

★ Hawaii Society Sons of the American Revolution ★

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Hawaii Patriot

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

Successful Honolulu Visit by SAR National Leadership (September 2009)

SAR leaders, led by President General Ed Butler, attended the Hawaii Society meeting on September 3, 2009 as part of the series of events around the ten-day NSSAR Pacific Regional Conference. The events included services at the Punchbowl National Cemetery, on the U.S.S. Arizona, and at the U.S.S. Oklahoma, as well as a Wounded Warrior session at Tripler Army Medical Center, a Hale Koa luau and a weeklong circle-Hawaii cruise.

Hawaii Society September Meeting

The Hawaii Society meeting was held at the Waikiki Marriott and was attended by the National SAR group. The lunch meeting included welcoming of new member Compatriot Chris Tourtellot, remarks by the President General, presentation of Compatriot awards and of a special seal produced by Compatriot Alan McCullough.



President General Ed Butler honored Hawaii Compatriots Jack Miller and Alan McCullough, presenting them with the National-level Meritorious Service Medal for their service as coordinators for the Hawaii visit. The national group of almost forty was headed by President General Ed Butler and his lady Robyn, Vice President General (Western District) Karl Jacobs and his lady Sandra, Treasurer General Larry Magerkurth and his lady Barbara, and with their wives, Librarian General Miles Dechant, VPG Sam Powell, and Ex. Director Joe Harris.

**Hawaii Society SAR luncheon meeting
December 12, 2009 / 12:00 noon
Special Guest Dept of Homeland Security
Honey's Rest. Ko'olau Golf Club Kaneohe
Reserve your place now: call 523-5050
Or email to ElbridaeW@aol.com**



Compatriot Alan McCullough (Hawaii Society State Secretary and Alternate National Trustee) displays the Hawaii Society seal (done on marble with gold leaf). Compatriot McCullough is producing a Hawaii State seal for presentation to the National SAR Library. Hawaii Treasurer / Registrar E.W. Smith was the photographer at the meeting.



Compatriot Chris Tourtellot is officially welcomed as an SAR member by President General Butler and HISSAR President Elwin Spray. Compatriot Tourtellot has been an active military member serving overseas and was awarded a Hawaii SAR Meritorious Service Medal.

Punchbowl Memorial Service



Hawaii Compatriot Jack Miller coordinated the memorial service at Punchbowl National Cemetery of the Pacific, standing next to the SAR wreath.



California Compatriot Jim Faulkinbury leads in the Pledge to the flag, with the director of the Hawaii National Cemetery behind Compatriot Miller.



Gathered before SAR Memorial Stone, located on Memorial walkway (to overlook), HISSAR Compatriots Alan McCullough, Ray Woodstock, Elbridge Smith, Bob Kilhau, Chris Tourtellot and Elwin Spray join in.

U.S.S. Arizona Memorial



Barbara Magerkurth tosses the first flowers from an orchid lei from the platform at the U.S.S. Arizona Memorial, following the short memorial service conducted above the ship.

U.S.S. Oklahoma Memorial



Color guard members display a wreath at U.S.S. Oklahoma Memorial with President General Butler and Treasurer General Larry Magerkurth.



President General Butler from U.S.S. Arizona Memorial with U.S.S. Missouri over his shoulder. The U.S.S Oklahoma Memorial is located adjacent to the U.S.S. Missouri's pier on Ford Island.

Tripler Hospital Wounded Warriors

The Wounded Warrior Program, which was a subject of the U.S. Attorney Ed Kubo's presentation at the Hawaii Society's April 2009 meeting, is also supported by the National SAR. President General Butler had made arrangements for part of the National SAR traveling group to visit a ward at Tripler where he presented recognitions to the patients.



President General Butler and Treasurer General Magerkuerth greet project director Dr. Hirsch.



Below: Briefing at Tripler Hospital (Hawaii Compatriot Alan McCullough in middle).



Spring meeting: US Attorney Ed Kubo

Members and guests, including Hawaii DAR members, met at the Hawaii Kai Golf Club. U.S. Attorney Ed Kubo was awarded the SAR Law Enforcement Award & Medal. Mr. Kubo made a slide show presentation on anti-terrorism and anti-gang programs and then reported on new efforts to provide continuing care for our injured military including PTSD, the Wounded Warriors program he is coordinating. Former Hawaii Society SAR President Ray Woodstock attended with his DAR daughter Dusty.



Hawaii Secy/AltTrustee Alan McCullough presents Ed Kubo with the SAR award certificate and the special plaque that he produced (the U.S. Dept. of Justice seal on marble with gold leaf).



Former Hawaii Society President Roger Monsarrat was presented a 65-year membership certificate by Registrar Elbridge Smith and President Elwin Spray.

Calendar of Events 2009-2010

Membership Lunch Meeting: December 12, 2009

Dues Report to National: December 31, 2009

DAR-SAR annual joint Spring meeting: TBA

Hawaii Society Board of Directors meetings:

Held every other month on the 1st Friday@noon.

Old Spaghetti Factory, Ward Warehouse. All members are welcome. Held: Feb., April, June, August, October, & usually December (not this year)

National SAR Congress: June 26-30 in Cleveland.

Youth Programs: JROTC / Eagle / Essay

Your Hawaii SAR dues provide support to three youth projects: JROTC/ROTC/Sea Cadets, Eagle Scout recognitions, and the Knight Essay Contest.

JROTC/ROTC/Sea Cadets: HISSAR awards are given to an outstanding cadet from each University of Hawaii Manoa Army and Air Force units, as well as to Hawaii high school units (Junior ROTC) – a total of 27 awards, and available to Sea Cadets Pacific-wide. ROTC/JROTC medal presentations are made at the end of April and the first week in May, with volunteer assistance needed for each of the high school unit's recognition events. The events are all the way from the Big Island to Kauai – and even possible events in Guam and Saipan, with the dates of the presentations usually received at the end of March. Several events are relatively short and immediately after school while some are along the lines of a formal dinner – a “dinning-in” mess.

Hawaii Eagle Scout Scholarship Program: The Hawaii SAR Eagle Scout Scholarship program which has an award based on an application with an essay, with additional recognitions available for Eagle Scouts at the local Courts of Honor.

Essay: The Knight Essay Contest is being re-activated on the state level, which will have an award for a submitted essay, as well as making the applicant eligible for national SAR participation.... *Additional member participation is welcome, in judging and in award presentation.*

Hawaii Society Officers 2009-2010

Elwin Spray *President/Trustee*

Bill Settle *Vice-President*

Alan McCullough *Secretary/Alt. Nat. Trustee*

Elbridge W Smith *Treasurer/Registrar*

Lou Torraca *Immediate Past President/Director*

Jack Miller *Director*

Cameron Wahineokai *Director*

Ray Woodstock *Past President/Director*

Chris Tourtellot *Director*

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Reminder: Annual Membership Dues

Annual payment of national & Hawaii dues are now due. Please send, by December 1, 2009, to:

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

Regular annual dues are now \$50 (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.

National Library Move (Center for Advancing America's Heritage CAAH)

The National SAR Library is building out the interior of our newly purchased historic downtown Louisville building for a move of our library records in Fall of next year. Our books, genealogical records and headquarters operation are currently squeezed into a building near downtown. The new building is immediately across from the Louisville Slugger Museum, a site that will give us much expanded visibility, in addition to providing the needed space and allowing us to develop lesson plans and resources for our educational component. The Library contract has been started, with the second component of the project, the headquarters contract, waiting funding.

President's Message

Welcome to new members:

Frank Graham Embree

Stephen Lowell Reynolds

Chris Scott Tourtellot

The approval process for membership requires review by the National SAR genealogists, which sometimes results in the need for more information. While Compatriot Tourtellot was in process, he volunteered and was put to work. We now welcome him back from Middle East service and welcome him and Compatriots Embree and Reynolds as new members. National Director Joe Harris is joining as a dual member. --- *Elwin Spray, Hawaii Society President*

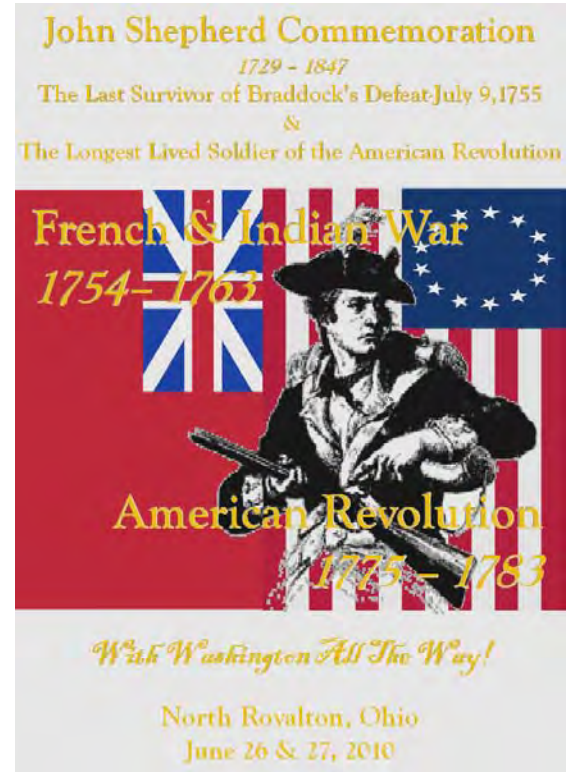
With Washington All The Way! **2010 Memorial Service to Honor Hawaii Compatriot's Ancestor John Shepherd**

John Shepherd served in two wars with George Washington, being at "Braddock's defeat" when the British commanding general was killed and Lt. Col. Washington (one of Braddock's aide-de-camps) assumed active direction of the British and colonial remnants in the withdrawal from Pennsylvania (in the French and Indian War), as well as with Washington throughout the Revolutionary War. Private Shepherd the last survivor of Braddock's ill-fated expedition and the longest lived soldier of the American Revolution – having fought at Brandywine, Germantown and White Marsh, as well as wintering at Valley Forge – when he died in Ohio in 1847 at the age of 117 years and nine months. He is the 4th great grandfather of Hawaii Compatriot Charles Phebus.

A grave marking ceremony to commemorate the life and military service of John Shepherd is scheduled for next summer in North Royalton, Ohio (near Cleveland). The ceremony has been endorsed by many groups as an opportunity to provide long-overdue recognition of Shepherd's civic service, with a major two-day event, including city plans for a parade, re-enacter groups (French and Indian and American Revolution), bag pipers, fifes and drums, an ox roast, and a visit by a traveling full-sized Liberty Bell. The event will be June 26 and 27, 2010.

Major General Edward Braddock was the Commander-in-Chief of all the British forces on the Continent during the French and Indian War, losing his life near what is now Pittsburgh when Indian-style attacks defeated the British Regulars and Virginia militia. The loss was considered an important lesson to many colonial militiamen, including the Virginia leader Washington. North Carolina and Maryland regiments were part of the Pennsylvania expedition.

✓ Traveling on the mainland? -- Consider including the SAR Congress event in your plans. Additionally, National Leadership meetings are held in Louisville on the last weekend of September and the first weekend in March. All are welcome.



Mahalo to Hawaii Members from National Vice President General

On behalf of the Western District SAR, National SAR Meritorious Service Medals were presented to Hawaii Compatriots **Elbridge "EW" Smith**, **Alan McCullough**, and **Jack Miller**, as well as California Compatriot Larry Magerkurth, for their leadership with planning and execution of the Pacific International Leadership Conference (September 2009). The visit worked because of them. Mahalo ---

Elwin Spray, Vice President General
 Western District 2008 ~ 2009

National Events: The National SAR Congress is held the last week in June. National officers are elected and policies set for the coming year. The Congress meeting also serves as a fellowship and educational experience, with a memorial service on Sunday and culminating with the installation of the President General at the Wednesday night dinner. Special programs, including events for spouses, are planned, as well as a genealogical workshop and city tour. Next year's event will be in Cleveland, with future Congresses planned for North Carolina and Arizona (see the National website: www.sar.org).

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JOINT APRIL '09 MEETING WITH HAWAII DAR: DAR Edna Wright Smith w/ son Elbridge W Smith; former Pres.Lou Torraca; HI-DAR Regent Nancy Wahineokai

NATIONAL SAR CONGRESS ATLANTA JULY '09: HISSAR Pres. Elwin Spray (VP General 2008-2009) with Hawaii Compatriot Charles Phebus



JROTC MAY 2009 Punahou High JROTC Cadets with Compatriot EZ Smith

SEPTEMBER 2009 Memorial ceremony on board U.S.S. Missouri

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