



## HAWAII DAV DEPARTMENT NEWS

June 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.

### 60TH DAV STATE CONVENTION

#### **June 10, 11, 12, 2011 at the Pagoda Hotel**

**in Honolulu.** The “tentative” Convention time table was distributed to the chapters, apologetically, in two communications. The committee is still looking for volunteers to work

part time or what ever time you may be able to assist, an hour here, an hour there, it all will be appreciated. Please, step up and make this a really nice event for our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Several noteworthy speakers, and local entertainment promise to make it a convention to

remember. The convention committee stands ready to assist you, please contact: 60TH DAV State Convention; Disabled American Veterans, P.O. Box 860945, Wahiawa HI 96786, Phone 808-621-8888 FAX 808-839-5376,

### DAVA

Commander Lorna Kakesako reminds us one of the recent bylaw changes expands the membership qualifications considerably thus increasing the potential for increasing support and membership. Commander Kakesako has been actively assisting Convention Chairman

Willie Howard with the multitude of tasks at hand.

### Memorial Day Services and Participation

The Department of Hawaii DAV and several chapters participated in several ceremonies on

O a h u a n d throughout the S t a t e . Representatives were either in attendance or participated from Sunday morning at the Natatorium in Waikiki through Monday, late afternoon at Kaneohe State Cemetery on Oahu. Thank you all for your time and contribution to this very special holiday.



May 29, 2011, Hula Halau Olana at Natatorium Memorial in Waikiki. “Where there is no vision, memorials perish”.

### Hospital Service and Transportation Coordinator

HSC Nalu Perez continues to expand the Van Transportation service. HSC Nalu reports the renewed van service on Maui is going well. The three new vans being added to the system will be arriving sometime in late June or early July, and be in service shortly thereafter. Assignments will remain the same, one 12 passenger van will be assigned to Oahu, and the two smaller vans will go to the Big Island.

## **Publicity Officer and Rehab**

Publicity and Rehab chairman, Robert Kent, is also an officer that assists our fellow veterans through the process of claims processing. Recently he processed and facilitated a claim that was completely processed from initial registration with the VA to the veteran receiving his first benefit check in 27 days. Congratulations, Bob Kent and congratulations, VA.

## **National Service Officer**

Danny Soto reminds all the Chapter Service Officer (CSO) required annual training for certification will be conducted on June 8th & 9th at Keehi Lagoon Memorial in the Kakesako building.

## **In Memory**

Frederic W. Ballard  
Fred Bell  
Louis Kaiwi



Hospital Service Coordinator, Nalu Perez, representing Department of Hawaii, and Steve Putnoki representing Chapter 1 at Punchbowl National Cemetery.



Honoring a debt to those that makes this day possible and serve as a reminder of the cost of Freedom.

Claude Stanley Choules, the last known combat veteran of the first world war, died on Thursday, May 5, 2011 at a nursing home in Perth, Western Australia. He was 110. His military service spanned 41 years beginning one month after he turned 14 in 1915, but didn't join the battleship HMS Revenge, until 1917.

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