



HAWAII DAV DEPARTMENT NEWS

January-February 2011



“Building better lives for all of our nation’s disabled veterans and their families.”

Regulation 10: National Constitution Bylaws and Regulations

Priority: To help veterans, focus on resolution.

January-February Newsletter Combined

Due to time constraints, an off-island stint coupled with some family illness, your editor apologizes for the interim lapse of the monthly newsletter.

Post Holiday Glow

The Department commends and congratulates the individual chapters and their respective celebrations of the holiday season. These short references are by no means a complete report, but only the celebrations the Department is aware of. If your chapter has something to contribute, please do so.

Chapter 1 DAV and DAVA had a potluck luncheon at the Tommy Kakesako building on December 18 for members and spouses. Thank you, Sherilyn and Alden, for your efforts.



Chapter 1 Clark Hitchcock, Albert Matsumoto, Joe Penn, and Gordon Kamihara enjoying the “Secret Santa” grab bag gift exchange.



Chapter 5, Kauai Santa with oldest veteran at party, Gabriel Catalulna 97 years, 8 months.

Chapter 5, Kauai, had their Christmas party at the Veterans Center, with prime rib and roast turkey as main courses, no doubt a factor for a large turnout.

On a little more of a truly “holiday spirit” level at the Van Transportation group on Oahu, something a little more subtle transpired. Per VA policy and directives, the drivers for the transportation system are voluntary, and not to be compensated by the system. However, some anonymous donors made specified donations to the organization to be specifically used for some kind of acknowledgement of these Oahu volunteer drivers. Since charitable donations designated for a specific purpose must be adhered to by law, Hospital Service

Coordinator, Orlando Perez, and former Coordinator Robert Kent used these

accumulated funds for an appreciation dinner for the drivers and their spouses.

Driver Glenn Corderio's hobby is woodworking and in turn, as comradeship and appreciation, made and presented a plaque for former HSTC and current Welfare and Rehabilitation committee Chairman Bob Kent. This is truly living testimony of what veterans helping veterans will bring out in each other.



L-R Robert Kent receiving plaque from Driver Glenn Corderio, maker and presenter.

Hospital Service and Transportation Coordinator

HSTC Nalu Perez continues to expand the transportation program. December statistics; 4,154 miles, 375 man hours, and 163 veterans transported. It needs to be noted for these 163 veterans transported, for many this is their only source for transportation for medical treatment. Another positive note, after an extended down time, Chapter 2 of Maui is ready to reinstate its van program with as many as six drivers qualified to drive. Recruitment of drivers is ongoing with postings at some of the combination tourist/veteran significant attractions, such as Punchbowl, etc.

Publicity Officer

PIO Robert Kent is compiling a list and making the rounds to thank prior supporters of the DAV for their support in the past and to encourage continued support. If you know of some prior supporters of DAV, especially commercial entities, please contact Bob at 226-4431 or lopaka7@AOL.com. This is applicable to all islands. Please help make the DAV mission as good as it can be through this channel.

Convention

60TH DAV STATE CONVENTION, June 10, 11, 12, 2011 at the Pagoda Hotel in

Honolulu. The convention address and contact: 60TH DAV State Convention; Disabled American Veterans, P.O. Box 860945, Wahiawa HI 96786, Phone 808-621-8888 FAX 808-839-5376, Convention Chairman: Willie James Howard phatcow99@AOL.Com.

Upcoming:

February 27-March 2, 2011. DAV

Midwinter Conference in Arlington, VA

February 13, 2011; Testimonial luncheon for fellow veteran Fred Ballard at Oahu Veterans Center at 1400. Please RSVP by February 5th to ovc@earthlink.net or 422-4000.

February 19th 1100 Chapter 1 monthly meeting will have an update and presentations by Ross J. Carswell from Oahu Veteran Services office.

February 19th

1300 Finance Committee meeting at DAV Headquarters.

1800 KLMMC meeting TBA

February 20th

0900 Bylaw Committee, DAV HQ

1000 Department Officer Meeting DAV HQ

1100 State Executive Meeting, Los Banos

OFFICE HOURS: The DAV Headquarters will be staffed 1000-1400 Mondays & Wednesdays.

Please give us your feedback and/or offer of assistance, PLEASE, on this newsletter; 808 833-3746/Fax 808-839-5376; or HIwebmaster@davfrat.org

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