



HAWAII DAV DEPARTMENT NEWS

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“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.

60TH DAV STATE CONVENTION

The 60th DAV State Convention is now part of the legacy and in the annals of the Department of Hawaii DAV. Most notable is the list of speakers that addressed the convention. Friday evening’s

entertainment consisted of the Waimanalo Band, our own Chapter 1 vocalist, Bert Kim, and a superb itinerary of speakers: National Commander Wallace Tyson, National DAVA Commander Susan Henry, followed by Medal of Honor Recipient, Allan J Kellogg, District 18 National Representative

William “Bill” Baumann, and Lieutenant Governor Brian Schatz. The evening concluded with the annual inspirational Candle Light Ceremony commemorating our departed Comrades.

Saturday’s evening festivities commenced with vocalist Tracy Singer, Kumu Hula Sonny Ching Halau Nam Margo O Puuanahule, followed by The Honorable Tammy Duckworth, and former POW Jerry Coffee. Guest speaker Lieutenant General Francis Wiercinski addressed the conventioners,



60th State DAV Convention, June 10 - 12, 2011, Pagoda Hotel, Honolulu, Hawaii (*Photo by Ron Phillips*)

and National Commander Tyson closed out the evening with the installation of the newly elected Department officers: Commander, Joseph S.Penn; Senior Vice Commander, Edward Kawamura; First Junior Vice Commander, Jesus Cruz; Second Junior Vice Commander, Ned Purdy; Three year Finance

Committee member, Ronald Phillips.

Plans are underway for the 61st convention as we prepare for the upcoming year’s activities.

DAVA

State DAVA Commander Lorna Kakesako called the DAVA Seventh Annual State Convention to order, and introduced National DAVA

Commander Susan B. Henry. Routine convention business was conducted throughout the day, with Saturday’s session including an address by National Service Officer Danny Soto offering a “Spousal Benefits” Workshop. DAVA 2011-2012 elected officers are: Commander, Cheryl M. Kamihara, Senior Vice Commander, Patricia A. Wieland; Junior Vice Commander Loretta Keanu; Adjutant, Mindy Alles; Treasurer, Laura Tindall; Judge Advocate, Lorna Kakesako; Chaplain, Edna Loo.

National Service Officer

Chapter 1's own Pamela F. Medearis was honored for five years of service with DAV, as Transition Service Officer, and further ranked as the number 1 TSO in the c o u n t r y . Congratulations, Pam.

The long over due filling of the second National Service Officer's position has finally come to pass with the arrival and assignment of Justice Beemon. We thank the powers at hand for recognizing the need for the second NSO in our concentrated environment of veterans in need of our services. Thank you National and welcome, Justice!

Hospital Service and Transportation Coordinator

HSC Nalu Perez continues to search for volunteer drivers. If you are able to help, please call Nalu at 808-433-7749.

Publicity Officer and Rehab

Chairman Bob Kent has been visiting new areas such as city bus terminals making DAV

information, as well as VA information available to drivers and staff, and has been very well received. So far he has signed up 6 new members. Claims processing for some of the new members is already in progress. Chapter members should be cognizant of similar areas in your neighborhoods that similar services could be made available. Particular good times are at shift change.



National Service Officers Justice Beemon and Danny Soto examine recent Chapter Service Officer training records.



Commander Tyson receiving commemorative flag honoring deceased DAV veterans of Hawaii from Robert Kent, Looking on, LR, Bill Baumann, Lorna Kakesako, & Susan Henry (Photo by Penny Fox)

National Conventon

The National Convention August 6-9, 2011 in New Orleans will have a delegation from Hawaii attending this important event.

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