoration events, the first of which took place on 12 August 2017 at the Hale Koa Hotel, featuring presentations by Honorary Consul of Germany in Hawaii, Denis Salle, and COL, Ret. Tulak, on the German civilian and military histories, respectively, in the Pacific during the Great War. It was also in 2017 that Denis Salle planned the refurbishment and re-dedication of the Hackfeld Gate to honor and remember the experiences of the German-American community in Hawaii before and during the Great War. The execution of this event depended on financial resources first to purchase the Centennial Marker, which was sponsored by Denis Salle and the German Consulate in San Francisco, and then to complete the refurbishment of the gate itself and to restore it to its original beauty. The plan is to use the latest technology paint to ensure it will last another 100 years. Fundraising is now the focus of effort to accomplish this important restoration, which is where the local community can play a supporting role. The Honolulu German Benevolent Society, a co-sponsor of the event, is expected to play a role in this effort. The society was founded in 1867 to assist German immigrants coming to the Kingdom of Hawaii and contributed to the establishment of important institutions that continue to this day, such as the Hawaii Symphony Orchestra, the Royal Hawaiian Band, and Queens Medical Center to name a few.⁶

As the MOFW provided the initial leadership of the Hawaii WWI Centennial Task Force, it was fitting to have the honor of recognizing Mr. Salle for his contributions to preserving Hawaii's World War One History. Companion Manchester pinned the HI WWI Centennial Medal, while Companion Tulak read the citation on behalf of Hon. Companion MG, Ret. Arthur "Joe" Logan, former Hawaii Adjutant General. MOFW Companions continue to support the Task Force in presenting these prestigious medals at significant events.



Above: Prof. Niklaus Schweizer and Ben Souza of the Royal Order of Kamehameha I look on as Companion Manchester presents the HI WWI Medal to Denis Salle, Hon. Consul of Germany and Dean of the Hawaii Consular Corps. **Below:** dignitaries from the U.S. Military, Consular Corps of Hawaii, and representatives of Veteran and Civic Organizations pose for a photo following the ceremony.



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Companions in Action —

Recognizing HI WWI Centennial Volunteers

Jr. Vice Commander COL Peter Hirai recognized Ron Wright for his service to the Hawaii WWI Centennial Commemoration as a volunteer and Task Force member in charge of fundraising. Ron provided essential funding to the Commemorations early events starting in 2015 before any state funding was made available for the commemoration for use only on Veterans' Day 2018. Ron has also served as Chairman of the Oahu Veteran's Council from Jan 2014 – Nov 2018, and has been a loyal member of the Marine Corps League of Hawaii. Ron's dedication to service to Hawaii's military, Veterans and Cadet communities has been rock-solid.

Assisting COL Hirai in making the presentation was fellow OVC Council Member Stan Fernandez of VFW Post 10276, who also served as an Officer of the Hawaii WWI Centennial Task Force. Accompanying the medal is a certificate signed by Companion, Major General, Ret. Arthur J. Logan, former Adjutant General of the State of Hawaii, which was ready by Col. CAP, Stan Fernandez, who represents the Hawaii Dept. of the VFW on the Council.



Left: Companion Hirai presents the HI WWI Medal to Ron Wright during the monthly meeting of the Oahu Veterans Council, at the Oahu Veterans Center. **Right:** COL Hirai, Ron Wright, and Col. Civil Air Patrol Stan Fernandez from the VFW pose with Ron after he received the honors

Update: 50th Commemoration of the Vietnam War

By COL, Ret. Arthur N. Tulak, 50th Vietnam War Committee Chair

Companions of the Commandery are encouraged to volunteer to serve as Essay Contest Judges for the Cadet essays due 16 March. In addition to the Hawaii JROTC and Civil Air Patrol Cadet units, this year the essay contest was opened to the JROTC units the Commandery supports in Japan (Matthew C. Perry High School Army JROTC, Kubasaki High School Marine Corps JROTC, and Nile C. Kinnick High School Navy JROTC). We are waiting to see how the Cadets respond to the new categories. If you are interested in serving as an essay contest judge, contact Companion Tulak.



Chapter 858 of the Vietnam Veterans Association and 8th Theater Sustainment Command are co-hosting this event and invite all Veterans to attend the National Vietnam War Veterans Day at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, which will feature the "Traveling Vietnam Wall." All Vietnam Veterans in attendance will be pinned and receive other memorabilia at the end of the ceremony. The VVA Chapter 858 members have put a great deal of effort into this project and encourage Veteran organizations to make this a new must-attend annual event. Registration begins @0900 and the ceremony commences @1000.

"Oahu Veterans Council Meeting Report"

BY Jr. Vice Commander Peter Hirai

The Commandery is one of the member organizations of the Oahu Veterans Council, which meets monthly to provide updates to Veterans organizations on events of interest, policy changes and State laws impacting Veterans, and to exchange ideas.



At the February meeting, the following points were presented:

-The National Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl will start a new policy for flowers left in vases. Every Friday afternoon the cemetery staff will clear all flowers, thereby leaving room for the weekend "rush" of flowers. Be aware that if you leave flowers on Friday morning, they will be removed by the afternoon.

-There is a Congressional Gold Medal being created for recognizing the service of Chinese American Veterans of WW2. If you know of any, please register them at: www.caww2.org so they (or next of kin) can receive the Medal. Details are still pending on presentation location and dates, though they are shooting for Spring 2020.

- The next VA Resource Fair is March 5, 2020 at the Oahu Veterans Center, 1700-1830 hours.
- Oahu Veterans Home: The Federal allocation of \$44 million will be withdrawn if the State of Hawaii does not come up with a \$25 million match. OVC urges you to contact your state legislator and urge them to pass funding this session (it failed last session) or Hawaii will lose the Federal portion!
- March 29, 2020 is a planned National Vietnam Veterans Recognition Day.
- August 29-30 is a Victory over Japan Open House at Wheeler Army Airfield, public is invited. Veteran organizations are asked to staff resource tables if they wish.
- August 29 to September 2 is Victory over Japan 75th Anniversary Celebration, culminating on September 2 with a ceremony at the Battleship Missouri Museum (site of the signing of the actual surrender documents).
- State Veterans Affairs Office is planning the second annual Veterans Summit. Stand by for dates.
- Next OVC meeting is March 28, 2020 at 0900.

Companion News—

Companion Manny Manchester — Transitioned to Government Civil Service as a GS13 , serving as the Overseas Humanitarian Disaster Assistance and Civic Aid Deputy Program Manager on the Theater Civil Affairs Planning Team in J97 of U.S. Indo-Pacific Command at Camp H.M. Smith.

Companion Straus Scantlin— Finished his tenure as the President of the Hawaii Society, Sons of the American Revolution, and received the Silver Roger Sherman Medal from Vice President General of the Western District (California, Hawaii and Nevada), Mr. James C. Fosdyck, at the annual meeting of the Hawaii Society of the Sons of the American Revolution this month. Straus is preparing for PCS move to a new assignment in this summer move cycle. Companion Scantlin just started postgraduate studies in History and is currently studying the secession crisis and the Civil War at Pitt State University.

Companion David Terrinoni— has taken on a new position as Transitional Teaching Elder at 1st Presbyterian Church in Normal, Illinois. <https://www.firstpresnormal.org/our-staff> He has also been appointed by the Commander-General of the Order, COL Christopher Herndon, as the Organizing Secretary for the State of Illinois. Dave will lead the effort to re-establish the Illinois Commandery that was first instituted on May 20, 1896. In 1900, the Commandery was under the command of COL George M. Moulton, who had served as the Commander of the Second Illinois Infantry, during the war with Spain. COL Moulton's 2nd Ill. Regt. of 50 officers, 1,220 enlisted men was in service in Cuba. We wish David all success in restoring the Illinois Commandery!



Companion Terrinoni

Companion Peter Hirai — recently returned from Grand Rapids, Michigan, where he successfully completed a week-long Instructor-Trainer course. The course certified Peter to teach courses in the National Incident Management System (NIMS), often given to First Responders and those in Emergency Operation Centers. It was a very intensive course in adult educational methodology and familiarization in the NIMS instructional curriculum. Peter is now certified by FEMA to teach NIMS courses for the Army, but will also support other services, other Federal agencies, and the State and Local governments.

Feeling left out? Share your news with your fellow Companions!!

Commandery Meetings

The Commandery's first meeting of 2020 was held on the evening of Friday the 17^h at the Sunset Lanai at Camp H M Smith . In addition to a fine round of war stories over dinner on the heights of Aeia overlooking Pearl Harbor, Companions of the Commandery Executive Committee appointed the nominating committee for Commandery elections, reviewed progress of preparations for presenting the MOWF Leadership and Academic Medals, status of the 50th Vietnam War Commemoration Cadet Essay Contest, and planned events for 2020.



Photo - clockwise from left: Companions Tulak, Scantlin, Spear, Staedel, and Hirai.

From the Cover— the rest of the story

This issue’s cover features another Military Memorial on Oahu, the WWII Memorial a so called “temporary” World War II monument still stands in Honolulu on King Street at Punchbowl, across from Iolani Palace. As Hawaii and the Nation prepare to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the end of the Second World War on September 2, 2020, it is important for all Companions of the Order to find those WWI memorials in their community, great or small, to prepare to honor the service and sacrifice of the “Greatest Generation” to serve in uniform.



The Hawaii WWII Memorial was designed by architect Roy King and stands at the corner of King and Punchbowl Streets. The memorial is constructed from white marble, and shaped like an upside-down “T.” On the North-facing side of the column is an American eagle similar to the style of WWII. The ocean-facing side, has the Hawaii Monarchy coat-of-arms, the east-facing side features the olive branch of peace, and the West-facing side of the column shows the shield of the United States with 13 stars. Representing the original colonies. Olive branches decorate both ends of the memorial’s front base, which are engraved with the 880 names carved one inch deep. The memorial was the site of remembrance events for many years, and as casualty reports were updated, so too were the names engraved on the monument. The monument was the venue for many December 7th Pearl Harbor Day memorial services for several years. The monument’s location near the Territorial Building and Iolani Palace is prominent, but the memorial seems to have faded from public memory and favor, as no major commemoration event is celebrated there.

The plaque reads “IN HONOR OF ALL AMERICANS OF HAWAII WHO DIED IN THIS WORLD WAR, THAT THE BEAUTY AND FREEDOM OF OUR LAND MIGHT BE PRESERVED FOR ALL HUMANITY.”

The memorial was dedicated December 7, 1944 in a ceremony attended by over 500 people, many of them relatives of war dead. The Royal Hawaiian band provided patriotic and Hawaiian music, and the 100th battalion, which had just returned from service in Europe, attended and provided military support to the ceremony. Chaplain (Captain, USN) John Moore gave the invocation. State representatives in the honor party included Dr. Arthur L. Dean, chairman of the governor’s memorial plaque committee and Acting Governor Gerald R. Corbett, who placed a maile wreath at the base of the monument. Lt. Gen. Robert C. Richardson, Jr., commanding U.S. army forces, Central Pacific area, was the keynote speaker and senior military representative.

As we approach the 75th Anniversary of the close of the Second World War, all Companions of the Order should look for ways to demonstrate our admiration and thanks to those who secured freedom and democracy for the last 75 years through their service and devotion to country in the largest war in world history.



Photo of the WWII Memorial taken circa 1970s.

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Upcoming events:

- **05 MAR— Veterans' Resource Fair** at the Oahu Veterans Center, 1298 Kukila St., Honolulu, HI 96818, 5-6:30 p.m.
- **16 MAR** — Judging of Cadet 50th Vietnam War Essay contest entries. MOFW Companions will judge the essays submitted by JROTC Cadets to determine the top three essays, and runners-up that achieve “best of category” essays not selected for the cash prizes for 1st through 3rd place. Last iteration of the WWI Cadet Essay Contest.
- **20 MAR— Commandery Meeting** — location *Mangiama by 604* 943 Valkenburgh St. Honolulu, HI 96818 (at the Navy Marine Golf Course).
- **04 APR**—Open Cockpit Day at the Pearl Harbor Aviation Museum. [On –line Registration required](#)
- **16 APR—first Cadet Awards Ceremonies for 2020** at Waipahu and Kahuku High Schools
- **23 APR** — **HI JROTC Annual Awards Ceremony** Oahu Veterans Center, 1298 Kukila St., 96818.
- **28 MAR—Monthly OVC Meeting** at the Oahu Veterans Center
- **29 MAR** —**National Vietnam War Veterans Day** at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, hosted by Chapter 858 of the Vietnam Veterans Association.
- **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.
- **16 MAY—Armed Forces Day**
- **19-21 MAY— Assn. of the U.S. Army (AUSA) Landpower in the Pacific Symposium** at the Sheraton Hotel. Exhibition Hall is free for Military and Retirees. Register at <https://meetings.ausa.org/lanpac/JAN6text.cfm>
- **24 MAY _ Memorial Day at the World War One Memorial and Natatorium**
- **25 MAY—Memorial Day Events at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific**
- **AUG 15**, dedication of a memorial stone on Wednesday, August 15th at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific. The stone commemorates the 400 servicemen and mariners who died in January 1945 aboard two unmarked Japanese hellships docked in Kaohsiung Harbor, Taiwan. chapel at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific. The service will be followed by a reception at the Officers Club at Marine Corps Base Hawaii at Kaneohe Bay, 502 Reed Road, Kailua.



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